



NORTH CAROLINA SUB VETS

July - August - September





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

Shipmates-Subgalleons,

Our All Clear editor has been pestering the life out of me to hurry up with my article, so here goes. The best thing that happened at the Salisbury meeting was that I was relieved of my SE Regional Director's position. This office now belongs to Ed Kracker of the Va. Tidewater Chapter. Ed has had this position before and is a very active SubVet. Regional meetings are primarily for the purpose of changing directors. The next best thing that happened was the opportunity to tell some of the young folks about SubVets. A request was made by one of the local middle schools for a veteran to give a short talk about what it was like during the war. Howie Rice "volunteered" to talk at the Charles C. Erwin Middle school about his service experiences of the war. There were about 100 students of the 5th and/or 6th grade level attended his talk. Other details of the meeting are being reported elsewhere in this issue. After our excellent meeting at Salisbury, Jim Myers and I went to the

assisted living facility in Mocksville and video taped a two hour interview with Jim Harbin. This is in cooperation with the Veterans History Project and I will shortly be sending this interview off to the Library of Congress. This tape will be available for viewing after we finish editing it. I would propose that many of our NC WWII vets be interviewed in the near future. Rose Mary and I were invited to attend the annual Memorial Service at the Norfolk Naval Station SubTraFac on May 28. The main speaker was the ex captain of the USS Grenadier (SS525), Theodore F. Davis, who is noted as having forced the surfacing of a Russian nuclear submarine, and by doing so won a "case of Jack Daniels Old No.7 Brand of Quality Tennessee Sour Mash Corn Whiskey". June Kracker and I presented the Memorial Wreath to the commanding officer and the COB of the next boat to leave Norfolk NOB, (I believe it was the USS Hamilton). More recently I had the opportunity to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC. My son Clayton was visiting here at the beach and my other son Gene was on business in the DC area. Clayton drove me there, we spent a Thursday night in Arlington and met Gene the next day. The Metro system there is wonderful, we got on a train near the hotel and 10 minutes later got off at the Mall near the Washington Monument. A 10 minute walk and we were at this most awsome beautiful Memorial structure. I couldn't even begin to describe it, but I'm sure most of you have seen it in pictures. If you have never been there take the time to do so and you will never regret it. While in the area we also visited the Vietnam Wall, the Lincoln Memorial and the Korea Memorial. By that time my "dogs" were barking and I had to get off my feet. Just a reminder-August is the beginning of a new year for the SubVets and dues are payable now. Also the next meeting will be at Rocky Mount, NC, on September 25. Make plans to get reacquainted with your shipmates at that time. See you there.

A letter of thanks was received from the Scleroderma Foundation for the WWII and USSVI contributions in memory of Joan Clark.

Don Small

USSVI COMMANDER CORNER



Shipmates,

A lot of things have happen since my last article. The big one was the successful joint meeting we hosted in May at Salisbury. It was great to see all the WWII and USSVI folks get together and swap sea stories. From the conversations I had with many of the attendees, everyone had a good time. The closing luncheon at the NC Transportation Museum was by far the highlight of the meeting. Gary our caterer does prepare excellent bar-b-que. My thanks to Dick Kanning and his committee that consisted of Bob Hopkins Sr., Robert Hopkins, Don Small, and Bill Bradburn who made this a very enjoyable event. Also I would like to thank Carol Hopkins who took care of the ladies on their shopping trip to town and Will Harvey who kept the drinks flowing in the hospitality room as our duty bartender.

Our parade submarine has been in two parades so far this year. The Tarheel Base had a good turnout for the Thomasville Memorial Day Parade on May 31st with 14 members and 5 of our wives at this event. Those attending were: Pat Collins, Don Morton, Bob Hopkins Sr., Bill and Anne Whelan, Mike and Mariann Burkholder, Bill Morris, Charles Johnson, Tom Richey,

Hal Bazzle, Bill and Jocelyn Bradburn, Bill and Gail Lowe, Will Harvey, Brian Flynn, and MaryAnn and myself. The parade watchers appeared to like the submarine as we got a lot of applause as we passed by. On Saturday July 3rd, we once again participated in Greensboro's Fun Fourth Parade. No blue ribbon this year but the crowds responded with applause as we passed by. Had an excellent turnout of base members that included: Joe Ratner, Bob Govern, Dick Kanning, Wayne Powell, Bob Werner, Bill Whelan, Bill Lowe, Mike Burkholder, Tom Richey, Pat Collins, Shorty Lebonville, Bill Morris, Ed Galaviz, Duane Gow, Bob Hopkins Sr., Joe Clark, Bill Bradburn, and myself. A number of our wives were there also. Ken "Pig Pen" Henry marched with us before going over to Barnes & Noble for the book signing of the "Gallant Lady". Ken is a co-author of this book and our own Mike Burkholder's name appears on page 329. Mike was instrumental in setting up the book signing. We had the parade submarine parked outside of the bookstore and had a lot of people looking at it. Mike did a good job explaining life on a diesel boat to attendees at the book signing. Currently, the next planned outing for our submarine will be at the USSVI National Convention in September at Saratoga Springs, N.Y. I will be towing it up there for the parade on Saturday 18th. We could use some additional attendees from the Tarheel Base to go to the convention so they could participate in the parade.

Speaking of the convention, our own Dick Kanning is a candidate for Eastern Regional Director. All USSVI members will be receiving a ballot this month. Lets have a 100% participation in this year's election and vote for Dick.

I have scheduled a base-working meeting on Saturday August 7th in Cary from 1130 to 1430. The meeting will be held again at Errico's. Bill Whelan reserved a room there for our meeting.

The reason I am scheduling this meeting is to finalize the NC Subvets Charter so that both the WWII Tarheel Chapter and USSVI Tarheel Base members can vote on

adopting it. We need to have this in place prior to the USSVI National Convention to demonstrate how both our organizations function together at the state level yet still maintain the necessary separation for tax-exempt purposes. Dick Kanning has been working on this on and off over the last year and it is now time to make it happen. Also we will be discussing long-term plans for the Burnsville Memorial. Don Small and Joe Martin have been working on this item since last year's dedication service. The last item I have for the meeting is the current status of our website and what needs to happen to make it fully functional. I would like all base members having access to the Internet to check out our website so that you can provide meaningful comment/input to Joe Ratner our Webmaster. The address is <http://ncsubvets.rodent-web.com>.

If I don't see you in Cary, hope to see you in Saratoga Springs and/or Rocky Mount.

CHUCK

USSVI VICE COMMANDER



The USSVI District 3/SVWWII S.E. region meeting may be history, but the memories and good times will be long remembered. With 100 in attendance, the sea stories often left me with sensing the aroma of the high seas. The exhibits and memoirs set up and shared by our guests were superb! With the appearances of SubLant Force Master Chief Don Kultti and SSN-777 COB 'Bubba' Jones made this a great event. I feel we've established a solid rapport with the SSN-777 in making her our "Host Boat". Bubba must be proud of his assignment, as he had already placed "COB-777" as a personal plate on his car. The experience of the fossil fuel "Dirt Burners" at the Transportation Museum was an extra treat.



Much of the success of the meeting is due to the efforts and help so graciously given by Tarheel Base members as well as many of their Ladies, especially the "Sub Galleons" from Virginia. With the overabundance of door prizes, and the camaraderie shared, all had a good time. I extend my profound THANKS to all for your help and assistance.

The North Carolina Submarine license plate drive

continues to slowly grow. With the state DMV raising the rates to \$20.xx, we may have difficulty keeping those commitments we already have as well as achieving the mandatory 300 necessary for DMV to allow design approval and production. Presently there are 183 requests. Your efforts in assisting are needed. We're having good success in recruitment of new members, as Bob Werner can attest. I hope this same success can be realized in the license plate program.

If you have not yet voted in the USSVI National election please do so. The electronic voting works great, is cheap compared to a stamp, and saves National a pile of money. If just 50% of members voted by e-mail, a savings of \$7400 would be realized. Another reason for voting is to ensure that the way we do business is as we the members want. Numerous changes to our C & B are proposed (one being the change to two year terms for our national Board, a money saving and efficiency issue, proposed by yours truly).

This year, we have to vote for a new Eastern Regional Director, as Pat Ulmen has to step down due to personal reasons. Your Tarheel Base Vice Cdr is on the ballot for this position.

Dick Kanning

SUBGALLEON CORNER

Dusty Lathrop wants to thank the Inks and WWII Sub Vets that rounded up a group to take her over to visit her Don. Betty from Tidewater needs a medal for being the leader and taking directions, they went all over before getting to where Don was, apparently Don LeDuc had some thrills that we want mention in mixed company.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain Bill

A BUSY COUPLE MONTHS

We won't go into detail, but the last couple months have been busy ones. Parades, a book signing, a regular meeting, a district meeting, a working meeting, even an unofficial "gathering." One of us has set sail on his final eternal patrol; one of our silent partners has set sail on hers. One of our members has spent a lot of time hospitalized and in rehab: his stay in both has been made more comfortable and endurable by phone calls, cards, and visits by concerned shipmates. We thank each of you for your role in what we're here for, doing what we can for shipmates in need.

"A TABLE IN THE PRESENCE"

Last Sunday, July 11, a friend of mine at church handed me a book, "A Table in the Presence," by LT Carey H. Cash, a Navy Chaplain serving in Iraq with the U.S. Marines. "I know you weren't a Marine," said my friend, "But please read this book. I promise, you won't regret it."

I took the book home, sat down, and started reading. No, I didn't read it through at one sitting. It wasn't that kind of reading: it wasn't an easy read. I had to stop periodically to renew my supply of tissues. Somehow, they accumulated moisture almost too rapidly for me to keep up with. I finally

reached the final summarizing sentence, Psalm 62:11-12: Once God has spoken; twice I have heard this: that power belongs to God; and loving kindness is thine, O Lord...." But that's not all: knowing I had to return the book, I stopped by a bookstore the next day. They had one copy left. It's now in my library, in a place of honor along with all my submarine books.

I recommend it to you.

AN INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

Two Sundays ago was Independence Day. We could have called it the Fourth of July (which it was), but to us it was like calling Christmas Day the 25th of December. To us Independence Day is a day, not only of Independence but, of equal importance, of Dependence: Dependence on the power available to all of us through God's Grace and our acceptance of that power. Our Pastor, Dr. Randy Sherron, did not let us down. Before the Benediction, he asked us to pray for our Country. These are his words:

...Today, along with its being the Lord's Day, is a special day in the life of our Country. It is fitting that, as we leave today to celebrate this Independence Day, we go with a prayer for all that has been, is now, and will be, America. Sovereign God, who establishes nations and sits in judgment on them all, we pray this day for our Country, our People, and our Leaders. You know our beginning, and You alone know our end. Because of Your knowledge, wisdom, power, and love, we make petition for this land, those who live in it, those who guide it, and those who guard it. We pray for George W. Bush, our President, and all who assist him. We pray for his understanding and his actions. We pray that the course he chooses to sail is right and true. We pray that, if our Government strays from what is best for this Earth of Yours, You will give him the integrity to find a new way and the strength to see it through.

We pray for those who balance the power in this Land, Democrats and Republicans. They often give us little to be proud of, but we must believe with relentless optimism that many, if not most, of our Congressmen and Senators are good citizens who long for the well-being of our Nation. We pray for our troops here and abroad. We pray for their courage, their anxiety, and their safety. We ask, O God, bring a quick conclusion to this war that keeps them away from Home and Family.

And we cannot pray for this Country, O Lord, without praying for this World: the small countries that don't have our resources; the large countries who don't share our point of view; the many countries, large and small, who feel alienated from the United States. Help us to be good and decent neighbors who will do what is necessary to drain the swamps of poverty, inequality, and oppression so all Your people can live in Peace.

And now let us pray, 'God bless America. God bless Iraq. God bless Afghanistan. God bless everyone.' so no one will feel the need to make war or harm the innocent.

Amen

Bless you
Chaplain Bill

USSVI DISTRICT THREE **COMMANDER**

Minutes of USSVI District 3/Southeastern
Region SUBVETS WWII Joint Meeting
Salisbury, N.C. 14 May 2004

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Vice Commander Dick Kanning, Tarheel Base, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Brawley gave the opening prayer.

Thirty-three WWII/USSVI members were present. The District 3 Commander, Ron Williams, and his wife, Peggy, an Associate member, were introduced.

Dick Kanning introduced Ms. Judy Newman, Salisbury Visitor's Center, who welcomed remarks and thanked the group for selecting Salisbury. Ms. Newman introduced Mrs. Susan Kluttz, Mayor of Salisbury, and commented that Mrs. Kluttz is the second female mayor to serve Salisbury. Mayor Kluttz welcomed all, told of the attractions in the area and invited the organizations to come back soon.

Ron Williams welcomed all to the third District Three meeting and thanked Commander Chuck Jensen, Dick Kanning, and the Tarheel Base for hosting this meeting.

District 3 New Business:

1. Establishing New Bases:

Presently only West Virginia and Alaska do not have bases. There are several MALs living in West Virginia. Chuck Jensen and Ron Williams will contact the MALs in an effort to establish a new base. A suggestion was made to set a time and place and then notify the MALs.

2. Increasing Membership:

a. Business Cards. Print business cards with base information including POC for each member to hand out to prospective members.

b. Show Your Colors. March in parades, wear Submarine hats and/or shirts, display decals on your vehicles etc. Tarheel base will be in the Memorial Day parade in Thomasville with their submarine on 31 May 2004.

c. Establish a School Presentation Program. Northern Virginia base has presented their "History of the Submarine Service" program to 6th and 7th graders this year. Several members mentioned their particular school programs. Howey Rice, Tarheel base, was presenting such a program at the time of the meeting. Ron Williams offered to provide copies of the Northern Virginia base presentation to all who request it.

d. Conduct Joint WWII and USSVI Meetings. The floor was open to

discussion on this issue. All present agreed to a joint meeting in 2005. Ed Kracker, Southeaster Regional Director SUBVETS WWII, offered to host the 2005 meeting in Virginia Beach, VA. No date was set. Ed Kracker will chair this effort and Ron Williams will assist.

3. Proposed Amendments/Dues Increase:

a. Dick Kanning brought up the problem of national rejecting proposed amendments which is in direct violation of USSVI By-Laws. Ron Williams carry this concern to the National convention and present it at the BOD meeting.

b. Discussion concerning the dramatic increase in Nationals dues was held. All agreed that a dues increase is warranted but that the drastic increase may not be justified. Ron Williams suggested that those who are attending the National Convention bring their concerns up at the annual business meeting.

4. Chuck Jensen presented Ron Williams a Certificate of Appreciation from Pat Ulman, USSVI Eastern Regional Director.

The USSVI portion of meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Williams
District Three Commander

USSVI MEMBERSHIP

CHAIRMAN

ATTENTION !!!!!

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

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 you 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.

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.

USSVI EASTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATES RESUMES

Dick Kanning USSVI Life Member # L4233 Tarheel Base

- 1 Enlisted 13 July 1961
- 2 Boot Camp, 'A' School and Sub School
- 3 Qualified in Angler SS-240 12/62, during Med Cruise
- 4 NucPwr Sch Bainbridge and SIC Windsor graduate 4/64
- 5 Qualified in Halibut SSGN 587 3/65. (John Peters was Engineer)
- 6 PreCom, shakedown and transit on Ben Franklin SSBN-640(G)
- 7 Qualified in SSBN 640 8/66
- 8 NPTU @S5G prototype instructor 5/67 to 10/70
- 9 PreComUnit Guitarro SSN-665 11/70 -7/71
- 10 Appointed Warrant 7/71
- 11 USS Proteus AS-19, Repair Dep't til 11/74
- 12 Mare Island NSY Ship' Sup't for Halibut, Seawolf and Parche 11/74 til 11/78
- 13 USS Canopus AS-34 Repair Dep't 1/79-10/81
- 14 Retired CWO4 10/81

A varied and challenging career, from port and starboard in a 'Jimmy' 248 engine room to Nuc operator and missile fuel team on the only SSGN at that time.

First deep dive and Sub safe boat post Thresher loss, Polaris Missile Shot observed from Gemini-6 in space, Panama Canal transit, navy test and acceptance of natural circulation reactor; restoration work on Guitarro after sinking, repair work on Many boats with past shipmates while in Guam, especially the unscheduled SSN's for emergent repairs.

Ship Sup't for the three SubDevGru1 "Project Boats" and their numerous dockings, winding up to close down Rota as a SSBN site and relocation to Charleston SC

I worked numerous Commercial Nuclear Plants throughout the free world, and finished up at the Harris Plant in NC as Project Supervisor for the steam generator replacements.

I joined the Tarheel base (NC) USSVI in 9/99 and have represented our base at the 2000 2002 and 2003 National Conventions. I presently serve as Vice Cdr, Tarheel Base and am the coordinator for the upcoming joint USSVI District 3/ Southeast Region SVWWII meeting this May. I also developed the rules and Code of Conduct for our base and the NC Chapter SVWWII to function as a unified body I am the point of contact (Sponsor) for the NC DMV Submarine Specialty license plate, and serve on the Halibut SSGN/SSN 587 Association Board.

I believe that an elected individual needs to carry out three vital tenets:

- 1 Responsibility, Respect and Recognition. We need to be responsible to our WWII heroes and assist them in their basic functions and endeavors. Were it not for them we modern day folks would have much less camaraderie and esprit de corps. Responsibility must be assumed, it will not survive if directed.
- 2 Respect for our leaders and each other. A disregard for ones ideas and ideals serves but to disrupt.
- 3 Recognition is a stalwart for success. To be recognized is better than any egoism and serves as a catalyst for Responsibility.

It is my goal to practice these principles for the benefit of our organization.

George W. Boyle Sr.

LM 0434

Drum Base

I am seeking your help and support for the position of Eastern Regional Director of which, I wish to aspire too. I feel I have a lot to bring to the position and I have the commitment and the time to perform the duties of the position.

I am member of USSVI and have been Life member for the past 11 years. My Primary Base is the Drum Base in Pensacola, Florida, as a member for the past 7 years. As a member of Drum Base I have served as Base Commander for 2 years and participated on numerous committee's. I am also a Life member of New Jersey South Base and a member of the Redfish Base in Louisiana. I am presently the USSVI Base Development Chairman and I am on the Long Range Planning Committee. I am an Associate member of Sub Vets WWII.

I started the National Storekeeper position from scratch turning over to my successor over \$30,000 in inventory, several thousand dollars in a bank account, and several thousand dollars has gone to the National Office. I have worked closely with the present Central Regional Director and the present President of Subvettes, in establishing the Ladies Auxiliary of USSVI.

I have attended all National Conventions and Board of Directors meetings since (1994) at the Portsmouth, New Hampshire Convention.

Presently, I am spending countless hours scanning boat reunion lists for Non-USSVI members and informing those of our organization and requesting them to join.

As your Eastern Regional Director I will continue to represent the Base's of the Eastern Region and work with the National Board of Directors to make USSVI grow.

Respectfully;

George W. Boyle Sr.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

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.

JULY

ROBERT ANDREWS

MICHAEL BURKHOLDER

PATRICK COLLINS

ROBERT DABBS

PAUL GREENE

WILLIAM GOLLEHON

THOMAS HOLLAND

ELVIE JACKSON

JONES KENNEDY

GEORGE KNOFF

RICHARD LEWIS

WHEELER LIPES

DONALD LeDUC

JOE MARTIN

WILLIAM MORRIS

JESSE STEWART

FRANS VAN BAARS

BRYCE YOW

AUGUST

ARTHUR BARKER

ALFRED BREMER

PAUL CZELUSNIAK

WOLFGANG FRIEDRICH

KENNETH GUSTAFSON

RICHARD HISSA

ROBERT E. HOPKINS

ROBERT HUIE

WILLIAM LANE

JAMES LELOUDIS

SEPTEMBER

WILLIAM BRADBURN

JERRY EMMERSON

EVERETT ERB

ERNEST EVANS

STEVEN FORNICOLA

JOHN HERINA

LARRY JOHNSTON

JEFF JOYNER

RICHARD MEADER

HAROLD STEED

BOOSTER CLUB DONATIONS - 2004

NAME	DATE	AMOUNT
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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
MARY B. EVANS	3/2/04	15.00
EDWARD R. LLOYD	3/10/04	15.00
KARL EVANS	3/27/04	10.00
BILL MORRIS	3/27/04	10.00
JIM WOOMER	3/27/04	10.00
SHORTY & DALLINE LEBONVILLE	3/27/04	24.00
CHARLES JOHNSON	4/22/04	10.00
RAMONA YOST	4/30/04	10.00
GAIL & JACK SHAFFER	5/15/04	25.00
BRYCE YOW	5/26/04	30.00
TOTAL		329.00

NC WWII 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.

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN
RENEWAL OF WWII SUB VET 2005
DUES ARE NOW DUE as of AUG 1st,
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 Reidsville Rd.
Walkertown, N.C. 27051. If you look at
your address on the front of the All
Clear and the date at the end of your
name is 2004 or earlier then your
DUES ARE DUE.**

USSVI TREASURER REPORT

Beginning Balance \$2627.15

Income \$4652.50

Expenses \$3655.36

Balance end of qtr. \$3764.29

R. Werner Treasurer

ALL CLEAR 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 2005 is the number, you are paid up until July 2005 at which time your dues are due.

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.

BRAVO ZULU HOWIE RICE

While enjoying a peaceful time at the Subvets meeting on Thurs. the 13th , I was approached by Don Small and his fellow conspirators who informed me that they had taken a vote, and that I had volunteered to speak at the Charles Erwin Middle School. After speaking to 95 students the following was received by Howie Rice from the school.

Mr. Rice,

Thank you so much for coming to Erwin to speak to our classes. You did a Wonderful Job! We really enjoyed your stories and all of the information you shared with us.

Our students have complimented you & continue to talk very highly of you. We are all very grateful and proud of your service for us & our country.

We hope to have you at Erwin again. Again thank you for coming on short notice and sharing with us. You did such a wonderful job.

Thank you

Stacy Byrd, Lori Alex, Frank File, Van Miller

THOMASVILLE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Tarheel Base had a good turnout for the subject parade with 14 members and 5 of our wives at this event. Those attending were: Pat Collins, Don Morton, Bob Hopkins Sr., Bill and Anne Whelan, Mike and Mariann Burkholder, Bill Morris, Charles Johnson, Tom Richey, Hal Bazzle, Bill and Jocelyn Bradburn, Bill and Gail Lowe, Wes Harvey, Brian Flynn, and MaryAnn and myself. We got a lot of applause from the parade watchers as we marched past them. Also Mike will now be using his Graham instead of the Buick in the parades (sharp looking car).

After the Thomasville Parade and Memorial Service, several of us stopped by to visit with Richard Wright a Tarheel Base member who has been unable to participate in base activities the last few years because of health problems.

Chuck Jensen

4TH OF JULY PARADE AND BOOK SIGNING

I want everyone to know how much Ken "Pig Pen" Henry and his wife Colleen appreciated the warm welcome they received from our NC Subvets on Saturday. Ken was very impressed with how our two organizations have folded into one and operate as one unit. He said time and time again how much he enjoyed marching with us in the parade. He also said he was elated over the turnout at the bookstore and how much he appreciated all the subvets who came and made the book debut a real success. We sold 31 books at the store and Ken signed the remaining 15 and they were put back on the shelf for future buyers. I have 7 signed books for the crew in our stores and will take them to our next meeting. I believe we handed out at least 4 membership applications at the bookstore so we may very well pick up some more members from this too. I think we all looked pretty spiffy with our vests and submarine and the spectators along the parade route must have thought so too. Everybody waved and applauded as we passed by. The cold drinks at the end of the parade were great too and were much appreciated by the hot and dry. I never did get a head count but my guess is around 20 NC Subvets came to be in the parade. My wife and I had a great day and hope you did too.

Mike

USSVI 2004 CONVENTION

We are busy preparing for what we hope will be the most memorable USSVI gathering ever. Make your plans today for this year's convention Sept. 14 thru 19! Hotels are filling up fast. There are still rooms at and near the Holiday Inn (Holiday Inn, the Springs, The Carriage House Inn, Grand Union Motel and the Hilton Garden Inn) and near the Prime Hotel (Marriott Courtyard and Saratoga

Arms Bed & Breakfast). [See our website's Hotel List for more information.](#)

The New London Submarine Base trip on Thursday September 17th has been expanded, but only one busload is allowed. The trip now leaves at 5:45 AM and returns at 9:30 PM. Added to the Sub school Graduation and tour of the school, you will tour the Nautilus and Submarine Museum and eat dinner at the Groton Base Sub Vets Clubhouse. See the trip page on our website for details. Please note that if you are going on this trip, you will miss the Lake George Boat Ride and Dinner Thursday evening. Don't forget: the U.S. Navy Band will play in a parade just for you during this year's convention!

Attractions on the SubVet Shuttle line

(1 mile Sub Vets Shuttle runs every 20 minutes. Pickup and drop-off at designated corners and hotels.)

- 17 Hotels, Motels and B&B's with more than 1000 Rooms
- More than 70 Restaurants Health Spas Baths & massage
- Naturally carbonated private baths or massage
- Mineral Health Spring water - 6 springs
- Antique and specialty shops
- National Dance Hall of Fame
- Congress Park, (US Sub Vet Logo Flower arrangement, Italian Gardens and Fountains, Veterans Memorial Bandstand, The oldest Casino)
A working 1890's Musical Carousel
- State Spa and Park (the Lincoln Mineral Baths and Health Spa, Gideon Putnam Hotel, a 9 and an 18 hole Golf Course, Classic Automobile Museum)
- Million Dollar Mansions (North Broadway-one block from the Prime)
- Historic Main Street (Broadway was designated Main Street USA and one of the top ten most walkable streets in America)
- 1890's Hotels (the Adelphi Hotel, Rip Van

- Dam Hotel and Saratoga Arms B&B)
- A 1700's Stagecoach Tavern (Olde Bryan Inn)

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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NEED A RIDE

Jim Myers and Pat Collins will be Driving up the 13th or 14th.

Chuck Jensen and Mike Burkholder will be going up on the 16th

REST YOUR OARS LADIES

JOAN MILLER CLARK RITES JUNE 25

Greensboro--Mrs. Joan Miller Clark, 69, died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. She was a member of Subgallions, the ladies auxiliary of U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II. Her husband served aboard the submarine BREAM during World War II.

Born January 11, 1935, in Hanover, PA, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Nellie Miller. She was a dance instructor in her younger years and later owned her own beauty shop and enjoyed golfing. She was president of the Piedmont Scleroderma Support Group.

Joan is survived by her loving husband of 25 years, Howard; daughter and son-in-law Debbie and Dixon Baxter of Wilmington; son Jim Freeman of Lexington, SC; sister Susan Hoffheins of San Mateo, CA; brother Edward Miller of Cocoa, FL; grandchildren Ashley and Callie Baxter and Ali, Elizabeth, and Jacob Freeman and their mother Julie Freeman.

The Family received friends June 24 at Forbis & Dick Guilford Chapel in Greensboro. A memorial service was held June 25 at the Chapel, with Dr. Alan Sasser officiating.

It was requested that memorial contributions be made to the Scleroderma Foundation, 12 Kent Way, Suite 101, Byfield, MA 01922, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

BEVERLY JOHNSON RITES JULY 13

Winston-Salem--Mrs. Beverly Jean Moore Johnson of Winston-Salem passed away July 10, 2004, at Forsyth Memorial Hospital following a lengthy series of illnesses.

She was a member of Subgallions, the ladies auxiliary of the North Carolina Chapter of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II. Her husband was a Prisoner of War during World War II, following the sinking of his submarine, GRENADIER, by a Japanese aircraft.

She was born July 8, 1928, to David Walter and Mabel Galloway Moore of Elizabethton, TN. She attended Friedland Moravian Church. She graduated from Elizabethton High School and received a B.A. from Milligan College, TN, as well as an M.A. and Ed.S. in counseling from UNC Greensboro. She worked at the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, DC. She retired from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system, where she was a homebound teacher, a counselor at Northwest Elementary and East Forsyth High School, and director of guidance at Carver High School.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her husband Charles Eugene (Johnny) Johnson of the home. Also surviving are her children, Kim Johnson Reed, Jeanna Johnson Smith, John David Johnson of Pensacola, FL, and Lisa Johnson Mason of Stoneville; two sons-in-law, Phillip Reed and Ralph Mason; as well as grandchildren, Nichole Smith, Casey Reed, Chip Reed, Matthew Whitley, Ashley Whitley, Tucker Johnson, Kimberly Reed, Tina Reed Newsom, and Ashton Gilmore. Special love goes to Kimberly Finney.

A memorial service was conducted July 13 at Friedland Moravian Church, with the Rev. Wally Yarborough and the Rev. Carol Foltz presiding. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that memorials be sent to Friedland Moravian Church, Friedland Church Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27107, or Hospice and Palliative CareCenter, 1100-C S. Stratford Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

She's quiet, she's lethal and she's coming soon to an ocean near you.

Say hello to the USS North Carolina, a 377-foot nuclear-powered attack submarine under construction at a Newport News, Va.

shipyard. It is the first Navy vessel to carry the state's name since the battleship North Carolina, now a state historic site in Wilmington, was decommissioned in 1947.

I got an advance peek at the new North Carolina last weekend when two master chief petty officers came to Salisbury to give a whiz-bang briefing to a reunion of World War II and Cold War submarine crews.

Much of what I heard sounded like techo-babble to a confirmed landlubber but I know this: submarine movies will never be the same.

Forget "Run Silent, Run Deep." Forget "Hunt for Red October." Forget the crusty old captain turning his grease-stained hat around and ordering "Up periscope" while searching for the enemy.

Instead, think of a \$2.2 billion video game with lots of things that go "boom!"

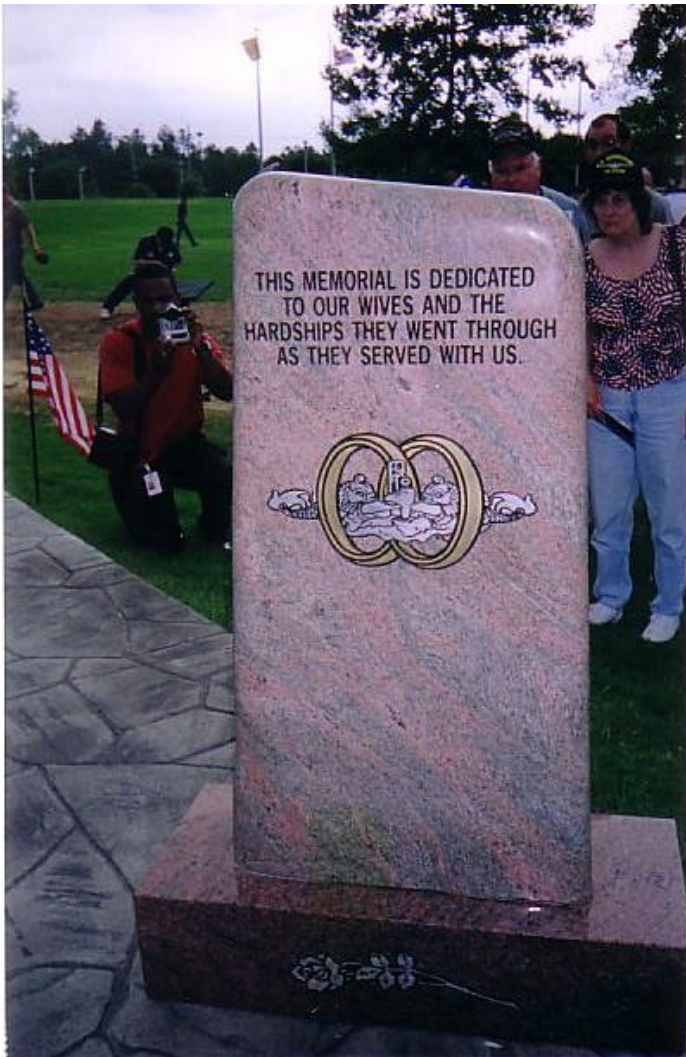
Master Chief Petty Officer Don Kultti, the top enlisted man in the Atlantic submarine force, outlined a typical mission for the new North Carolina:

Sent to investigate reports of weapons of mass destruction in a coastal country, the North Carolina slides through shallow water just off shore. It launches an unmanned underwater vessel that maps a safe route through a minefield. Then Navy SEALs go out through an airlock, retrieve their gear from outside storage lockers and climb into their 16-man mini-sub riding on the deck of the mother ship.

The mini-sub follows the safe route to the shore, the SEALs retrieve samples from the suspected weapons cache and return to the mother ship where the bad stuff is quickly analyzed in an on-board laboratory.

The sub then lets loose with a barrage of Tomahawk cruise missiles which turn the target into dust. Then the good guys head for home at 25+ knots, sowing mines behind to deter pursuers. Torpedoes will take care of any enemy ships that don't take the hint. And if necessary, the North Carolina can dive below 800 feet to hide.

The traditional periscope of old movie fame is now a digital TV camera operated from a computer terminal. Those who control the



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boat with touch-screen computers are called pilot and co-pilot. And best of all, every member of the crew has his own bunk, a rare luxury for American submarine crews. The USS North Carolina is scheduled to be finished in 2006 and put to sea in 2007. The new North Carolina is the fifth warship to carry the state's name. The first was a three-masted sailing ship that served from 1824 to 1866. From 1863 to 1864, the Confederate ironclad North Carolina patrolled the Cape Fear region. An armored cruiser named North Carolina served in World War I. The World War II battleship that is now a tourist destination received 12 battle stars for its service in that war. It also earned the nickname, "The Immortal Showboat" for the splendid way it looked when it sailed off to war. Last weekend, the old submariners slowly tolled a ship's bell for each American submarine lost at sea. It was a solemn and deeply-moving ceremony. May that bell never toll for the latest USS North Carolina.