

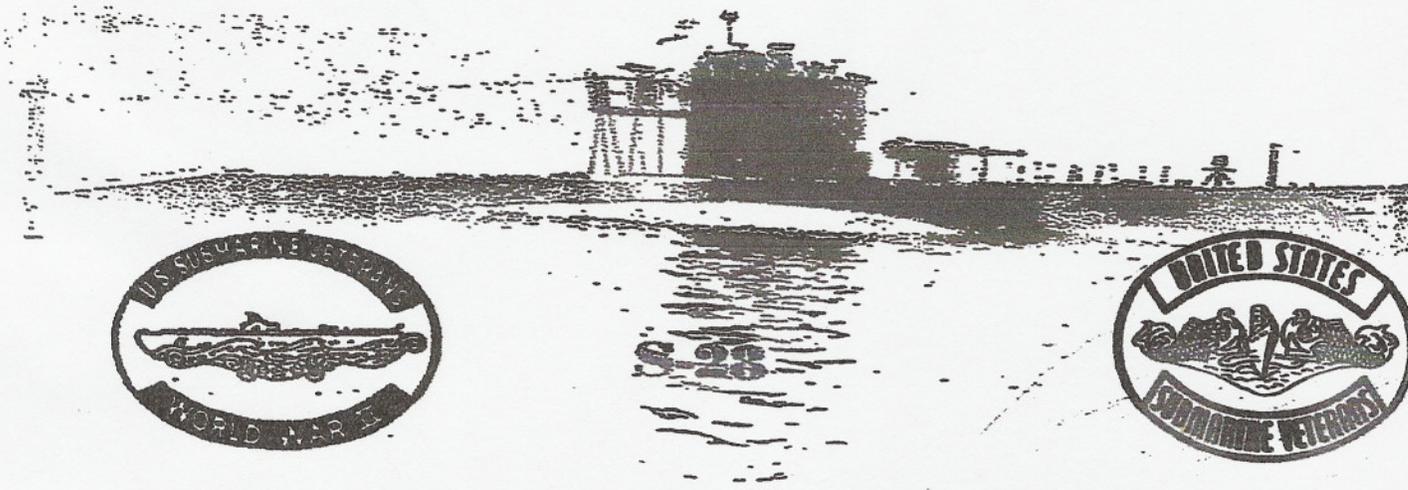
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"IN MEMORY OF THE 52 SUBMARINES LOST IN WWII"

SEA LION	Sunk by aerial bombs	4 men lost	TROUT	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
S-36	Ran aground	No loss of life	TULLIBEE	Sunk by own torpedo	79 men lost,
S-26	Rammed by escort	46 men lost, 2 survived			1 survivor taken prisoner
SHARK 1	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	GUDGEON	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
PERCH	Sunk by surface craft	All taken prisoner, 8 died in prisoner of war camp	HERRING	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
S-27	Ran aground	No loss of life	GOLET	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
GRUNION	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost	S-28	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
S-39	Ran aground	No loss of life	ROBALO	Sunk by enemy mines	77 men lost, survivors taken prisoner, none survived
ARGONAUT	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	FLIER	Sunk by enemy mines	78 men lost, 8 survived
AMBERJACK	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	All hands lost	HARDER	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
GRAMPUS	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	SEAWOLF	Sunk by friendly destroyer	All hands lost, plus 17 army personnel
TRITON	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	DARTER	Ran aground	No loss of life
PICKEREL	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	SHARK II	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
GRENADIER	Sunk by aerial bombs	All taken prisoner, 4 died in prisoner of war camp	TANG	Sunk by own torpedo	78 men lost, 9 taken prisoner
RUNNER	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost	ESCOLAR	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost
R-12	Sunk cause unknown	42 men lost, 3 survivors	ALBACORE	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost
GRAYLING	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost	GROWLER	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
POMPANO	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost	SCAMP	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	All hands lost
CISCO	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	All hands lost	SWORDFISH	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
S-44	Sunk by surface craft	55 men lost, 2 survivors taken prisoner	BARBEL	Sunk by aerial bombs	All hands lost
DORADO	Sunk by friendly aircraft	All hands lost	KETE	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
WAHOO	Sunk by aerial bombs	All hands lost	TRIGGER	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	All hands lost
CORVINA	Sunk by enemy sub	All hands lost	SNOOK	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
SCULPIN	Sunk by surface craft	63 men lost, 21 survivors taken prisoner	LAGARTO	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
CAPELIN	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	BONEFISH	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
SCORPION	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost	BULLHEAD	Sunk by aerial bombs	All hands lost
GRAYBACK	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	All hands lost			

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**STATE
COMMANDER'S CORNER
U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS OF N. C.**



Here it is April and about a third of the year has pass already. Where does the time go to? I guess it's a question of "time flies when you're having fun". I'm out here at my play farm at Shiloh, Camden County, N.C., having fun. I hope everybody knows where that is. Look it up an a map. After a good rain last night the sun is shining bright and the sky is that "Tarheel Blue". The weeds are in competition with the tomatos and cukes to see which can overtake the other. The Blue Birds are argueing over who will take care of the house I put up. I love to sit on the back deck in the evening with a little toddy watching the Mocking bird lord it over everybody else. The John Deere is standing in the back yard "snorting and raring to go" to get the mowing job done. I wish the second part of the saying "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world" could be true.

On Easter Sunday I was 82 years young. My live in partner of 62 years fixed a big Lamb Roast and all my local relatives "broke bread" with us. I don't feel a day older!

Rose Mary and I have had a busy year with the Subvets. Last December we went to the Christmas party held by the Tidewater chapter at Virginia Beach. Those folks have a very active chapter and put on well attended function. The party was held at the Sandcastle motel which has a large hospitality room with a bar and plenty of room. The banquet was buffet style with a DJ to provide music for dancing later.

In February we attended the service for shipmate and good friend Jim Harbin. The SubVets were well represented with 14 in attendance. The Memorial service was a beautiful affair with a reception after. At the interment our Chaplain set sail for Jim on his final patrol. Jim Myers and Libby kindly invited Rose Mary and me to lodge with them at this time and we thank them profusely and hope to be able to return the favor sometime. While there in Walkertown I had the opportunity to get an interview with shipmate Howie Rice, who I believe is our oldest active member. Howie spoke for over two hours about his life in the Navy and his experiences in the Sub Service. I have the interview recorded on DVD and intend to transmit it to the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress. I can also make copies of this recording for anybody who desires it. The Elizabeth City luncheon meeting in March was fairly well attended by 54 stalward souls. Several of our friends from Virginia were there. The meal was the usual excellent buffet and everybody stuffed themselves. The usual agenda was observed whit the pledge of allegiance, blessing, food, introductions, tolling of boats, announcements, raffle. It was a sight to see Mike Burkholder handing out prizes with his "rag hat" and garrison belt on. We are indebted to Jean (no green beans) Parker for making the arrangements.

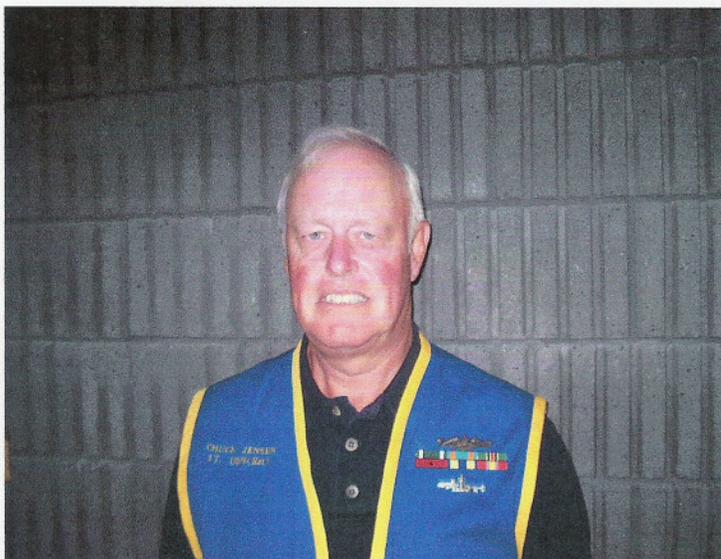
How many of our members are planning to take the Alaska cruise next year? At my age I believe this will be the only opportunity I'll ever have to see this beautiful part of the US, and the arrangements and price can't be beat. I understand that the available space is fast filling up so if you want to go don't wait.

As a final word I wish to mention that many of our shipmates are on the "binnacle list". Chuck Jensen discussed this at our meeting in Cary last week and there is going to be an effort to contact those who don't have e-mail and can't keep up with the functions of the NC SubVets.

See y'all in Burnsville.

DON

USSVI COMMANDER



ELIZABETH CITY HIGHLIGHTS

We had a great meeting this year in Elizabeth City with 54 members and guests at the luncheon. Many thanks to Jean Parker for hosting this meeting and providing the excellent accommodations and a great meal. Pat Collins our Holland Club Coordinator procured USSVI "Senior Submariner Awards" for all our base's Holland Club members who qualified in the 1940's. Howie Rice was the first member of our base to receive this award last year at the Rocky Mount Meeting. Since Howie is the **most** senior submariner in our

base it was only fitting for him to present this award to his peers that were at the Elizabeth City meeting. Those receiving the award were, Billy Williams, Don Small, Bill Morris, Shorty LeBonville, Bill Whelan, and Don LeDuc. For those Holland Club members who qualified in the 1940's and were not at Elizabeth City, let me know if you will be planning on attending any other meetings this year as I would like to present your award at one of these meetings. To follow-up on this, on Sunday April 9th Howie Rice presented Charles (John) Johnson both his Senior Submariner and Holland Club Award at his home in Winston-Salem. Howie was accompanied by several other NC Subvets and also present was some of Charles' family. At the Cary Working Meeting held on Saturday April 22nd, Pat Collins presented the Senior Submariner Award to Bill Bradburn, Karl Evans, and Joe Clark. On Sunday April 23rd, several NC Subvets accompanied Joe Clark in a visit to Ollie Thompson at his home in Charlotte and Joe presented Ollie with his Senior Submariner Award.

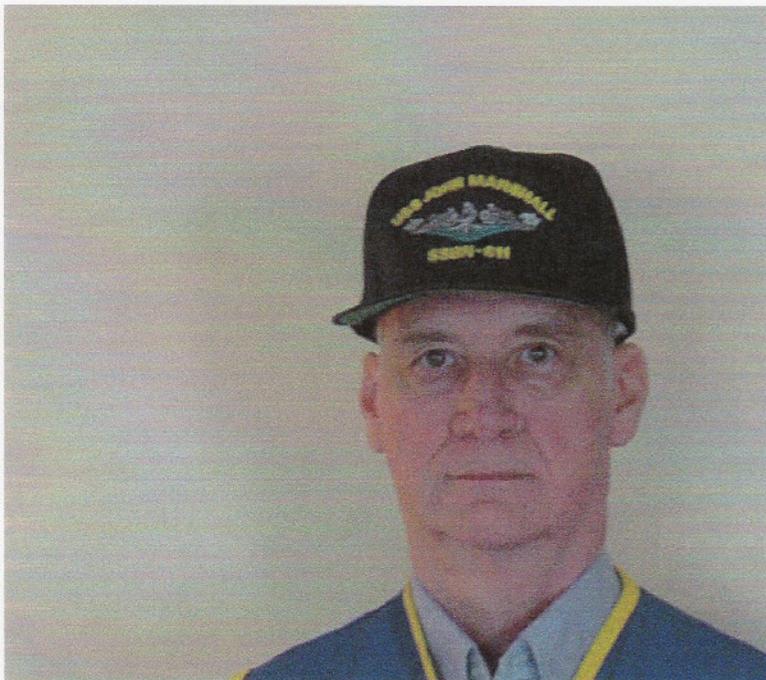
On Saturday April 22nd, we had a working meeting in Cary to plan for the June 10th Burnsville Meeting. This meeting was well attended with more than 30 base members in attendance. Many thanks to Bill Whelan for setting the meeting up at the Momma Mia Restaurant. The information on the Burnsville meeting as well as the registration form is contained in this issue of the ALL CLEAR. Wayne Powell is carrying on the tradition established by Dick Kanning, our previous Vice Base Commander, of heading up the planning committee for any major NC Subvet meetings other than the Pearl Harbor Dinner that Mike Burkholder always does. This meeting, in addition to being the 2nd quarter NC Subvets meeting, we are also hosting the 2006 USSVI District #3 Meeting for Dick Kanning who is the USSVI District #3 Commander. Assisting Wayne is Will Harvey who will be again running the hospitality room again and this year will also be selling base stores. We will again be using the Nu Wray Inn as the meeting headquarters and will have the luncheon there at noon. We are also inviting the new owners of the property where Chief Flowers' Memorial to the lost boats of WWII is located. The future of the memorial is still unknown and I will try to contact the local county officials while I am at Burnsville to get a status update.

We won't know if the proposed location for the S-28 Memorial at the USS North Carolina Battleship site in Wilmington will happen until their board of directors meet in May. One of our member's, Terry Kuhn who works there, is acting as our on-site representative. The board of directors has to approve the memorial being located on the property. If they do, I have a granite company in Asheboro on standby ready to make and install the memorial.

Our next activity will be the Thomasville Memorial Day Parade that will be held on Monday May 29th. As soon as I get the details from Bill Bradburn, I will get the word out to everyone.

Chuck

USSVI VICE COMMANDER



We have finalized the combined District 3 and NC Subvets meeting in Burnsville, NC on June 9 and 10, 2006. The Nu Wray INN will be the location of the hospitality suite, lunch and business meeting. You will find information in the news letter for the meeting including registration, driving directions, lodging, and schedule. It is expected that a good time will be had by all as we have in the past. For those that have not seen the Submarine Memorial on Moonshine Mountain built by fellow submariner Chief Flowers, you are in for a wonderful treat.

The following persons will be organizing/coordinating the meeting.

- Wayne Powell – registration/coordination
- Will Harvey – hospitality and ship's store
- Bill Whelan – chaplain duties
- Pat Collins – half and half drawing
- Dick Kanning – District 3 meeting and hard refreshments
- Chuck Jenson – NC SubVets meeting

Rosemary has sold the Nu Wray Inn and will be returning to Georgia, but will be there for our meeting. No one fixes chicken salad the way she does.

Also there are several Subvets living in Burnsville; Joe and Jeannette Peek own the "Silent Poetry" shop at 120 W. Main St. and will be offering a discount on purchases made by Subvets. Stop by and maybe even share sea stories while the lady shops.

Don't forget to send in registration forms by May 29, 2006.

During our time at Burnsville, an annual Artists' Studio Tour of Yadkin and Mitchel counties will be underway and will provide an opportunity to visit artist studios that are not usually open.

In support of the "All Clear", I am asking all members to submit articles of submarine experiences and sea stories etc. to be published in the "All Clear". We would all enjoy hearing them and they will probably bring back some of our own memories. We all have told and enjoyed hearing the sea stories, but there are many that have not been told or heard. Take this opportunity to share them with your fellow submariners.

A reminder to those of you that are retired military and are approaching 65 years old or have reached 65, ensure you inform DEERS of the change. Tricare coverage changes at 65 to Tricare for Life and they need to be informed to ensure medical benefits are coordinated. You should also inform them of any major family or personal changes.

WAYNE

SUBGALLEON CORNER

Our wonderful editor and publisher of the All Clear has given me a deadline. He wants this article "Not on the 22nd of April, not on the 24th of April, he wants it on the 23rd of April" So here I am on the 18th burning the midnight oil. Our E.City meeting was well attended. We had 54 guests. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and the food was certainly delicious. Jean Parker made all the arrangements for the accommodations and the food. The staff at the Quality Inn was short handed that day and Dusty Lathrop's daughter did a great job pinch hitting for the waitress. The luncheon commenced with the usual introduction and various comments. I've noticed that the sub vets are having a lot of fun introducing their wives. When it was Howie Rice's turn he said "I lost my lovely wife Louise last year" Then he lean forward and smiled and said "I just want you lovely ladies to know I'm available." One thing all submariners have in common is their ability to charm the ladies.

Don Small in his position as Commander of Submarine Veterans of WWII has mentioned that we are in a transitional period. Most of the planning for our meetings and events are planned with the newly formed organization Submarine Veterans of North Carolina. I am sure most of you know that Submarine Veteran of WWII and Submarine Veterans Inc. function as a unit in this state. What I don't think the wives of Sub Vets know is that the men do not have business meeting after our social events. Therefore after our luncheons or Pearl Harbor meeting there is no time allotted for the wives business meeting. I must admit we don't have much business to conduct but it would be nice to get together and catch up on the news.

One bit of business I wanted to tell you in Elizabeth City was that Jean Parker is now the Sunshine Lady. Her address and telephone number are in the All Clear. Please let her know about anyone who might need a little sunshine in their life.

I talked to Terry Thompson today. Ollie just got out of the hospital. He had congestive Heart-failure. A visiting nurse comes to his house three days a week, so he is more or less house bound. Terry said he would like to see or hear from his buddies .Don called Randy Denson and Randy said "they still don't know what's wrong with me and I've become a couch warmer" Jean Parker talked to Claire Blakely recently. Jean reports that Claire is about the same. Claire is looking forward to coming to the December meeting next year.

On a personal note. This has been a busy week for the Smalls. Don celebrated his 82nd birthday on Easter Sunday and today is our 62nd anniversary. Don and I are looking forward to our trip to Burnsville.

Your Commander,
Rosemary Small

NAVAL OFFICER IN HEAVEN

It is alleged that there was great consternation at the Pearly Gates Sunday morning at 0933 (according to QM St. Peter's log) when a naval officer and a minister from Texas arrived at the same time. It seems that when St. Peter, who was O.O.D. at the time, saw the naval officer he became very excited. He broke out the full guard (Marines imported from Hades for the occasion). The band played several marches and everything went off in great style (the bandmaster being on leave). After it was all over. The minister came through the Gate but was quickly shunted down a side street. Well, he being a man of the Gospel, took it in good faith, but when he learned later that there was to be a big reception that evening for the officer (fifteen angels allotted from each precinct) he grew very angry. He went to the recording Personnel Office Yeoman, and demanded to know why he, a man who had given his life to the Lord, should be ignored while a naval officer should be feted and praised by all hands. The angel then explained that the place was filled with ministers, but the naval officer that just arrived was the first ever to make the grade.

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DISTRICT THREE COMMANDER



The District 3 Burnsville meeting is rapidly coming. I hope you all are planning on being there. Burnsville, with its neat craft shoppes, nearby Mt. Mitchell and surely not the least memorable is the 52 Lost Boat memorial, built by deceased USSVWWII hero, Chief Flowers.

Will Harvey, our connoisseur of victuals and grog, has promised his usual abundant supply of same. A surplus of Tarheel base, SSN-777 and Submarine goodies will be present for stocking your own gear locker. Pat Collins promises to maintain an absolute un-bias and of course friendly 50-50 raffle.

With a free breakfast with the rooms at the NuWray Inn and the friendly atmosphere throughout the town a good time will be had.

New this year will be the presentation of the District Commanders Award, for that individual or individuals who best support the purpose of USSVI and/or has provided significant service or accomplishments for your base. This is something new I initiated and will be what I hope to be a continuing annual event.

I recently attended the SubLant Sailor of the Year (CSL SOY) in company with NC Tom Conlon. Talk about professionals and achievers, this group serves as the epitome of what Submarining and being a Boat Sailor is all about! Gone is the "Steam on the weekend and go to sea to recuperate" attitude. A real pleasure in conversing with these candidates. Even though only 4 achieved the awards (Jr and Sr shore and Jr and Sr sea) and the one overall SOY, all 16 were really impressive.

Ron Williams, Vice CDR NOVA Base, served on the Selection Board. To echo his comments: 'WOW! What a bunch of winners!' A big 'Atta boy and BZ' to Ron for his exemplary efforts!

The District is growing: A new base, West Tennessee has been formed, with their paperwork in the cycle. Dennis Blado, previously of FLA has been the driver for this

An effort on the part of George Parker (SS-350) is in the works for a new base in the Pigeon Forge TN area.

Also, in the works is a Base in Western KY (Possibly the Dan'l Boone), being driven by Dennis Parker of Lawrenceburg KY

Marge & I attended The 106th Submarine Birthday Ball in VA Beach. Over 1000 persons in attendance. We were guests at the SSN-777 table in company of CMDCM Bubba Jones and his guest Carol, and CDR and Jennifer Herrington, PCO 777. With the three SSN-777 tables each containing a model of the real three sections of the boat, with an announcement of the coming of 'The Girl'; wt 7000 tons, length 360 feet with expected delivery date of 1/2008 a gala mood was prevalent. During the prelude to the cake cutting, qualified sailors were asked to sit when

their qual decade was called. Upon reaching earlier than 1966, only 3 remained; #3, Ron Williams NoVa Base 1964 ADM Munns' sword, in company of Mrs. Rickover, widow of ADM H.G. Rickover.

The SSN-777 remains grateful for our support and rapport that we as abase have with them. They remain willing to join us in any event we'd care to have their company. It is with regret that CDR Herrington will be departing late this summer. His tour is up and with the 777 being delayed, he attested to the fact that Bubba will keep things on an even keel during the changeover (As only a Chief of his standing could)

SOS! Jim Myers need each of us to be on the lookout for a trailer capable of holding our MK-14 Torpedo. He needs his back for work projects.

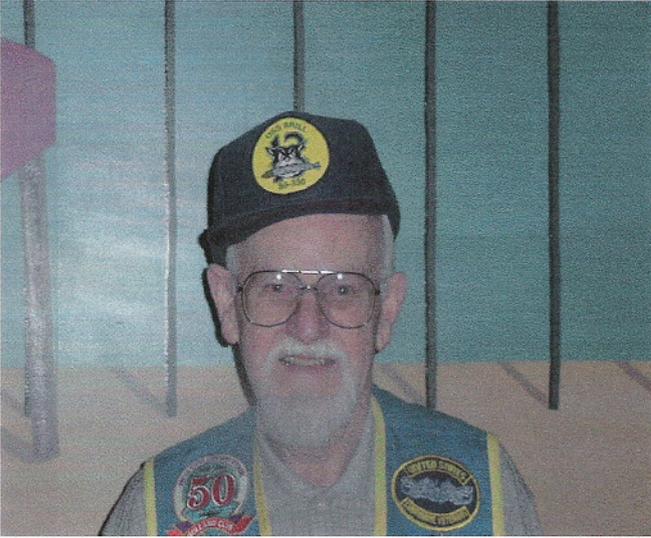
OLDIES BUT GOODIES



2006 SUBMARINE BIRTHDAY BALL OLDEST QUALIFIED PRESENT
RON WILLIAMS 1964 PETE SOCOCO 1929 DICK KANNING 1962

See you in June!
Dick

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



OBITUARIES ARE IMPORTANT!

It's been a joke in our family for years that first thing Daddy does in the morning is scan the obituaries in the morning paper to see if he needs to shave and go off to work that day. The saying continues, although it's no longer a joke. As chaplain, we check the obituaries daily for names of submarine veterans who have recently set sail on their eternal patrol (so we can minister to their families).

The subject of obituaries was raised at the last NC SubVets' working meeting at Mamma Mia's in Cary, during an informal pre-meeting

discussion (incidentally, 33 SubVets showed up for that meeting, to set something of an attendance record).

Naturally interested in obituaries, we tuned in to the conversation. Someone had commented that it was important for us to prepare our own obituaries before they were needed for two reasons: (1) to lift a portion of the burden on the surviving spouse during her time of grief; and (2) to ensure that what we consider important in our lives (that we are submarine veterans) made its way into the obituary.

Ed Galaviz, one of the group, got a faraway look in his eyes. Responding to the comment, he said, "You know, Pat has been after me for years to write my own obituary. I've actually thought about it once or twice," and he started thinking out loud:

"Edward Galaviz believes in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

"Edward was conceived by (we missed Ed's father's name), born of the non-Virgin (we missed Ed's mother's name), suffered under a host of teachers and Navy COBs, was qualified, died, and was buried.

"Edward descended into hell. "The third day Edward arose again from the dead. and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty...."

The klaxon sounded, indicating the start of the business meeting, so we didn't hear the rest of Ed's "obituary."

(Chaplain's Note: Your chaplain may have stretched the facts a bit in reporting Ed's comment on obituaries, but the fact remains that thinking ahead about what we want in our obituaries would be doing a tremendous favor to those responsible for putting together the right words when they're needed. Additionally, we hope we have not offended anyone by modifying the familiar Apostles' Creed--it is sacred to us, too.)

THE BINNACLE LIST!

During prayer time at the last NC SubVets' working meeting, we asked for those attending to add the following SubVets and their Silent Partners to their prayer lists:

Randy Denson of Rocky Mount,
Wallace Dusenbury of Clemmons,
Karl Evans of Apex,
Pat Galaviz of Greensboro,
Robert (RA) and Marge Harris of Henderson,

Leonard Jackson of Wilmington,
Johnny Johnson of Winston Salem,
Dusty Lathrop of Madison,
Dalline Lebonville and Ollie Thompson
of Charlotte

We realize that submariners are basically unfamiliar with the term, "binnacle list" because submarines don't have them. Basically, they're lists of crew members who, for one reason or another, are entitled to "light duty," no heavy stuff like loading stores, torpedoes, and like-a that. So we won't be asking the above 10 "guys" to do any heavy lifting any time soon.

But, getting back, to binnacle lists, we hope to make them a part of future "Corners." We've had 'em in the past, but stopped when we stopped getting reports about them from y'all. After all, if you don't tell us, we won't know.

Bottom line: keep your prayer lists active. They are effective!

SAILOR, REST YOUR OAR!

We returned from last NC SubVets' working meeting to find the latest ***POLARIS*** in our mailbox. On pages 28 and 29 was a list of recently added World War II submariners on eternal patrol. The list included the names of nine North Carolina submariners:

W. Ralph Burrage, CAPT Walter S. DeLany, CAPT Henry C. Lauerman, James Leloudis, Wheeler B. (Johnny) Lipes, William T. Mole, Rufus B. Poole, CDR Charles P. Trumbull, and Herald D. Venable. Keep their families in your prayers!

THEY THAT GO DOWN TO THE SEA....!

We can't close this "Corner" without going to the Good Book. It's from Psalms 107: 23-32:

"They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

These see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep.

For He commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man (sorry, guys), and are at their wit's end.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then they are glad because they be quiet: so He bringeth them unto their desired haven.

Oh, that *men* would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Let them exalt Him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders."

Bless you,
Chaplain Bill

USSVI TREASURER'S AND MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

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Balance Forward (2005) \$4,972.46
Income (2006) 1,120.00
Expenses (2006) 1,537.15

Balance \$4,555.31

Respectfully Submitted:
Bob Werner

Membership Report:

We now have 124 members of which 95 are Life Mbrs. & 29 Annual Mbrs. This includes 17 WWII members, and one Associate Member.

In 2005 we added 22 new members and lost 8 members. To date in 2006, we have added 7 new members and lost 7 members.

For the year 2005, we still have 24 outstanding (not returned) applications; in 2006 ytd we have 6 outstanding applications.

EDITOR'S NOTE

As everyone should know by now USSVI National has an award for newsletter of the year. We (NC Subvets) have entered the contest the last two years and have come in fifth and eighth runner up. This year we would like to do things a little differently. This newsletter is every members newsletter so we are asking for everyone to participate and answer a ballot for which newsletter to submit. We have to pick a newsletter for the last 5 letters sent out. **April, May June 05; July, August, September 05; October, November, December 05; January, February, March 06 and April, May, June 06.**

PLEASE VOTE BY CALLING OR EMAILING Jim Myers or Chuck Jensen

Jim Myers-----email sublobo@triad.rr.com , Phone 336 595 8616
Chuck Jensen-----email chuck-focc@att.net , Phone 336 676 9702

1. April, May June 2005 _____
2. July, August September 2005 _____
3. October, November December 2005 _____
4. January, February March 2006 _____
5. April, May June 2006 _____

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.

Subject: Life Membership is \$50, except Members w/10 years tenure are \$25.00

At Convention it was voted to accept \$25 for **Life Membership** from those members who belonged to our WWII org ten (10) **consecutive** years or more. This was not in the last Polaris, thus there is some misunderstanding by some members. They believed all Life Dues are now \$25.00. Not true. We have about 4 Members who took our 10 Year + offer of \$25 Life. Life Membership is growing, and only with your help can we come as close to 100% , which would be very comfortable for lots of people, State & Natl.
Record keepers need a break, as does Robbie Robertson and myself.

July 31, 2006 will be the dead line for Renewal of WWII Sub Vet 2007 dues. National decided that anyone delinquent in dues as of 11/1/04 would be dropped from the Polaris Magazine per an Email from John Anderson National Secretary/ Treasurer and National President L.W. Speed on November 23, 2004.

Toaster 1 – Reactor 0

BY Wayne Powell ETCS(SS) retired

The following occurred on one of my FBM deterrent patrols and electricians may appreciate the event. As most submariners may remember, the electrical division conducted monthly ‘routines’ to check for proper grounding of portable electrical devices which included toasters used in the crew’s mess, and if found to not meet ground requirements, the electrical plug was cut off to prevent use until repaired.

Well as might be suspected, a toaster failed the ground check and was taken to AMR2 to be repaired by the on watch Auxialry Electrician Aft. The AMR2 watch was a Reactor Control Technician working on qualification for Reactor Operator. The electrician repaired the toaster and megged it but he wanted to turn it on before putting a new plug on it. The AMR2 watch assisted him in finding a way to get power (unfortunately not the best way). The AMR2 watch provided access to a remote power supply for testing nuclear protection equipment. Not being fully qualified as Reactor Operator, he was not aware what the actual power source was, so they hooked up the toaster using temporary connections. Then they turned it on!

Next thing heard was “ reactor scram – rig for reduced electrical – Machinery 2 check for cause of scram”. Of course there were two watch standers that knew the cause of the scram immediately but not why. It seems the source of the power supply was from Nuclear Instrumentation and the fuses were rated below the current pulled by the toaster, therefore two channels of instrumentation lost power resulting in a reactor scram.

The fuses were replaced and an immediate fast scram recovery was initiated. I did not see the incident report filed back to Admiral Rickover but I am sure he reviewed it in detail with the CO.

The 2007 USSVI Convention - Cruise Alaska - Sept. 15-22, 2007

On Saturday, September 15, 2007, the *ms Oosterdam* will depart Seattle with the 2007 USSVI Convention onboard. The ship has 900 cabins that can accommodate about 1800. Over half the cabins are booked. **You do not have to be a USSVI member to join the fun.**

All submariners, their families, and friends are invited. Don't wait—register now!

A \$350 dollar per person deposit is due when booking your cabin. It is fully refundable until September 2006 when the balance is due. Insurance is available that will refund most of your money in case you are unable to sail in 2007. The price includes: A seven night cruise, all shipboard meals and entertainment, port tax, gratuities, and registration for the 2007 convention.

At <http://www.aaawa.com/submarine/index.htm>, you will find the cruise itinerary, port info, onboard experiences, deck plans, pricing, photos, contacts, and FAQ. View the **deck plans** and **pricing** then contact our **AAA Travel Agent Kim** either by email at www.aaawin.com/submarine or toll free at (877) 802-6894 and book your cabin and Boat Reunion **before September 2006**. For current (updated weekly) 2007 Convention News and the Cruise Roster go to <http://gertrude-check.up-scope.org>. Click on the Cruise Roster to see if you have shipmates attending.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL, MAY, JUNE

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.

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JOHN BLOM	RONALD BEAUCHAMP	ANDREW F. DELL
MICHAEL DUNN	WILLIAM G. DRESSEL	FREDERICK FORST
WILLIAM E. EDWARDS	ROBERT FELLOWS	DUANE E. GOW
CLINTON W. EGERTON	ROY HALL	GRAIG HARDY
KARL EVANS	DONALD R. HASELEY	WILLIAM HARVEY
ED GALAVIZ	GEORGE HECKER	MANLY HUDSON
ROBERT ATLAS HARRIS	CHARLES JENSEN	STANLEY A. MOORE
DONALD HUSTON	TERRY KUHN	ROBERT JACKSON SLOOP
LEONARD JACKSON	JOSEPH E. MORGAN	DAVID B. BOCK
WILLIAM F. McKAY	THOMAS RICHEY	
DONALD C. SMALL	KENNETH SIGWORTH	
ROBERT STOWELL	LINWOOD SUTTON	
OLIVER L. THOMPSON	CHARLES B TOLBERT	
MORRIS COFFEY	LARRY C. TRAVIS	
HENRY D. PRICE	GLENN E. HARRIS	
	WILLIAM C. KING	
	HERMAN ZEIGLER	

BOOSTER CLUB DONATIONS - 2005

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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
ROBERT BLACK	10/14/05	10.00
DON SMALL	11/23/05	6.00
DONALD LeDUC	12/03/05	20.00
JACK & GAIL SHAFFER	12/06/05	26.00
ROBERT E. WHITE	12/21/05	20.00
WILLIAM CULVER	1/02/06	10.00
RAMONA YOST	3/07/06	20.00
CHARLES MEYER, JR.	3/14/06	20.00
SHORTY LEBONVILLE	3/27/06	40.00
DUANE GOW	4/22/06	5.00
	TOTAL	327.00

The DBF Pin History

In June/July 1969, the USS Barbel (SS 580) was proceeding to WESTPAC to relieve an SSN that could not complete an operation. Throughout the 50's and 60's, this was not uncommon. The Barbel was enroute to Japan and the skipper, Commander Jack Renard, thought it was time to recognize the Diesel Submarine Navy for their efforts: thus the DBF concept was born. A contest was held and the winning design, by ETR3 Leon Figueriedo, was selected. Upon arrival at Yokosuka, the COB headed for "the Alley". The mold was fabricated and the original 200 silver pins were cast. The holes in the bottom for mounting stars signify the number of times you were on a diesel that replaced an SSN. Unfortunately, when they went back to pick up the pins, they left the dies at the factory. Consequently, the pins have been manufactured by the thousands and are being sold in Japan. So what started out to be an exclusive pin for the Barbel, turned into a Pacific wide emblem. Upon their return to Pearl, the Barbel crew proudly wore their DBF pins. This did not make COMSUBPAC very happy, and he ordered that no DBF pins be displayed or worn on Naval uniforms. The major complaint was not the design or the mermaids, but the stars that designated the number of times you were on a diesel that relieved an SSN. Another rumored significance of this insignia is that the DBF pin symbolizes successful patrols in Vietnam. The Submarine Combat Pin was issued to denote successful war patrols during WWII and Korea. No such distinction was awarded during the Vietnam War, thus the DBF pin is being substituted. The DBF insignia is unauthorized, and there are no regulations concerning wearing the device. So all sailors that relieved an SSN, made patrols in Vietnam, and those sailors that served on or support "diesel boats" wear the "DIESEL BOATS FOREVER" emblem with pride.

JUNE 10 DISTRICT #3 & N.C. SUB VET MEMORIAL MEETING



The Tarheel Base will host this year's District #3 Meeting in conjunction with June's N.C. Subvets Quarterly Meeting. It will be held in Burnsville, NC on Saturday June 10th that is near the site of the memorial that Chief Flowers built to honor the 52 submarines lost during WWII. The Nu Wray Inn will be the meeting headquarters. A noon luncheon has been arranged at The Nu Wray Inn and the hospitality room will be located there also.

The following is information on lodging in Burnsville, NC:

The Nu Wray Inn is a classic old inn on the main square in town. The **Room Rate is \$75 per room plus tax** that is 10%, so that comes to **\$82.50**. This is a great rate since the rooms regularly go for \$80/\$90/\$100 plus tax. When you call for room reservations let them know that you are a sub vet. Phone - 828-682-2329 or 800-368-9729
www.nuwrayinn.com

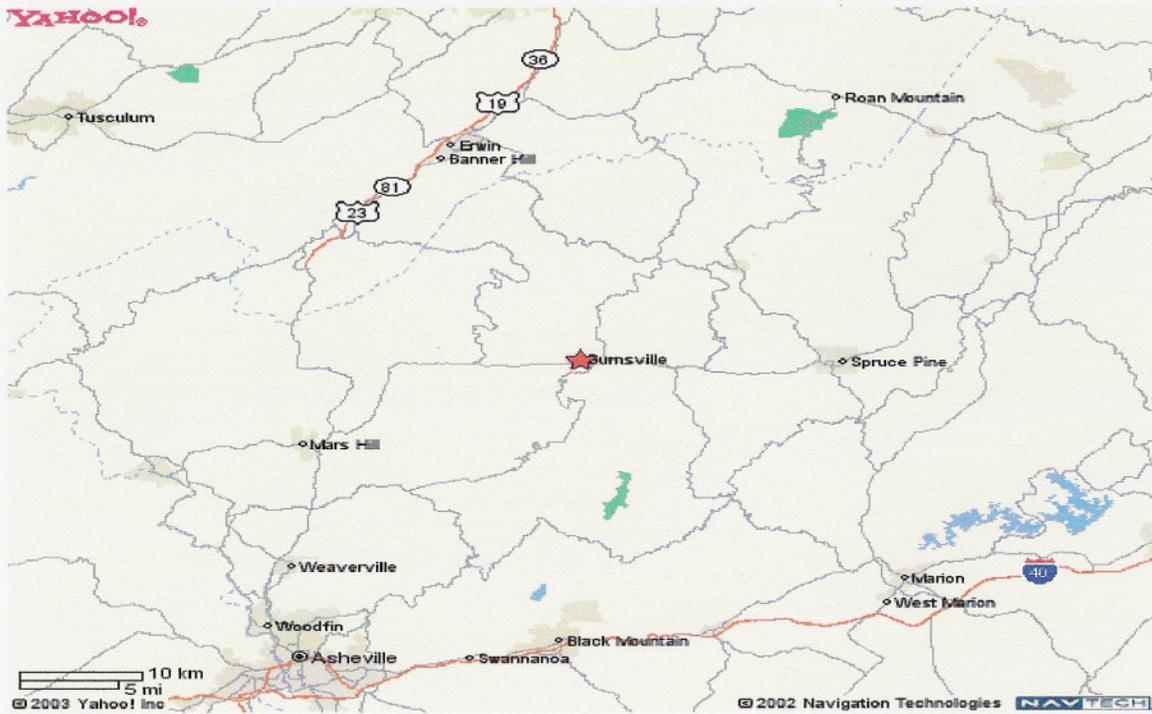
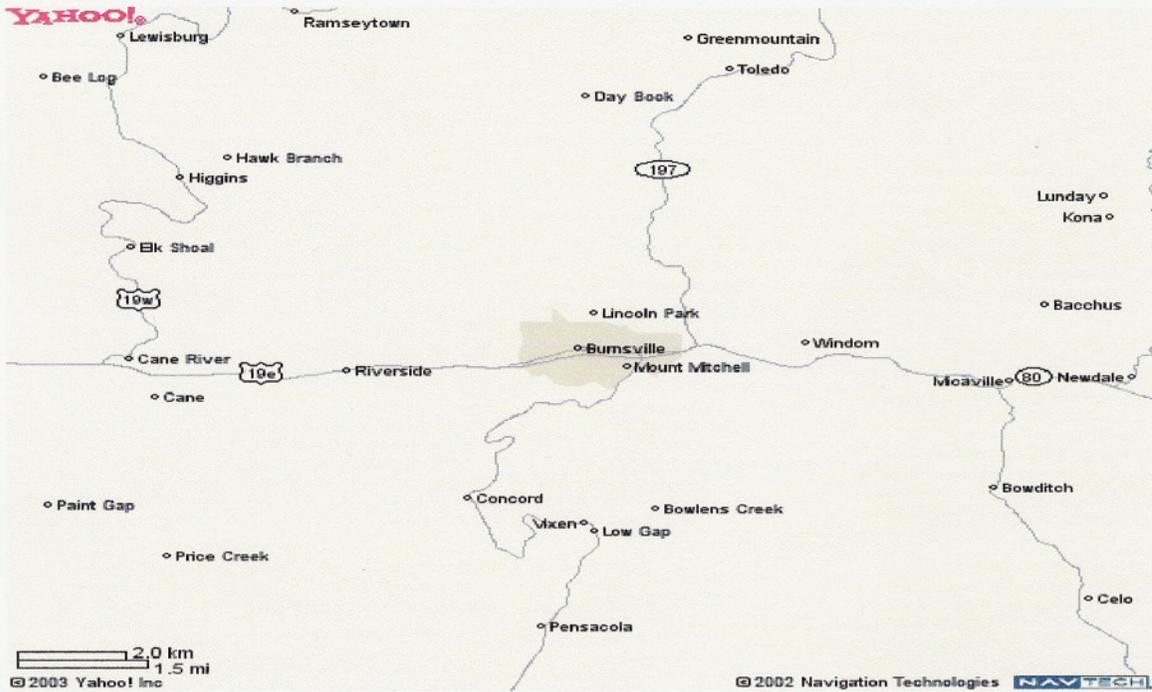
Across the street is the **Wray House** is a Bed and Breakfast that has 5 rooms.
Phone - 828-682-0445

Not far, but several blocks away, is another very nice Bed and Breakfast the **Terrell House** that has 6 room, full breakfast and daytime refreshments included. Phone 828-682-4505
www.terrellhousebandb.com

There are also a few small motels located in the area and would be less expensive. For information on the area folks can go to www.burnsville-nc.com and www.yanceychamber.com

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS:

From the west to Asheville, take US 23 N. to US 19 W. Go east on 19 W to the junction of 19 E. Keep going east on 19 E to Burnsville. From the east, take I-40 to US-221 N. at exit 83, go to US 226 to Spruce Pine, Then west on 19E to Burnsville. The Nu Wray Inn is located 1 block north of the main highway, 19E.. See the following maps.





REGISTRATION FORM

JUNE 9th & 10th NC SUBVETS & DISTRICT #3 MEETING AT THE NU-WRAY INN IN BURNSVILLE, NC

Cold Luncheon Choice: **Ham and Cheese Croissant (#1)** Indicate meal choice next to name
Chicken Salad Croissant (#2)

Amount Enclosed: _____ For: _____ Number Coming

Subvets Name: _____ Meal Choice: _____

Guest Name: _____ Meal Choice: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relation: _____

Address & Phone #: _____

Registration Fee which includes the luncheon meal and gratuity is \$15.00 per person.

Go West, Young and Old, Let's Go West

Nestled in the western elevations of North Carolina is Burnsville, NC the site of our meeting. Come and relax in the quaint friendly village and enjoy the tranquil setting of the Nu Wray Inn, an inn in operation since the early 1830's and now a bed and breakfast with abundant gardens and atmosphere. Visit their website www.nuwrayinn.com for more information.

Rooms are available to attendees at a special rate of \$82.50 including tax with a full breakfast. Call the Nu Wray Inn at (800) 368-9729 to make your room reservations and mention that you are with the Subvets. Our hospitality room will be located on the inn's 2nd floor. Remember that Burnsville is in a "dry county" so it is either the hospitality room or what you bring yourself.

If you are planning on attending, please complete this registration form, include your check made payable to USSVI-Tarheel Base, and mail **by May 29th** to:

Wayne Powell
114 Brookridge Drive
Cary, NC 27511

EMAIL: Fbmer@aol.com or Phone: (919) 362 9498
if any questions

**SCHEDULE for NC SUBVETS & DISTRICT 3 MEETING
BURNSVILLE, NC JUNE 9 AND 10, 2006**

Friday June 9, 2006

Arrive, Register/Check in after 3 PM at NU Wray Inn

Hospitality Suite open Second floor

Half and Half tickets available

5 – 8:00 PM Dinner: Dining is Seafood night at NuWray Inn (Dinner is not included in room rate) or you can try other locations in town. If planning to eat at Nu Wray Inn, you should make reservations.

Saturday June 10, 2006

8 – 9:30 AM – Breakfast - Full country breakfast is included with room charge.

For person not staying at the INN, the charge is \$6.37.

Hospitality Suite open

Half and Half tickets available

On your own :

For the ladies - shop Burnsville's unique shops – “Silent Poetry” is owned by Subvet

Joe and Jeannette Peek and will offer a discount to Subvets.

This weekend an Artist Studio Tour is scheduled for the area which means the artists will have their studios open to the public.

Visit WWW.Burnsville-NC.com for a guide to downtown shops.

Listing of local sites and attractions is at WWW.nuwrayinn.com/attractions.

1100 - NC SUBVETS business meeting followed by District 3 business meeting.

Weather permitting, the meetings will be held in garden area at Nu Wray Inn.

1200 - lunch – included in registration fee

Visit Submarine Memorial Site on Moonshine Mountain

Invocation

Group picture

5 – 8:00 PM - Dinner at NU Wray Inn or other locations in town. Dinner is not included in room rate.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

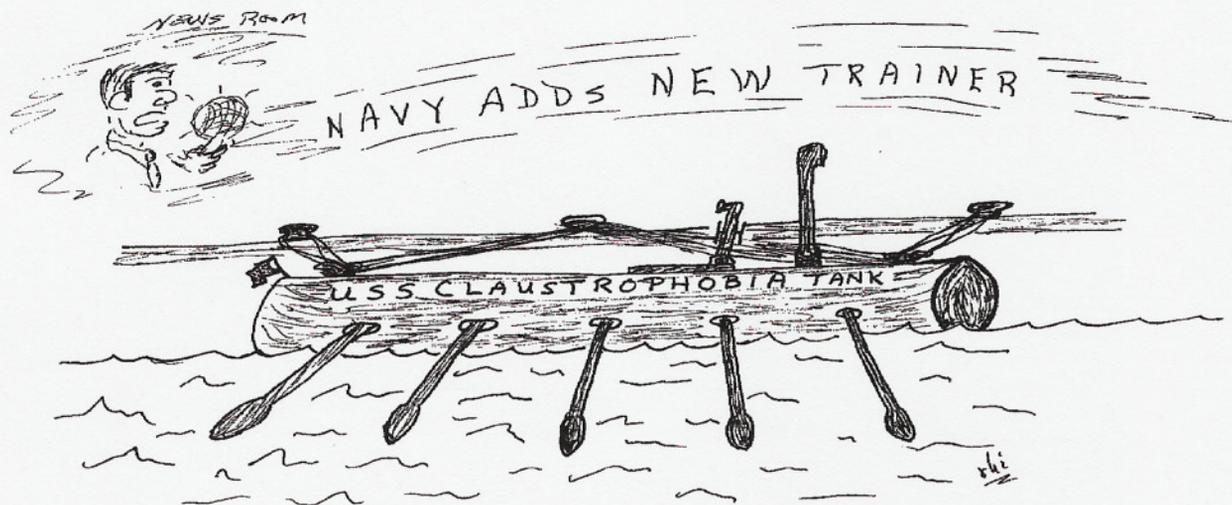
Only in America..... Do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions, while healthy people buy cigarettes at the front.

Only in America....do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

Only in America... do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

Only in America.... Do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

Only in America.... do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.



EVERY NOW AND THEN IT TAKES
A TRUE MILITARY MIND TO COME
UP WITH A CLASSIC QUOTE.

In a recent interview, General Norman Schwartzkof was asked if he thought there was room for forgiveness Towards people who have harbored and abetted the Terrorists who perpetrated the 9/11 attacks.

His Answer:

**“I BELIEVE THAT FORGIVING THEM IS
GOD’S FUNCTION. OURS JOB IS
SIMPLY TO ARRANGE THE MEETING”**

THE ENGINEMAN

There was a rate aboard the boats though few around today that never seemed to sleep and never seemed to play.

You never saw them stand a watch up there in the sail and due to this bore countenance of ghastly grey and pale.

Fresh air seemed their enemy, noise and heat a trusted friend. This was a rate known to the crew as Snipes, or Engineman.

Their nails were always dirty, and hands all black from toil. Which they would wipe on carried rags, each one soaked with oil.

They smelled of sweat and diesel cologne I guess to them. This was a very different bunch that “black gang” called Engineman.