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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 and aerial bombs	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	All hands lost			

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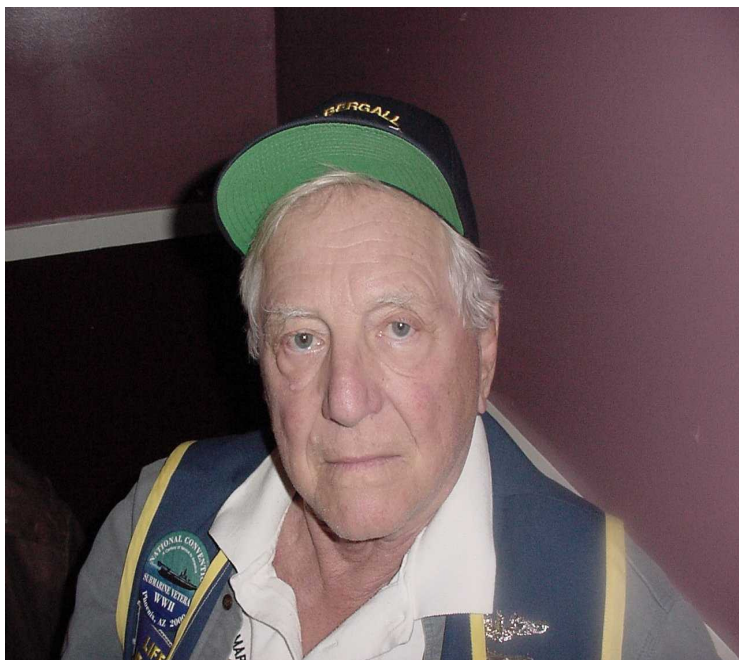
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“ To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America.”

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



What a squeaker! But we pulled it off. I think it was the best ever, Nags Head or Burnsville. And it was all because of the leadership and hard work of those "up-start INCs". Of course I'm talking about the SE Regional meeting, the District 3 Inc. meeting, and the S-28 Memorial dedication at Wilmington on May 5. The day of the Memorial service dawned cloudy with rain predicted for later in the day. Everything was set up at the Memorial site by 9 AM and the service started promptly at 10. By then a little misting started but not enough to dampen the spirits. Turnout was excellent with over 150 guests with some coming from Fla. and one from Seattle, Wa. There were more WWII Vets from Va. than from NC. Even a former S-28 crewmember attended. After the opening remarks and introductions by the NC Commander our Chaplain

Bill Whelan gave the Invocation (at the same time controlling the weather). The Eugene Ashley High School NJROTC under the direction of CWO D. Foster Presented the Colors, lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave a vocal rendition of the National Anthem. The Memorial Monument was unveiled and the names of the lost shipmates read off. Chuck Jensen, Dick Kanning, Jim Myers and Mike Burkholder excuted these chores. The guest speaker was Bill Klein, the National President of USSVWWII. PNP Jim Tobin from the Fla. Weeki Wachee chapter also gave us a few words of wisdom. Jim Lewis, former S-28 crewmember, also made a few remarks. Rose Mary Small and Jim Lewis presented the Memorial Wreath and June Kracker, the ladies National Chaplain, gave the Blessing. Ned Lavengood excuted Taps, the colors were retired and our Chaplain gave the Benediction. The entire ceremony was over by 11 AM and clean-up shortly thereafter. By about 12:30 the heavens opened up and down came a gully washer rain. That's what I meant by a "squeaker"!

We have to blame Chuck Jensen for causing us all this trouble. He is responsible for getting the site and designing and obtaining the Memorial Monument. Blame also goes to Wayne Powell for all the planning and execution of the Dedication Ceremony and the banquet dinner. Of course he had lots of help notably from Cheryl and Ramona Yoast and Mary Mullaney from Maryland. Jim Myers contributed the lectern and the excellent sound system. Many thanks to Dick Kanning, Jerry Emerson, Robert Hopkins, Charlie Cross and any others that may have contributed to such a successful event.

I have a video recording of the ceremony except for the last few minutes, and also a still slide show. I can make copies of these for any who want them. It takes about 30 seconds to copy the slide show and about 10 minutes per copy of the video. Hope you all have a good meeting in Burnsville, I won't be there due to advanced age.

Don

USSVI COMMANDER

The Lost Boat Memorial dedication and the joint meeting held in Wilmington last weekend was **OUTSTANDING !!!!** Many thanks go to Wayne Powell and his team for their effort in the planning and execution of both the memorial dedication and joint meeting. This was no small task considering all the logistics that had to be worked out to make the weekend so successful. I believe this was the largest event that the NC Sub Vets has ever hosted as I estimate we had around 200 attendees at the memorial dedication and around 150 attendees at the banquet. The weather cooperated a lot better than back in 2003 when we dedicated the Burnsville (Chief Flowers) memorial.



See Mike Burkholder's article about the meeting in this issue of the All Clear.

Bill Lightfoot who is an associated member of the Seattle Base won the submarine quilt that my wife donated for this meeting's raffle. The ticket sales brought in \$699 for the treasury. When I gave Bill the quilt on Sunday morning, as he had a conflict and was not present when his ticket was drawn at the banquet, he told me that he would donate the quilt back to us after keeping it on the west coast for one year. He felt that it belongs in North Carolina permanently and that is why he will be sending it back to us.

I also want to thank the WWII Tarheel Chapter for the beautiful plaque they presented me at the banquet. It was a surprise as I never expected it. It will be hung with pride along with all of my other Navy plaques in my home office.

We have a lot of upcoming activities now scheduled through July 4th. A list has been provided in this issue of the All Clear so make your plans to participate in as many as you can. Also our annual Burnsville Meeting is scheduled for June 22nd and June 23rd. The meeting schedule and registration form is also in this issue of the All Clear. I hope we can have a good turnout as this will be the last meeting until the Pearl Harbor Dinner on December 8th. Because a number of us will be on the Alaska Cruise (USSVI National Convention) in September, there will not be a Rocky Mount meeting this year.

Hope to see many of you at the upcoming parades and the Burnsville Meeting in June.

Chuck

USSVI VICE COMMANDER

As most of you know, SubVets WWII and SubVets Inc have just completed a three day combined meeting in Wilmington NC. As part of the meeting and other events a very successful and important Dedication of a memorial to the crew of the S 28. One think that I was very impressed with was the continuing reference to the crew of the S 28 and not the steel tube that they served in. I believe this to be the case in all our Navy submarine and surface ship loses. It is the crew that makes the ship, not the steel. This has been a busy time for Peg and I. A wedding in Florida, visiting relatives and friends after the wedding, Rush back to NC for the S 28 dedication, and back to Charleston Sc for the USS Jallao (SS 368) third reunion. With almost seven days of hospitality room conversation it has come to my attention that ALL sea stories told in these



hospitality rooms are true and almost all are about good times or humorous events, none or very few are about bad times or serious events.

That's what this organization is about. Hope to see you all in Burnsville

A Bravo Zulu to Wayne for the Wilmington event.

Jerry Emerson

SUBGALLEON CORNER

To say that the three events that took place in Wilmington were a huge success would be an understatement. I'm sure there will be plenty written about it elsewhere in the ALL CLEAR. Since this was a Regional meeting our Regional Director June Kracker conducted the Wives of Submarine Veterans of WWII meeting. I do not have the attendance list but I can name a few of our guest. We had two PNPs Pat Tobin who is also our permanent Jewelry Lady and Mary Mullaney. Our National President Gail Shaffer was unable to attend because of the health of her husband. June Kracker was installed as the new Regional Director. {What's New?} For those of you going to the National in Billings Montana: Be sure you check out the great selection of new jewelry that Pat has.

My job at this affair was to help out with registration and over see the hospitality room. I came in contact with almost everyone attending the meeting. I was often asked to check the registration list. Most of the time they found who they were looking for. Many people asked about Deane Morris, Shorty and Dalline Lebonville, Don and Doris LeDuc, Howie Rice, Terry and Oliver Thompson, Jean Parker, Pat Collins, and Theo Denson. Everyone said to send you their regards.

I talked to Jean Parker before we left for Wilmington. She is now able to drive and is adjusting to her new home.

Since we won't be having a meeting in Rocky Mount this year she said to tell everyone she hopes to see them in December. Jean has a new telephone number. {252-264-4369} Jean received a letter from Claire Blakley. She is living in an assisted living complex. Her address is:

Claire Blakely , Village at Laurel Run Chambersburg Rd. Fayetteville Pa. 17222

That's it for this time!

Rose Mary Small

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This "Corner" is gonna be familiar to many of you. We sent it out to All Hands as an e-mail during the recent Lenten season. Editor Jim Myers suggested we use it as our next "Corner." And for once, we're following his advice. We can't get very far reading the Bible without running into an element that is oh so meaningful to us submariners.

There it is in black and white in Genesis 1: 9,10:

"...Then God named the dry land 'earth,' and the water 'seas.' And God was pleased."

God was pleased because he made the seas, and they were (still are) good.

But it gets even better than that.

One afternoon in early April, we sat in church, at one of five Lenten half-hour daily noon services.



We were listening (with about half of our good ear) to a meditation on "He Became Obedient," by guest preacher Rev. Larry Williams. Frankly, we were thinking more of how obedient we were, just being there: wife Anne had said earlier in no uncertain terms, "Bill, thou shalt go with me to church. It's the Lenten season." She didn't use those exact words, but we got the message and, like we said, we were being obedient.

Then Rev. Williams said the magic words (for a submariner), "Christ of the deep."

He was talking about a 9-foot-tall, 4000-pound bronze statue of Jesus Christ that was implanted in 1965 in 25 feet of water in the Atlantic Ocean, on the seaward side of Key Largo (Florida) Dry Rocks. Despite the admonition in the Good Book about not making any graven images, we couldn't help spending the rest of the half hour thinking about that statue and wishing that we were man enough to join the many divers and snorkelers who visit that site each season. The statue must be awesome! However, our thinking differed somewhat from Rev. Williams' intent: he interpreted the statue, with arms upraised, as extending an invitation to us to the depths of our souls; we saw it as a reminder that, since God made the sea and was pleased with what he had done, He is there in the depths, as is His Son Jesus, welcoming ALL creatures of the deep (including us submariners) and extending His protection to all people.

Oh, yes. Jesus also raises His welcoming arms to occupants of the other part of his third-day creation, the earth.

To learn more of Christ of the Deep, enter those four words into your computer's search engine.

S-28 on Eternal Patrol

By the time you get to read this "Corner," dedication of our new S-28 memorial in Wilmington will be history. We are confident that all went well and, hopefully, that we all share our related duties from a new perspective and with increased enthusiasm. The bottom line of all the effort expended by so many of you to make the occasion a success is that the S-28 crew, the ones who made the supreme sacrifice, are living history. They continue to exist in the lives of their families who continue from day to day aware of their (and our) need to perpetuate the memory of S-28 and her crew.

We pledge that our efforts will continue to help locate the families of all S-28 crew members and let them know that the sacrifices of her crew will never be forgotten.

Rejoice, Give Thanks...!

Reading USSVWWII President Bill Klein's column in the latest "POLARIS," we found a sentence that reminded us of an old Baptist hymn, one of the lines of which is "Rejoice, give thanks, and sing."

We speak of the line in the second paragraph that reads, "...I urge that the shipmates that have not done so join USSVI." We rejoice. We give thanks. Forgive us if we don't sing. If you listen real close, you might just hear us hum a rousing "AMEN!" Bless you.

Chaplain Bill

From Your USSVI District Commander

It has been a busy spring: CSL Sailor of the Year, North Carolina Christening, District 3 meeting and S-28 dedication, new base, and parades.

CSL SOY: A wonderful experience, in continuing a tradition of having a SubVet on the selection Board. It was an honor to do so. The candidates were impressive, to say the least. The most difficult part was selecting the "Best of the Best", as there were NO losers. Sr Sea is MT1(SS) Michael Parker, USS Florida.; Sr Shore is MM1(SS/DV) Donovan Hatch, TTF Norfolk; Jr. Sea is ET3(SS) Carlos Wong USS Maryland and Jr Shore is ND3Chris Lansford TRF Kings Bay. The Board members were the group Master Chiefs from Kings Bay, Norfolk, Groton and NUSC. The SOY activities were going on at the same time as the other fleet SOY activities. You can be PROUD that Submariners do it best. The only force to recognize their Juniors is the Submarine Force. In addition, the recognition and awards given were head and shoulders above others. USSVI was a major sponsor, a first, this year. I'm happy to report that will continue. Of particular thanks is the donation I was able to give to the committee. When I put out a challenge to all ED3 bases, be proud that Tarheel Base was First in line! Over \$750.xx was so collected in ED3. The monies were divided amongst all the candidates as a cash debit card, for their own use. Thanks Tarheels!

SSN-777 Christening: A beautiful day was had by those who won in the lottery to attend. I took liberty with two tickets, as Marge & I were in the area for the Sub Ball. COB Jeff Compton did us proud, with the excellent seating and arrangements. Bill Lowe managed to 'acquire' a few more tickets, and was generous with his sharing of one with a BB-55 veteran from San Diego, who did not have one. He was grateful, especially when the official Christening party recognized the BB-55 Vets, as well as we SubVets. Now, to get the commissioning here in NC, each of us needs to contact your State Senator and Representative, as well as your US Senators and Representative, and let them know what a great honor it would be to have that ceremony here in NC and solicit their 'assistance'. CDR Davis (Captain selectee) has stated the boat can make it up the Cape Fear River and he's highly in favor of its location in Wilmington.

Joint Meeting & S-28 Dedication: I feel this years meeting set a new standard. The Bar has been raised. While Wayne Powell probably lost some hair and weight, he did us proud. I'd be remiss if I did not pay tribute and thanks to all the silent working party members he 'recruited'. The monument is majestic, in its solemn beauty. Coggins Marble did us proud. Credit to Chuck and Don for that undertaking. It was most encouraging to hear WWII Nat'l President Bill Klein strongly urge all the WWII folks to join USSVI. We are fortunate that the Tarheels did it many years ago, and formally combined 3 years ago. I've provided several copies of that charter to other groups for their similar joining of forces. The hospitality room again was the center of conversation and yarns The WWII Ladies served us well in their generosity. So far as our 'Tolling of the Crew' and the 'Tolling of the Boats' the comments range from 'Impressive' to 'Wow' from non Tarheel attendees.

Awards: continuing a practice I started last year. District Commander Recognitions were awarded to The Tarheel

base for their support of the SOY program and for the hosting of the ED3 meeting. Additionally the (My) base continually shows the way in parades. We have to be proud of our Sub and torpedo. Louisville base paid over 1200 for transportation and another 1300 for restoration, I can't believe we were so fortunate to have Ollie, and Hugh to cumshaw our treasure! The newest base in ED3, Haddo Base in Cleveland TN is the recipient of my CDR Award, for their active solicitation and joining up with WWII folks, finding funding without external support for a submarine memorial production of a winning newsletter and catering the KY WWII meeting.

I am proud to announce that Chuck Jensen and Jim Myers have been presented to the National Awards Committee for The Silver Anchor Award(s). I appreciate all those who took the time to provide me with justifications for these two key players of Our Base.

Stay Tuned: Info for this years Kings Bay SubVets WWII Memorial Reunion is coming. Dates are 31 Oct-3 Nov.

New Base: Tarheel Base member Glenn Harris is leading the effort to formally establish the "Carolina Piedmont Base". The plankowners have expressed their desire to be in ED3, and for that I'm happy. This necessitates a NC home of record, which will be Monroe. NC. We may lose some members, but overall, we'll gain! A new locale within short distance and a recruiting tool. Plan on joining me when their charter is delivered!

Yours in Service
Dick

HISTORY WAS MADE MAY 5 2007

History was made on May 5th at Battleship Park in Wilmington, NC. Tarheel Chapter Cdr Subvets WWII Don Small and Tarheel Base Cdr Chuck Jensen unveiled a magnificent granite monument in front of an audience of over 200 in attendance. The monument is a memorial not only to the 52 lost submarines in WWII but was especially created to remember the 50 crewmembers who went down on the submarine S-28. North Carolina had been designated to memorialize the lost boat S-28 but until now this had not become a reality. Special guest speaker at the event was none other than Bill Klein the National President of Subvets WWII. He was well pleased with our accomplishment. Also in attendance was former S-28 crew member Jim Lewis. Jim was transferred off the S-28 only two days before the boat was lost and he lost many shipmates on that day July 4th 1944.

This dedication was a good opportunity to also host the Subvets WWII S.E. Regional and jointly with Subvets Inc. District 3 Regional. A real good turnout from the Chapters and Bases made the event successful and a good time was had by all. The guest speaker at the banquet was Submarine Force Master Chief Dean Irwin. Over 140 attended the dinner including three crewmembers from the newest submarine North Carolina SSN-777 which was slid into the water at 11:35 that morning.

Special thanks to Wayne Powell, Dick Kanning, Don Small, Chuck Jensen, and many of their helpers for making this a memorable event.

Engines Forward: Burkholder



USS S-28 (SS-133) The formal legal steps leading to the acquisition of United States naval vessels are often confusing to many people but are important to an understanding of the United States Navy's submarine programs. Generally speaking, the Navy cannot acquire a ship until Congress has both authorized the size of the fleet and appropriated funds for the procurement of new vessels. This requires two separate acts of Congress, as a result of which ships have frequently been authorized several years before funds were actually appropriated for their construction, and some authorized ships have never been built at all. Authorization and procurement procedures are usually quite formal in peacetime but more expedient methods are usually followed during wars or national emergencies. In the past, Congress was often very specific in defining the characteristics of particular ships, their cost, and sometimes even their names and where they were to be built.

Submarine USS S-28 (SS-133) was authorized to be built by the United States Congressional Act of 4 March 1917 which stated in part

" .of the vessels authorized in the 'Act ' approved August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, the construction of the following vessels shall be begun as soon as practical at a cost exclusive of armor and armament not to exceed

the following amounts: eighteen coast submarines to have a surface displacement of about eight hundred tons each, \$1,300,000 each, ." (Naval Emergency Fund): ".in addition to the eighteen submarines herein- before appropriated for, the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed to proceed at once to cause to be constructed twenty coast submarines to have a surface displacement of about eight hundred tons each at a cost not to exceed \$1,300,000 each, exclusive of armor and armament, on the most approved lines according to plans and specifications to be provided and adopted by the Secretary of the Navy. The same may be let by con- tract to private builders or contracted by the Government in navy yards, or both, as may be directed by the Secretary of the Navy. Said twenty submarines shall be constructed on the Pacific coast: PROVIDED, That the cost of the construction on the Pacific coast does not exceed the cost of construction on the Atlantic coast plus the cost of transportation from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Eighteen million dollars is hereby appropriated toward the construction of said submarines."

The keel of USS S-28 (SS-133) was laid down on 16 April 1919 by the Fore River Plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation a subcontractor of the Electric Boat Company of New York City, New York at Quincy, Massachusetts. The submarine was christened by Mrs. William R. Monroe and launched on 20 September 1922. The S-boat was commissioned on 13 December 1923 with Lieutenant Kemp C. Christian in command.

When commissioned, the S-1 Class coastal and harbor defense submarine was 219'3" in length overall; had an extreme beam of 20'8"; had a normal surface displacement of 854 tons, and, when in that condition, had a mean draft of 15'11". Submerged displacement was 1,062 tons. The submarine was of riveted construction. The designed compliment was four officers and thirty-four enlisted men. The boat could operate safely to depths of 200 feet. The submarine was armed with four 21-inch torpedo tubes installed in the bow. Twelve torpedoes were carried. One 4-inch/50 caliber deck gun was installed. The full load of diesel oil carried was 41,921 gallons, which fueled two 600 designed brake horsepower Model 8-EB-15NR diesel engines manufactured by the New London Ship and Engine Company at Groton, Connecticut which could drive the boat via a diesel direct drive propulsion system at 14.5 knots on the surface. Power for submerged propulsion was provided by a main storage battery, divided into two sixty-cell batteries, manufactured by the Electric Storage Battery Company (EXIDE) at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania which powered two 750 designed brake horsepower main propulsion motors manufactured by the Ridgway Dynamo and Electric Company at Ridgway, Pennsylvania which turned propeller shafts which turned propellers which could drive the submarine at 11 knots for a short period of time when operating beneath the surface of the sea. Slower submerged speeds resulted in greater endurances before the batteries needed to be recharged by the engines and generators.

Following shakedown exercises off the southern New England coast, USS S-28 (SS-133) moved south during March of 1924 to join Submarine Division (SubDiv) 11, in the final exercises of that year's winter maneuvers in the Caribbean. During April of 1924, the submarine transited to the United States Naval Submarine Base at New London/Groton, Connecticut, with her division, and commenced local exercises which occupied the remainder of the year. With the winter of 1925, the S-boat moved south again; transited the Panama Canal; and, after the conclusion of Fleet Problem V--conducted in the vicinity of Guadalupe Island--she arrived in the Territory of Hawaii for a month's stay. During June, she moved east, to San Diego in California, where her division replaced another SubDiv which had been transferred to the Asiatic Fleet.

Into 1931, the submarine operated primarily off southern California, deploying for fleet problems in the Panama Canal area in 1926 and 1929; for summer maneuvers in Hawaiian waters in 1927 and 1930; and for regularly scheduled overhaul periods at the Mare Island Navy Yard at Vallejo, California, throughout the period.

USS S-28 departed the west coast of the United States for the Territory of Hawaii in mid-February 1931, and, on the 23rd, arrived at Pearl Harbor, whence she operated for the next eight and one-half years. In mid-1939, the submarine transferred to San Diego, California where she was based until the United States became an active participant in the Second World War following the Japanese attack on the Territory of Hawaii on 7 December 1941.

On 7 December 1941, USS S-28, then a unit of SubDiv 41, was undergoing overhaul at the Mare Island Navy Yard. On 22 January 1942, the work was completed, and she returned to San Diego, where she resumed her prewar training

activities for the Underwater Sound Training School. The S-boat continued that duty into the spring; then was ordered north, to the Aleutians, to augment the defenses of that Alaskan island chain which rimmed the North Pacific Ocean. Her Commanding Officer, at that time, was Lieutenant Commander John D. Crowley.

On 20 May 1942, USS S-28, with other submarines of her division, departed San Diego. Five days later, they topped off provisions and fuel at Port Angeles in Washington State, and then continued on toward the newly established submarine base at Dutch Harbor, Unalaska. On the 29th, however, as preparations were made to minimize a two-pronged Japanese thrust against Midway and the Aleutians, the S-boats were directed to proceed to their stations, bypassing Dutch Harbor.

During a quickly extinguished fire in her port main motor on the morning of 1 June, USS S-28 suffered minor damage. That evening, she parted company with her sister submarines and their escort; and, the next day, she entered her assigned area and commenced patrolling in the approaches to Cold Bay on the tip of the Alaskan Peninsula. On the 3rd of June 1942, the Japanese bombed Dutch Harbor to open the war in the Aleutians; and, within the week, they had occupied Kiska and Attu.

On the 12th of June, USS S-28 arrived at Dutch Harbor; refueled; took on provisions; and headed west to resume her war patrol. On 15 June 1942, USS S-28 crossed the 180th Meridian; and, on the 17th, after a two-day storm, she sighted Kiska and set a course to intercept enemy shipping between there and Attu. On the 18th, she fired on her first enemy target, a Japanese destroyer, and, was, in turn, attacked. Eight hours later, sounds of the destroyer's search efforts faded out to the south. USS S-28 had survived her first encounter with Japanese antisubmarine warfare (ASW) tactics.

Poor weather soon returned and storms raged during eighty percent of her remaining time on station. On the 28th, the submarine moored in Dutch Harbor and commenced refit. On 15 July 1942, USS S-28 got underway, and, again, headed for the Kiska area. On the 18th, she reconnoitered Semisopochnoi, and then moved on to Segula. Finding no signs of Japanese activity, the submarine continued westward. On the 20th, the S-boat was ordered to take station on an 85-mile circle from Sirius Point prior to sunrise on the 22nd, at which time the enemy's facilities on Kiska were to be bombarded. The bombardment was delayed, and USS S-28 remained on that more distant station until the 30th when she was ordered back to the Kiska area. On 18 August, having been unable to close any of the targets sighted during the latter part of her patrol, she returned to Dutch Harbor.

On her third war patrol, 16 September to 10 October 1942, USS S-28 returned to the Kiska area. She operated to the north of the island until the 25th; then, with the discovery of the enemy's development of Gertrude Cove on Vega Bay, she shifted to the island's southern shore. On the night of 6-7 October 1942, the submarine turned toward Unalaska; and, on the morning of the 10th, as she prepared to fire on an unidentified vessel, a ground in her fire control circuits caused an accidental firing of a torpedo from her Number One Torpedo Tube.

That afternoon, USS S-28 arrived back in Dutch Harbor, whence she headed for the west coast of the continental United States. The S-boat reached San Diego on 23 October 1942; and provided training services for the West Coast Sound School, and for the Amphibious Forces Training Group, from 26 October to 13 November of 1942. Then, during an overhaul, the S-boat received a fathometer, a Kleinschmidt distilling unit, and a SJ radar set. On 9 December 1942, the submarine, again, headed north to Alaska and the Aleutians. On the 16th of December, she reported for duty by radio to Task Group (TG) 8.5; and, on the 21st, she arrived at Dutch Harbor, Unalaska.

Six days later, USS S-28 departed on her fourth war patrol. On 3 January 1943, the submarine crossed the International Date Line, and, on the 5th, she entered her assigned area in the northern Kurils. Moving down the Paramushiro coast, she patrolled in Onkotan Strait; then headed north, again, and, on the 20th, passed Shumushu, whence she set a course for the Aleutians.

During her fifth war patrol, from 6 to 28 February, the World War I design submarine remained in the western Aleutians, patrolling across the Attu-Buldir-Sirius Point route, and along the coast of Attu, particularly off Holtz Bay, Chichagof Harbor, and Sarana Bay. Poor weather and lack of speed, however, impeded her hunting.

On her return to Dutch Harbor, USS S-28 was ordered south; and, on 4 March, she got underway for Esquimalt, British Columbia, Canada; where, from 15 March to 15 April, she conducted sound tests and ASW exercises with

Canadian Navy and Air Force units. She then continued on to the Puget Sound Navy Yard at Bremerton, Washington State, for overhaul and superstructure modification work. On 27 June, the S-boat headed back to Alaska; and, on 13 July, she departed Dutch Harbor to return to the northern Kurils for her sixth war patrol. Her new Commanding Officer was Lieutenant Commander Vincent A. Sisler, Junior.

Again, USS S-28 patrolled off Paramushiro and in the straits to the north and to the south of that island. Again, she was hindered by the weather, obsolete design, and by mechanical failures. On 14 August, she headed east; and, on the 16th, she moored in Massacre Bay, Attu, and commenced refit.

The late arrival of needed spares from Dutch Harbor delayed her readiness for sea; but, on 8 September, USS S-28 departed the western Aleutians to return to the northern Kurils. On the 13th, the submarine entered her patrol area. On the 15th, severe smoking and sparking from her port main motor necessitated fourteen hours of repair work. On the 16th, she transited Mushiru Kaikyo; and, on the afternoon of the 19th, she closed an unescorted freighter off the island of Araitō. Her torpedoes missed their mark. The "freighter" turned, and, within minutes, had delivered the first two depth charges of a ten-minute attack. The Japanese ship searched the area for an hour, and then departed.

USS S-28 reloaded her torpedo tubes and continued her patrol. At 1916, she contacted a second unescorted enemy vessel. At 1943, she fired a spread of four torpedoes. At 1944, two of the four torpedoes exploded. The target took on a 30-degree list and began to go down by the bow. At 1946, the 1,368-ton converted gunboat IJN Katsura Maru Number Two sank, bow first, her stern vertical in the air. Five loud underwater explosions followed her disappearance. USS S-28 went deep and rigged for a depth charging which did not materialize.

Into October, USS S-28 hunted just north of Araitō and off the coast of Kamchatka. On 5 October, she moved through Onkotan Strait and continued her patrol on the Pacific side of the Kurils. On the 10th, however, a serious personnel injury occurred, and an appendicitis case developed. The submarine turned toward Attu one day ahead of schedule.

On 13 October, USS S-28 moored at Attu. The next day, she departed for Dutch Harbor, whence, in November, she headed south to the Territory of Hawaii. The submarine arrived at Pearl Harbor at mid-month, and, after overhaul, commenced training duty. For the next seven months, she remained in Hawaiian waters, providing training services. Then, on 3 July 1944, USS S-28, now under the command of Lieutenant Commander Jack G. Campbell, United States Naval Reserve, began training operations off Oahu with United States Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) Reliance (WPC-150). The antisubmarine warfare (ASW) exercises continued into the evening of the 4th. At 1730, the day's concluding exercise began. Contact between the two vessels became sporadic, and, at 1820, the last brief contact with USS S-28 was made and lost. All attempts to establish communications failed. Assistance arrived from Pearl Harbor, but a thorough search of the area failed to locate the submarine. Two days later, a diesel oil slick appeared in the area where the S-boat had been operating, but the 8,400-foot depth of the water at the site of the sinking exceeded the range of available rescue and salvage equipment so no attempts were made to rescue the crew or raise the hull of the submarine.

A Court of Inquiry failed to establish the cause of the loss of USS S-28 and the fifty men who perished in that submarine, but there was much regret that the S-boat disappeared during a training exercise and not in a war zone which would have been a little easier to accept.

USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSN 777) **CHISTENED AND IN THE WATER**

Saturday April 21, 2007 was a beautiful sunny day with a Carolina blue sky and not a cloud in the sky. A perfect day to christen a brand new submarine. The USS North Carolina SSN-777 sat high and mighty up on blocks outside in the open all decorated up with red, white, and blue bunting. She really looked majestic up there on her throne, all 377 foot long. The Navy band played "Anchors Aweigh", "God Bless America", and the "Star Spangled Banner" among many other selections that got us all revved up for the festivities. We had 14 NC

Subvets there right up there in the front rows. Behind us were about the same number of BB-55 crew members and tv reporters all around us.

There were plenty of Admirals, ship builders, politicians, vendors, family members, and of course the crew of the 777 all assembled at parade rest in their dress whites. The newspaper said there was expected 4,000 invited guests to attend the christening. She is the fourth Virginia class submarine to be built out of 30. She cost 2.3 billion dollars and is the most hi-tech sub in the world. She will make less noise a 30 knots than the Seawolf will at 5 knots. We can be real proud to have this boat carry the name North Carolina and be so happy that we have such a good relationship with the skipper and the crew.

Our trip to Newport news was well worth it because the event was awesome as was also a much appreciated dinner put on by Charlie Cross's son Jeff and his wife Debbie at their home Friday evening before the launch. And finally, yes the champagne bottle did break on the first try and drenched the ship's sponsor Linda Anne Rich Bowman.

Engines Forward: Burkholder



**NC SUBVETS IN ATTENDANCE
LISTED NOT IN ORDER**

DICK KANNING, NELSON GAINNEY, DUANE GOW, BILL LOWE, BILL WHRLAN, CHARLIE CROSS, BILLY WILLIAMS, RANDY DENSON, MIKE TOOMEY, WILL HARVEY, ED GALAVIZ, TERRY KUHN, WAYNE POWELL, MIKE BURKHOLDER

USSVI SUPPORTS NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUTS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

In keeping with the Submarine Veterans mission and to show our support to the Boy Scouts of America, and eventually all youth scouting programs, we have in place the mechanisms needed to add North Carolina's name to the list of participants of the National Eagle Scout Recognition Program. As both an Eagle Scout and a SubVet, I am proud to fully support this recognition effort and can assist in any way to make this presentation a success.



I encourage each of you to seek out Boy Scouts in your area that are receiving the Eagle Scout award. The base will be providing a certificate and patch. The patch (pictured here) can be worn by anyone that will support our efforts to recognize these boys achievement.

We are encouraged by National to attend ceremonies and make these Eagle Scout presentations and I will be more than happy with assisting in any way. For the certificate, I'll need the name of the scout as it should appear on the certificate, the signatures requested, and an address to send it to the presenter. It should be noted that these requests should come from members of NC SubVets. I hope you all keep me busy printing these certificates!

Kris Bridges, (434) 685-3137, kbridges@ci.martinsville.va.us

USSVI TREASURER'S REPORT

April Income \$3529.00
April Expense \$5157.00
April YTD Balance \$6200.02

April numbers reflect some of the income and expenses for the S-28 memorial on May 5th.

Robert Werner Treasurer

WWII TREASURER'S CORNER

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

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 have been deleted from the N.C. Roster due to delinquents in dues for 2007. Please contact Jim Myers or Don Small for resolution.

**OLLIE ADAMS
FRANK AUERBACH
IRVING SWANSON
RICHARD THOMAS**

CALENDARS, CALENDARS 2007 WWII SUBVET CALENDARS

I still have 7 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 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 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	JOHN DAINOTTO	GORDON BANKS
MICHAEL DUNN	WILLIAM DRESSEL	DAVID BOCK
WILLIAM EDWARDS	ROBERT FELLOWS	FREDERICK FORST
KARL EVANS	ROY HALL	DUANE GOW
EDWARD GALAVIZ	GLENN HARRIS	WILLIAM HARVEY
ROBERT A. HARRIS	DONALD HASELEY	WILLIAM HOLZENDORF
DONALD HUSTON	GEORGE HECKER	MANLY HUDSON
WILLIAM McKAY	CHARLES JENSEN	JOHN PEARCE
JOSEPH PEEK	WILLIAM KING	CHRISTOPHER POMEROY
HENRY PRICE	TERRY KUHN	ARTHUR RAWSON
DONALD SMALL	JOSEPH MORGAN	ROBERT SLOOP
OLIVER THOMPSON	THOMAS RICHEY	
	KENNETH SIGWORTH	
	LINWOOD SUTTON	
	CHARLES TOLBERT	
	LARRY TRAVIS	
	GARY VERNON	

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
LARRY TRAVIS	3/23/07	15.00
PAUL GREENE	5/15/07	20.00
	TOTAL	367.52

NC Subvets Calendar of Events

Mark the below dates on your calendar:

Sanford Armed Forces Day Parade - Saturday May 19, 2007
Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Greensboro - Sunday May 27, 2007
Thomasville Memorial Day Parade - Monday May 28, 2007
Asheboro Air Museum Air Show (we will have a static display there) - Saturday June 2, 2007
Burnsville Annual Meeting - Friday June 23, 2007 and Saturday June 24, 2007
Greensboro Fun Fourth Parade - Wednesday July 4, 2007

More details will be provided for the above events when received.

Chuck

PRESENT DAY WARRIOR LETTER HOME TO DUSTY LATHROP

Iraq ain't so good for the health if you know what I mean. The new news is I will be re-enlisting in May. I must say I do love this sh_t. The wife says I'm brainwashed and this may be true. I;m a lifer as we call it. So I will have 90 days left back in the hood when I come home. From there I'm going to Ft. Bragg North Carolina, 82nd Airborne Division. I'm going to jump out of airplanes for a living. I must be nuts. The 1st Calvary was fun but I hate Texas. I don't suggest any of you visiting the state. Well that's all for now and some pictures and personnel emails will come soon. Love to all and I'm thinking of you all every day. Thanks for your support and help you have given me and my family. Talk with you soon.

Tony Blair said, " The way to judge the greatness of a country is to see how many people want out and how many people want in. There are only two forces to man know to die for you, Jesus Christ and the American G.I. One for you soul and the other for your freedom. Ain't that just touching. Love to all.

By Joshep Wagner (Grandson of Don & Dusty Lathrop) while in Bagdad Iraq

MEN AND EARRINGS

**By Arthur Killam
Ex-Chief Electrician
USS Seadragon**

Years ago in the Swashbuckling Days of old, men wore earrings.

When did today's man start wearing earrings?

I was on a submarine, the USS Seadragon (SS 194), in WWII. As part of the Asiatic Fleet, we were stationed in Manila, Philippines. In December of 1941, we were at the Cavite Navy Yard for an overhaul. On the same day, Pearl Harbor was bombed; the Japanese wiped out all the air fields in the Philippines, thereby eliminating our air protection.

On December 10, 1941, at noon, the Navy yard was heavily bombed. Three flights of 27 (81 in all) flew over our Navy yard dropping 500-pound bombs. We did not have a gun that could touch them - they didn't even break formation. They completely destroyed the Navy yard and the ships in dry dock.

Our submarine was tied up to the dock, and our sister ship, the USS Sealion (SS 195), was tied up outboard of us. The Sealion took a 500-pound bomb down the after-torpedo room hatch, sinking her. At that very instant, one of our officers and I were in the conning tower. That officer was killed there by the shrapnel he sustained. While I was rushing down the ladder to the Control Room, another concussion knocked me 14 feet below to the Control Room deck. Four knobs about 2-inches long were all that remained where the railing used to be around the pump room hatch. I fell onto one of the knobs sticking up, landing full force on the tip of my spine. I lay there senseless on the Control Room deck for quite awhile, and then heard the Captain yell: "Abandon ship!" By the time I picked myself up, managing to get top-side and was started down the dock, the Captain was telling everyone to get back on board. A salvage ship, the USS Widgeon, tied up to our stern and with some effort pulled us clear of the destroyed Sealion. Our sub had also caught a lot of shrapnel from the Sealion, but luckily the pressure hull was not ruptured. We had many holes in the superstructure, and a lot of the deck was gone.

We managed to get over to Manila where we tied up sub tend to the USS Conopus. For three days work was performed on the sub, all night long, preparing us to once again become seaworthy. During the night, work was done on the Seadragon under the cover of darkness, and during the day, we would have to lie on the bottom of Manila Bay until it turned dark again. The reason for this was that the Japanese chose daylight to attack.

Finally ready for sea on December 13, 1941, we departed for Surabaya, Java, in the Netherlands East Indies. When we passed Corregidor and started south, we saw three Japanese destroyers patrolling the entrance to Manila Bay. Corregidor is an Army island fort at the entrance to Manila Bay. As we proceeded to dive, the Japanese gave us our first taste of depth-charging. After about 2 hours, the three destroyers finally left. We surface, and after a few days we finally reached Surabaya, Java. We went into a Dutch dry dock and they fixed us up as best they could.

After our overhaul by the Dutch, we went out on our first offensive patrol run. We were assigned a patrol station off French Indochina (now known as Vietnam). We were located in Camron Bay, a Japanese naval base. We made an approach on a heavy Japanese cruiser. Our Captain ordered firing four torpedoes as the cruiser was going into their base. The torpedo missed. We were using Mk-14 torpedoes and having trouble with them, as was everybody else. The miss was costly. We were depth-charged pretty heavily.

After 55 days, we ended our patrol. We could not go back to Surabaya because the Japanese had already captured it. Our orders were to go to Perth, Australia. We made five patrol runs from there.

I had to tell this story to get to the point of why modern man wears earrings: There was this certain Japanese woman who had a radio show from Tokyo, Japan ... you know who she was. Well, she had broadcast that a Japanese destroyer had sunk a red pirate submarine off the coast of French Indochina. This crock of prop was supposedly us - the USS Seadragon! Due to the bombing in Cavite, and the several depth charges sustained, most of the black paint on our hull had long disappeared. The undercoating left is what was called red lead. So, a Red Pirate Submarine! Back to the earrings. our Pharmacist Mate decided if we were being called pirate, we should wear earrings just like them. He then proceeded to pierce every ones' ears, officers excluded. By the time we finished our 5th patrol, the entire submarine fleet had pierced ears.

Therefore, don't give the custom of men wearing earrings to rock groups and rappers - give credit where credit is due - to the USS Seadragon.

NOTE

The author of this story, Art Killman was contacted and he confirmed that the Pharmacist Mate on the Seadragon was Johnny Lipos. Johnny made history when he performed an emergency appendectomy while on a war patrol aboard the USS Seadragon (SS 194) in 1942.



SCHEDULE for NC SUBVETS MEETING BURNSVILLE, NC JUNE 22 and 23, 2007

Friday June 22, 2007

Arrive; Register/Check in after 3:00pm at NU Wray Inn
Hospitality Suite opens on the second floor
Half and Half tickets available

5:00 – 8:00pm - 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 23, 2007

8:00 – 9:30am – Breakfast - Full country breakfast is included with room charge. For a person not staying at the INN, the charge is \$8.51 which includes tax.
Hospitality Suite open
Half and Half tickets available

On your own:

For the ladies - shop Burnsville's unique shops. Visit www.burnsville.nc.com for a guide to downtown shops.
Listing of local sites and attractions is available at www.nuwrayinn.com/information.html

11:00am – Conduct NC SUBVETS business meeting.
Weather permitting, the meeting will be held in garden area at Nu Wray Inn.

12:00pm - Lunch which is included in the registration fee

2:00 – 3:00pm - Visit the Submarine Memorial Site on Moonshine Mountain for an Invocation & Group picture.

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



FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

In case we find ourselves starting to believe all the anti-American sentiment and negativity, we should remember England's Prime Minister Tony Blair's words during a recent interview. When asked by one of his Parliament members why he believes so much in America, he said:

"A simple way to take measure of a country is to look at how many want in... And how many want out.

Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for Britain and for you:

1. Jesus Christ
2. The American G. I.

One died for your soul, the other for your freedom."



2007 BURNSVILLE ANNUAL NC SUBVETS MEETING

Cold Luncheon Choice: Ham and Cheese Croissant (#1) or Chicken Salad Croissant (#2)
Please indicate your meal choice next to each name!!!!

Amount Enclosed: _____ For: _____ Number Coming

Subvets Name: _____ Meal Choice: _____

Guest Name: _____ Meal Choice: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____

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 June 11th to:

Chuck Jensen
4925 Warfield Drive
Greensboro, NC 27406

If you have any questions, my email address is chuck-focc@earthlink.net or call me at (336) 676-9702

