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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, 1 survivor
S-26	Rammed by escort	46 men lost, 2 survived			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, 0 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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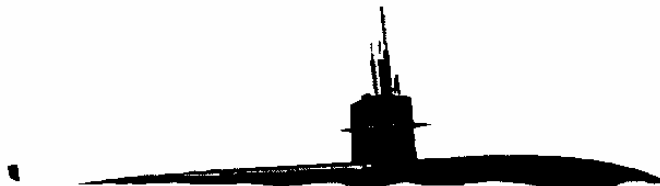
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OUR CREED:

"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 WWII



Shipmates,

May and June were busy months for the NC Subvets as we had a lot of activities that we participated in. In early May, many of us attended a milestone event in Wilmington with the commissioning of the new USS North Carolina (SSN 777). It was a once in a lifetime event for those able to attend. Those of us who attended owe many thanks to Dick Kanning and Al McGuire for their hard work in ensuring that we got tickets to attend. The fireworks display that the Battleship North Carolina put on was spectacular. Because of the fireworks being staged in the vicinity of the S-28 Memorial, we had changed our initial plan of Tolling the Boats at the memorial. Instead, we did it on the fantail of the battleship, which was a great second choice since this ship also played a major role in WWII.

June's quarterly meeting was held again in Burnsville at the Nu-Wray Inn. We had a good turnout, and in the future, the Carolina-Piedmont Base will become the host for this meeting. Those attending visited Chief Flower's Memorial on Moonshine Mountain. The memorial is in need of some minor repairs and the NC Subvets will be working with the new owner of the property to complete the necessary repairs as soon as possible.

We also participated in 4 parades with the new Mk-14 torpedo float (trailer). The new banners that have the 52 lost boat's ship patches really make the trailer stand out in parades. After the Thomasville's Memorial Day Parade, we took both the parade submarine and Mk-14 torpedo float to Charlotte to visit with Ollie Thompson. He was the one who initially procured the torpedo from the Navy.

I want to call your attention to 2 important articles in this issue of the All Clear. First is the USSV-WWII Mid-Term Executive Board Meeting held in April at San Diego. As you review these minutes, you can see that some important decisions were made at this meeting such as the publication of the Polaris will cease by December 2009, or earlier if the membership votes to shutdown the National organization. George Hecker will be our designated delegate from the Tarheel Chapter at the upcoming national convention. Information about this convention has been included in this issue of the All Clear.

The second article is about the joint meeting of the executive boards of USSV-WWII and USSVI. As you read this article, note the offer for a lifetime membership in USSVI for only \$20.00 for all lifetime members of USSV-WWII. This is a great deal and strongly encouraged all of our lifetime members who are not already members in USSVI to take advantage of it. For those regular members of USSV-WWII, you can join USSVI as an annual member for \$20.00/year. By joining USSVI you will also become a member of the Tarheel Base at no charge as long as you are a current member of the Tarheel Chapter. Other benefits for being a member of USSVI are discussed in this article.

Upcoming events are the Old Soldiers Parade in Newton on Thursday August 21st and the 3rd quarter meeting, which is planned to be held in early October in Wilmington.

The 20th Anniversary of the four day WWII Submarine Memorial Service at Kings Bay is scheduled for 5 - 8 November. The memorial service will be on Friday, November 7th at the Kings Bay Subbase WWII Pavilion. Registration forms for WWII Subvets have just been mailed out. The registration forms for other Subvets will be mailed out in a few weeks. I will notify all NC Subvets having email when I receive my registration package and will email you a copy if desired.

Chuck

SUBGALLEON CORNER

Due to a very serious automobile accident, Rose Mary Small was not be able to produce an article for this issue. I spoke with Rose Mary on July 13 for about 20 minutes and she let me know that her and Don are very banged up, but VERY LUCKY to be in that shape and not worst. They wish to tell everyone they are thinking about each of you and the Organization. Please keep them in your prayers.

Jim Myers for Rose Mary Small

USSVI – TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER’S CORNER

I just returned from GROTON, CONNECTICUT, which I have always considered to be “The Submarine Capital of the World,” and lo and behold, I read an e-mail that stated that some base in Washington is now the “Submarine Capital of the World” because it has more submarines operating out of it. If the number of submarines is the only criteria for the unofficial designation for “Submarine Capital of the World,” then how about making Murmansk or the other port in the North Pacific, Vladivostok, the Submarine Capital of the World? Almost every Submarine Sailor that I know, at one time or another was either stationed on a Submarine, went to school, pulled into on a Submarine or just passed through Groton during his time in the Submarine Service. Detest it or love it, couldn’t wait to leave it or return to it, Groton will always be the “Submarine Capital of the World” because it is.



I had breakfast at 40 School Street, the Groton Base Club house, with Red Padgett, participated in the 4th of July Parade with about 50 SSWWII and USSVI members and then attended a Groton Base Meeting.

Elections for our National Officers are in progress; BE SURE TO VOTE. The same is true for our Presidential election in November. Remember, if you don’t vote, don’t b---h.

For those of you attending the USSVI Convention in Dallas TX, have a safe trip. Plan on having a business meeting in early October. Our election for base officers is coming up in the fall, so think about nominations. Please let me know if you have any agenda items for the next business meeting.

Jim Myers has been the All Clear editor for many years and has finally been relieved by Jerry (Patch) Paciorek. A hearty thanks to Jim and good luck to Patch.

Jerry

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| August 21 | 2008 Soldier's Parade in Newton, NC |
| October 11 | Business Meeting planned for Wilmington, NC |
| November 5-8 | Kings Bay WWII Memorial Program |
| December 6 | Annual Pearl Harbor Dinner in Cary, NC |

USSVI – TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY’S CORNER



MINUTES FROM THE QUARTERLY MEETING

Nu-Wray Inn, Burnsville, NC

June 21, 2008

Representatives from each of the following were present:

Tarheel Chapter

Tarheel Base

Carolina-Piedmont Base

Glenn Harris, Carolina-Piedmont Base Commander opened the meeting at 1108 with a welcome to all hands and asked for a moment of silence for the 52 boats lost during World War II. Moment of Silence was observed by all hands.

Bill “Butterbean” Dixon took the role of Chaplain and rendered the invocation.

All hands participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Individual introductions were made by all hands attending the meeting.

Jerry Emerson led a discussion concerning the submarine memorial on Moonshine Mountain, including the recommendation for setting up a foundation to fund the maintenance of the memorial. Chuck Jensen briefed all hands on the memorial’s current state of repair. All hands had a discussion to debate having a foundation setup versus an account setup and maintained by one of the base’s treasurers, to collect donations from all North Carolina Subvets (all bases / chapters). Jim Myers made a motion to get a repair estimate and establish an account to be maintained by one of the base’s treasurers. Motion was seconded and passed by a vote of all hands present.

Chuck Jensen briefed all hands on the upcoming shutdown of WWII National.

Clarence Jordan made a new motion to setup the memorial donation account first, and not wait for the estimate to be completed. Motion was discussed, seconded and passed by a vote of all hands present.

Glenn Harris announced that the Carolina-Piedmont Base treasurer would take on the duties of setting up and maintaining the memorial donation account.

Bill “Butterbean” Dixon led the discussion about the \$15 fee collected for the annual meeting, so all hands knew what their money was used for.

Jim Myers discussed specifics about the upcoming Troutman Parade and the tremendous discount received on the trailer used to carry the MK-14 torpedo. The person who made the generous discount had asked for a picture when the trailer was completed. Jim asked that all hands sign the picture before the end of the meeting.

Jim Myers announced that Jerry “Patch” Paciorek would be taking over as the editor of the All Clear. Jerry Emerson led the thank yous and applause for Jim Myers for his efforts on the All Clear over the past several years.

Pat Collins informed all hands of the pending closeout of the Holland Club Raffle and led the discussion on where any leftover funds would be sent. Many ideas were discussed, but no resolution was made.

Bill “Butterbean” Dixon, acting Chaplain, rendered the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Note: This may appear to be an unusual inclusion for a Chaplain's Corner, but we assure you, it isn't. Jones Kennedy, our oldest member (92) when he sailed on his eternal patrol on 25 April, was an avid outdoorsman most of his life--hunting, fishing, boating, and playing a pretty mean guitar. The year before his departure, he bagged his last deer, and sent us a copy of a poem he'd written in honor of the occasion. We fully intended to include it in some future Corner to assure Jones that we, his shipmates, fully appreciated his accomplishment. To make a long story short, we've procrastinated to the point that, although we've finally "published" Jones' poem, it's too late to give Jones the enjoyment we'd intended. What's the justification for including the poem here? To remind our readers of the many important things we're procrastinating in hopes that they (we) will follow through before it's too late. So here (finally) is Jones' poem.



DEER HUNTING PLEASURES AND WOES

On a cold winter morning
I set in my stand
Waitin' for a deer,
With my gun in my hand.

Hours go by, one after one.
I wish I could feel heat from the sun.
The temperature is dropping, my toes are getting cold.
Days like this can try a man's soul.

What's that noise I hear in the leaves?
Is it a deer or only the breeze?
There he steps out, my heart begins to pound.
Ease off the safety, and put that buck on the ground.

Meat on the table. Fire on the hearth.
I wouldn't trade this for nothing on earth.
Get up the next morning like a dang fool.
Climb up in my stand, set on my stool.

I say to myself, I must be touched in the head.
For I could be home and warm in my bed.
But that's the way deer season goes:
You'll have some pleasures, and you'll have some woes.

MAKE OUR JOB EASIER

One of the most rewarding parts of our job as your Chaplain is to extend your condolences to the families of North Carolina submariners (both members and nonmembers) who have sailed on their eternal patrols.

Bill Lowe is quite faithful in picking up his phone and letting us know that he's discovered a recently departed shipmate. However, in spite of our scanning the News & Observer obituaries on a daily basis, in spite of our carefully examining Polaris and the American Submariner, and in spite of Bill Lowe's periodic reminders, every once in a while we miss the departure of a shipmate.

The families of six North Carolina submariners have received our condolences since the first of the year: William McKay, Sr. (3/31/08), Raymond Stanley Barber (4/13/08), Jones Franklin Kennedy (4/24/08), A. Carlyle Morris (5/7/08), David John Culligan (6/18/08), and James Roy Manning, Jr. (6/22/08).

Y'all can make our job a lot easier by being alert for news of the passing of North Carolina submariners, and passing the word to your Chaplain. We assure you that our condolences mean much to the families of submariners on eternal patrol.

BRAVO ZULU!

North Carolina submariners are to be commended for their support of the various meetings and parades that have been scheduled for the recent past. Those who have brought out our torpedo and submarine, as well as Bill Morris' decorated car, are to be especially commended. We won't attempt a List of the Faithfuls, lest we omit any, but you can get an idea who they are from the pictures usually e-mailed by Chuck Jensen.

To refresh your memories, we've had four parades since the NORTH CAROLINA commissioning on 3 May: Sanford, 17 May; Thomasville, 26 May; Troutman, 28 June; and Greensboro, 4 July. And that doesn't include the Burnsville meeting, the Seven Season breakfasts in Sanford, and the breakfasts in Cary and Wilson, hosted by Butterbean and Jerry Emerson, respectively.

And, speaking of Bravo Zulus, Chuck Jensen deserves a resounding B-Z for volunteering to keep our state WWII chapter from completely disintegrating! We should perhaps add a loud "hurrah" to the B-Z. And we can't close this portion of the Corner without a resounding B-Z for Mike Burkholder whose official departure from the Tarheel state was recognized by a "group hug" in Sanford recently. We wish Mike well.

DIGGER HAT ANYONE?

If any of our readers can use an official Size 7 WWII SubVets digger hat, please let your Chaplain know. Dusty Lathrop asked your Chaplain recently to find a new home for the hat. It's in good shape, formerly belonged to her now-departed husband Don, and is absolutely FREE. Dusty also included a WWII bolo tie!

RECRUITING, RECRUITING, RECRUITING!

We won't belabor the point, but recruiting remains an important part of the "life" of North Carolina Submarine Veterans. (We know that Butterbean is smiling as he reads this.)

From personal experience, we know that the wrong kind of recruiting does more harm than good. There's one organization (which remains nameless) that your Chaplain refuses to join because of one guy in Cary (who shall also remain nameless). Each time we meet that guy, instead of asking, "How are you?" or otherwise expressing an interest in us, he invariably starts our conversation with, "Have you joined (deleted) yet?" or equivalent.

It's much more effective just to wear your SubVets cap and communicate that way. Lead the other guy to ask, "Oh, are you a bubblehead?" Or, wherever you are, look around for a friendly set of dolphins.

It worked for us recently. Leaving the memorial service for a submarine veteran, we spotted a set of dolphins on the lapel of a guy sitting on the back row of the chapel. It drew us like a magnet. The guy's name was Gary Ayers. The bottom line: he attended the recent parade in Troutman as Butterbean's guest.

Bless y'all.

Chaplain Bill

SAILOR REST YOUR OARS



Captain Robert G. Black, Sr. passed peacefully into the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his: wife, Jane Forbes Black, of Greenville; son, Robert G. Black, Jr. and wife, Beth; and grandson, Matthew S. Black and wife, Elizabeth, all of Raleigh; sister, Kathleen Black Beckworth of Little Rock, AK; three nephews; three nieces.

He and his wife, Jane Forbes Black, shared close to 65 years of marriage. During 32 years of service to his country in the Navy, Bob was assigned to several submarine duties that included assuming command of the Navy's first nuclear submarine division in 1957.

Captain Black was a member of the USSV-WWII Tarheel Chapter.

N.C. TARHEEL CHAPTER WWII TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP CORNER

The \$10.00 chapter annual dues for all members of the USSV-WWII Tarheel Chapter need to be paid by July 31, 2008. In addition, all annual and associated members of USSV-WWII, your national dues also need to be paid. If you are an annual member, the national dues are \$5.00, while associate member national dues are \$10.00.

Those receiving hard copy of the All Clear need to look at the year at the end of your name on the address label and this will tell you what year you are paid up to. ANYONE WITH 2008 OR LESS requires the appropriate dues to be paid. If you are getting the All Clear via email or on the website contact Jim Myers for your status. If you have any questions at all about your dues please contact Jim Myers (336 595 8616) or email, sublobo@triad.rr.com.

As of May 31, 2008, the WWII Checking Account is reconciled with the Bank Statement having a balance of \$3078.37 with \$405.30 in un-cleared checks leaving a checkbook actual balance of \$2673.07.

Jim Myers
Treasurer WWII Sub Vets Tarheel Chapter

USSVI – TARHEEL BASE TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Membership is now 165 with more applications forthcoming.

Checking Account:

Ending Balance 4th Qtr. 2007 \$ 2,522.70 (Corrected – There was a \$60.00 math error last quarter. My mistake)

Income	\$ 1,639.92
Subtotal	\$ 4,162.62
Expenses	\$ 2,229.93
Ending Balance 1 st Qtr. 2008	\$ 1,932.69

Mike



HAPPY BIRTHDAY - JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

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

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Robert Andrews	Allen Ashdown	William Bradburn
Jon Beatty	Arthur Barker	Steven Croom
Gregg Bockover	Alfred Bremer	Jerry Emerson
Michael Burkholder	Barry Danforth	John Gary
Patrick Collins	Wolfgang Friedrich	Henry Hagwood
Spencer Combos	William Grogan	Jerry Hawks
John Clark	Kenneth Gustafson	John Herina
William Culver	Robert E. Hopkins	Jeff Joyner
Robert Dabbs	Robert Liland	George Mahieu
Paul Greene	Edward Valentine	Michael Nagy
Thomas Holland		Andy Nelson
Elvie Jackson		John Norosky
Donald Leduc		Bradley Ritzenthaler
Joe Martin		John Rupertus
William Morris		Michael Toomey
Michael Novak		John Wardean
Donald Page		Robert Wells
Mike Runkle		
Ronald Sagaert		
Clifton Snow		
Jesse Stewart		
Frans Van Baars		

BOOSTER CLUB 2008

NOTE: Not updated from last newsletter

NAME	DATE	AMOUNT
Harold Steed	8/15/07	\$ 15.00
Norman Skiles	8/20/07	\$ 15.00
Bill Dressel	8/22/07	\$ 5.00
Charles Tolbert	8/23/07	\$ 20.00
Edward Lloyd	8/28/07	\$ 15.00
NC USSVI Tarheel Base Refund For All Clear	8/29/07	\$ 1339.84
Donald LeDuc	9/3/07	\$ 25.00
Ramona Yost	9/25/07	\$ 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

FROM YOUR SOUTHERN EASTERN REGION DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER

Parades: The parades in Troutman and Greensboro were another successful appearance by NC Subvets. While I missed Troutman, an early departure from home, to Jim Myers residence was necessary to pick up the torpedo. To echo Jim's comments, the new trailer is a dream to pull and with the new bunting and banners, makes a well-recognized appearance! A BIG Thanks to our WWII partners in providing such a gift for All!

Meetings outside of meetings: Our Vice CDR (CDR of Vice) Bill "Butterbean" Dixon has established a neat gathering of Tarheel Base members periodically in Cary. While not a Base Meeting, such gatherings help to keep us in touch. I encourage such gatherings, and hope this practice will spread to fill the gaps between base meetings and functions.

New Base: On 15 April, I formally chartered the newest Base in USSVI, the Coastal Carolina Base, in Wilmington NC. With 10 charter members, they will grow and prosper!

Dates to Remember

- 11 October 08** The Coastal Carolina Base has accepted the task of hosting this meeting in Wilmington. Included will be a service at the S-28 Memorial.
- 5-8 November 08** Kings Bay WWII Memorial Program. A wonderful experience for those who have missed it. Boat tours, great service, the St Mary's Museum. Notices are going out to last years attendees. Sad to report that Mike "Superman" Burkholder will NOT be masquerading!
- 6 December 08** Our annual Pearl Harbor Program. In Cary; planning now for the same location (VFW hall) as last year. I've got SubFor Master Chief Jeff Garrison on tap as our speaker.

National Elections: Vote! Vote! Vote! This is a monumental year for elections. Numerous candidates, electronic voting allowed, Changes to our constitution and Bi-laws. Ballots MUST be submitted prior to the Nat'l convention (1 Sept). For those not having internet capabilities, a ballot is in the latest issue of American Submariner! This 'puter illiterate' voted via the website and it was easy!

CSL Sailor of the Year: What a wonderful experience, again! Four Senior SOY's and Three Junior SOY's, selected from amongst the over approx 8000 Sailors in the Lant Sub Force and support groups. The social mingling with the candidates and their guests was enjoyable, compared to the preparation and interview boards and the difficult task of choosing the Best of the Best. ED3 collected over \$900, which was used as cash gifts for the three runners-up and for a group dinner for the candidates and guests that I hosted. Again, the rest of the non Submarine TYCOMS were left in the dust so far as recognition and presentations. I can't thank the USS Virginia, Northern Virginia, Tarheel, Hampton Roads and USS Haddo Bases enough for your generous support of OUR contribution for this memorable event. Believe me these professionals are just that! THANKS and BZ!

New Editor: This issue of All Clear is Jerry "Patch" Paciorek's first. Jim has turned over the log. Patch can and will only put together what WE, as base members provide (garbage in-garbage out).

Yours in Service!

Dick



A copy of the plaque that the NC Subvets presented to the SSN-777 on 3 May

THE UNIQUE LANGUAGE OF SUBMARINERS

Jargon is terminology that relates to a specific activity, profession or group. Much like slang it develops as a kind of shorthand, to quickly express ideas that are frequently discussed between members of a group. In many cases this may cause a barrier to communication, as many may not understand (excerpt taken from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jargon>). I hope these terms bring laughter and rekindle some fond memories.

- Bravo Zulu** Phonetic pronunciation of 'BZ' from the NATO signals codes. Signifies 'Good Job' or 'Well Done.'
- Bug Juice** Substance similar in appearance to Kool-Aid, served as a beverage aboard ships. Its color has no bearing on its flavor. Largely composed of ascorbic acid. Used extensively as an all-purpose cleaner/stripper for bulkheads, decks, brass fire nozzles, and pipes.
- Cumshaw** Procurement of needed material outside the supply chain, usually by swapping, barter, or mutual backscratching.
- Water Buffalo** Someone who uses excessive water, such as by taking Hollywood Showers.

For more information, see Naval Slang, Jargon and Terminology FAQ at <http://www.hazegray.org/faq/>

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, as 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. As you might imagine, since this was my newsletter since taking over for Jim, I don't have a great inventory of articles, pictures, and graphics to share.

CONTINUING FROM THE LAST NEWSLETTER

As promised in the last newsletter, the following article was written by our recently departed shipmate, World War II submarine veteran F. William (Bill) McKay, GM2, of Hendersonville, NC, who set sail on his eternal patrol Monday, March 31, 2008 just 2 weeks short of his 84th birthday.



FOUNDED: 1955 • FEDERALLY CHARTERED: 1981

7-24-07

Jim - I send the enclosed
story for your information -

I'm sending a copy to
Polaris - They are asking for WWII
Submarine stories -

Bill McKay

DEDICATED TO OUR SHIPMATES WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN U.S. SUBMARINES DURING WORLD WAR II

A MEETING JUST MISSED

By William McKay

7/07

Many heart-warming stories have come out of World War II--stories of family members or close friends who met unexpectedly on the battlefields of Europe or islands of the Pacific. This is a story of two friends who just missed seeing each other on the other side of the world, neither knowing that the other was within thousands of miles.

Frank FitzSimons was not just a friend; he was my best friend during our growing-up years. We lived on farms just one mile apart and spent many hours together as two country boys. Our fathers were veterans of World War I, each volunteering for service. Frank's father was in the Navy, but served with the U.S. Marines in France. He was awarded both the Navy Cross and the Silver Star for bravery. My father served in the Navy, stationed at Naval Headquarters in London and Paris. Each of our fathers attempted to re-enter service at the outbreak of World War II; however, at age 45, they were considered too old.

As boys, Frank and I were fascinated by stories from World War I. Growing up in families where patriotism and pride of country were paramount had a significant influence on our decisions as sailors in World War II. Frank and I graduated from high school at the age of 17 in June, 1942, approximately six months after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Each of us went away to college in September, 1942 because plans for us to attend college had been made by our families prior to Pearl Harbor. But during the fall of 1942, the war was foremost in our minds, as many of our friends and classmates were entering military service, and college no longer had an attraction for us.

By letters (long-distance phone calls were seldom made in those days), we pressed our fathers to allow us to enlist in the Navy after one semester of college. To our amazement and to the dismay of our mothers, our fathers agreed, no doubt after much discussion between the two of them and certainly influenced by having been in the same situation as young men themselves in 1917. We enlisted in the Navy on February 16, 1943, and were sent to boot camp at Bainbridge, Maryland. Though we were separated in boot camp and didn't see each other again until we were discharged at about the same time in Charleston, SC, in February 1946, our careers in the Navy had several amazing similarities.

While in boot camp, Frank received an unexpected Congressional appointment to the Naval Academy and was sent to Naval Academy Prep School. However, his desire was to go to sea; and after a few weeks, he was transferred out of the Naval Academy program.

While I was in boot camp, I took the competitive exam for the inaugural class of the new V-12 (Officer Training) Program and was accepted. However, I, too, had my heart on going to sea and declined to enter the V-12 Program.

Frank was a crew member on a troop transport and made two trips from New York to the British Isles. After the second trip, he saw a notice of a draft for PT (Motor Torpedo Boat) Service. He had often said that his top priority was the PT Navy. Over the strenuous objections of his Chief Gunnery Officer, he volunteered and was soon on his way to the Pacific and eventually was a crew member of PT-188 in the Solomon Islands.

When I asked to be transferred out of the V-12 Program, my battalion commander said in no uncertain terms that I was a fool to decline an education and a commission, but he granted my request to go to submarine school, and I soon found myself at the New London Submarine Base.

As all World War II submariners know, crews normally receive two weeks leave for rest and recuperation after each patrol. After my second war patrol aboard USS Guavina (SS-362), we were sent to Brisbane, Australia. After the relief crew took over, several enlisted men chose to visit a rest camp located in a small town a few miles inland from Brisbane. It was a quiet and restful place where we enjoyed the small-town atmosphere for two weeks. While at the rest camp, I dated a young lady who was a resident of the town. There was no nightlife, so we spent our time horseback riding, picnicking in the country and enjoying community events, which included horse races by local youngsters on Saturdays. On leaving, I had not the slightest idea that I would ever return. We had gone to the Marshall Islands after our first patrol, Brisbane after our second, and it was anybody's guess where we would go after the third.

It was in the fall of 1944 and Frank and I had lost touch with each other, except an occasional mention in letters from our families. The only letters which I wrote were to my family after each patrol.

On the third patrol, Guavina made a successful attack on a large ship inside Davao Gulf on the south side of the Phillipine Island of Mindanao. However, on the approach, we struck an uncharted reef and destroyed the underwater sound heads. This resulted in our being ordered back to Brisbane after our shortest patrol, only 48 days. I, along with several others, elected to return to the same rest camp.

After settling in, I looked up the young lady that I had dated before; and as soon as I saw her she said, "Guess who's been here while you were away?" Of course, I would have guessed thousands of names before I would have guessed my best friend, who could have been anywhere in the world, except that particular place in Australia. When she said, "Frank FitzSimons," I was shocked beyond belief. Not only had I missed seeing him, but I'd missed him by only one week.

Frank has enjoyed relating his side of the story. He met the young lady and they went on a picnic outside of town. As they were enjoying the sun, she soon realized that he was from North Carolina. She said to him, "I dated a boy from North Carolina." Frank told me he really wasn't interested because there were thousands of North Carolina boys in the Navy. However, to be polite, he casually said, "Where in North Carolina?" She said, "Hendersonville." He said he bolted upright and said, "I'm from Hendersonville, what's his name?" She answered, "Bill McKay." You can imagine his shock and surprise.

After leaving boot camp, I did not see anyone from my hometown while making six war patrols in the Pacific. How ironic that I missed seeing my best friend by only one week when we were on the other side of the world in the middle of a war.

Though following different paths in our Navy careers, we each were discharged as Second Class Gunner's Mates and each ended up at the Discharge Center in the same week.

After the war, our lives continued to run parallel in many ways. We roomed together at Clemson College and graduated together in the Class of 1949. We were best men in each other's weddings in the late Forties. After graduation, Frank and I both worked in agriculture in our home county for about 20 years and then both went into banking. Today, we still have homes on our family farms where we grew up, and we still see each other almost every week.

The story of our just-missed meeting is one we've enjoyed sharing with family and friends for more than 50 years. The story has a happy ending because we both returned safely from the war. But I often think what a great experience it would have been if our paths had crossed in Australia in 1944.

THE S-28 NEWSLETTER IS NOT FORGOTTEN

Due to BLAH! BLAH! BLAH! (fill in the blank) - point fingers at the editor - there will be no S-28 newsletter in this issue. Look forward to having one in the next issue.

THE BATTERY WELL

You're sure to get a CHARGE out of this!

In one episode of "Cheers," Cliff is seated at the bar describing the Buffalo Theory to his buddy, Norm. I don't think I've ever heard the concept explained any better than this.

"Well you see, Norm, it's like this . . . A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the lowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Now, as we know, excessive intake of alcohol kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. And that, Norm, is why you always feel smarter after a few beers."

U.S. Submarine Veterans of WW II Mid-Term Executive Board Meeting

Town & Country Resort & Convention Center, San Diego, California

April 17-21, 2008

Members present:

National President	Clarence Scott
First Vice President	Absent
Second Vice President	Joe Cox
Secretary/Treasurer	Bob Foerst
Recording Secretary	Bud Burchell
Immediate Past President	Bill Klein

Guests:

Past National President - 1986	Jim Haywood
San Diego Chapter President	Art Carter
San Diego Chapter Rec. Secty	Doug Smay

National President Scott called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM.

In the absence of First Vice President Bob De Vore, President Scott appointed Immediate Past President, Bill Klein to act as First Vice President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Foerst, Nat'l Secty/Treas. Opening Prayer was given by President Scott.

A minute of Silence was held for our departed shipmates.

The "Purpose" of our organization was given by Immed. Past Pres. Bill Klein.

The minutes of the previous NEEB Meeting were approved and accepted as presented.

Liaison between U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII and U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc would be an historic event this weekend. Each Executive Board held their business meeting at a separate location simultaneously. Later, the two Boards discussed common concerns.

Copies of the National Financial Statement current to April 15, 2008 were presented to the Board. Bob Foerst explained the meaning of the money figures in the Statement. The amount of Principal is rapidly declining with lack of revenue to cover rising expenses. The largest of which is the publication cost of the Polaris.

Much discussion was held concerning the rising publication cost, lack of revenue source to alleviate the rising costs, costly return of undeliverable copies of the Polaris, our declining membership.

This resulted in a motion by Bob Foerst. Seconded by Joe Cox: "Publication of the Polaris will be discontinued after the publication of the December, 2009 issue unless the membership votes to close U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII before December, 2009". The motion carried: Ayes-5 Naves-0.

The Submarine Calendar was discussed as thoroughly as the discussion concerning the Polaris. The same problems that affect the publication are the same problems facing printing of the Calendars. Our organization cannot afford to continue printing it. A motion was made by Bob Foerst, seconded by Bud Burchell: "The 2009 Calendar, currently in printing, will be the last Calendar to be printed." The motion carried: Ayes-5, Naves-0.

Membership was reported at 3,244 as of April 15, 2008 by Bob Foerst. State Commanders will be requested to check with their State Chapters to double check and-update their membership rosters because so many Polaris's are being returned as "undeliverable."

State Commanders will also be requested to furnish delegate names and proxy information for the coming 2008 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky to the National Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Foerst.

Bud Burchell reported that 89 deceased submariners will be listed in the June, Polaris "Sailor Rest Your Oar". With the continuing problems of aging and its multitude of health issues affecting our membership, the Board expressed concern about the possible lack of a nominee for the office of National Recording Secretary at our coming Convention. The following motion was made by Bill Klein, seconded by Bob Foerst, "If no nominee for the office of National Recording Secretary is forthcoming at our National Convention, the Board will request the current office holder to continue for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The Sailor Rest your Oars duties will be combined with the office of Second Vice President." The motion carried: 4-Ayes, 0-Nayes, 1 Abstention.

Discussion of Paul Witmer's publication was carried on by Board members. The Board took no action at the close of the discussion.

The next topic on the agenda was the three Resolutions to voted upon at our coming Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. A motion was made by Bob Foerst, seconded by Bud Burchell, "The NEEB would recommend a "Yes" vote on Proposition #2. The motion carried: 4-Ayes, 1-Naye. A "Naye" vote on Propositions 1 and 3 was recommended at the same time." The motion carried: 4-Ayes, 1-Naye.

Our National Convention for the year 2009 at Green Bay, Wisconsin was discussed. The Board has not received any information from Convention Chairman or State Commander about what is going on in putting this Convention together.

A motion was made by Joe Cox, seconded by Bob Foerst: Authorizing President Scott to travel, with Bill Klein and Bob Foerst, to the Convention site in Green Bay, WI to check on Convention progress. The Wisconsin State Commander and Convention Chairman will be requested to meet with the named NEEB members for this information gathering activity. Our President to determine from this meeting whether the 2009 Convention in Green Bay will be a "Go" or "No Go." Motion carried: 5-Ayes, 0-Nayes.

National Convention Travel and Per-Diem Expenses and the genuine financial pressure this puts on funds available for this expense. The result of the deliberation was the following: "Only the National Executive Board, Polaris Editor, and Polaris Circulation Chairman will receive travel and per diem expenses for National Conventions and NEEB Mid-term meetings." Motion carried: 5-Ayes, 0-Nayes.

President and Mike Geletka have been in discussion concerning the status of the Memorabilia Fund and remaining jewelry and regalia. Mike's health is not good and can't continue in his position. USSVI has offered to purchase all jewelry and regalia from Mike with all profits from future sales of this merchandise be placed in the Memorial Fund to cover maintenance and repair of WW II Submarine Memorials. Mike approves of this offer. A motion: by Joe Cox, seconded by Bill Klein, was made to accept USSVI's offer. Motion carried: 5-Ayes, 0-Nayes.

A document titled, "The Historical Legacy of the United States Navy Submarine Forces of WWII" was shown to the Board for discussion and consideration. The result was a motion by Bill Klein, seconded by Bob Foerst: "To have the document rechecked for accuracy and upon our organizations closure, a copy presented to USSVI and the three museums mentioned in the cover letter accompanying the document at no cost to U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII, USSVI, or the Museums." Motion carried: 4-Ayes, 1-Naye.

Bill Klein was appointed by President Scott to contact the author for reviewing accuracy of the document and of NEEB's action.

Donations to Scholarship Funds came up for discussion. The Dolphin Scholarship Foundation, administered by the Foundation, and the Submarine Veterans Scholarship Program, developed by USSVI, are separate programs administered by different practices and procedures. President Scott will have explanations of both plans placed in the Polaris and American Submariner.

Closing Prayer by President Scott

Adjournment: 10:15 AM, April 19, 2009

Respectfully submitted,
Everett "Bud" Burchell, National Recording Secretary

FROM THE MESSAGE BOARDS

FLASH-01: A Historic Joint Meeting, Submitted by: Pat Householder on 4/23/2008 (excerpt)

*** USSVI Life Membership Offer ***

April 18 - 20, 2008: The two premier U.S. Submarine Veteran organization Boards of Directors met in a historic joint session in San Diego to discuss matters relating to the orderly closure of the USSV-WWII national organization. Factors driving the discussion related to the advancing age of the USSV-WWII members and the steadily increasing rate of those departing on Eternal Patrol.

While by its very nature USSV-WWII is a 'last man standing' organization, USSVI is designed to continue on so long as the US has a submarine force and there are submarine veterans who care about our glorious heritage of which our USSV-WWII brothers had such a prominent part.

For several years the two organizations have been in discussion on how USSVI can best help our elder brothers in USSV-WWII to smoothly close out their affairs, while continuing to assist in supporting the operations and interests of members in the various state chapters. Some transfers are well underway, such as arrangements for the care of memorials. Many USSVI Bases have already assumed responsibility for their local memorials, and currently over 35% of USSV-WWII members also hold membership in USSVI.

The USSVI is extending to all regular Life members of USSV-WWII an opportunity for a LIFETIME subscription to the full color AMERICAN SUBMARINER magazine, including membership in USSVI, for a onetime payment of \$20.00 each.

This offer is extended to all regular life members of USSV-WWII who are not already members of USSVI, and will remain open through December 31, 2008. These USSV-WWII members are invited (but not required) to join any of our 150+ local Bases throughout the U.S., or they may elect to remain "at large".

All others, including associates, sons and daughters, 'annual' and former members are also invited to join USSVI at our regular rates. Contact our office at the address below for specifics. All wives, widows and female next of kin are also invited to join the SUBVETTES, the Ladies Auxiliary of USSVI.

Benefits to the USSV-WWII Life member include a lifetime subscription to AMERICAN SUBMARINER, an opportunity to participate in USSVI events and conventions, access to USSVI scholarships awards for their eligible grandchildren (awarded through a competitive process - special note: the USSVI Sub Vet Scholarship program is NOT the Dolphin Scholarship program), Holland Club membership for submarine qualified members, and the knowledge that when they do depart on their Final Patrol, a record of their service will remain in our organizational records and available through our online website system.

To take advantage of this offer, the USSV-WWII regular life member should enroll through your chapter, or send the \$20.00 check made to USSVI, PO Box 3870, Silverdale WA 98383, along with his USSV-WWII member number, Name, Address, Phone #, Birth date, E-mail Address, year qualified and the boat he originally 'qualified in subs' on.

For the historical record, we want to know ALL the boats he served on and in which year(s), total number of war patrols plus total number designated successful. If he served aboard a ship or sub either pre or post WWII, please provide that information too. Tell us what awards he achieved (campaigns and medals) and what his highest rate/rank was. The more complete the info you provide, the better the record of his service will be.

If he is a USSV-WWII Regular Life member but DID NOT qualify in Submarines, please provide the name of the submarine(s) he served in and his year(s) aboard. If he served in a Relief Crew, please provide the name of the Sub Tender(s), plus year(s) aboard. Any special events or memorable occasions we'd like to have for his record as well.

Finally, for when you must depart on that Last Patrol, we need the name of your next of kin, their address and telephone number so that we may provide them with your Last Patrol Certificate.

SPECIAL NOTE: Please note that this special discounted offer is available **ONLY** to the USSV-WWII LIFE regular members.

While they all are welcome to join USSVI, the special pricing is not available to USSV-WWII non or former members of USSV-WWII, or to their annual or associate members.

AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE VIRGINIA BEACH JOINT MEETING

At April's joint meeting, two of our NC Subvets were recognized for their accomplishments over the years in supporting our organization. Well done to both of our shipmates!!



Don receiving his award

Don Small was recognized for his years of service as the USSV-WWII State Commander for North Carolina. Under Don's watch, two memorials were dedicated in this state to remember the sacrifices that the U.S. Submarine Force made during WWII.

Jim Myers received the 2008 Individual District #3 Commanders Award presented by District #3 Commander Dick Kanning. Jim was recognized for his dedication as the Tarheel Base COB, editor of the All Clear, and his efforts in completing our new Mk-14 Torpedo float.



Jim receiving his award

A TWISTED TALE FROM THE GOAT LOCKER

Master Chief noticed a new Seaman one day and barked at him to come in. "What is your name?" was the first thing the Master Chief asked the new guy.

"John," the new guy replied.

The Master Chief scowled, "Look, I don't know what kind of bleeding-heart, liberal pansy stuff they're teaching Sailors in Bootcamp today, but I don't call anyone by their first name. It breeds familiarity and that leads to a breakdown in authority. I refer to my Sailors by their last name only - Smith, Jones, Baker - that's all." "I am to be referred to only as 'Master Chief.' Do I make myself clear?"

"Yes, Master Chief!"

"Good! Now that we got that straight, what is your last name?"

The new guy sighed and said, "Darling. My name is John Darling, Master Chief!"

"Okay, John, the next thing I want to tell you is..."

Asheboro Air Show

It was a hot Saturday at the airport on June 7, but we had 11 Subvets and 2 wives along with a son and 2 grandsons there. Both the torpedo and submarine created a lot of interest among the visitors who stopped by to look them over. We used the new projector that the WWII wives donated to us showing various submarine pictures.



Burnsville Meeting

We had a good turnout for this year's Burnsville meeting in late June with approximately 30 members and wives attending from the Tarheel Chapter, Tarheel Base, and Central-Piedmont Base. We used the Nu-Wray Inn again as the meeting location providing us with a great luncheon as well as our 2nd floor hospitality room porch.

Troutman Parade

This was the first year that we participated in Troutman's parade on June 28 with 18 Subvets, the Mk-14 torpedo, parade submarine, and Bill Morris' decorated car representing the NC Subvets. It was a great parade having an excellent turnout of spectators that was equal to Newton's Old Soldiers Parade along the 2-mile parade route.



Greensboro's Fun 4th Parade

We had 13 NC Subvets participating in Greensboro's Fun 4th Parade, including two Carolina-Piedmont Base members. The weather was cool in the morning, which could be the reason for the best ever turnout of spectators in all the years that we have marched in this parade.

VA BURIAL BENEFIT UPDATE

Often survivors are disappointed when they seek reimbursement of burial expenses for departed veterans. This is because retirees have not informed their loved ones what to do and how much to expect in the event of their demise. You may be eligible for a VA burial allowance if:

- You paid for a veteran's burial or funeral; AND,
- You have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased veteran's employer; AND,
- The veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Following are the maximum benefits currently available from the VA:

- Burial Allowance (SC): VA will pay a burial allowance up to \$2,000 if the veteran's death is service-connected. In such cases, the person who bore the veteran's burial expenses may claim reimbursement from VA. In some cases, VA will pay the cost of transporting the remains of a service-connected veteran to the nearest national cemetery with available gravesites. There is no time limit for filing reimbursement claims in service-connected death cases.
- Burial Allowance (NSC): VA will pay a \$300 burial and funeral allowance for veterans who, at time of death, were entitled to receive pension or compensation or would have been entitled if they weren't receiving military retirement pay.

Eligibility also may be established when death occurs in a VA facility, a VA-contracted nursing home or a state veterans nursing home. In non service-connected death cases, claims must be filed within two years after burial or cremation.

- Plot Allowance: VA will pay a \$300 plot allowance when a veteran is buried in a cemetery not under U.S. government jurisdiction if: the veteran was discharged from active duty because of disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty; the veteran was receiving compensation or pension or would have been if the veteran was not receiving military retired pay; or the veteran died in a VA facility.

The \$300 plot allowance may be paid to the state for the cost of a plot or interment in a state-owned cemetery reserved solely for veteran burials if the veteran is buried without charge. Burial expenses paid by the deceased's employer or a state agency will not be reimbursed.

- Headstones or markers: VA will provide headstones or markers to memorialize veterans or mark the graves of veterans buried in national, state, or private cemeteries as well as those whose remains have not been recovered or identified. This includes those buried at sea, those remains donated to science, and those cremated and whose cremated remains were scattered without burying any portion of them.

VA will also provide markers for eligible family members interred in a national or State Veteran's Cemetery. When interment is in a private cemetery, the cemetery may require, and charge for, a foundation for the marker and installation of the marker. Such costs must be paid from private funds.

- Flag: VA will provide an American flag, upon request, for covering the casket; and a memorial certificate, bearing the President's signature, expressing our Nation's grateful recognition of the deceased veteran's service.
- Other: In addition to VA burial benefits, the surviving spouse or eligible child of a veteran may be eligible for a \$255 lump-sum death benefit from Social Security. Local Social Security Offices have details.

Source: VA Federal Benefits for Veterans & Dependents 2008 Edition,
<http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf>

FOR I AM A SUBMARINER

By John Chaffey
SSN639, SSN687, SSBN619

I served on the Holland over a century ago.

I still serve to this day on the Trident, Los Angeles & Seawolf class boats
and look forward to shipping on the Virginia, Texas and Hawaii.

Places like Fremantle, Rota, LaMadd, Chinhae, Pattaya, Sasebo and Subic stir my soul.

For I am a Submariner.

I rest in peace beneath many seas across this earth.

I was on the Barbel off Palawan, the Scorpion off the Azores and the Bonefish in the Sea of Japan.

We gave them hell in the harbors at Wewak and Namkwan.

I am a Shellback, a Bluenose, a Plank Owner, a MCPO of the Navy, a CNO and a President.

For I am a Submariner.

I heard Howard Gilmores final order, "Take Her Down."

I heard the word passed, "Underway on Nuclear Power."

I have done every job asked of me, from Messcook to Torpedoman to Motormac to COB to Skipper.

I know "Snorkel Patty" and Admiral Rickover.

For I am a Submariner.

I have twin Dolphins tattooed on my chest and twin screws tattooed on my ass.

I know the difference between a Lady and a Hooker but treat both with equal respect.

I know Georgia Street and Magsaysay drive.

And although the Horse & Cow keeps moving I will always find her.

I know the meaning of "Hot, Straight and Normal."

For I am a Submariner.

I have stood tall and received the Medal of Honor and been thrown in the Brig for being Drunk & Disorderly.

I know the reverent tone of "Diesel Boats Forever" and the Gudgeons "Find em, Chase em, Sink em."

I was on the Spearfish evacuating nurses from Corregidor and the Skate when she surfaced at the North Pole.

I have spent time in the Royal Hawaiian.

For I am a Submariner.

I have gone by names like Spritz, Cromwell, OKane, Ramage, Breault, "Mush" and Lockwood.

I have served on boats like the Nautilus, Thresher, Parche, Squalus, Wahoo and Halibut.

On December 7th I was onboard the Tautog at Pearl Harbor.

I was also on the Tusk in 49 and sacrificed myself for my shipmates on the Cochino.

For I am a Submariner.

I have stood watches in the cold of Holy Loch and the heat of the South Pacific.

I know what the "41 For Freedom" accomplished.

I was on the Sealion at Cavite in 41 and the Archerfish in Tokyo Bay in 45.

I have endured depth charges and POW camps.

I was on the Seafox when we lost 5 sailors to a Japanese ambush on Guam.

For I am a Submariner.

I tip beers over sea-stories with my shipmates at yearly conventions.

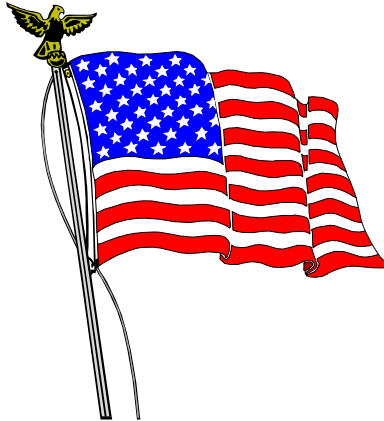
We toll the bell and shed a tear for our buddies who are on eternal patrol.

Many pilots have been glad to see me, including a would-be future president.

I have completed numerous highly classified missions during the Cold War.

Because "Freedom Is Not Free," be assured that I am out there at this very moment.

For I am a Submariner.



SALUTING THE FLAG

The following information was provided by Barry Danforth:

A commenter has reported that Congress has included the provisions of H.R.3380 and S.1877 in H.R. 4986, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which President Bush signed into law on January 28th, 2008. The relevant section is Section 594 of the resolution and reads as follows:

SEC. 594. CONDUCT BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS OUT OF UNIFORM DURING HOISTING, LOWERING, OR PASSING OF UNITED STATES FLAG.

Section 9 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by striking __all persons present__ and all that follows through the end of the section and inserting the following: __all persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.__

54th National Convention-Sub Vets of WWII
September 1 – September 6, 2008
Fact Sheet

Revised

Hotel: Clarion Hotel & Conference Center
9700 Bluegrass Parkway
Louisville, KY 40299
Ph: 1-502-491-4830
Sorry no 1-800- number

Room Rate \$67.00 Plus Tax (about 15%) – Types: Two Double Beds/Kings
Rates are good three days prior and three days after the event.
Hotel will hold rooms until **August 15, 2008**.
After this date they will be released to the general public.
Make your reservations prior to **August 15th** to be guaranteed a room.

Shuttle Service: Complimentary shuttle service provided from & to the airport.

Handicap: Two tram carts are available for transportation to & from convention center.
Hotel will contact local provider for needed wheelchairs, walkers and etc.

No Host Continental Breakfast: Will be in the hospitality room from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Restaurant: The Cristy Grill & Bar will be open for breakfast and dinner.
Restaurant The Dairy Queen in next door for lunch or other nearby restaurants.

Parking: Complimentary parking with overflow.

Free Wireless High Speed Internet: In the lobby and guest rooms.

Full Service Beauty Salon and Barber Shop available.

Indoor Pool, Game Room, Pool Tables, and an Exercise Room available.

Boat Reunions: Contact hotel for available space

Shipping Materials: to hotel; ship to above address and mark HOLD FOR (name of guest, name and dates of convention).

Directions:

Drivers Eastbound on I-64: get off at Hurstbourne Pkwy South, Exit 15, go straight across Hurstbourne Pkwy onto Bluegrass Pkwy. Turn right at Plantside Drive, turn right into hotel parking lot.

Drivers Westbound on I-64: get off at Hurstbourne Pkwy, Exit 15A, turn left, go under the I-64 underpass, south on Pkwy. At 2nd signal light, turn left onto Bluegrass Pkwy. Turn right at Plantside Drive. Turn right into hotel parking lot.

RV Parking: At Conference Center Parking (across road at conference center), no hook-ups.

Campground: on internet: WWW.KOA.COM click on Kentucky, click on number.

**54TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
US SUBMARINE VETERANS of WWII
CLARION HOTEL - LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
SEPTEMBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2008**

REVISED AGENDA

AUG. 29 - 31	EARLY BIRD ARRIVAL DAYS	Same Room Rates Available
MON. SEP. 01	ARRIVAL DAY	
12:00	Registration Open	Cumberland Room
12:00	Hospitality Room Open	Grand Belle Hall
TUE. SEP. 02	OPENING CEREMONY DAY	
6:30-8:30	No Host Continental Breakfast	Grand Belle Hall
9:00 a.m.	Registration Open	Cumberland Room
9:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room Open	Grand Belle Hall
9:00 a.m.	Men's NEEB Meeting	Jefferson Room
9:00 a.m.	Ladies' NEEB Meeting	Appalachian Room
11:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremony	Grand Belle Hall
12:00	Widows' Luncheon	Goldenrod Room
1:00 p.m.	Newsletter Editors Meeting	Iroquois Room
1:00 p.m.	Private Local Tours	
WED. SEP. 03	STATE CMDR/REG.DIR. MEETINGS	
6:30-8:30	No Host Continental Breakfast	Grand Belle Hall
9:00 a.m.	Registration Open	Cumberland Room
9:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room Open	Grand Belle Hall
9:00 a.m.	St. Cmdr./Reg. Dir. Men's Meeting	Farmington Room
9:00 a.m.	St. Cmdr./Reg. Dir. Women's Meeting	Goldenrod Room
10:00 a.m.	Sons & Daughters Meeting	Jefferson Room
12:00	First Ladies' Luncheon	Christ's Grille & Bar
2:00 p.m.	Local Tour to Patton Museum Fort Knox	
THU. SEP. 04	MEETINGS & BEER BUST	
6:30-8:30	No Host Continental Breakfast	Grand Belle Hall
9:00 a.m.	Registration Open	Cumberland Room
9:00 a.m.	Men's General Business Meeting	Grand Belle Hall
9:00 a.m.	Ladies' General Business Meeting	Julia Belle Ballroom
10:00 a.m.	International Sub Vets Meeting	Jefferson Room
12:00	Men's Beer Bust	Grand Belle Hall
12:00	Hospitality Room Open	Grand Belle Hall
12:00	Ladies' Luncheon	Julia Belle Ballroom
6:00 p.m.	Social Hour	Grand Belle Hall
7:00 p.m.	Derby Fun Night	Grand Belle Hall
FRI. SEP. 05	MEETINGS MEMORIAL SERVICE BANQUET	
6:30-8:30	No Host Continental Breakfast	Grand Belle Hall
8:00 a.m.	Past National Men's Breakfast	Christ's Grille & Bar
8:00 a.m.	Past National Women's Breakfast	Christ's Grille & Bar
9:00 a.m.	Registration Open	Cumberland Room
9:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room Open	Grand Belle Hall
9:00 a.m.	Men's New NEEB Meeting	Jefferson Room
9:00 a.m.	Ladies' New NEEB Meeting	Appalachian Room
12:00	Sons & Daughters Lunch	Christ's Grille & Bar
4:00 p.m.	Church Services, Protestant	Iroquois Room
4:00 p.m.	Church Services Catholic	Heartland Room
6:00 p.m.	Social Hour & Memorial Service	Grand Belle Hall
7:00 p.m.	Banquet, Speaker, VAD Donnelly	Grand Belle Hall
	Music by Bullitt East H.S. Band	
SAT. SEP. 06	Check Outs & Farewells	

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REVISED

PRINT NAME _____ CARD NO. _____ PH _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CHAPTER/STATE _____ OFFICE _____

WWII BOAT(S) _____

WIFE'S NAME _____ OFFICE _____

GUEST'S NAME(S) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ RELATION _____

PHONE .# _____.

		NUMBER	\$ AMOUNT
REGISTRATION FEE (non-refundable)	\$10.00 EA.	X _____	_____
RAFFLE - (3 winners) Each Ticket	\$ 5.00	X _____	_____
TOUR TO PATTON MUSEUM (Wednesday)	\$10.00	X _____	_____
MEN'S BEER BUST - Pulled BBQ, Bratwurst, Ital. Sag BBQ Chick. (Select Three)	\$16.00	X _____	_____
WIDOW'S LUNCHEON – Ribeye _ or Cornish Hen __	\$15.00	X _____	_____
LADIES LUNCHEON – 8 oz Grilled Chicken	\$16.00	X _____	_____
DERBY FUN NIGHT – Baked Chicken & Glazed Ham	\$20.00	X _____	_____
BANQUET & DANCE	\$20.00	X _____	_____
Grilled Chicken & Baked Salmon _____ or Grilled Pork Loin & Baked COD _____			
		TOTAL	\$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: US Sub Vets of WWII

Send Registration and check to Bob DeVore, 1361 Stringer Lane, Mt Washington, Ky. 40047 Telephone: 502-538-7853

Cut-Off Date for Registration: August 15, 2008 No Refund after August 22, 2008.

Convention Booklet: Black & White camera ready art work required.

Page 8½ X 5½ \$30.00 ___ Page 5½ X 4¼ \$15.00 ___

Mail to above address. Cut off date **July 1, 2008.**

2008 USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION FORT WORTH, TEXAS
September 1-7, 2008

Plan of the Week (from ussvi2008.com)

Recurring Events

Registration and Help Desk Monday-Saturday 8:00am-5:00pm (Hilton-2nd level)
Hospitallity Room Monday-Saturday 7:00am-midnight
Vendors Room (Hilton-2nd level, adjacent to vendor's room)
 Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm
 Saturday 9:00am-noon (Hilton-2nd level)

Boat reunions as scheduled at various locations

Monday, September 1, 2008

11:00 am Golf Tournament
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm JFK Museum Tour
5:00 pm Texas Rangers Baseball

Tuesday, September 2, 2008

9:30 am - 1:00 pm JFK Museum Tour
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm Amon Carter and Cowgirl Hall of Fame Museums Tour
7:00 pm Texas Hold-em Tournament (Hospitality Room, 2nd Level)

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

8:00 am - 10:00 am Holland Club Breakfast (Convention Center)
8:00 am - 4:00 pm Choctaw Casino Trip
8:30 am - 11:30 am Bureau of Printing and Engraving Tour
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm Amon Carter and Cowgirl Hall of Fame Museums Tour
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Welcome Aboard Party (Stockyard Station in the Stockyards)

Thursday, September 4, 2008

8:30 am - 11:30 am Bureau of Printing and Engraving Tour
9:00 am - 10:30 am Ham Radio Operators Meeting
9:00 am - 10:30 am Chaplains Meeting
9:00 am - 10:30 am RV-ers Meeting
9:30 am - 1:00 pm JFK Museum Tour
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Ladies' Luncheon
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Men's Luncheon
2:30 pm - 6:00 pm Board of Directors and Charitable Foundation Meeting
7:00 pm - 10:30 pm Billy Bob's of Texas

Friday, September 5, 2008

8:00 am - 10:00 am Base Commanders Breakfast
8:30 am - 11:30 am Bureau of Printing and Engraving Tour
9:00 am - 10:30 am Internationals Meeting
9:00 am - 10:30 am Treasurers Meeting
9:30 am - 1:00 pm JFK Museum Tour
10:00 am - 11:30 am Membership Meeting
10:00 am - 11:30 am Storekeepers Meeting
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Memorial Service (Convention Center Arena)
6:30 pm - 10:30 pm Stockyards Rodeo (Stockyards Cowtown Coliseum)

Saturday, September 6, 2008

8:00 am - 11:00 am Business Meeting
8:00 am - 9:00 am Subvettes Meeting
9:30 am - 2:30 pm Grapevine Mills Mall & Bass Pro Shopping Trip
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Board of Directors and Charitable Foundation Meeting
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Submarine Film Festival
5:30 pm - 11:30 pm Social Hour, major raffles, Banquet & Dance (Convention Center Ballroom)

Sunday, September 7, 2008

8:00 am - 10:00 am Farewell Breakfast Buffet

USSVI 2008 Convention Registration Form
Ft.Worth, Texas September 1 - 7, 2008
Convention Headquarters Ft.Worth Hilton
Visit our web site: USSVI2008.com

Name		Guest/Spouse	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
E-mail	Phone	Base	
Emergency Contact		Phone	
Qual Boat		Qual Year	

Enter the number of individuals in your party who will require wheelchair accessible transportation for tours while at the convention

Paid registration is required to attend any event.

Date	Event	Cost	Qty	Total
9/1-9/6	2008 Convention Registration per person (non-refundable) on site add \$5.00	\$20.00		
Monday 9/1	Golf Tournament	\$85.00		
	JFK Museum Tour <div style="text-align: center;"> Circle preferred date Monday 9/1 (1:00 pm - 4:30 pm) Tuesday 9/2 Thursday 9/4 Friday 9/5 (9:30 am - 1:00 pm) </div>	\$25.00		
	Amon Carter & Cowgirl Hall of Fame Museum (tour times 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm) <div style="text-align: center;"> Circle preferred date Tuesday 9/2 Wednesday 9/3 </div>	\$25.00		
Tuesday 9/2	Texas Hold'em Tournament (7:00 pm)	\$15.00		
	Bureau of Engraving & Printing Tour (tour times 8:30 am - 11:30 am) <div style="text-align: center;"> Circle preferred date Wednesday 9/3 Thursday 9/4 Friday 9/5 </div>	\$15.00		
Wednesday 9/3	Holland Club Breakfast (8:00 am) Sponsored by the Holland Club	\$18.00		
Wednesday 9/3	Casino Trip (8:00 am - 4:00 pm) Name(s) of those attending are required by the casino. Please list here.	\$20.00		
Wednesday 9/3	Welcome Aboard Party BQ Dinner buffet (6:00 pm - 10:00 pm)	\$25.00		
Thursday 9/4	Ladies Luncheon (12:00 pm - 2:00 pm)	\$25.00		
Thursday 9/4	Men's Luncheon (12:00 pm - 2:00 pm)	\$25.00		
Thursday 9/4	Billy Bob's Texas (7:00 pm - 10:30 pm)	\$15.00		
Friday 9/5	Base Commanders Breakfast (8:00 am)	\$25.00		
Friday 9/5	Stockyards Rodeo (6:30 pm - 10:30 pm)	\$27.00		
Saturday 9/6	Grapevine Mills Mall & Bass Pro Shopping trip (9:30 am - 2:30 pm)	\$15.00		
Saturday 9/6	Submarine Film Festival (1:00 pm-4:00 pm) Sponsored by Charitable Foundation	\$10.00		
Saturday 9/6	Convention Banquet (5:30 pm - 11:30 pm) Combination beef & chicken dinner will be served. Indicate number of vegetarian dinners preferred, if any _____	\$55.00		
Sunday 9/7	Farewell Breakfast Buffet until San Diego 2009 (8:00 am - 10:00 am)	\$20.00		
	Hard Copy Confirmation (No charge for email confirmation.)	\$1.00		
RAFFLES Please indicate which hotel raffle you would like to enter or both	\$900.00 + Value 6 nights on the VIP floor at Ft. Worth Hilton (Host Hotel) Includes hot breakfast and evening snacks on the VIP floor every day Register prior to July 1 - winner will be notified July 15	1-\$5.00 or 5-\$20.00		
	\$700 + Value 6 nights at The Courtyard Blackstone Marriott 2 blocks from the Host Hotel Register prior to July 1 - winner will be notified July 15	1-\$5.00 or 5-\$20.00		
	TOTAL			

Should any event be canceled, the convention will refund all money paid for that event. Some events may only be available on a space-available basis. Events are subject to change (added, deleted, or modified) based on a variety of factors.

Acceptable methods of payment are check or money order.

Make check or money order payable to "USSVI 2008 Convention" Mail completed form with payment, to:

Cowtown 2008, P.O.Box 28, Burleson, TX 76097-0028

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