



## **TARHEEL CHAPTER COMMANDER**

Here it is almost at the end of another year, and we are just a little bit older and deeper in debt. We lucked out again this year, we dodged the hurricane bullet but had a pretty close call with Ophelia. How to start? My good friend Chaplain Bill looks to the good book to get inspiration but I depend on him to get mine! I just punch my Chaplain's chit and Bingo, I'm ready to go! Maybe it's time to review some of the things some of you might not have been in on if you don't have e-mail.

Early this year, like in February, we got word that shipmate Wheeler (Johnny) Lipes was finally, after so long, going to receive his well deserved Navy Commendation Medal. And he didn't need to go all the way to Washington to get it. Arrangements were made to have the award ceremony closer to home at Camp Lejeune, NC, at the Naval Hospital. The event was well attended by NC SubVets and friends. Johnny's good friend, Jan Herman, who is the BuMed historian, made the arrangements. For those of you who don't remember, Lipes was the PHM on the USS Seadragon on war patrol when a crewman developed appendicitis. He performed a successful operation with the crude tools available on board. The patient

recovered only to be lost on another submarine later during the war. Shortly after he received his award Lipes departed on final patrol, a victim a cancer. This event was recorded and a 20 minute DVD and is available for any who requests it.

The Elizabeth City meeting was held on April 5th, a week later than usual due to the conflict with Easter. The attendance was excellent with many WWII, USSVI, and Virginia vets there. After the usual excellent meal the regular introductions and Tolling of the Boats took place. During the introductions Rose Mary Small read a tribute to Louise Rice, wife of Howie Rice, who passed away earlier in the year. Bill Whelan passed around a card designed by Chuck Jensen commemorating the S-28. It's hoped that this card will be an incentive for S-28 crewmembers (if there are any left) to communicate with each other. Bill also read a brief account by one Pete McFadden who was assigned to the S-28 the day before she went down. Pete was not onboard that fateful day because he was scheduled for a sub duty physical then. Chuck Jensen announced that a "rump" meeting would be held at "China Grove" (wherever the H--- that is) to plan the June meeting at Burnsville. I missed that meeting.

Rose Mary and I were all primed up to go to the Burnsville meeting with reservations and all, but didn't get there. The day we were supposed to leave home it was raining and predictions were that it would be that way most of the day. I just didn't feel like driving in the rain over 500 miles for a one-day meeting. Must be getting old. Chuck Jensen has written an excellent report of that meeting. It would appear that we are going to lose that site as a memorial. The property on which is located has been sold and we don't know what the new owners are going to do with it.

Rose Mary and I were planning to attend the National Convention at Buena Vista, Fla. in Sept but had to cancel that for medical reasons. (more about that later). Chaplain Bill and Bill Morris were the only NC troops there. Bill W. was my appointed representative for voting. The item that concerns us most from this meeting is the Memorial fund. Quoting

from Bill's report "if our memorial includes the names of all the S-28 sailors who were on her when she went down, we can apply for a grant (from the national fund), usually 50% of the total cost." The S-28 memorial will be the main topic of discussion at the "rump" meeting in Cary in Nov.

The September meeting was at Gardeners in Rocky Mount. Things were kind of tight in the meeting room-about 40 people registered and over 60 showed up which made things kind of crowded plus the food didn't get around like it should have. But we made out. After the usual intros and tolling of boats, Chuck Jensen gave a report on the status of the S-28 memorial and the alternatives we have in order to qualify for the National funds. He also reported that at the USSVI meeting the ALL CLEAR got eighth in the large base award. Holland Club certificate was awarded to Don Morton. The Holland Club Senior Service Award was presented to Howie Rice. John Herina reported on a dinner meeting held in Fairfield, NC, to commemorate the 60th anniversary end of WWII. Hyde County, in which Fairfield is located, has about 90 WWII vets. After our meeting everyone adjourned to get their picture taken standing around the new torpedo.

I was not able to attend several functions because of an appointment with the local hospital. This was strictly for diagnostic purposes. Way back in '65 I had a fracture dislocation of the right ankle and had to have a skin graft over the wound. Recently the skin graft broke and the wound opened and appeared to get infected. The hospital stay was to determine what the infection was and what to do about it. As a result I've had 6 weeks of self administered IV's and am currently under treatment to get the skin to grow back over the wound.

That's about it for this report. The next meeting is the Pearl Harbor Memorial meeting, which I hope at least we can have 50% participation. I'll be there rain or shine-don't know about ice though!

**Don Small**

## USSVI COMMANDER CORNER



Shipmates,

We had a good turnout for the Newton Old Solder's Parade on August 18<sup>th</sup>. There were 15 base members who participated and it was by far the biggest parade to date that we have marched in. There were over a 180 units in the parade, which began on a yearly basis shortly after the Civil War. The parade route was over 12-city blocks long and the spectators were three rows deep for most of the parade route. We had the parade submarine, the base bus, and Bill Morris' car in our marching unit. We definitely need to participate in this parade next year. After the parade most of us stopped by to visit Jim Harbin in Mocksville. He appeared to really enjoy the visit and the opportunity to see the parade submarine and base bus.

Jim Myers, Dick Kanning, and myself picked up Ollie's Mk-14 torpedo in Mooresville after it had been refurbished by Mike Erickson, who is a member of Jack Roush's NASCAR Race Team shop crew. He donated his time to do the work in his own shop. We can thank our base member Hugh Andrews, as he took the lead to get the torpedo refurbished. We now have a real first class showpiece. Because of the contacts Hugh has made while working at Aero-Dyne, the wind tunnel facility in Mooresville, he was able to get it done at no cost to the NC Subvets. Aero-Dyne is a

facility that tests many of the NASCAR teams' racecars and Craftsman series trucks. Mike Erickson and his wife have been invited to the Pearl Harbor Dinner, which will be held on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. Dick Kanning is getting a plaque made up for Mike Erickson to present as a token of the base's appreciation for refurbishing the torpedo. Jim Myers has been working hard with some assistance from Mike Burkholder and myself to get his trailer ready to carry the torpedo in parades. It will make its debut in the High Point Veterans Day Parade on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>. We will also be using it on Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> in both the Winston-Salem and Asheboro Veterans Day Parades.

We had a great turnout at Rocky Mount Meeting and many thanks go to Randy Denson. Pat Collins presented Don Morton with his Holland Club Award. This year the USSVI Holland Club instituted another award for Holland Club Members. It is the **Senior Submariner Award** and Don Small had the pleasure of presenting it to Howie Rice who received his dolphins in April 1940.

Concerning the S-28 Memorial, I have cost estimates for two options. I contacted Pete Young the new director at the Salisbury National Cemetery to discuss the size requirements for memorials to be located on the cemetery grounds. The size requirement, as described in the instruction that the previous director gave me, is all that is currently allowed. This requirement came out of Washington, DC as the standard for all national cemeteries. The size of the authorized memorial would not allow the listing the names of the S-28 Crew Members which is the requirement from WWII National for them to help cover the cost.

It appears that we have 2 options:

The first option is to go with the standard size without the crewmembers being listed and not get any funding support from WWII National. The cost with a bronze plaque mounted on a granite base is \$2500.00 or instead of a bronze plaque but the granite base being engraved is \$1200.00. Both of these memorials conform to the National Cemetery requirements.

The second option is to go with the one listing the crewmembers in order to get help with the cost from WWII National and find a location other than the Salisbury National Cemetery. For this option we need to identify some locations that would allow the memorial to be erected on their site. The description of the memorial stone that on one side would be for the S-28 with the crewmembers listed and on the backside a listing of those boats lost in WWII. The description for the second memorial option is: The stone is 36" wide 6" thick 60" tall with a base foundation 48" long 12" wide and 6" thick. The top and ends will be BRP (balance rock pitch) and front and back will be polished or steeled (steeled is taking the polish off to make the stone lighter in color). The total would be \$2640.00.

This will be one of the major agenda item for the base-working meeting that will be held on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> in Cary. Before the meeting, it would be helpful to get a list of possible sites for the second option memorial. Using the above description for option two, I have requested that members knowing of a suitable location, would contact the appropriate person to see if they would be agreeable to having the memorial located at their site and provide me with the details after your discussion so that we will have some potential sites to discuss at the working meeting.

We currently have 125 Tarheel Base members, so our organization continues to grow. However, there are still a lot of potential candidates out there to become a member. Lets have a good turnout for the upcoming parades, the base working meeting, and December 3<sup>rd</sup> Pearl Harbor Dinner.

CHUCK

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## USSVI VICE COMMANDER

The Tarheel Base continues in its endeavors as a strong base. Consider the efforts and accomplishments of now having "The Gallant Lady" bus, so arduously ram-rodged by Mike and the assistance of Chuck and Pat. The Mark-14 restoration is now complete, thanks

to Hugh "Andy" Andrews, Chuck and Jim Myers. The recognition of our publication "All Clear", as so well done by Jim, by National is another deed, as we're now in the large base category. Our participation in parades serves as good PR, as well as gaining and giving recognition to the Silent Service and to those who gave so much in our nation's defense. We were fortunate to have a lot of the work on the MK-14 done by Mike Erickson, a mechanic for Roush Racing. Mike did this work gratis. Andy was instrumental in lining this up. I'm having a plaque made for Mike for his efforts, which will be presented at the Pearl Harbor dinner.

Our Base store continues to be successful, especially with our close association with the North Carolina, SSN-777. It is amazing how few of the general public in our state realize that there is a SSN-777. Wear your 777 hat and notice the questions you may get.

Participation is the key to a successful organization. As I've mentioned in the past, the persons leading these efforts are dedicated to OUR Base and the purpose of our existence as stated in the USSVI Creed. We are your servants, not your enforcers. Without your participation and stepping up to the plate, dilution and fading will prevail. We have nominations and elections of those willing to serve. Their commitment is voluntary and deserves your full support. Our business meetings provide a way for you to be heard, as well as a mechanism for introducing ideas that may be unique and beneficial.

On this subject, I decided NOT to be considered for continuance as your base Vice CDR. I feel that my services should be relegated to my position as Eastern District 3 CDR. I will continue to be the sponsor of the NCDMV Submariner Specialty license plate effort.

Wayne Powell will serve us well. Give him your support!

Chuck and I attended the National Convention in KC. In comparison to the 2004 National in Saratoga Springs, we both feel that KC did not match it! This sense of disappointment is also shared by others I talked to while there. More on this in my ED3 notes.

A busy two months ahead: Kings Bay memorial program, Veterans Day parades, Business meeting and of course our annual Pearl Harbor program on 3 Dec. With the hospitality room open at 1200, followed by another fantastic dinner and the anticipated presence of the CO and ETCM Jones, COB of the North Carolina, a good time will be prominent. Get your reservations in to Jim Myers now.

NEWS FLASH: overheard directly from Don Small, and witnessed by RoseMary and me, Don Stated "I'm really going to retire in December"

Dick Kanning

## **USSVI DISTRICT THREE** **COMMANDER**

A recent visit to one of our ED3 bases exemplified what a small group of dedicated "Bubbleheads" can do. THE North VA base periodically holds auctions in the form of a Pirate auction complete with swash-buckling and keel haul threats carried out by Cap'n Hook and his assistant, One Eye Jack! Items auctioned are donations from Base members. It was an enjoyable time, especially the coercion presented into buying something as well as having .a lot of good laughs. The monies (\$1000.xx this year) collected go to the Fisher House at Walter Reed Hospital. I mention this for good reasons. It is a good way to earn recognition and have a lot of fun. This auction also is appreciated y the ladies, as they are a big part of the program. The conspirators of the auction have volunteered to perform this style auction at the next Eastern District 3 meeting!

Chuck has volunteered our Base to host the next D3 meeting, in 2006. For that I'm grateful. NoVA wanted to, but realizes the costs of accommodations in their area are in most cases prohibitive. Now is the time to get this effort rolling. Having been involved in our D3 efforts in 2004, it all comes together as a success when the organizing committee works as a team. I still get positive remarks on our 2004 efforts and am available to provide input for this.

## SUBGALLEON CORNER

With the 2005 National convention being history, and viewed as a letdown from Saratoga, as well as concerns regarding the 2006 in Little Rock, I'm pleased to report that a small ad-hoc committee has been established to clean up and delineate specifics in and for the bidding and contract processes. Don Brown (Reno) and Al Singleman (Albany) are heading this up. ER CDR George Boyle and I went through the bidding handbook earlier this year and found numerous areas needing clarification and improvements. So far as Saratoga, and the monies they got from their State and County, I say well for them! They took the initiative to get it! I have offered to assist these Shipmates in their efforts.

National Conventions slated are: Little Rock 2006; Alaskan Cruise 2007; Fort Worth 2008; San Diego 2009 and N. Kentucky/Cincinnati in 2010.

The Alaskan Cruise reservations must be made and paid for by Sept 2006. Additionally it will be a requirement to have a passport. I have a lot of info on the cruise. Contact me if you need some.

USSVI has several programs available for use. One, the Scholarship Fund is available for children and grandchildren of members. Last year 17 scholarships were awarded, with the top one being \$1500! Don't pass up this golden opportunity! Additionally, the Recognize a Scout, allows a base or member to honor an Eagle Scout for his accomplishments. Pick a Troop or a Scout you know and get this award to them!

I continue to be impressed with the Tarheel Base and their joint activities with our WWII brothers. I've given out copies of the NC Sub Vets Charter and this has aided bases in supporting this effort. This movement is growing nationally.

With the Tarheel Base hosting the District 3 meeting next year, it is my duty to support this! I trust that the Base will be as successful in 2006 as they were in 2004! Ray Stone and Ron Williams (NoVA) have volunteered their talents to hold a Pirate's Auction!

See you in the Parades and the Pearl Harbor Dinner!

Dick Kanning

Another deadline, another last day to submit my article. I thought when I reached the golden years I'd have more time to relax and take it easy. I guess I haven't reached the golden years yet. Don and I had planned to go to the National in September. Three days before we were to leave Don was in the hospital. An injury to an old wound on his ankle became infected and he had to have 6 weeks of infusion therapy. Fortunately he was able to have this procedure done at home.

Since I was not at the National Convention, June Kracker cast North Carolina's 30 votes for a resolution to change the By-Law of the Constitution. The new resolution now reads: "there shall be no limit to the number of terms the duly elected officer may serve." Gail Shaffer informed me that the Dolphinette publication will only be published three times a year- March, July, and November. Take note ladies, the Southeastern Region now has four members on the national executive board. Mary Mullaney, Pres. Gail Shaffer, 1<sup>st</sup>. vice pres. Nell Turner, Secretary. June Kracker, chaplain.

We had a good turnout at the Rocky Mount meeting. [Around 60] The parking lot was a beehive of activity. Everyone was hovering around "Ollie's Torpedo" It was a very impressive sight.

I called Terry Thompson last week to get an update on Ollie. Ollie is still in a rehab facility. He is making progress, but still can't walk on his own. Terry said he enjoys the cards and visits from the Sub Vets.

The Subgallions had a short meeting at Rocky Mount. We were not able to use the adjacent room for our meeting so we had to have it after the men's meeting. Seven members and one guest were present. Members present were: Rose Mary Small, Jean Parker, Sylvia Williams, Theo Denson, Margaret Morgan, Doris LeDuc, Jocelyn Bradburn. Millie Simmons was our guest. Jocelyn Bradburn gave the treasurer's report. Our balance as of August 2005 -----1,466.27.

There was no meeting in June. There were no minutes to read or accept.

Under new business we discussed making a contribution to the S-28 lost boat memorial fund. We tabled it until the Pearl Harbor meeting. The meeting

was adjourned at 2:45 PM

As I was preparing to write this column I reread the latest All Clear. I remembered that Chaplain Bill had mentioned that the MS. Chapter had not only a memorial for their lost boat but also one for the wives. What caught my eye was Ocean Springs MS. Ocean Springs is on the Gulf Coast of MS. I immediately called Mary Cheek, the state commander of MS. The lost boat memorial was completely destroyed but the one of the family is still there. Mary lost her home and is living in a small camper trailer that was loaned to her by a family member. My son David lives not far from Ocean Springs. His home was spared. Many of his friends and neighbors lost everything. David made this comment about his situation, "I don't know whether I was better prepared, lucky, or blessed, maybe all three. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Greensboro.

Rose Mary

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



### **An "Early" Captain of the Head!**

We had a bit of trouble finding a lead-in to this Corner. So we did what we usually do in such times: we went to the Good Book for inspiration. And guess what? It worked, although not exactly as we had planned. We'd been thinking for a while (a long while) about our State Lost Boat, the S-28. So we thought we'd use that combination ("S" and "28") as an entry point into Scripture. None of the books of the New Testament start with "S," so that ruled out the second part of the Scriptures.

Fortunately, we did better with the Old Testament: three books there start with "S": 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, and Song of Solomon. (We started to add Psalms as a fourth book, then remembered that it started with a "P," not "S.") Using the "28," we were able to narrow our choice to 1 Samuel, which has 31 chapters (2 Samuel has 24 chapters and Song of Solomon only 8, ruling them out). So we began to look for words in Chapter 28 of 1 Samuel that would be meaningful to a bunch of submariners. We didn't have to read far.

David--the same guy who, as a young shepherd, killed wild animals with his bare hands and, later, killed Goliath--was in hot water with King Saul of Israel. He skedaddled to the land of the Philistines and got a job with Prince Achish of Gath some time around 990 B.C. When Achish and his army were called up to invade Israel (David's homeland), he ordered David to accompany him. He gave David a new job: he was very specific about what he wanted David to do.

1 Samuel 28:2b says it quite clearly. Achish said to David, "...Therefore, will I make thee Keeper of Mine Head for ever." That was from the King James Version. The Revised Standard Version refers to the new job as, "Keeper of My Head for ever." Notice that not only did Achish reward David with the position of (as we Navy guys would say it) Captain of the Head, but he made the job a lifetime appointment.

Plumbing being what it was in those days, David's new job probably didn't take up all his time. And we're not surprised that the Living Bible and the New International Version say that David was assigned additional duties as Achish's "personal bodyguard for life."

We're not saying that David was the first Captain of the Head, but he must have been among the earliest. One thing for sure, he either didn't perform well or he performed too well and was promoted. Whatever happened, he didn't last long as Achish's Captain of the Head. He went on to bigger and better things, like to being a peeping tom (remember that?), siring Absalom, and murder.

We can't end this segment without wondering what similar titles would be in other navies in other times:

Le Capitaine de ma Tete in the French Navy,  
Capitano di Testa in the Italian Navy, and  
El Capitan de Cabeza in the Spanish Navy.

So much for a lead-in to this Corner.

### **MAKES IT ALL WORTHWHILE!**

We've often wondered if the traditional "Book of Remembrance" that North Carolina SubVets present to the families of Tarheel submariners on their eternal patrol are appreciated by their recipients. We wonder no longer! Late in September, submariner John Butler set sail on his eternal patrol from Newport, NC. He'd served aboard NAUTILUS, ROBERT E. LEE, and TAUTOG. Our Book of Remembrance was duly prepared and presented to his widow Pat.

Her prompt response indicated her appreciation and made the effort worthwhile.

Pat wrote: "Received this wonderful book last week and I am thrilled with it. I have never seen anyone do this for someone before and I appreciate the time put into it. We have so many souvenirs from John's submarine days and I am slowly working on putting them together in a scrapbook. I did manage to pretty much keep our SubVets events together in albums and a lot of his NAUTILUS reunions are in books, but there is still quite a bit to do. He truly loved the Navy and everything it stands for. One of his happiest moments near the end was when our grandson called to tell us he had joined the Navy. Justin (our grandson) says he knows he can't mess up because his grandfather is watching! Again, I thank you all for this wonderful memory book. It will be treasured along with all John's other submarine mementos. Sincerely, Pat."

Thank you, Pat!

### **GONE TO MEDDLING!**

You know, it's like our daughter used to ask, "Daddy, why does our preacher always talk about money?"

Daughter Jan didn't go to our church. And it invariably happened that, when she did visit in our church, our preacher would have a sermon that included our financial responsibilities as church members. Thus, it appeared that every time she was there, he was talking money.

We're not talking money here, but we are back to an old theme of ours.

We're delighted month after month to witness the support received by our group, the North Carolina Submarine Veterans. Look where we began. Look where we are. Look where announced plans say we're going.

We've had leaders and workers at all organizational levels - local, state, district/regional, and national.

The major flaw we see (here's where we stop preaching and start meddling) is that too often those who have agreed to assume major organizational responsibilities are left too long with those responsibilities. We can name names, but we won't.

Please don't think you'll hurt anyone's feelings if you feel "called" to run for an office.

To end this meddling, we thank each and every Tarheel who has responded "yes" when asked to help our great organization.

### **THANKS, SCOTT!**

Latest word on NC SubVet Scott Waddle is that he's traveling far, wide, and often, giving motivational talks to anyone who'll listen to him. We're still reacting to his stirring words delivered at our 2004 Pearl Harbor Memorial meeting. We still remember the spontaneous standing round of applause he received following his talk.

He's due two more rounds of thanks: one for the gorgeous desk-top submarine books he donated recently to our organization, and the other for the nine copies of his inspirational book, "The Right Thing," that he gave us and that are on our dining room table and soon to be in Storekeeper Mike Burkholder's hot little hands.

There's a problem with extending thanks through this Corner. Every "Thank you" reminds us of other deserving

SubVets and worthwhile SubVet projects. Like to those responsible for that beautiful gray bus (the ghost of Navy days past), or that gorgeous MK 14 torpedo (the ghost of circular runs of Navy days past), or that lovely generic submarine (the ghost of Navy days past, present, and future).

### **HOW IT WORKS!**

Communication is an awesome thing, even when it's handled clumsily.

Here's an example of how it works.

This began in mid-September: we saw Rufus Poole's obituary in The News & Observer. NC SubVet Bill Lowe saw the same obituary and phoned to alert us. A SEA FOX radioman, Rufus had set sail on his eternal patrol from Chattanooga, TN, but his daughter Bonnie lives in nearby Raleigh.

We did three things: we phoned Bonnie, extending the condolences of the NC SubVets, we prepared and sent Bonnie our traditional Book of Remembrance, and we placed an announcement of Rufus' passing on the SEA FOX website.

A SEA FOX sailor who had served with Rufus, John Norton, saw the website announcement and contacted us, identifying Rufus as a SEA FOX plankowner. He sent Bonnie a condolence card. Later John contacted us again to say that he had just mailed us a package that he wanted us to DELIVER to Bonnie, a package including a SEA FOX commissioning picture of Rufus that he had received from another SEA FOX sailor, radar technician Rae Anderson. That package has not arrived yet: probably in a day or two. When it arrives, we'll see that it gets to Bonnie.

All this to say that it continues to be important for us all to communicate. In wartime, we gotta be silent (it's the nature of the service). But, otherwise, it's important to let our shipmates and their families know how important they are to us.

### **S-28 NEWSLETTER!**

The previous Corner told of our having mailed out the initial issue of a newsletter aimed at S-28 sailors and their families.

We've had some feedback from recipients. But we've had many (too many) newsletters returned, envelope unopened and stamped "Recipient Unknown" or equivalent.

We thought we would have enough space left in this

Corner to discuss some of the feedback we've received, but we don't.

Maybe in the next Corner!

Bless you,  
Chaplain Bill

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## HOLLAND CLUB

Frank Caulfield, Robert Dabbs and William Edwards Front and Center. You are scheduled to receive your Holland Club Certificate at the Dec. Pearl Harebor Dinner.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

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.

#### OCTOBER

Robert Black  
Kris Bridges  
George Cataldo  
Joseph Clark  
Larry Cobb  
Barbara Dixon  
Ricky Donohue  
Nelson Gainey  
Jimmie Graves  
Larry Hauser  
David Holms  
Renaud Lebonville  
Louis Maruzo  
Donald Morton  
Howard Murray  
Howell Rice  
Joseph Ritter  
Charles Stevenson  
Buddy Tolbert  
Robert Wilson  
Robert Wyatt

#### NOVEMBER

Hugh Andrews  
Charles Cross  
Randolph Denson  
Harold Dixon  
James Harbin  
Roynald Hatley  
David Hendrix  
Scott Hughes

Paul Stinson  
William Lowe

#### DECEMBER

Frank Auerbach  
William Benedict  
Jerry Beckley  
George Craig  
Frank Caulfield  
Vincent DeNicola  
Charles DuGan  
Richard Evans  
Robert F. Hopkins  
Charles Johnson  
Richard Kreh  
Gary Lew  
Edward Lloyd  
Ernest Morgan  
Everett Morgan  
Wayne Powell  
William Schneider  
James Stanford  
Alan Steiner  
Thomas Vandenheuvel  
Gilbert Warren  
Fenton Wells

#### BOOSTER CLUB DONATIONS - 2006

NAME	DATE	AMOUNT
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PAUL J. STINSON	7/20/05	20.00
WILLIAM E. CULVER	7/28/05	5.00
ANDREW DELL	8/08/05	5.00
EVERETT ERB	8/08/05	10.00
ROBERT E WHITE	8/08/05	20.00
WALT TAVERNA	9/3/05	5.00
SHORTY LEBONVILLE	9/24/05	40.00
BILL MORRIS	9/24/05	20.00
DON SMALL	9/24/05	15.00
JOHN BLOM	10/3/05	10.00
	TOTAL	150.00



## **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. We have 11  
delinquents as of today. They are:**

Louis Maruzo	\$20	William Edwards	\$15
Richard Moore	\$15	Herbert Franchum	\$45
Linwood Respass	\$15	George Hecker	\$15
George Roderick	\$15	George Knouff	\$15
Kenneth Sigworth	\$15	William Lane	\$15
Robert Wyatt	\$15		

## **USSVI TARHEEL BASE TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP REPORTS**

THIRD QUARTER:

INCOME: \$ 1136.00  
EXSPENSES \$ 893.04  
BALANCE: \$ 3346.14

The N.C. Tarheel Base membership now stands at 125 strong, 99 Life Members and 26 Annual Members. The Base dues are due on 1 Jan. 2006 please remember to pay your dues promptly.

## **ALL CLEAR EDITOR'S NOTE**

The article in this issue by Randy Denson is just the article that we need from more members, WWII or USSVI. The Torpedo will debut in the NOV. 6th High Point Veterans Parade and we will have some pictures in Jan issue.

## **VFW ACCEPTS NUCLEAR DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA**

I've been a member of the VFW since 1973 when the Connecticut VFW membership investigators made whatever calls/contacts to verify my eligibility. However, 2 years ago a member of the local NC post decided to challenge my eligibility. Through that challenge, it was discovered that there was no recognition of submarine sailors receiving the SSBN Nuclear Deterrent Patrol Insignia (Polaris Patrol Pin). With letters to the Dept of the Navy and Vice Admiral Munns (who was at the National SubVets Convention) it now meets the eligibility requirements. It seems that the National Office of the VFW had never received anything that confirmed the "type of duty" that would make submarine sailors eligible for the VFW. So, this is good news.

David Holm