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**PRIDE RUNS DEEP**



**“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		Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
		No loss of life	HERRING	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
S-27	Ran aground	All hands lost	GOLET	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
GRUNION	Sunk cause unknown	No loss of life	S-28	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
S-39	Ran aground	All hands lost	ROBALO	Sunk by enemy mines	77 men lost, survivors taken prisoner, none survived
ARGONAUT	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost			78 men lost, 8 survived
AMBERJACK	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	All hands lost	FLIER	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost
		All hands lost	HARDER	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost, plus
GRAMPUS	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	SEAWOLF	Sunk by friendly destroyer	17 army personnel
TRITON	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost			No loss of life
PICKEREL	Sunk by surface craft	All taken prisoner, 4 died in prisoner of war camp	DARTER	Ran aground	All hands lost
GRENADIER	Sunk by aerial bombs	All hands lost	SHARK II	Sunk by surface craft	78 men lost, 9 taken prisoner
		42 men lost, 3 survivors	TANG	Sunk by own torpedo	All hands lost
RUNNER	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost			All hands lost
R-12	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost	ESCOLAR	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost
GRAYLING	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost	ALBACORE	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost
POMPANO	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost	GROWLER	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
CISCO	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	All hands lost	SCAMP	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	All hands lost
		55 men lost, 2 survivors taken prisoner			All hands lost
S-44	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	SWORDFISH	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
		All hands lost	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	63 men lost, 21 survivors taken prisoner			All hands lost
SCULPIN	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	SNOOK	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
		All hands lost	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	All hands lost			

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Organized to perpetuate the memory of those shipmates who gave their lives in submarine warfare, to further promote and keep alive the spirit and the unity that existed among crewmen during WWII, to promote sociability, general welfare and good fellowship among its members, to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of

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



It would appear that some super-natural being (the weatherman) knows when I am about to sit down and compose an epistle for the All Clear. After weeks of this spring like, balmy weather, it was over 70 here yesterday, the coming cold weather that has devastated the Midwest and New England is due to hit here tonight and tomorrow. It will be a welcome relief to get some moderate winter weather and some rain! As long as it's not ice or snow.

Rose Mary and I had a busy December between partying and Christmas with family. We started off at the annual Tidewater Chapter Christmas party at Va. Beach on Thursday, Dec. 7. They sure put on a big bash with the refreshments, light and heavy hors d'oeuvres fixed by the lady vets, and a scrumptious banquet. And you couldn't beat the company.

We were the only ones from NC there. From there we took a leisurely drive to Greensboro on Friday. That was another place where you couldn't beat the company. Kudos' to Mary Ann and the gals for the fixings and Dick and Chuck for the refreshments. As reported elsewhere this was the best attended PH Memorial yet so Bravo Zulu (whatever that means-we didn't have that in the '40s) to Mike B. for arranging such a great function. (I've heard that Mike's leaving us-is that right). We wearily left G'boro Sunday AM and made it back to P.H. in about 5 1/2 hours. Just in time to prepare for that fat man that is supposed to come down the chimney. Sometimes I wonder what the fat man has to do with the Birth in the Manger.

We had a quiet Christmas brunch with the local Small family, 4 extra and 3 dogs, with the anticipated arrival next day of the other Small contingents from Florida and Conn. In all we had an extra 7 here for about a week. We enjoyed them all, and we need to get together as often as possible in the time we have left!

Now about SubVet business. If we have all the regular meetings this year as usual plus all the extras there will be six, the extras being the combined meeting at Wilmington and then the Alaska cruise. The Wilmington affair is scheduled for the first week in May, the Elizabeth City the last week in March. That's too many too close in time and it has been decided that the E.City has to be cancelled. Again, the Alaska cruise is scheduled for Sept. just about the same time as our Rocky Mount meeting so we have decided to cancel that one also. Which leaves the Burnsville and Pearl Harbor Memorial meetings scheduled as usual.

Finally, it's time to start thinking about gardening. I have a plot ready at my country estate in which I have deposited copious quantities of that product that horses produce that makes for big luscious red tomatoes. There will be early plantings of radishes, turnips, peas followed by several rows of red potatoes. After frost danger is over comes the tomatoes, cukes, peppers, egg plant, snap beans, squash-that ought to do it. I need to get Ollie Thompson up here to show me how to make his version of hot pepper relish. Between keeping weeds out of the garden and keeping about 10 acres mowed, I plan to have a full spring and summer. Maybe we ought to plan a summer or fall meeting in Camden County, NC, just to consume all this produce!

That's it for this issue. Hope all of you have a good year. Keep a zero bubble, and hope to see many of you at

Wilmington in May.

**DON**

## **USSVI COMMANDER**

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and I am looking forward to being your base commander again during 2007. In addition to myself, our other elected and appointed base officers remain the same from last year expect for the following changes:

Jerry Emerson was elected as our new base Vice Commander. Wayne Powell elected not to run again for Vice Commander. However he will continue as the chairman of the joint meeting committee planning for next May's meeting in Wilmington. The highpoint of this meeting will be the dedication of North Carolina's Lost Boat Memorial.



of the wet ground conditions at the memorial site adjacent to the Battleship North Carolina setting it has been delayed until early spring. Bill Hengeveld will be our new base webmaster replacing Brian Flynn. Brian is completing his MBA and will probably be leaving the area is the reason for this change.

I view 2006 as a successful year for the base and our membership has grown to 140 members. I would like to review some of the significant activities that were accomplished this year:

- 1 In June, we held our third meeting at Burnsville with a total of 60 members and guests in attendance. Included in the guests attending were Arnold and Viola McIntosh representing the new owners of the memorial as they were unable to attend. Arnold is the caretaker of the property and also assisted Chief Flowers in the construction of the memorial. The new owners have committed to maintain the memorial and hope to be able to attend our meeting this year. Once again the Nu Wray Inn under the direction of Rosemary Chandler provided a great luncheon. At the luncheon we presented Rosemary Chandler a dolphin plaque from the NC Subvets as she has sold the inn and will not be host at the inn for future meetings. In conjunction with this meeting, Dick Kanning held his yearly District #3 meeting. Wayne Powell did an outstanding job as the chairman of the planning committee for this meeting. After the luncheon, we all went up to the memorial and brought along the parade submarine and Mk-14 torpedo. Bill Whelan conducted a brief memorial service while we were all there.
- 2 As in past years, we participated in Thomasville's Memorial Day Parade, Greensboro's Fun Fourth Parade, Newton's Old Solders Parade, and the Veterans Day Parades in High Point, Asheboro, and Winston-Salem. We won the second place prize of \$75.00 in the Asheboro's parade. We used the parade submarine, base bus and Mk-14 torpedo in all the parades with the exception of High Point where the bus was not available as Mike Burkholder was at the King Bay's Annual Memorial Service.

- 3 In October, we held our first working meeting at VFW Post 7383 in Cary and it is a great facility. Many thanks go to Paul Hiser for setting this facility up for our meeting. The women of the post prepared an excellent meal that was enjoyed by all. We had 22 members present for this meeting. The Cary H.S. Naval Jr. ROTC Color Guard presented the colors at the beginning of the meeting. Our guests included the new PCO (Commander Mark Davis) of the PCU North Carolina (SSN 777) along with the present COB and his replacement. Also attending was Teresa Bythewood who is the Chairman USS North Carolina (SSN 777) Committee Navy League of the United States. She wanted to meet us as she is looking for volunteers to assist in the commissioning activities for the USS North Carolina (SSN 777). Captain Davis gave a very interesting presentation on the submarine force of today and the capabilities of the various classes of submarines currently in operation.
  
- 4 We had the best turnout ever for this year's Pearl Harbor Dinner with 88 members and guests attending. Once again Mike Burkholder did an exceptional job in planning this annual event and the dinner that the motel provided was excellent. This year's guest speaker Captain Jerry Burroughs gave a very interesting briefing on how the submarine force is incorporating the latest technology with our Seals. The conversion of 4 Ohio Class SSBNs to SSGNs will be an awesome submarine for conventional warfare. It was good to see Ollie Thompson again and he seemed very impressed with the job Mike Erickson, who is with the Jack Roush NASCAR team, did restoring the Mk-14 torpedo. Also Dick Kanning presented Bill Whelan with the USSVI Award that Bill won at this year's national convention. Duane Gow won the 50/50 raffle and Maryann Burkholder won the afghan that Marge Kanning made and donated to the NC Sub Vets. The afghan raffle brought in \$351.00 that will be used to cover some of the expected additional expenses for May's Wilmington Joint Meeting.

I will continue to use our base communication contacts for those members not having email. I hope we are getting the word out to everyone in a timely manner. Remember it is very important to notify Bob Werner or myself whenever you have either an email or mailing address change. Bob is now maintaining the Tarheel Base data using the new program available with the revised USSVI website. You can access a lot of information that wasn't available before. Go to [www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org) and check it out.

Mark your calendars and don't forget to make your motel reservations **now** for the Wilmington Joint Meeting that will be held May 3 through May 5, 2007. This will be a very special meeting with the dedication of the S-28 Memorial. The meeting registration form and schedule is on our base website in the events section as well as on USSVI's website. To view it there, just click on the Conventions Button and scroll down to it. Also Wayne is putting a copy in this All Clear for those who don't have access to the internet.

Everyone who has not paid their 2007 dues should be aware of their current status. For those that haven't yet paid, you need to do it now. It getting to be an unsatisfactory routine that Bob Werner and I have to keep reminding members to pay their dues. Let's see if we can do better next year by getting your 2008 dues paid by the end of this year.

Chuck

### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

The upcoming Joint Meeting of WWII and USSVI members in May '07 along with the dedication of the S-28 Memorial will be one of the BIGGEST events for the NORTH CAROLINA SUBMARINERS. I wish to encourage everyone if you've not been to one of our meeting this is the one to go too.

## **USSVI VICE COMMANDER**

Newly elected Vice Commander  
Jerry L. Emerson  
QMC(SS)USN RETIRED  
Enlisted 03/07/1958-Retired 06/15/1977  
One surface Craft, Two Diesel Subs, Two FBM"S,  
Two SSN"s,  
One tour as Instructor at SubSch NLON. One tour  
duty at NAS Brunswick Maine.

First I would like to thank the Tarheel base members for electing me as Vice Commander. I will do as much as I can to help the Tarheel Base in all its endeavors.



Today's article is about levity, humor and the ability of the submariner to make the best of all situations and laugh at himself. Humor in the submarine force runs the gambit from bringing goats, chicken, dogs, cats, geese, donkeys and all other forms of animal life on board, to dressing the new non-qual in complete foulweather gear having him stand by in coc for hours and finally sending him topside to watch for the mail buoy. Having GoGo girls dance on the sail plains, flying unmentionables from the periscope, getting Wave's transferred to an SSN.

As you all know, submarine duty is a very serious and dangerous life, and you the submariner made it tolerable by your sense of humor and ability to find distraction in humor and levity. I for one would like to see more articles in the All Clear about humor and levity and some of the things you guys did to bring humor to the day to day routine of life on board a U.S Navy Submarine.

Jerry

## **SUBGALLEON CORNER**

Before I close the book on the old year I would like to tell you about our Pearl Harbor meeting. Not only was it the largest meeting ever, it was great in every way. Good food, plenty of it, and lots of fun. Mike Burkholder did a super job. The hospitality room was a beehive of activity and there were meetings in the anterooms in the hallway about all the events coming up. The Wives of Sub Vets WWII had a good turnout for their meeting. Rose Mary Small opened the meeting with our national prayer. (We couldn't find a flag) Jocelyn Bradburn, Margaret Morgan, Sylva Williams, Dusty Lathrop, Dusty's daughter Cathy, Mary Ritter, Anne Whelan, Bill Whelan, Marge Kanning, Dick Kanning and Wayne Powell were present. Jocelyn Bradburn gave the treasurer's report.

December 2006-----\_26 paid Members  
Income deposits since 6/1/06---197.00  
Dues to national-----110.00  
Donation to Sub Vets of WWII for Memorial, 500.00

Total Expenses-----610.00  
Wachovia Bank Balance -----1062.27

There was no old business. New business was the Regional and the dedication of the S-28 Lost Boat memorial in Wilmington, N.C. With a two item agenda for May, A meeting in June in Burnsville, A Rocky Mt. meeting in Sept. and a National in Montana or a Cruise, both in Sept., It was decided that THERE WOULD NOT BE A MEETING IN MARCH IN ELIZABETH CITY.

We are expecting a large turnout for the May events. The Subgallions are committed to helping with registration and hospitality. Don and I are going to go a day early so we can help get things set up. If you plan on going let me know so I can get a schedule worked up.

Jean Parker wants everyone to know that she is finely out of rehabilitation and home with her daughter. Please write to her or call her. This change in her life style is not going to be easy for her but it's the right decision. Her new address and telephone number are:

Jean Parker  
C/O Carol Egan  
634 Egan Lane.  
Elizabeth City, N.C.  
27909 Teles # 252-264-5331

Dusty Lathrop is scheduled to have a knee replacement on the 26th of Jan. I know she probably will be home before this issue of the All Clear arrives. Keep her in your prayers

You can call or write to her at this address and number.

Dusty Lathrop  
408 W. Hunter Street  
Madison N.C. 27288  
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Don and I ended the year 2006 with a lot of good memories. Don's Little Rock experience and the Virginia Christmas Party and our Burnsville meeting and I could go on and on. It was a good year.

I wish all of my good friends a very happy, healthy New Year.

Rose Mary

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

### ***Prayers Can Be Puzzling!***

Way back on the night of September 25, 1942, my camping buddy Fritz Massmann and I (and Fritz's Mom) were at Madison Square Garden in New York City, attending a world featherweight title fight between Lulu Constantino and Chalky Wright. After the usual introductions, the noisy crowd simmered down to a dull roar. BOTH fighters touched gloves in the center of the ring after receiving the usual prefight instructions, retired to their corners where they genuflected (that means knelt), crossed themselves, said a brief prayer, and came out at the bell, slugging. The fight went the entire 15 rounds with Chalky Wright winning a split decision.



To this day, I haven't forgotten my reaction to that evening. I was impressed that the fighters were apparently religious and not ashamed to pray in public. But more important, I figured that, since Chalky won the fight, God must have figured that he was the better pray-er and granted him the victory.

This morning as I left church, I encountered our Pastor Emeritus, Luther Brewer, a retired Army Chaplain. I brought up another concern of mine--the separation of church and state. He responded, mentioning a related concern of his. "During the Civil War," Luther pointed out, "Chaplains on both sides met with their troops before each major conflict, asking God to favor their side." Their typical prayer could have been, "Bless our arms, grant us the victory, O Lord our God, our Father, and Protector of our land and flag!" Which took me back to that puzzling 1942 prayer experience at Madison Square Garden.



What if God had responded to those Civil War prayers by sending a messenger to the praying chaplains in Blue and Gray? And what if the message had been as follows?

"I come from the Throne, bearing a message from Almighty God! He has heard your prayer and will grant it if such shall be your desire after I, His messenger, shall have explained to you its import--that is to say, its full import. For it is like many of the prayers of men, in that it asks for more than he who utters it is aware of, except he pause and think.

"Have you paused and taken thought? Was your prayer one prayer? No, it was two--one uttered, the other not. Both have reached God's ear. Ponder this--keep it in mind. If you would beseech a blessing upon yourself, beware! Lest without intent you invoke a curse upon a neighbor at the same time. If you pray for the blessing of rain upon your crop which needs it, by that act you are possibly praying for a curse upon some neighbor's crop which may not need rain and can be injured by it.

"You know what you prayed--the uttered part of it. I am commissioned by God to put into words the other part of it--that part which you perhaps prayed silently. And ignorantly and unthinkingly? God grant that it was so. You prayed: 'Grant us the victory, O Lord our God!' That is sufficient. The whole of the uttered prayer is compacted into those pregnant words. Elaborations were not necessary. When you prayed for victory, you prayed for many unmentioned results which follow victory--must follow it, cannot help but follow it. Upon the listening spirit of God fell also the unspoken part of your prayer. He commandeth me to put it into words. Listen!

"O Lord our Father, our young patriots, idols of our hearts, go forth to battle. Be Thou near them. With them--in spirit--we also go forth from the sweet peace of our beloved firesides to smite the foe. O Lord our God, help us to tear their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriot dead; help us to drown the thunder of the guns with the shrieks of their wounded, writhing in pain; help us to lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unoffending widows with unavailing grief; help us to turn them out roofless with little children to wander unfriended the wastes of their desolated land in rags and hunger, and thirst, sports of the sun flames of summer and the icy winds of winter, broken in spirit, worn with travail, imploring Thee for the refuge of the grave and denied it--for our sakes who adore thee, Lord, blast their

hopes, blight their lives, protract their bitter pilgrimage, make heavy their steps, water their way with their tears, stain the white snow with the blood of their wounded feet! We ask it, in the spirit of Love, of Him who is the source of Love, and who is the ever-faithful refuge and friend of all who are sore beset and seek His aid with humble and contrite hearts. Amen.

"You chaplains have prayed it; if you still desire it, speak! The messenger of the most high waits!" We wish the above were original with us. It is not. It is based on the writing of Mark Twain when he was about 70 years old.

Like I said, "Prayers can be puzzling," whether by prizefighters or military chaplains. Or by you and me!  
CHAPLAIN BILL

## USSVI TREASURER'S AND MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership is presently: 140

DUES RENEWAL TIME For all who owe either National or Base Dues for 2007.

Both Nat'l and Base DUES are due on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

National ANNUAL Dues are **\$20.00** per year.

Discounts are offered for terms of 5 yrs. (\$90), 3 yrs. (\$55)  
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## WWII TREASURER'S CORNER

At the Reno Convention the WWII Executive Board voted to increase all ASSOCIATE and SUBSCRIBER member dues to \$10 verses \$5 in order to defer the cost of the POLARIS.

**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

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### **YEAR ENDING 12/31/06**

Balance From 2005:	\$4972.46
Income:	\$7205.19
Expenses:	<u>\$6499.67</u>
Balance:	<b>\$5677.98</b>

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 was the dead line for Renewal of WWII Sub Vet 2007 dues. National decided that anyone delinquent in dues starting 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. If you have questions call Jim Myers or Don Small. The following personnel are presently delinquent in dues for 2007. Please contact Jim Myers or Don Small for resolution. If anyone knows of the status of anyone on the delinquent list please let us know.

<b>OLLIE ADAMS</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>FRANK AUERBACH</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>IRVING SWANSON</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>CHARLES DuGAN</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>RICHARD THOMAS</b>	<b>\$15</b>

### **CALENDARS, CALENDARS** **2007 WWII SUBVET CALENDARS**

I still have 9 each 2007 WWII Sub Vet Calendars at \$8 each plus any postage. Anyone that would like a calendar contact Jim Myers 336 595 8616 and a calendar can be mailed to you.

### **EDITOR'S NOTES**

Remember look at your mailing address on the ALL CLEAR and look at the year beside your name, if it is 2007 or above you are up to date in dues but if it is 2006 or less you OWE DUES.

### 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](http://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.

There are several SUB VETS from NC that are signed up for the cruise, PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GREAT TIME.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH**

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

**JANUARY**

**FEBRUARY**

**MARCH**

RAY BARBER	WILLIAM ABBRUZZESE	ROY DUKE
RICHARD GUDIS	HAROLD BAZZLE	BRIAN FLYNN
RICHARD RUFF	ROBERT BRAME	ROBERT GOVERN
NORMAN SKILES	BILL HENGEVELD	ROBERT GREEN
LOUIS STILES	DICK KANNING	JAMES LOVETTE
RICHARD THOMAS	MILTON STARK	JAMES MYERS
BILL WHELAN	DON THOMAS	CHARLES PATCH
BILLY WILLIAMS	DAVID THOMMARSON	LINWOOD RESPESS
RICHARD WRIGHT	BOB WERNER	JOSEPH SENDEK
	WILLIAM WOOD	IRVING SWANSON
		WALTER TAVERNA
		EDWARD WILSON

**BOOSTER CLUB 2007**

NAME	DATE	AMOUNT
JOE RITTER	8/20/06	10.00
NORMAN SKILES	8/20/06	25.00
JONES KENNEDY	8/20/06	10.00
JOSEPH MORGAN	8/20/06	5.00
EVERETTE ERB	8/21/06	10.00
BILL WHELAN	8/28/06	20.00
ROBERT WYATT	8/28/06	10.00
DONALD LeDUC	9/23/06	25.00
HAROLD STEED	9/30/06	25.00
ARTHUR RAWSON	10/24/06	52.52
ROBERT BLACK	10/24/06	10.00
WILLIAM CULVER	11/7/06	25.00
WALTER TAVERNA	11/8/06	5.00
BILL MORRIS	11/11/06	20.00
KARL EVANS	11/15/06	10.00
JOHN & GAIL SHAFFER	12/5/06	25.00
ROBERT E. WHITE	12/9/06	20.00
JOHN BLOM	1/12/07	25.00

TOTAL 332.52

**H. L. Hunley Memorial Service**

Date: February 17, 2007 (Saturday)

Time: 1900 hours (Arrive 20 to 30 minutes early)

Place: Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
3222 Middle Street  
Sullivans Island, S.C, 29482  
Church located near intersection of Jasper Blvd. and Middle Street by  
Breech Inlet Bridge (Sullivan's Island side)  
Uniform: Charleston Tuxedo  
Blue Blazer w/Dolphins  
White or Light Shirt  
Dolphin Tie (or dark tie)  
Kaki Pants  
Black Shoes  
Top Coat/Overcoat Recommended (its cold on the beach)

The Charleston Base Submarine Veterans and WWII Submarine Veterans are invited to attend a Memorial Service honoring the 8 man crew of the Confederate Submarine H. L. Hunley along with the 5 crewmen of the USS Housatonic.

The Confederate Heritage Trust Committee has asked the Charleston Base to supply a minimum of 15 men to participate in the service. The more men (SubVets) involved, the better our showing of support from the Charleston Base. Please make an effort to be there and bring your wives, girlfriends and children.

Our job (15 men) will be to sit in front of the church (in the choir loft just right of the pulpit as faced from the congregation) and at the appropriate time in the program, to step to the table at the front of the church, select a white rose from a basket, turn to the Lady Mourners seated in the front pew and present the rose to a Lady Mourner. At the conclusion of the church service the SubVet will escort a Lady Mourner out of the church. Upon retrieving our coats, we will form up in the street in front of the church as escorts to the Lady Mourners for the procession down to Breech Inlet for the completion of the service at the waters edge. During the entire Oceanside service, please remain with your Lady Mourner, escorting her as necessary. I.e: When she goes to the waters edge to throw her rose. On completion of the Oceanside ceremony, please assist your Lady Mourner and all other guests back to the front of the church. The Confederate Heritage Trust Committee will provide period lanterns for us to carry to illuminate the way. I would also urge all SubVets to carry a mini-flashlight with them as well. The sandy path to the beach can be tricky to negotiate in the dark. The Lady Mourners will be dressed in 1860's period hoop dresses so your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

NOTE: It is usually very cold with sometimes strong winds this time of year so be sure to bring a heavy coat

Thanks, Charlie Rook  
843-763-2587

### **The Submariner by Dr. Joyce Brothers**

The tragic loss of the submarine Thresher and 129 men had a special kind of impact on the nation....a special kind of sadness, mixed with universal admiration for the men who choose this type of work. One could not mention the Thresher without observing, in the same breath how utterly final and alone the end is when a ship dies at the bottom of the sea.....and what a remarkable specimen of man it must be who accepts such a risk. Most of us might be moved to conclude, too, that a tragedy of this kind would have a damaging effect on the morale of the other men in the submarine service and tend to discourage future enlistment. Actually, there is not evidence that this is so. What is it then, that lures men to careers in which they spend so much of their time in cramped quarters, under great psychological

stress, with danger lurking all about them?

#### Bond Among Them

Togetherness is an overworked term, but in no other branch of our military service is it given such full meaning as in the so called "silent service." In an undersea craft, each man is totally dependent upon the skill of every other man in the crew, not only for top performance but for actual survival.

Each knows that his life depends on the others and because this is so, there is a bond among them that both challenges and comforts them. All of this gives the submariner a special feeling of pride, because he is indeed a member of an elite corps. The risks, then, are an inspiration rather than a deterrent. The challenge of masculinity is another factor which attracts men to serve on submarines. It certainly is a test of a man's prowess and power to know he can qualify for this highly selective service. However, it should be emphasized that this desire to prove masculinity is not pathological, as it might be in certain daredevil pursuits, such as driving a motorcycle through a flaming hoop.

#### Emotionally Healthy

There is nothing daredevil's about motivations of the man who decides to dedicate his life to the submarine service. He does, indeed, take pride in demonstrating that he is quite a man, but he does not do so to practice a form of foolhardy brinkmanship, to see how close he can get to failure and still snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. On the contrary, the aim in the submarine service is to battle danger, to minimize the risk, to take every measure to make certain that safety rather danger, is maintained at all times. Are the men in the submarine service braver than those in other pursuits where the possibility of sudden tragedy is constant? The glib answer would be to say they are. It is more accurate, from a psychological point of view, to say they are not necessarily braver, but that they are men who have a little more insight into themselves and their capabilities.

They know themselves a little better than the next man. This has to be so with men who have a healthy reason to volunteer for a risk. They are generally a cut healthier emotionally than others of the similar age and background because of their willingness to push themselves a little bit farther and not settle for an easier kind of existence. We all have tremendous capabilities but are rarely straining at the upper level of what we can do, these men are. The country can be proud and grateful that so many of its sound, young, eager men care enough about their own stature in life and the welfare of their country to pool their skills and match them collectively against the power of the sea.

## **Dead US submarine crew are named**

**The United States Navy has named two of its submarine servicemen who died after falling overboard in UK waters.**

**They were among four crewmen who were working in poor weather on the outside casing of the USS Minneapolis-St Paul in Plymouth Sound, Devon, on Friday.**

**The men were taken to hospital, where two of them were pronounced dead.**

**The dead men were named as Senior Chief Thomas Higgins, 45, of Paducah, Kentucky, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Holtz, 30, of Lakewood, Ohio.**

**The US Navy said in a statement on Sunday that the cause of the accident remained under investigation.**

**A joint inquiry is being carried out by Devon and Cornwall Police, the United States Navy and the Ministry of Defence (MoD).**

**'Sad loss'**

**The nuclear-powered submarine was leaving Plymouth's Devonport naval base at the time of the incident after a week's stay.**

**Coastguards said the four sailors were tied to the 110m (362ft) vessel and were being "battered about" by the weather.**

The men were taken to Derriford Hospital in Plymouth, where Senior Chief Higgins and Petty Officer Holtz were pronounced dead.

The two other men were treated for minor injuries and transferred to the sick bay at the HMS Drake to recover.

The submarine pilot, the two rescued sailors and MoD personnel who were escorting the vessel out of the port were being questioned by police in the inquiry.

They may also speak to personnel aboard the submarine.

A US Navy spokesman said: "Our thoughts and sympathies are first and foremost with the families and loved ones of the sailors who sadly lost their lives in this incident."

The Virginia-based submarine has been operating under the US Sixth Fleet since October.

It has a complement of 137 officers and enlisted crew and can reach speeds exceeding 25 knots (29mph). Its weapons include torpedoes and Tomahawk cruise missiles.

BBC NEWS/International Version



USS S-28 Memorial Dedication

**And**  
**Joint USSVI District #3 and USSVWWII SE Region Meeting**  
**3-5 May 2007 in Wilmington NC**  
**Hosted by**  
**USSVI TARHEEL BASE & USSVWWII TARHEEL CHAPTER**  
**Meeting Headquarters Ramada Inn Conference Center**

Thursday 3 May

- Arrive and check in 1500
- Pick up registration package in hospitality room. Raffle tickets available
- Set up and view displays in hospitality room (bring your own for showing in display area)
- Meet and socialize with fellow "Boat Riders" in our hospitality suite. Honor system "donations" for finger food and drinks
- Dinner on your own (at Ramada Inn or at many restaurants nearby)

Friday 4 May

- Breakfast 0630 - 0930 – included with motel room
- 0830 Registration packages available
- 0900 - 1030 USSVWWII SE Region business meeting at Ramada Inn
- 1000 - 1100 USSVWWII Ladies Auxiliary business meeting at Ramada Inn
- 1030 - 1200 USSVI District #3 business meeting at Ramada Inn
- Hospitality room opens after meetings. Raffle tickets available.
- Lunch on your own
- View fellow member displays
- ***Tours and Recreation Opportunities: Pamphlets will be available at registration***
  - Shop Wilmington waterfront area
  - Tour Battleship North Carolina
  - Downtown Wilmington historic tour(s)
- Dinner on your own (at Ramada Inn or at nearby restaurants)

Saturday 5 May

- Breakfast 0630-0930
- 1000 - 1200 Dedication of USS S-28 Memorial at Battleship North Carolina. Approximately 15 minute drive. Maps will be available. Drive on your own or carpool.
- 1200 - 1900 Lunch on your own and you might want to try the many waterfront restaurants across the river from the Battleship North Carolina. Tour the Battleship North Carolina or shop/tour Wilmington waterfront area.
- 1900 - til Buffet Banquet at Ramada Inn. Buffet will include tender sliced prime rib and honey dijon chicken with green beans almondine, butter beans and corn, macaroni and cheese, candied yams, fresh potato salad and sheet cake for dessert

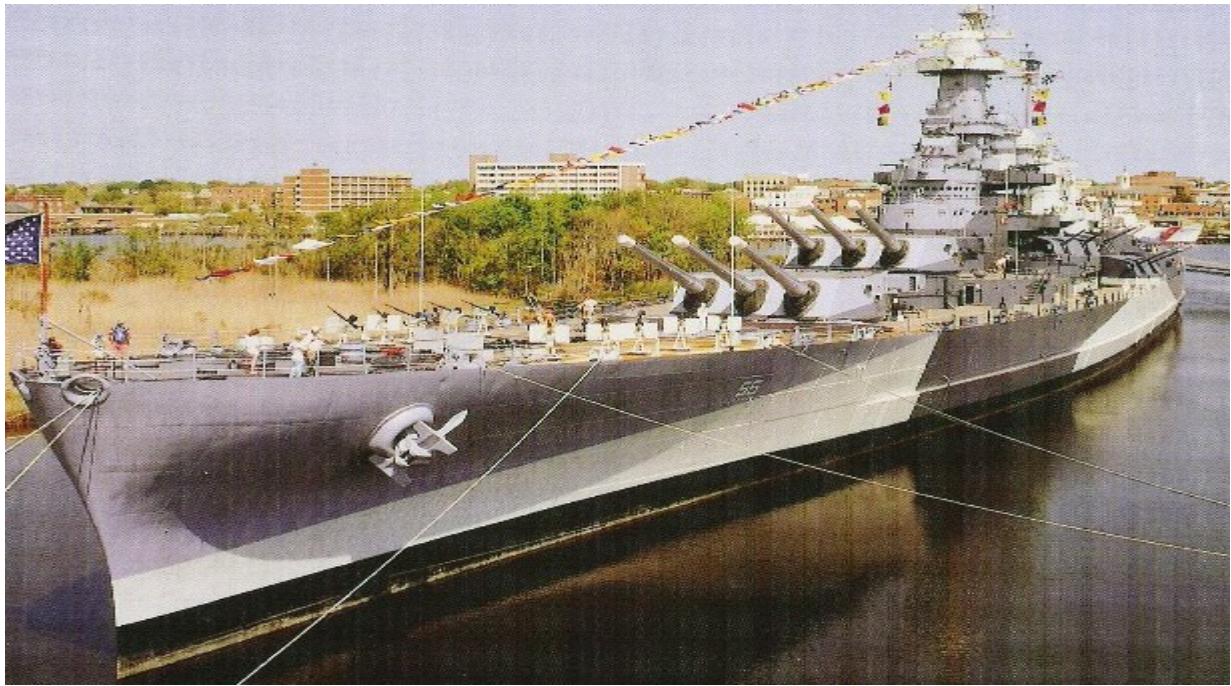
***Dinner Program***

- **Invocation: Chaplain Bill Whelan**
- **Dinner**
- **District #3 Commander Program**
- **Guest Speaker (to be announced later)**
- **Raffle winner awards**
- **Benediction: Chaplain Bill Whelan**

Sunday 6 May

Breakfast 0630 - 0930  
Pick up displays if not already done  
Farewells and check out





**USS S-28 Memorial Dedication  
And  
Joint USSVI District #3 and USSVWWII SE Region Meeting**

The schedule is set so now is the time for you to make your plans to attend and participate in a historical event. The S - 28 is the North Carolina WWII Submarine Veteran organization's sponsored boat lost during WWII. How often do you have the opportunity to be a part of a dedication ceremony for a WWII lost boat at an established WWII park and tourist attraction? Well now is that time and let's have a big turnout. Bring family and friends so they can not only participate but also meet some of the heroes that served on the WWII submarines.

The schedule and registration forms are included in this issue of ALL CLEAR and can be found on our internet site. The memorial dedication and joint meeting is scheduled for May 3 thru 5 in Wilmington, NC at the Ramada Inn Conference Center. Do not wait til the last minute to make reservations and register. That is a busy time in Wilmington and we need input for completing arrangements based on number of attendees.

We have a nice area for the hospitality room with plenty of space to display some of your favorite memorabilia and the Subgalleons will be hosting the hospitality area. We have a nice banquet with a guest speaker planned for Saturday evening that you will not want to miss.

The planning committee is composed of Don Small, Bill Whelan, Rose Mary Small, Cheryl Yost, Will Harvey, Jerry Emerson, Charles Cross, Robert Hopkins, and myself.

Thursday - arrival/registration

Friday - business meetings and free day to tour etc

Saturday - morning memorial dedication at Battleship NC and evening banquet at Ramada Inn

Sunday - depart

I look forward to seeing you there!

Wayne Powell



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**Registration Form**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest(s) Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

WWII: \_\_\_\_\_ USSVI: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Base/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Contact name, area code, and phone number)

Registration fee is \$19.00 per person and includes:                      Total registrants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$19 = \_\_\_\_\_

- Hospitality suite
- Banquet room rental
- Use of meeting rooms
- Event patch for each registrant
- Memorial set up costs

Saturday buffet is \$26.00 per person and includes:                      Total banquet attendees \_\_\_\_\_ X \$26 = \_\_\_\_\_

Tender sliced prime rib and honey dijon chicken  
with green beans almondine, butter beans  
and corn, macaroni and cheese, candied yams,  
fresh potato salad and sheet cake for dessert

Check total = \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Please make your registration check payable to “USSVI TARHEEL Base” and remit payment by 4/2/2007. Please remit as soon as possible due to administrative needs.**

Submit your registration form and check to:  
Wayne Powell  
114 Brookridge Dr.  
Cary, NC 27518  
Phone # 1-919-362-9498

Host Hotel: Ramada Inn Conference Center, Wilmington, NC

Website : [www.wilmingtonramada.com](http://www.wilmingtonramada.com) Ph. # 1-800-433-7144 and 1-910-799-1730

Rate: \$59.95 on 5/3 and \$79.99 on 5/4 and 5/5 + tax and includes Deluxe Continental Breakfast

Directions: The end of I 40 turns into College Dr. as you enter Wilmington. Take the US 17 Business exit on the right. Take a left on Market St. and the Ramada is ~ 1 mile on the right.

Make your own reservations.

ENSURE you inform the receptionist/reservation person that you are with SubVets for this price. There are 50 rooms blocked at this price and must be reserved by 4/03/07. Make reservations early because there are only 100 rooms total at the motel. They will reserve

additional rooms at stated rates if available and will arrange for overflow rooms at a nearby motel.

















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