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“IN MEMORY OF THE 52 SUBMARINES LOST IN WWII”

SEA LION	Sunk by aerial bombs	4 men lost	TROUT	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
S-36	Ran aground	No loss of life	TULLIBEE	Sunk by own torpedo	79 men lost,
S-26	Rammed by escort	46 men lost, 2 survived			1 survivor taken prisoner
SHARK 1	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	GUDGEON	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
PERCH	Sunk by surface craft	All taken prisoner, 8 died		and aerial bombs	
		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
ARGONAUT	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost			taken prisoner, none survived
AMBERJACK	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	FLIER	Sunk by enemy mines	78 men lost, 8 survived
	and aerial bombs		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
TRITON	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost			17 army personnel
PICKEREL	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	DARTER	Ran aground	No loss of life
GRENADIER	Sunk by aerial bombs	All taken prisoner, 4 died	SHARK II	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
		in prisoner of war camp	TANG	Sunk by own torpedo	78 men lost, 9 taken
RUNNER	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost			prisoner
R-12	Sunk cause unknown	42 men lost, 3 survivors	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	All hands lost	SCAMP	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
	and aerial bombs			and aerial bombs	
S-44	Sunk by surface craft	55 men lost, 2 survivors	SWORDFISH	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
		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	All hands lost
CORVINA	Sunk by enemy sub	All hands lost		and aerial bombs	
SCULPIN	Sunk by surface craft	63 men lost, 21 survivors	SNOOK	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
		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			
	and aerial bombs				

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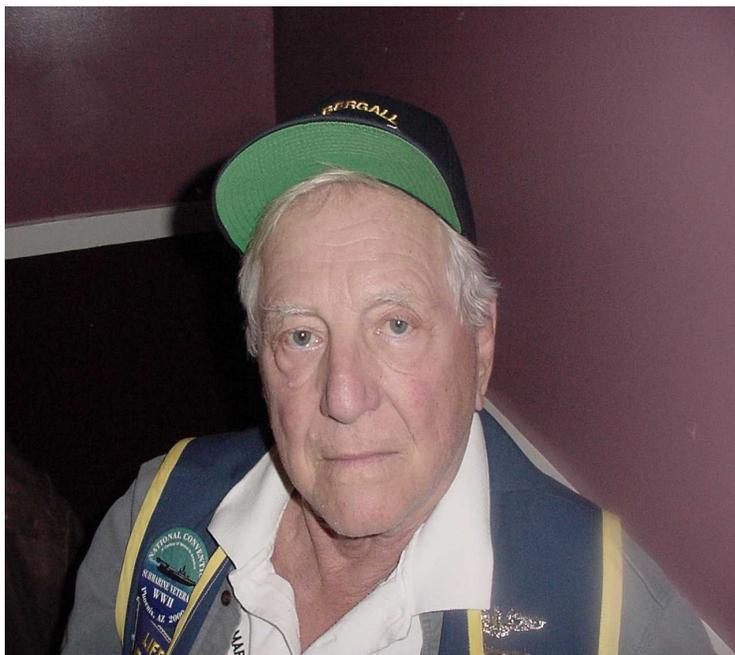
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“ To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge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

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



How many of you old timers remember that song about "How in the heck am I going to wash my neck if it ain't going to rain no more"? That's the way I feel right now here on the farm in Camden County. We haven't had a drop since early Sept. Even the weeds are shriveling up! Yet, in some parts of the country they wish they had this kind of weather. At least I have well water in the garden so the collards won't dry up.

Sorry to have missed the Alaska cruise. It must of been great but there has been little or no comment about it in the mail from anybody, NCVets, National or boat. Bergall had a reunion at Bremerton before the cruise that I missed also. I understand that the next WWII National is going to be at Louisville, Ky. That's close enough so as I can drive it and won't have to worry about missing my flight!

A sad bit of news about a former Bergall shipmate, Ed Branin, National number 00001, passed away Sept. 30. I can't remember much about Ed or about the other subvet founder, Hugh Trimble, 00002, who also was on the Bergall. I wonder how many WWII Bergallions are still around?

Not much to report in the way of NCSubvets activities. Jim M. and I have been discussing some projects that he wants to undertake and I have given him "carte blanche" to go ahead and spend our money so when we "uncharter" there won't anything be left. I assume this will be a subject of discussion at "China Grove, where ever that is". I can envision that NCSubVets WWII will not exist much longer since so few members do anymore than come to meetings, and that is getting less every year. NCSubVets are going to take over the whole state activity soon, (I hope). That whole business will be firmed up at Greensboro in Dec. So get ready with your comments, I'm going to bail out.

See you all at G'boro. Keep a level bubble, all you bubbleheads.

Don

SUBGALLEON CORNER

After a very hectic summer I am relaxing and enjoying the beautiful fall weather. Not having much news to report I thought I would call and check up on our sister members and see how they are doing. Overall they all said the same thing. Considering our age and health problems "WE ARE DOING OK." Of course that doesn't mean that they don't have aches, pains and limitations. Theo Denson said Randy couldn't drive long distance anymore. Sylvia Williams and Billy are doing fine. Anne Whealan is in constant pain and may have to have more back surgery. Jean Parker was in a nursing home for therapy and fell out of bed and needed stitches in her forehead. When I called the LeDucs, Doris was out playing bridge. Don said they are doing OK. Shorty and Dallene Lebonville said "we just

can't take long trips anymore, give everyone our love." Deane Morris is hanging in there and mentioned with great pride that Bill was the only WWII SUB VET from NC at the National Meeting in Billings MT. Margaret and Everett Morgan are going to Kings Bay and plan on seeing everyone in Greensboro in Dec. A breathless Dusty Lathrop answered the phone. She was outside washing the dog and rushed in when she heard it ringing. As we all know she is quite a gal. On the morning of Dec.8th Dusty will be singing with the M&M FELLOWSHIP CHOIR of MADISON NC. And that evening she will be at our Pearl Harbor memorial service. On the 19th of Sept. I celebrated my eightieth birthday. As Don says "I'm in pretty good shape for the shape I'm in" For the next issue of the All Clear I'll contact the rest of our Subgallions.

One of our members, Gloria Steed, passed away in Jun. Gloria had been very ill for quite some time. The Dolphinet will have all the news about the National Meeting. It is due out sometime this month.

Rose Mary Small

USSVI COMMANDER

Shipmates,

The Tarheel Base was well represented at this year's Alaska cruise convention with 14 members present. Those cruising were: Mike Burkholder, Ricky Donohue, Jerry Emerson, Fred Forst, Ron Hatley, George Hecker, Chuck Jensen, Dick Kanning, Bob Liland, Bill Lowe, Jim Myers (*aka The Sultan of Walkertown*), Tom Richey, Milt Stark, and John Wardean. Since most of us had our wives with us, we all had to behave while in the 4 liberty ports we stopped at on the cruise. Jim picked up his new handle as he had his harem of 3 women including Libby with him on the cruise.



Although we didn't receive an award this year for either our newsletter or website, thanks to Dick Kanning's well written recommendations, the Tarheel Base did receive 2nd Runner-Up for the Silver Anchor Award. Also I was one of the recipients receiving a Robert Link Award presented at the awards ceremony. Thanks Dick.

Remember that we have a working meeting coming up on Saturday October 27th at Gary's Barbeque. I have invited the new Carolina-Piedmont Base to come to the meeting so we can get to know those members of this new base that are not also members of the Tarheel Base. Hope to see a lot of you at this meeting especially those members in the Charlotte area as this meeting is in your backyard. The meeting will start at 11:30am and the price of the lunch is \$12.00/per person that includes the tip, meal clean up, and of course use of the great private dining room. One item on the meeting agenda will be nominations for our 2008 base officers' candidates. Other than Jerry Emerson, our current vice commander, the 3 other base officers including myself have held office for 4 or more years. I would like to see some other of our base members have the opportunity to take over the leadership of our base. So please give some serious thought about "putting your hat in the ring" and run for an office in 2008. Another agenda item that Jim Myers has identified is the fabrication of a permanent trailer for the Mk-14 torpedo. Currently, we are using Jim's

trailer which only seats 4 members riding in parades. Since we no longer have the base bus, Jim would like to incorporate more seating on the proposed new trailer.

Directions to the meeting: Going south on I-85 use exit 68 (China Grove/Rockwell) this is also Highway 29 south, go approx 1 mile and Gary's is on the left, make U-turn at the stop light and there you are....

Going north on I-85 also exit 68 top of ramp go left highway 152 and follow highway 29 south and follow the sign to Gary's which will be on your left make U-turn at the stoplight!!!"

Once again it is time to pay your \$10.00 for base dues and for those members who are not either USSVI life members or Holland Club members your national dues need to be paid also. Those annual members who do not pay next year's dues before the end of the year will be dropped from the subscription list for the American Submariner Magazine. Those still owing dues after January 1st are no longer consider to be a member in "good standing" both in national organization and our base. Bob Werner spends a considerable amount of time collecting dues every year. Let's help Bob out by timely paying your dues before the end of the year. Send your check made out to "USSVI Tarheel Base" for the amount of dues you owe. Bob's address is:

Bob Werner
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We have already committed to participate in several Veteran Day Parades again this year.

On Saturday morning November 10th will be the Winston-Salem parade. We should be at our assigned places by 8:30 AM. Our assigned line-up site is the same as last year, the corner of 4th and Spring Street. You need to take Bus I-40 either East or West depending on the direction you are coming from and get off at exit #5B which is South Broad Street. You would then make a right turn on to Broad Street at the end of the exit ramp. Follow Broad Street to 4th Street and take a right on to 4th Street and go one block to our staging area.

On Sunday afternoon November 11th will be the High Point parade. If you are coming to High Point from the Winston Salem area take new US-311 all the way to a stop light at Business I-85. Turn right on to Business I-85 and go to Main Street exit and turn back right onto North Main Street. There will be some one along the route to tell you where slot #150 is and you can park somewhere close to that area. We will be going up North Main Street back toward Winston Salem. If coming from Charlotte or Greensboro on I-85 take exit 111 and at the end of the ramp turn left (from I-85 North) or right (from I-85 South) and this road will become Main Street.

Mark your calendar now for the annual Pearl Harbor Dinner. Mike Burkholder is again coordinating this annual event to be held on Saturday December 8th. It will be held at the same location that he has been using the past several years.

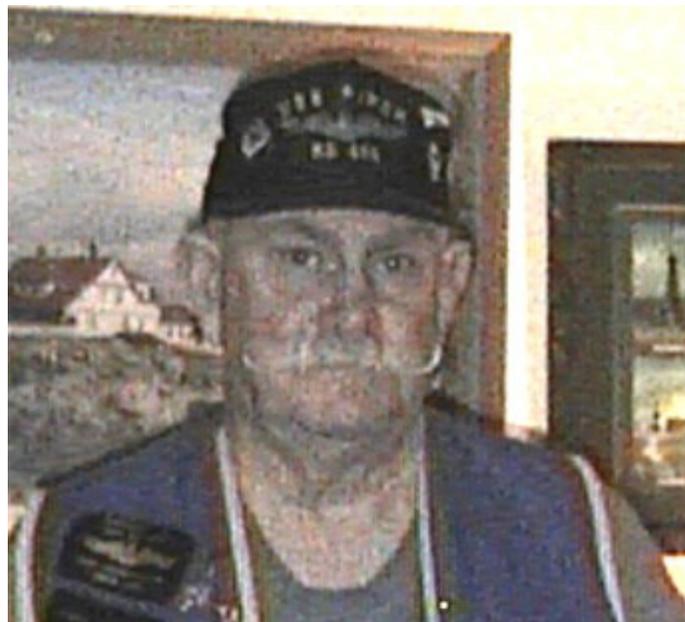
Hope to see you and the upcoming working meeting.

Chuck

USSVI VICE COMMANDER

Like many others I just returned from a very interesting USSVI convention, the highlights being the Cruise, The company and the food. As this was my first USSVI convention, I found the business meeting informative and have a better knowledge as to how this organization operates. Hope to see many of you at the Oct. business meeting.

Jerry Emerson



USSVI SECRETARY CORNER

Bill Lowe

Tarheel Base members who missed the ship movement of the ms Oosterdam on 15 September 2007 lost out on a great time. Fourteen Base members along with their wives made the voyage with almost no negatives. The only complaints I can note are the lack of “sea legs” during the stint from Seattle to Juneau and the rain in Sitka. Chow and more chow was available 24-7. The Broadway style shows were top notch. The skipper, Captain Jonathan Mercer, acted and sounded like a man you would like to set sail with any day. On several occasions he sounded the diving alarm and announced “DIVE- DIVE!!

As for USSVI events during the cruise, the tolling of the lost boats ceremony was conducted with the most reverence. After the reading the name of each lost boat and ringing the bell, escorted ladies placed long-stemmed carnations in trays on a table.

Later on, these flowers were tossed overboard as part of a private burial at sea service for two Sub Vets who had departed on their Eternal Patrols recently.

Most of the Sub Vets went on the scheduled tour of the ms Oosterdam engine room spaces. I'm sure all those fellows who missed the smell of diesel got their fix with five diesel engines aboard.

My wife Gail and I enjoyed the following shore excursions:

In Juneau: Mendenhall Glacier and Whale Quest—Saw at least 15 humpback whales and hundreds of Stellar sea lions. Mendenhall Glacier looked very dirty from the gravel caught in the ice.

Between Juneau and Sitka, the ship entered Yakutat Bay and sailed near the Hubbard Glacier. What a beautiful big 400 foot high chunk of ice!!

In Sitka: Rapture Center and Russian Dancers- At the Rapture Center we met Volta, a beautiful bald eagle. He had recovered from injuries he sustained from hitting a power line on the water front- i.e. his name is short for voltage.

In Ketchikan: Gail and I were met by Carl and Carol Brown, residents of Ketchikan. Back on the first of the year, we met them in Gulfport, MS. during a North Carolina Baptist Men's Disaster Relief trip. The Browns invited us on a fishing trip on their boat when we pulled into Ketchikan and we took them up on the invite. I caught a 15 lb coho salmon and have the pictures to prove it!

In Victoria, Canada, we rode a horse-drawn trolley around the city pulled by Belgian draft horses Betty and Ben. Our driver pointed out several "heritage houses" and said a house had to be at least 100 years old to qualify as a heritage house. To maintain this title, the house can never be modified. Since I am retired from BellSouth Telephone Company, the beautiful paintings of birds, etc on the telephone boxes caught my eye during the trip around the city.

During the cruise, Gail and I met some interesting Sub Vets and mates. One fellow brought his wife and his ex wife's two sisters on the trip. He called the three ladies his "harem". We also ran into Tarheel Base member Rich Donahue and his wife from Greensboro. Since none of the Base members had ever met Rich prior to the cruise, we named him the Phantom member. He promises to be in attendance at our Pearl Harbor meeting in December. That's about enough of my ramblings!

Bill Lowe

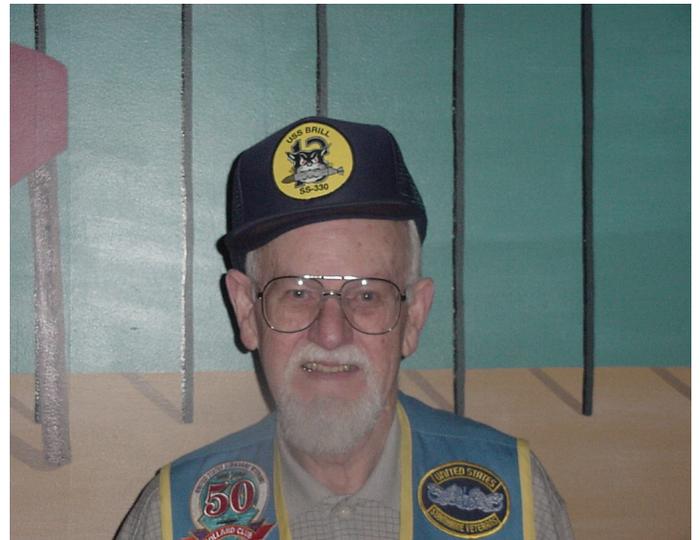
Tarheel Base Yeoman

(proud to have sailed on my first surface cruise with a great bunch of men and ladies)

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

WHY NOT DO FUNERALS?

In the past few weeks, your Chaplain has been privileged to be present at four funerals--we prefer to call them "celebrations of life" 'cause that's what they were. Two were for guys we worked with for many years in civilian life; the third was for one of wife Anne's closest and dearest friends for the past 36 years; and the fourth was just last week for Donald Everette Morton of Matthews, NC, a Submarine Veteran.



A day or so after extending our condolences to one of our two civilian fellow workers, we ran into a third retired fellow worker and mentioned that we had missed him at the recent celebration of our mutual friend's life. We'll never forget his prompt response: "I DON'T DO FUNERALS."

We as promptly responded, "WHY NOT?"

We're still awaiting his reply.

So we can't help using our "**Corner**" to share with our readers why we feel privileged to attend celebrations of life--to help our shipmates set sail on their eternal patrols (as we submarine veterans refer to the experience).

In all four of our recent "experiences," we carried away with us far more than we brought to the families involved. In all four, we left lighter in heart than when we entered to greet the families. In all four, we felt that our presence helped the families through the ordeal. In all four, we understood that the time, energy, and effort expended to show the families that we cared for them and their departed loved ones were the least that we could do.

We take this means of extending our personal thanks to the 11 Piedmont Base and Tarheel Base/Chapter SubVets who joined us in tending the lines as Donald Morton set sail on his eternal patrol on Wednesday, 26 September 2007, from Joy Christian Fellowship Church in Matthews. (We would name the 12, but our

memory just tripped a circuit breaker.) We were conspicuous in our colorful vests and caps. We were even more conspicuous during the celebration, particularly during the flag-folding ceremony that finalized the observance on just the right note.

Our special thanks are extended to Robert F. Hopkins for taking charge of the impressive closing moments of the service.

The 12 attending SubVets served as the Color Guard. Two Piedmont Base members unfolded and displayed the Colors to the congregation. The actual folding of the flag was accompanied by your Chaplain's explanation of the tri-cornered folding. As the entire congregation stood and saluted, Charlie Cross' taps sounded throughout the sanctuary. The folded flag was ceremoniously presented to Donald's widow Janet. Your Chaplain then presented the North Carolina Submarine Veterans' traditional "*Book of Remembrance*" to Janet. The ceremony closed with Commander Glenn Harris presenting Janet with Donald's Piedmont Base Certificate of Charter Membership.

We titled this portion of our Corner "Why Not Do Funerals?" Frankly, we can't think of any valid reason for NOT doing funerals, other than personal disability (but even disability didn't keep SubVet Jack Sloop and his wheelchair from Don's sendoff). Maybe we should have titled it, "Why Do Funerals?" We could have gone on and on answering that one. Actually, if for no other reason, we should tend lines for our shipmates in their honor, to support their families, and because we want our families supported when the time comes for us to set sail.

WHAT'S A SHIP CHANDLER?

Our "*Book of Remembrance*" for Don Morton listed him simply as "Seaman," because that's all the information we had on him. During Don's celebration of life in Matthews, Pastor McLean Faw said that, in the Navy, Don had served as a ship chandler at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

A what? we asked ourselves.

Following the service, we asked several of our senior SubVets (you know, those who have wrung more salt water out of their socks than we've sailed under), if they knew what a ship chandler did. All shook their heads in reply.

Soooooo! A trip to Wikipedia revealed that a ship chandler is responsible for berthing and docking of ships before they arrive in port. They supply the crew's food, ship's maintenance supplies, cleaning compounds, paint, rope, etc.

So now we (and you) know!

THE FLAG FOLDING

Following the flag-folding ceremony at Don Morton's "going away party," we were asked for a copy of the explanation we read. We told the requestor to Google "Flag Folding" for an explanation. Maybe we'll include the explanation of the 12-step ceremony in a future "Corner," but we think several comments are of sufficient interest to include here now.

The flag is carefully folded into the shape of a tri-cornered hat, emblematic of the hats worn by Colonial soldiers during the War for Independence (the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today). The flag-folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our Country was originally founded. The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton (top inner quarter) of blue containing the stars, representing the home states of those who served (and still serve) in uniform.

TAPS

We always react to the soulful notes of Taps the same way: a lump in our throat, tears in our eyes. At Donald Morton's service, it was no different.

Then we considered the meaning behind the notes. The last three lines of the first verse are:

"All is well.
Safely rest.
God is nigh."

ISN'T SHE BEAUTIFUL!

On a personal note, as your Chaplain stood before the congregation at the celebration of Don Morton's life, the tri-cornered flag was unfolded and held up for all to see.

As we viewed the symbol of our great Nation stretched between the congregation and us, we momentarily forgot about why we were there. All we could do was shift our gaze from the flag to the congregation, and exclaim, "Isn't she beautiful!"

We imagined Don looking down on us, nodding in agreement, and smiling proudly.

Bless you.
Chaplain Bill

From Your USSVI District Commander

Fresh back from a wonderful Cruise and Convention, the activities of the fall season are accelerating. The cruise was everything one could ask for, from the sounding of the dive alarm upon every underway to the huge US Flag prominently hung over the gangway! After much prodding, a lot of us got to see the engineering spaces, which is almost unheard of after 9/11. The burial at sea really showed the crew and all aboard just what and how WQE honor our departed shipmates, as a moment of silence was observed throughout the entire ship. Even the casino became very quiet as we so honored the deceased. Heard from a casino manager, he'd never experienced such a tribute!

Eastern District 3 did exceptionally well in the National Awards program. While the Tarheel Base did not place, Our Base Commander was a recipient of one of the Robert Link Awards, Chuck was also presented for the Tarheel Base the 2nd runner-up for the Silver Anchor Award. Well deserved for all that Chuck has done for OUR Base!

Other ED3 Award recipients are:

USS Virginia Base- Website of the Year
North Virginia Base- Meritorious and Newsletter
USS Haddo Base- Meritorious and Newsletter
Jon Jacques- Robert Link

It was an honorable experience in nominating several more from ED3, and hard in choosing the winners in those categories that All DC's have to vote on. Too many times, it is assumed that individuals and Bases are "Just doing their job" and nominations and inputs are hard to come by. Be assured that I take pleasure, as do ALL DC's, in preparing nominations. They are only as good as what YOU submit!

Elections: Base nominations and elections are rapidly approaching. Chuck has indicated it is time for a change, and considering his record tenure, a BIG set of shoes looms to fill. Bob Werner continues to do a fantastic task of membership and finances and is due some reprieve. OUR base only survives and thrives with its Base Officers and members.

Share some responsibility and consider candidates for Base positions.

National Elections are next year. John Carciopollo, present ERD and Pat Householder, NJVC, have announced their solicitation for National CDR. Al Singleman desires to continue as Nat'l Sec'y, while Jon Jacques is running for NSVC. T.Michael Bircumshaw, WD6, is running for NJVC. No Candidates have yet been named for ERD. I have been approached to run for ERD, but have NOT made a decision yet, as there are some organization issues that are influencing such a decision.

I'm sure there will be more to come in this regard.

The 2008 USSVI Calendars are available! A tribute to the 637, 688 and Virginia classes as well as two

pictures of Tarheel Base activities are featured. I highly recommend that a blanket order be taken, and joining up with other Bases for volume buying, as it lowers the cost!

This month has been busy. By the time you read this, I've participated in the awards ceremony for N. VA Holland Club induction, the retirement ceremony for FORCM Dean Irwin and the Haddo Base Memorial dedication.

SSN-777 Activities: Will Harvey and I had breakfast with COB Jeff Compton in Chapel Hill in Sept. We asked what would be appropriate for a gift from the Tarheel Base and NCSubVets and informed that a leather bound ledger, with appropriate inscription(s) would be appreciated. It would be used as a logbook for each crewmember who served or serves on the 777, with qual dates, time served, etc. I feel it is the least we could do and hope you'll support this endeavor, as it is presented at our business meeting later this month.

The commissioning is set for 3 May 2008 in Wilmington. If you're planning on going, I suggest you get reservations for a place to stay NOW, as I'm sure the city will be packed.

Several of us offered to assist the US Navy league, thru the local rep, Teresa Bythewood, and have been in the dark. I've contacted the Mayor and Al Mcquire, of the Cape Fear group of Sub Vets of our desire to be an integral part, as have Dick Gudis and Bob Liland. I'll continue to pursue this. The BB-5 Ass'n, (Jerry Johnson, President) has expressed a desire to join us in our efforts and participation, as well, as a joint get-together.

With Veterans Day approaching, make it your commitment to participate in our parades and gatherings.

Yours in Service
Dick



YOU CAN TAKE THE SUBMARINER FROM THE SUBMARINE
BUT YOU CAN'T TAKE THE SUBMARINE OUT OF THE
SUBMARINER

DICK KANNING DANCING ON A TABLE AT THE RED DOG SALOON IN JUNEAU ALASKA FOR A FREE MEAL. JIM MYERS HAS THE RECEIPT TO PROVE IT.

WWII TREASURER'S CORNER

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

July 31, 2007 WAS the dead line for Renewal of WWII Sub Vet 2008 dues. Anyone delinquent in dues since 2006 will be dropped from the POLARIS and ALL CLEAR Mailing list. If you have questions call Jim Myers or Don Small. The following members are delinquent in dues as of this printing.

ROBERT BLACK	\$15	MAURICE SMITH	\$10
JONES KENNEDY	\$10	WALTER TAVERNA	\$15
LINWOOD REPESS	\$10	MICHAEL THOMPSON	\$20
JOE RITTER	\$10	LARRY TRAVIS	\$10
RAY ROGERS	\$10	BILLY WILLIAMS	\$15
ROBERT SLOOP	\$15		

EDITOR'S NOTES

Remember look at your mailing address on the front of your ALL CLEAR and look at the year beside your name, if it is 2008 or above you are up to date in dues but if it is 2007 or less you OWE DUES.

USSVI TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership is now 149 with more applications coming in the mail.

DUES RENEWAL TIME: For all who owe either National or Base Dues for 2008 Nat'l and Base DUES are due on or before January 1st.

National ANNUAL memberships are \$20.00 per year.

Discounts are offered for terms of: 5 yrs. (\$90), 3 yrs: (\$55). Tarheel Base Dues for USSVI Membership--Excluding WWII Members--are \$10 per yr.

Please make ONE check for the total amount (Nat'l & Base) Payable To:
USSVI TARHEEL BASE

Mail to: Robert Werner
150 Wood Wedge Way
Sanford, NC 27332

If your not sure about what you owe, PLEASE call or email me and I will tell you your status.

Bob Werner
(919) 499-2210 bobwerner150@hotmail.com

Treasurer's Report

3rd Quarter 2007

Balance 2 nd Qtr.	\$6450.27
Income	1273.32
Expense	2147.35
Balance	5576.24

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

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

OCTOBER

ROBERT BLACK
 KRIS BRIDGES
 GEORGE CATALDO
 JOSEPH CLARK
 LARRY COBB
 PAUL CROSSLAND
 BARBARA DIXON
 RICKY DONOHUE
 NELSON GAINNEY
 JIMMIE GRAVES
 LARRY HAUSER
 DAVID HOLM
 SHORTY LEBONVILLE
 ALFRED McGUIRE
 HOWELL RICE
 JOE RITTER
 ROBERT WILSON
 ROBERT WYATT

NOVEMBER

HUGH ANDREWS
 BILL BALDWIN
 CHARLES CROSS
 RANDOLPH DENSON
 HAROLD DIXON
 ROYNALD HATLEY
 DAVID HENDRIX
 SCOTT HUGHES
 THOMAS KELLY
 WILLIAM LOWE
 ROYCE SIMPSON
 MAURICE SMITH
 PAUL STINSON
 JOHN WALLACE

DECEMBER

JERRY BECKLEY
 BILL BENEDICT
 FRANK CAULFIELD
 GEORGE CRAIG
 CHARLES DORMAN
 BRUCE FENSLEY
 PAUL HISER
 ROBERT F. HOPKINS
 RICHARD KREH
 GARY LEW
 EDWARD LLOYD
 ERNEST MORGAN
 EVERETT MORGAN
 WAYNE POWELL
 WILLIAM SCHNEIDER
 JAMES STANFORD
 THOMAS VANDENHEUVEL
 GILBERT WARREN
 FENTON WELLS

BOOSTER CLUB 2008

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
HAROLD STEED	8/15/2007	15.00
NORMAN SKILES	8/20/2007	15.00
BILL DRESSEL	8/22/2007	5.00
CHARLES TOLBERT	8/23/2007	20.00
EDWARD LLOYD	8/28/2007	15.00
NC USSVI TARHEEL BASE		
REFUND FOR ALL CLEAR	8/29/2007	1339.84
DONALD LeDUC	9/3/2007	25.00
RAMONA YOST	9/25/2007	20.00
TOTAL		1454.84

2007
DECEMBER PEARL HARBOR
MEMORIAL MEETING
NC SUB VETS

There **has been a significant change** regarding both the location and date for this year's Pearl Harbor Dinner that was published in the most recent edition of the All Clear. Jim Myers found out earlier this week that the motel in Greensboro where we have been having the dinner, and as announced in the latest issue of the All Clear, no longer serves meals. Although Mike Burkholder had confirmed the arrangements back in June, this change occurred after he had spoken with the motel. It assumed that because Mike left Greensboro in early July and having his phone disconnected then, the motel couldn't get in touch with Mike to inform him of the change.

However things have been worked out and we will have the dinner again this year. The new date will be **Friday December 7th** and the location will now be at the **VFW Post #7383 in Cary, NC.** This is the location where we have held our last two base working meetings in Cary. The VFW Post is located at 522 Reedy Creek Road, Cary NC. Directions are as follows:

Coming from Greensboro:

At I-40 & Wade Ave Split, take I-40, be in the left lanes. Follow I-40 East to Hwy NC-54 (Exit 290). At bottom of off ramp, turn right onto NC-54. Proceeding West, cross intersection of Trinity Road (Light), continue and cross intersection of NE Maynard (light), and continue to next light (Reedy Creek Rd). Turn right proceed up the road and the VFW Post will be on the Right Side. Phone 919 467 1188 if you get lost.

Coming from Wilmington on I-40 West, take Exit 209 and turn left at the bottom of the ramp onto NC-54. Directions are the same after that if coming from Greensboro.

Thanks to our base member Paul Hiser for assisting us in making the arrangements so the dinner could go on. We will have the hospitality room in the post's annex building from noon until 6:00pm when we will then move into the post's main building for dinner and the lost boat ceremony. The post will sell setups for mixed drinks with us providing the liquor. In addition to the setups, beer and wine will also be sold by the post. The dinner will be catered by K & S Catering with the menu the same as past years. The cost for the dinner will be \$10.00 per person which includes all taxes and gratuities. When making your dinner reservations please make out the check to "U.S. Subvets" and include the names of who will be coming. Mail your check to:

Jim Myers
4905 Walkertown Road
Walkertown, NC 27051

Mike has also contacted the Hampton Inn which is located a mile and a half from the VFW Post. They have blocked out 20 rooms for us at a special rate of \$79.00 + tax. This also includes a hot breakfast. You need to make your reservation by November 16th to the motel get this special rate. Tell them you are a Subvet when making your reservation. Information for this motel is:

Hampton Inn
111 Hampton Woods Lane
Cary, NC 27607
(919) 233-1798
Website <http://www.hamptoninn.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=RDUICYHX>

The motel is located at I-40 and NC-54 at exit 290. Using the directions above for the VFW Post you will pass the motel on your left before the intersection of Trinity Road.

2008

The Dallas Base would like to cordially extend to all USSVI/WWII members an invitation to hold their NEXT boat reunions during the 2008 Convention, to be held in Fort Worth, Texas.

Convention Dates= September 1-7, 2008

Website- <http://www.ussvi2008.com>

NO TRUER WORDS

A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a naval conference that included Admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a large group of Officers that included personnel from most of those countries.

Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks but a French admiral suddenly complained that, 'whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English.' He then asked, 'Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?'

Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied 'Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German.'

You could have heard a pin drop!!

PARADES, PARADES, PARADES **2007 VETERANS DAY PARADES**

The NC Subvets will be participating in 2 Veterans Day Parades again this year.
They are:

1. The Winston- Salem parade on Saturday November 10th starts at 10:00 am and the parade route will be from Spring Street to Corpening Plaza along West 4th Street and Liberty Street. We need to form at our staging area located at the corner of 4th Street and Spring Street at 08:30 AM. We will be using the parade submarine and the Mk-14 Torpedo float for this parade. Take Bus-40 either East or West depending on the direction you are coming from and get off at exit #5B which is South Broad Street. You would then make a right turn on to Broad Street at the end of the exit ramp. Follow Broad Street to 4th Street and take a right on to 4th Street and go one block to our staging area.
2. The High Point parade on Sunday November 11th starts at 3:00 PM. We need to form up at 2:00 PM on South Main Street. Our parade positions are 150,151,152. Coming from either the Raleigh or the Charlotte area take I-85 to exit 111. Turn North on US-311 and stay on this road which becomes South Main Street at High Point. We will be using the parade submarine and the Mk-14 Torpedo float for this parade.

Dear Base Commanders & Shipmates.

I know I am preaching to the choir on this for most reading this message, and I thank you for your support, but if you are not clear on what the CF funds are used for and why they are needed, either email me back or read the CF article in the American Submariner, Page 32, Issue 2007:2

Simply put, our Sub Vet Charitable Foundation activities belong to all of us and if we, individually, have the ability but choose not support our very own subvet charitable functions, shame on us.

Every Sub Vet shipmate worth his salt should be engaged in planting trees he will never sit beneath. We have all received help from others at different times in our lives. It is only right that we 'pay it forward' and this is one good way to do so.

This should be a point of Sub Vet pride to us all, and should not considered in any way a burden, especially at the levels of support requested!

Please help me spread the word that our Charitable Foundation is a project worthy of our support, and ask your base shipmates to donate AT LEAST \$10.00 a year for this good purpose. (Personally, I donate far more than that, as do many others, because I know how important it is to us all, and it brings me satisfaction for having done so.)

I support the work that our hardworking volunteer CF Executive Director John Markeiwicz is doing and will continue to do so because I think it is a vital part of who we are as the premier submarine veterans organization in the world!

Donations made by your base or by your individual shipmates are equally welcome, whether they are USSVI members or not) and should be sent to

USSVI
Attn: USSVCF
P.O Box 3870
Silverdale WA 98383

Thanks for hearing me out, shipmates. Any questions or concerns, give me a email reply.
Fraternally: Patrick Householder, National Membership Chairman
Issaquah, WA.
NJVC@ussvi.org
425 392 0440

THE NEW S-28 NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE ALL CLEAR

S-28 History

Thanks to Tyler Spratlin for sharing his father's memoirs. His father, Dean Spratlin, joined the S-28 in 1941 and left in 1944 as her exec. The following is an excerpt.

“In April, 1942, when it was learned the Japs were heading for the Aleutian Islands, off Alaska, we left for the Aleutians.”

“Spent two weeks patrolling off Cold Bay, waiting for the Japs to land somewhere. After the Japs occupied Kiska and Attu, we were called in to Dutch Harbor to refuel and go out to look for Japs to sink.”

“We headed for Dutch Harbor, but our radio transmitter was not working, so we couldn't tell if anyone was coming (the S-boats were antiques from WWI, and something was always breaking down on them). The afternoon before we were due to arrive at Dutch, while we were running on the surface, we spotted a float plane in the distance. Couldn't be sure whether he was friend or foe, but decided to identify ourselves to him to let Dutch know we were coming. This was a mistake! We gave the plane our recognition signals, but he kept right on coming!”

“When he was a coupla miles away, we decided he wasn't acting like a friend, so we dived. But it takes us 30-40

seconds to get under and our wake shows him where we just were- just under the surface and very vulnerable. He dropped his charges, which exploded much too close for comfort. The explosion blew out our lights and circuit breakers, broke one of my two depth gauges (I was Diving Officer), shook us up, and, in general, made us feel unwelcome!”

“As Diving Officer I was trying to ‘go deep’ as fast as possible so we could get away from there. I was headed for 200 feet, which had been our test depth 25 years before, when the boat was built. But for some reason we couldn’t seem to get below 45 feet. We had shut off the broken depth gauge. No matter what I did- I was trying my best to get deeper- down angle on the boat, speed, and flooding tanks to get heavier- but my one depth gauge still showed us at 45 feet. Just below the surface and not going deeper. Still at the mercy of whoever was up there that didn’t like us.”

After trying desperately for several minutes to get deeper, I happened to look up at a ballast tank gauge on the forward bulkhead, and the needle was just passing the red mark at 200 feet, which was the test depth back in 1918! This shook me up so bad, all I could do was punch my planesmen on their backs and motion to ‘get us up!’ Thus we leveled off at about 250 feet, which was 50 feet below our test depth in 1918.”

Given a moment to think, we realized we had shut off the wrong depth gauge, and instead of being at 45 feet, we were over 200 feet deep and going deeper fast- all too close to oblivion! Another couple of minutes of that, and we could have been just a statistic!”

As soon as we calmed down, we went up to periscope depth (45 feet) to look around. Couldn’t see anyone up there, so stayed down until dark, and then surfaced to charge our batteries. Next morning at daybreak, we sighted a 4-stack destroyer before he saw us, and, fortunately he looked at our recognition signals before opening fire. We got him to radio Dutch Harbor for us to tell them we were coming in. We still couldn’t be sure who bombed us!”

“But after getting in, while docked at Dutch that afternoon, a young Ensign flyer came down to the boat and sheepishly admitted he was the pilot that almost sank us.”

Editor’s note: The Naval Engagement Mr. Spratlin is talking about, The Aleutian Islands Campaign, was part of the Battle of Midway. The Japanese, with their typical flair for producing large, complex plans, split their naval forces into two groups. The invasion force Mr. Spratlin was fighting was sent as a diversion to lure the US Navy out and away from Midway to get caught between two groups. They did partially succeed, in that they technically occupied sovereign United States territory, the islands were part of the Territory of Alaska, not yet a state. However, US code breakers figured out the Japanese intentions and allowed Admiral Halsey to send just enough forces to Alaska to tie things up there while the main brunt of the US Navy dealt with the Japanese Navy around Midway. The battle around Alaska dragged on for a while, the Japanese were unwilling to give up any gains they made, even though it was a drain on their forces for future battles around Guadalcanal. So, the ability of a few WWI S-Boats and 4-stackers to keep the Japanese diverted was cold, tedious and dangerous, but overall very important for the future of the war.

About Your New Editor

Hello, thank you for the opportunity to work on such a great project. I look forward to many interesting newsletters in the years to come. I set up an E-mail account: YDDeditor@gmail.com for newsletter related material. This should help any future hand offs between us editors, we can transfer the E-mail address and it will always stay the same for you, the customers. Please drop me a line there or call on the phone number in the contact box below. I would love to hear about anything, S-28 technical stuff, life aboard and how everyone is doing now.



JIM'S HAREM, WIFE LIBBY, EX SISTER-IN-LAW ANDREA & HER SISTER DEBBIE (I DATED HER)



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