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**PRIDE RUNS DEEP**



**“IN MEMORY OF THE 52 SUBMARINES LOST IN WWII”**

SEA LION	Sunk by aerial bombs	4 men lost	TROUT	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
S-36	Ran aground	No loss of life	TULLIBEE	Sunk by own torpedo	79 men lost,
S-26	Rammed by escort	46 men lost, 2 survived			1 survivor taken prisoner
SHARK 1	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	GUDGEON	Sunk by surface craft 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 and aerial bombs	All hands lost			

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### Purpose

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

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Shipmates,

The Elizabeth City Meeting was a complete success thanks to Barry Danforth who set up the meeting for us at the local VFW Post. Also we received a nice write up in the local newspaper about the meeting and some of the attendees. A copy of this article has been included in this issue of the All Clear.

I attended the joint meeting in Va. Beach of USSV-WWII Southeastern Region and USSVI District #3 this month. Once again it was an excellent meeting at an outstanding location. Although the turnout of NC Subvets was not as great as past years, we still had a good representation of our members especially for the USSVI District #3 meeting. Dick Kanning will again serve another term as our District #3 Commander as he was unanimously re-elected at the meeting. Several awards were presented including one to Don Small in

recognition of his years of service as the USSV-WWII NC State Commander. Thank you for leadership Don during your tenure as our state commander. Two significant events that occurred under your watch was the dedication of our two state memorials to perpetuate the memory of the 52 Lost Boats and the S-28 for years to come.

In addition to the upcoming SSN 777 Commissioning next month, we have several parades in May. A listing planned NC Subvets activities is provided in this issue of the All Clear.

In June we will again have our annual meeting in Burnsville. The meeting schedule and registration form are included in this issue of the All Clear. I hope we again can have a good turnout for this meeting. Rooms have been blocked out for us at the Nu-Wray Inn and the price of the rooms as well as the luncheon remains the same as last year.

Chuck

**SUBGALLEON CORNER**

We agreed to support the NC Sub Vets by donating \$500 to the group in order to purchase a new Projector in order to show slides DVD's and have for visiting quest speakers. The projector has been purchased and used at the SE Regional Convention in Virginia Beach. Our next meeting is in Burnsville and looking forward to seeing several of the sub galleons there. Don is in good shape after his problems with his foot and leg, looking forward to getting back to his John Deere and grass mowing.

By Jim Myers for Rosemary Small

## **USSVI COMMANDER**

Hi Shipmates--I can't believe its April already; time sure flies when you're having fun or busy working!! We have been inn sitting at the Whithead Inn for about six weeks already this year and went to Florida for ten days.

We had a good response for the Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade. The new MK 14 float is great. I am still working on getting us into the "Raleigh Salute our Troops Armed Forces Day" event on 26 April 2008. I will send an e-mail on this next week.

I went to New Bern to review the banner being made for the MK 14 float. It looks really good and should be finished shortly.



The SSN 777 commissioning is approaching. If you are not going to the event, please send any tickets you receive to me, as I have been getting requests for extra tickets. I have also had inquiries about the "Official Uniform" for the event. Unless I hear otherwise, I intend to dress as follows: khaki pants, white collared shirt with dress tie or string tie, vest and submarine ball cap. If I get any other direction about the dress code, I will send the information via e-mail.

Congratulations to the new base formed in SE North Carolina.

As of this week, the Tarheel base has 159 paid up members and is growing. As I have said previously, we as members MUST promote our base and national organization. Presently, I am working on 3 prospective new members whom I came in contact with simply by wearing an article of clothing that indicates Submarine Service.

Finally, please remember that 45 years ago on April 10<sup>th</sup> 1963, the USS Thresher SSN 593 with 129 crewmembers departed on eternal patrol.

Jerry Emerson

### **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**APRIL 30** -----A no host dinner with the BB-55 Ass'n members at Elijah's Wednesday eve.

**MAY 2**-----TOLLING OF THE BOATS, FANTAIL (BB55) AT 11:30 AM in WILMINGTON

**MAY 3**-----USS NORTH CAROLINA SSN 777 COMMISSIONING IN WILMINGTON

**MAY 17**-----ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE IN SANFORD (Contact Dick Kanning)

**MAY 26**-----MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN THOMASVILLE

**JUNE 7**-----Asheboro Air Museum Fly-In (will have submarine & Mk-14 torpedo on display)

**JUNE 21 & 22**-----U.S. SUBVETS of NC MEETING IN BURNSVILLE (Detail in this issue)



## USSVI SECRETARY CORNER



### NOTES FROM 8 MARCH 2008 QUARTERLY TARHEEL BASE MEETING

1- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:00 NOON WITH CHAPLAIN BILL WHELAN OFFERING THE OPENING PRAYER AND VICE COMMANDER BUTTERBEAN DIXON LEADING ALL IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.  
2- THANKS GO OUT TO VFW POST 6060 COMMANDER DALE FISH AND VFW/TARHEEL BASE MEMBER BARRY DANFORTH FOR HOSTING THIS SUBVET MEETING. ALSO, THANKS TO THE FOLKS WHO PREPARED A GREAT MEAL FOR US- I.E. THE CHOW HOUNDS. A SMARTLY DECORATED "SUBVET" CAKE WAS ENJOYED BY ALL.  
3- VICE COMMANDER BUTTERBEAN DIXON WAS IN CHARGE OF THE MEETING DUE TO BASE COMMANDER JERRY EMERSON'S ABSENCE.

3. WORD HAS IT JERRY WAS DOWN IN FLORIDA SOAKING UP SOME SUN.
4. – BUTTERBEAN CALLED FOR INTRODUCTIONS BY THE 40 SUBVETS AND WIVES PRESENT.
5. – DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER DICK KANNING STATED THE PROPOSED NEW COASTAL CAROLINA BASE HAS 16 MEMBERS TO DATE AND WILL BE UP AND RUNNING BY THE 16<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL. DICK REMINDED ALL WHO PLAN TO ATTEND THE COMMISSIONING OF THE USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSN-777) ON 3 MAY TO RSVP FOR THEIR TICKETS. TICKETS WILL BE MAILED OUT DURING THE THIRD WEEK OF APRIL. DICK ALSO REPORTED A SUM OF \$930.00 HAD BEEN COLLECTED FOR THE SAILOR OF THE YEAR AWARD AND THE MONEY WOULD BE USED TO FUND A DINNER FOR THE RUNNER UPS AND THEIR WIVES.
6. – JIM MYERS AND MIKE BURKHOLDER CONDUCTED THE TOLLING OF THE BOATS CEREMONY FOR THE SUBMARINES LOST DURING WWII ON DATES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.
7. – HENRY HAGWOOD HELD DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS AND THE 50/50 RAFFLE. BARRY DANFORTH WAS THE 50/50 RAFFLE WINNER AND RECEIVED \$107.50- YOU LUCKY FELLOW!!
8. – AS A NOTE OF INTEREST, VFW POST 6060 WAS ESTABLISHED IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM CLARENCE JACKSON, A SAILOR WHO WAS KILLED ON BOARD THE USS WEST VIRGINIA AT PEARL HARBOR ON 7 DECEMBER 1941.
9. –MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:35 PM.

### SAILOR REST YOUR OARS

World War II submarine veteran F. William (Bill) McKay, GM2, of Hendersonville, NC, set sail on his eternal patrol Monday, 31 March, just 2 weeks short of his 84th birthday.

( See the article [A Meeting Just Missed](#) by Bill McKay in the next All Clear)

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### Out of the Mouths of Babes!

That title doesn't fit what we've got to say here exactly, but it's as close as we can get for now. This goes back to Saturday, 15 March, in Raleigh. It was the annual Saint Patrick's Day parade.

There we were in all of our SubVets finery. There was our beautiful MK 14 torpedo in its relatively new paint job and on its brand-new patriotically bedecked trailer, being eyeballed by one and all. There we were surrounded by a myriad of boisterous Irishmen, buxom Irish women, and mischievous leprechauns.



Your chaplain was as proud of the day as could be. For hadn't his forebears (on his Dad's side) fled Ireland during the Great Potato Famine in the mid-1800's! A true (well, 50 percent) Irishman. But to get back to our story!

There we were minding our own business (like any good Irishman), extolling the virtues of our polished MK 14, when up danced this young leprechaun. He took one look at the torpedo and your chaplain and asked quite loudly, "What does a torpedo have to do with Saint Patrick and Ireland?"

We were stunned. Instead of being impressed by this mighty engine of war, this young lad (remember, we titled this piece, "Out of the mouths of babes!"), even if he were an Irish lad, had dared to question the presence of a torpedo on this "holy" Irish day.

We immediately turned toward the SubVets around us for assistance. Several had heard the lad's question. No one volunteered any help. Instead, one and all looked at us as if to ask, in turn, "Yes, chaplain, what does a torpedo have to do with Saint Patrick's Day?"

We gulped a time or two, then took the wee lad aside and whispered in his ear. A soft answer turneth away wrath says the Good Book and apparently it worked this time, for the leprechaun appeared satisfied and returned to his green machine compatriots without another word.

In case you're wondering what it was we shared with the outspoken Irish lad, it was this: "Young man, Saint Patrick found Ireland overrun with snakes when he arrived there. What did he do? He ran them off. Well, during World War II, Americans found Ireland (which was a neutral country during the war) about to be overrun by two-legged snakes. We used torpedoes like this one to run off those snakes and keep the Irish and the rest of the civilized world from having to spend the rest of their lives speaking German, Italian, or Japanese."

We wish we could say that our response was original with us, but we can't. But you do what you have to when faced with a situation like we were.

### Read a Good Book Recently?

Don't mis-read the title of this piece. It doesn't say, "Read The Good Book (meaning the Bible) Recently?" We've read two books recently: "Operation Poppy" by Edward M. Britt, CAPT USN Ret.; and "Whale's Tales" by Bruce J. Schick, CDR USN Ret. We didn't buy either one of them: the first we won at our last meeting in Elizabeth City; and the other is on loan from Joe Clark.

If you've never listened to your chaplain in the past, do so now, please! Avoid "Operation Poppy," and beg, borrow, or steal (and read) "Whale's Tales." The first is baaaad! The second is goood!

Bob Werner has probably already read "Whale's Tales," since author Schick is a RAZORBACK sailor.

Here's a taste from Schick's Postscript: "...So there you have it....I wouldn't do one thing differently. As I sit here writing this, I think of the men I sailed with, the strength of the wives left behind, and how much the navy gave to all of us. Yes, we made sacrifices, but the returns far outweighed the investment. In the hustle and bustle of everyday life, I seldom think of the men riding our boats today, punching holes in the ocean. But they are there, every minute of every day....But somewhere out there on a submarine is a 26-year-old kid telling a 19-year-old kid, 'Make your depth 62 feet. Up scope. Standby for a look-around. Mind your depth'." Hope you have a good read!

### **A Breakfasting Group!**

Yesterday's scripture included John 20: 12. It read: "Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast'." I couldn't help it, but I thought of Butterbean. Many's the time he's asked us to breakfast. And now we hear that invitation from Sanford and Wilson.

We SubVets are still a group of hearty and happy breakfasters!

If you haven't responded to the call recently, try it. You'll like it.

Bless y'all.

Chaplain Bill

## **From Your USSVI District Commander**

District 3 Meeting: I write this, still in Virginia Beach, as I'll be at the Submarine Birthday ball tonight. Several newsworthy items occurred:

\*By a unanimous vote, I was selected as to continue as ED3 CDR. As no other nominates agreed to take the position, I accepted a confidence vote for continuance.

This is a turn around from my desire to step down. I would not let the position go to an appointee by our ERD. As I feel the position should be filled by a member of choice. Thanks for your confidence in me.

\* I awarded two District Commander awards: This year, I chose to select a member and a Base category. This is what I'll continue in the future. Jim Myers is the member awarded, for his dedication as Base COB, Base newsletter editor and publisher and for his excellent work in providing a class act trailer for our parade torpedo. Hampton Roads Base is the recipient for Base Award, for their erection of a parade trailer, 10 year provider for the Submarine Learning Center memorial submarine, Base assumption of numerous positions and responsibilities of Tidewater Sub Vets WWII Chapter, and support of the CSL SOY program.

\* A lot of discussion over having USSVI redistricting. A move is in motion to resize and/or /realign Districts so to make them more associated and accessible for visits and district happenings. Nothing in concrete, yet, but all in attendance, echoed my feeling that we, USSVI, should consider the USSVWWII regions boundaries in any realignment. Presently proposed, in the rough, would have ED3 be made up of NC and VA and known as SED1, as ER would be split into a NE and SE region.

SSN-777 Commissioning: Firm date of 3 May 2008 at 1000. To be held at the State Port in Wilmington. By now, each requestor should have received their invite. If you don't return the RSVP, no tickets. No ticket, NO admission. Parking of vehicles will be assigned with your tickets. There will be NO driving in/on the State Port facility. Busses will transport you to/from the facility. Arrangements have been made to provide transportation from the bus drop-off to the seating area, for those needing it. LADIES: Do NOT wear heels! Also, expect a security check going in! Uniform should be our Parade attire!



Planned as of now: a "Tolling of the Boats" to be conducted on the fantail of the BB-55 on Friday, 2 May, at noon. An American Legion from Wilmington has volunteered to be an Honor guard with a bugler for us (a Big THANKS to Al McGuire). Can't be at the S-28 memorial, as the grounds are being disrupted for the Fireworks display set-up that evening

We'll have a hospitality set up at the Suburban Extended Stay, where a lot of us are staying at.

A no host dinner with the BB-55 Ass'n members at Elijah's on Wednesday eve.

Dinner cruise on the Henrietta Friday Eve, starting at 6 PM and concluding with a waterside fireworks display on the waterfront. Tickets required. If interested, contact the BB-55 to obtain.

I managed to assemble over 400 Sub Vets for the invite list. I've been advised that we will have a designated seating area.

I'm working on arranging visits on board the 777. Not easy, with all the hoop-la and VIP's involvement in the whole Commissioning schedule. Captain Davis IS receptive and is working with me to make this happen. Groups of 40-50 would be the max, so plan accordingly. Times and date(s) TBD.

CSL SOY Activities: Again this year, Marge & I had the Honor of being part of the SOY activities. While Marge was a 'Mom' for the candidates ladies (one had his mother) I worked with CMDCM Billy Cramer, CMDCM Tom Mitchell, FORCM Garrison and ETC(SS) Mike Shumake in the interview and selection process for the candidates. Again, NOT EASY! No losers, just the Best from amongst the Best of the Best from the entire SubLant sailors. This year, ED3 donated over \$900 to the cause. This was used as gifts for all the runners-up and for a Dinner I hosted for all the candidates and their guests. Thanks to Tarheel, Hampton Roads, USS Haddo, Northern Virginia and USS Virginia Bases (and your DC) for such support! An article has been submitted to American Submariner. I've been promised that it will be present this year. USSVI contributes \$1000 to the CSL CPO Ass'n for this. No expenses are paid by the Navy. The SubForce is the only TYCOM which honors the Jr Sailors, the only one with a Vet partaking, and of course, outdoes all in OUR gifts and recognitions!

Off to the Submarine Birthday Ball. The SubVets are VIP's this year. I'll be in the proud company of Pete Sococo (16 WWII patrols) and Turk Turner (Perch survivor of Jap POW encampment)!

Yours in service  
Dick

## **WWII TREASURER'S CORNER**

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As of March 31, 2008 reconcile with the bank statement the WWII Treasury balance is \$2996.43.

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Treasurer WWII Sub Vets Tarheel Chapter

## EDITOR'S NOTES

The All Clear is your newsletter, we are always looking for articles from the members of stories of their career in the NAVY and especially while on Submarines. The articles in the Polaris and American Submariner are examples of what could be written. Don't worry about spelling, diction or editorially correct we can help with that as we put it in. The articles by our Chapter and Base Officer are directed to information needed by all and not Submarine stories. This needs to be enhanced with member input.

I have been the editor of the All Clear for numerous years now and I feel that new eyes and thoughts are needed. Therefore I am asking if someone would be willing to take over the All Clear Editors Job. I would help in any way for the transfer and now that we are no longer in need of a mailing permit it is going to be easier with nothing but editing, publishing, printing and regular mailing stamps. OK here is another incentive, the computer that all the previous All Clears, Pictures and Mailing are on can be yours to continue with without using you HOME computer. I have transfer switches and all to go from your computer to this computer in order to use the same keyboard and screen for both computers. This computer belongs to N.C. Subvets Chapter WWII and has been OK'ed by past Commander and present Commander for it to remain as NCSUBVET Property to be used by the editor to continue the editing and publishing of the ALL CLEAR. Anyone interested or having questions please contact me at [sublobo@triad.rr.com](mailto:sublobo@triad.rr.com) or 336 595 8616.

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Income 1,104.26  
Expenses -3,985.40

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## **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
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EDWARD GALAVIZ	ROY HALL
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<b>June</b>	KENNETH SIGWORTH
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FREDERICK FORST	LARRY TRAVIS
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ROBERT SLOOP	

### **BOOSTER CLUB 2008**

NAME	DATE	AMOUNT
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
WALTER TAVERNA	10/23/07	5.00
NC USSVI TARHEEL BASE REFUND FOR ALL CLEAR PRINTING AND MAILING	10/27/07	180.00

ART BARKER DONATION FOR		
TRAILER	11/5/07	105.00
KARL EVANS	11/8/07	15.00
TOM RICHEY	11/30/07	15.00
DICK KANNING	12/7/07	40.00
TRAILER DONATIONS AT		
ELIZABETH CITY MEETING	3/8/08	205.00
BOB WHITE	4/8/08	20.00
	TOTAL	2019.84

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

Let me open with another excerpt from Mr. Dean Spratlin's S-28 experiences.

"I was eating breakfast in the drugstore-sized booth for Officers. Our Pharmacist's mate, Doc Parish, stuck his head in the opening and said, "Mr. Spratlin, I smell sumpn like chlorine." (Chlorine is giving off by our batteries when sea water gets into them, and is poisonous to breathe. We had chlorine drills periodically.) So we surfaced, checked and found that two rivets had been eaten away in the battery well, and sea water had filled the battery well. This meant we couldn't dive again, but we were almost to Pearl so it didn't matter."

After repairs the S-28 was assigned to operate with the Sound School. Helping to train destroyer crews in anti-submarine warfare. Mr. Spratlin was transferred off before the S-28 was lost.

Please send any stories and family news to me at:

[yddeditor@gmail.com](mailto:yddeditor@gmail.com)

or:

Terry Kuhn

165 Graystone Road

Wilmington, NC 28411

We would love to hear more about life on the S-28 from all hands, duty, recreation, sporting teams, sleeping conditions, the food, your shipmates and what it was like being on a submarine without air conditioning. Also, send us news about your families and how everyone is doing.

## USSVI HEADQUARTERS NOTICE & REQUEST

We have an ongoing situation and I need your help to, if not completely solve it, at least minimize the problem.

We have a system in place for notification when a member passes away IF the base knows about the death. But in many cases MAL's members not concurrent with dues are of several reason the base would not know of the passing we are asking each member to help with the following

### ETERNAL PATROL PREPARATIONS

Shipmates, while we hope your day and those of your shipmates is far off in the future, we must nevertheless prepare. Please copy this notice and place it with your will or important paper.

### IMPORTANT

**In the case of my death, please immediately notify the U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc., (USSVI) at 877-542-3483 or 360-337-2978 and give the person on duty the information regarding my death, funeral, and burial arrangements, plus who they can contact for follow-up and support.**

**Please ask them to contact my local chapter's Base Commander with this information as well (they can look it up in their membership records).**

**This information can alternatively be E-Mailed to the National Office at [office@ussvi.org](mailto:office@ussvi.org).**

### INDIANA BOUND

*A farewell by Mike Burholder*

I would like to thank all the members of the Tarheel Base for the nice surprise that I received at this past Pearl Harbor memorial meeting in Cary. For those of you who could not make it this year, our shipmates had a very much appreciated farewell roast for me. Dick Kanning actually wrote a great poem, Mariann Jensen made a beautiful quilt with all my boats, boat patches, and pictures of the base torpedo, sub, and bus on it. My shipmates also presented me with my qual boat brass plaque mounted on a oak back. Bill Lowe and Hans VanBaars made up a great picture of the Hatteras lighthouse mounted above a photo of Mariann and I on the Subvet cruise ship in Alaska. Also they gave me a real Hawaiian shirt with pictures of Sub Base Pearl on it. The whole event was a surprise to me and I will treasure these gifts and memories forever. I am moving to Indiana and will certainly miss all of you (membership now about 160) but I hope to attend a meeting every now and then so don't count me out. I am very proud to have been an active



member of the Tarheel Base and to have seen its growth over the past ten years. Those ten years sure went fast as we were always busy going to meetings and parades and working on different projects. The past officers have done a super job and now it is in the hands of the new officers and I know them well they are all good men and will keep the base in tip top shape. What a great bunch of guys. Thanks for the memories.

Your shipmate,  
Mike "Engines Forward" Burkholder

## **A PROUD GRANDFATHER'S BOASTING**

This is a copy of a handwritten letter my son, Rick, received from the commanding officer of his son, Joel. Joel is a USNA grads class of 2004 and is presently a flight instructor at the NAS in Meridian, Mississippi. Naturally Joel's parents and grandparents are very proud of him.

Diane Gow

Rick,

Two weeks ago your son saved a \$45 million T-45 with timely decision making! During an instructional student flight shortly after raising the gear and at only 1000 feet, the aircraft hit a large bird and took the remains of it down the motor. With loss of power, over 900 degree fire and all the associated light and tones, your son took control of the aircraft, declared an emergency, and executed a wrapped up 180 degree turn to land opposite flow on the runway he just took off from as the engine failed. I just want you to know how thankful I am of his actions.

V/R  
"Bomber" Kochanski, CO

### **USSVI 2008 National Convention**

**Fort Worth Texas**

**September 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>**

**ussvi2008.com**

### **REGISTER EARLY AND WIN!!!**

Register for the 2008 convention before July 1<sup>st</sup> and you will be entered in a drawing to win a \$100.00 Visa Gift Card. Two cards will be given away to early registrants and each paid registration is eligible to win.

Registration **must be received by July 1<sup>st</sup>** to be eligible. Those already registered for the convention will also be entered into this drawing. The winner will be notified, and the gift card

sent by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Visa Card raffle is in addition to and separate from the Hotel Room raffles so if you are planning to attend the convention you should register right away for a chance to win one (or more) of these valuable prizes.

The Hotel Room raffles are detailed on our registration form which is available on our WEB Site [ussvi2008.com](http://ussvi2008.com), and in the latest issues of the American Submariner magazine.

Don't miss out on this chance to win.

Wayne Standerfer  
Commander of the Dallas Base

## Elizabeth City Meeting

NC Subvets,

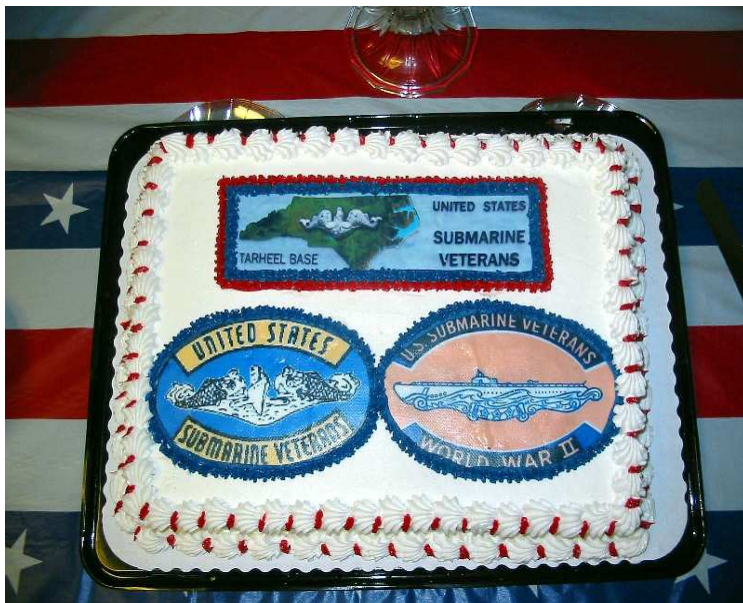
We had an excellent meeting on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> at VFW Post #6060. Many thanks to Barry Danforth who coordinated in setting up the meeting location and those VFW post members involved in the food preparation for this meeting. The food was outstanding and included homemade appetizers, a roast beef dinner, plus a decorated cake. Since Howie Rice was the most senior submariner present, he had the honor in cutting the cake.

The meeting turnout was good with 40 subvets and wives in attendance. Unfortunately, the meeting date selected this year conflicted with the Virginia subvets meeting so none of our Virginia friends were able to attend. We will make sure that the date selected for next year's meeting won't let this happen again.

Many thanks to the Subgalleons for their donation to allow the purchase of a video projector. We are now able to use a laptop computer at meetings to show pictures and DVDs.

There are presently 5 submariners including Barry who are members of VFW Post #6060, and in the near future they will be starting a new base in the Elizabeth City area.

Chuck



Howie Rice cutting the cake

## **Submariners muster in EC for group meeting**

By [BOB MONTGOMERY](#)

Staff Writer for Elizabeth City News

Sunday, March 09, 2008

World War II submariner Howie Rice of Winston-Salem vividly recalls the first Japanese ship his crew sunk shortly after Pearl Harbor was bombed.

"We got word a week ahead (of Dec. 7, 1941) the Asiatic Fleet was in Manila Bay," said Rice, 90, who served as chief radio operator in a submarine operating near the Philippines.

"We were told to put our warheads on and make ready for war. We sunk our first ship five days after the war started." Rice and his fellow sub sailors went on to sink several more ships throughout the war, playing a big but little-known role in helping to defeat Germany and Japan.

Rice was one of about 30 submariners who spent Saturday at the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 6060 in Elizabeth City trading memories of their years in the U.S. Navy. The gathering was one of several held throughout the year sponsored by the U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc. and the 159-member The Tarheel Chapter of N.C. SubVets. The organization, which honors the deeds and sacrifices of shipmates who gave their lives while serving their country, recently established a new base in Wilmington.

The state chapter is gearing up for the commissioning celebration of the USS North Carolina nuclear submarine, to be held May 3 in Wilmington. A tribute also will be paid to submarine veterans of World War II and shipmates of the 52 boats lost between December 1941 and September 1945.

The ceremony is the final act before the 377-foot-long Navy vessel is placed into active military service. It is scheduled to set sail from Newport News, Va., and arrive in Wilmington via the Cape Fear River a week prior to May 3.

Tarheel sub veteran Glenn Harris of Charlotte said his group has met before in Elizabeth City, and he believes there may be enough local interest to establish a chapter here.

Among those attending Saturday's gathering was Chuck Jensen, 68, of Greensboro, past Tar Heel Base commander who retired as a Navy lieutenant in 1978. Jensen served 20 years as a nuclear submariner.

He recalled his early days at sea in the 1960s patrolling near Soviet waters. His submarine's mission was simply to be "a nuclear deterrent" capable of striking back if the U.S. was attacked.

He never had to fire a torpedo, as fighting boredom seemed to be the biggest challenge, next to constantly maneuvering to stay undetected.

"You're definitely not claustrophobic," he said smiling, understanding how most people might not be able to handle the stress of spending weeks under water.

Jensen, Rice and retired World War II submarine radio technician Donald Small, 83, of Point Harbor in Currituck County agreed that technological advances at the time and even now have given the United States a worldwide advantage in submarine superiority.

Jensen said today's Trident ballistic missile subs are capable of firing nuclear warheads accurately more than halfway around the globe.

"Today they could be anywhere and hit a target," he said.

In their jobs, Rice and Small both relayed incoming messages sent by Morse code to their commanders. Rice said one of the challenges then was staying submerged for long periods of time on limited oxygen.

"We couldn't surface until nighttime for fresh air," he said.

Perhaps the biggest advantage that helped U.S. subs during World War II was the use of radar, then in its relative infancy.

"The addition of radar enabled us to locate the enemy," Rice said. "They couldn't contact us."



Small, who served from 1943 to 1946, said two things stand out that he believes led to victory for the United States. The nuclear bomb dropped on Japan that forced its surrender, and radar.

"Radar — that won the war for submarines," Small said. "It enabled us to surface at night and make attacks. They didn't know we were there."

Rice said he often thinks back to how fortunate he was to have survived.

While aboard the newly commissioned submarine USS Cisco in 1943 in the South Pacific off the Australian coast, Rice became ill.

"They gave me pills but that did no good," he said. "When we arrived in Darwin to fuel, the doctor removed me and took me to the hospital."

He later learned he had yellow jaundice. He stayed behind in the hospital while the submarine continued on.

Shortly after, it was sunk in a Japanese attack on Sept. 28, 1943. Seventy-six crew members perished in the sinking.

Today, with the help of a cane, Rice manages to attend as many meetings of the USSVI as possible.

"I feel real fine," he said, smiling.

## **Raleigh's St. Patrick's Day Parade**

We had a good turnout for Raleigh's St. Patrick's Day Parade with 15 Subvets attending. Attached are some pictures taken at the parade. This was the first time that we marched in this parade and the number of total of units in this parade rivaled that of Newton's Old Soldiers Parade and the Azalea Festival Parade. This provided an excellent opportunity to "show off" our new trailer for the Mk-14 Torpedo. The spectators applauded us all along the parade route. Jim Myers has done an excellent job in completing the railings on the trailer. Jerry met with the Tarheel Board Members present and got approval to go ahead with two banners that Frans Van Baars designed to display the ship's patches of the 52 lost boats.

Chuck



## BRILL sailors plus 63 years



Shipmates:

Thought you'd be interested. On 18 February, Ben Smith of High Point and I visited Bill McDade (a former BRILL shipmate of ours) in an assisted living facility in High Point (talk about coincidence!). We hadn't seen McDade since 1945 in Subic Bay. Ben is pointing at Bill in a picture that I just happened to have with me. T'was a heart-warming visit. (Photo courtesy of Don Davis Jr. of the High Point Enterprise)

## SCHEDULE for NC SUBVETS MEETING BURNSVILLE, NC JUNE 20 and 21, 2008

### **Friday June 20, 2008**

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 available on Friday 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 21, 2008**

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](http://www.burnsville.nc.com) for a guide to downtown shops.



Listing of local sites and attractions is available at [www.nuwayinn.com/information.html](http://www.nuwayinn.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

### **DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS:**

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



# **2008 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.

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**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](http://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 9th to:

Bill (Butterbean) Dixon  
416 Carolyn Court  
Cary, NC 27511

If you have any questions, my email addresses is [Goldbow@bellsouth.net](mailto:Goldbow@bellsouth.net) or call me at (919) 467-7597