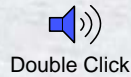


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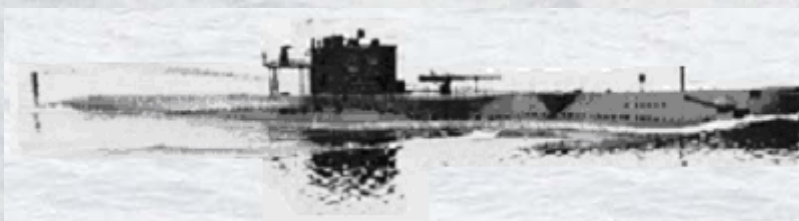


PRIDE RUNS DEEP



### IN MEMORY OF THE 52 SUBMARINES LOST IN WWII

<b>SEA LION</b>	Sunk by aerial bombs	4 men lost	<b>TROUT</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
<b>S-36</b>	Ran aground	No loss of life	<b>TULLIBEE</b>	Sunk by own torpedo	79 men lost, 1 survivor taken prisoner
<b>S-26</b>	Rammed by escort	46 men lost, 2 survived	<b>GUDGEON</b>	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	All hands lost
<b>SHARK 1</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	<b>HERRING</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
<b>PERCH</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All taken prisoner, 8 died in prisoner of war camp	<b>GOLET</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
<b>S-27</b>	Ran aground	No loss of life	<b>S-28</b>	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
<b>GRUNION</b>	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost	<b>ROBALO</b>	Sunk by enemy mines	77 men lost, survivors taken prisoner, 0 survived
<b>S-39</b>	Ran aground	No loss of life	<b>FLIER</b>	Sunk by enemy mines	78 men lost, 8 survived
<b>ARGONAUT</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	<b>HARDER</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
<b>AMBERJACK</b>	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	All hands lost	<b>SEAWOLF</b>	Sunk by friendly destroyer	All hands lost, plus 17 army personnel
<b>GRAMPUS</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	<b>DARTER</b>	Ran aground	No loss of life
<b>TRITON</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	<b>SHARK II</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
<b>PICKEREL</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	<b>TANG</b>	Sunk by own torpedo	78 men lost, 9 taken prisoner
<b>GRENADIER</b>	Sunk by aerial bombs	All taken prisoner, 4 died in prisoner of war camp	<b>ESCOLAR</b>	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost
<b>RUNNER</b>	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost	<b>ALBACORE</b>	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost
<b>R-12</b>	Sunk cause unknown	42 men lost, 3 survivors	<b>GROWLER</b>	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
<b>GRAYLING</b>	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost	<b>SCAMP</b>	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	All hands lost
<b>POMPANO</b>	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost	<b>WORDFISH</b>	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
<b>CISCO</b>	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	All hands lost	<b>BARBEL</b>	Sunk by aerial bombs	All hands lost
<b>S-44</b>	Sunk by surface craft	55 men lost, 2 survivors taken prisoner	<b>KETE</b>	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
<b>DORADO</b>	Sunk by friendly aircraft	All hands lost	<b>TRIGGER</b>	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	All hands lost
<b>WAHOO</b>	Sunk by aerial bombs	All hands lost	<b>SNOOK</b>	Sunk cause unknown	All hands lost
<b>CORVINA</b>	Sunk by enemy sub	All hands lost	<b>LAGARTO</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
<b>SCULPIN</b>	Sunk by surface craft	63 men lost, 21 survivors taken prisoner	<b>BONEFISH</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost
<b>CAPELIN</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	<b>BULLHEAD</b>	Sunk by aerial bombs	All hands lost
<b>SCORPION</b>	Sunk by enemy mines	All hands lost			
<b>GRAYBACK</b>	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	All hands lost			



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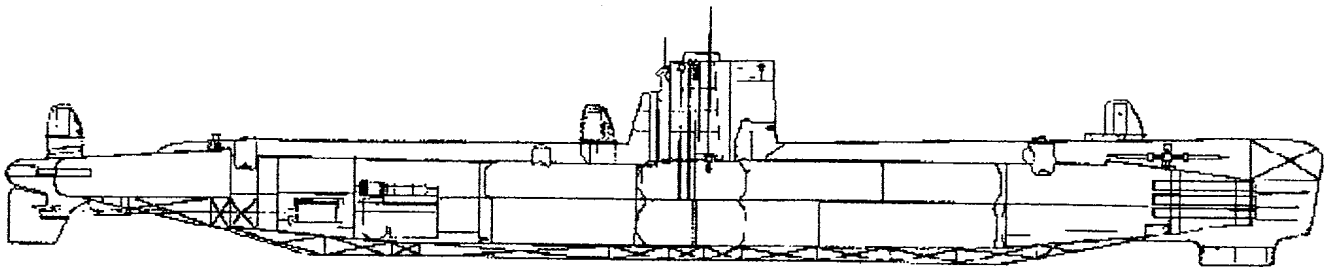
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## STATE COMMANDER'S CORNER U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WWII



Chuck Jensen  
State Commander  
U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII

Shipmates,

First I would like to strongly encourage those Tarheel Chapter Members who haven't yet taken advantage of the special offer to become a lifetime member in USSVI for only \$20.00 to do so now, **as this offer expires on December 31st of this year**. To date, we have had 18 chapter members to take advantage of this special offer and have joined USSVI. All these members who are qualified in submarines will shortly be inducted in the Holland Club. This prestigious club recognizes all USSVI members who have been qualified in submarines 50 years or more. So for those 22 remaining Tarheel Chapter members who are not yet a member of USSVI please don't wait until it is too late and the special offer has expired.

In this issue of the All Clear, there are number informational items pertaining to members of USSV-WWII. Note that next year's National Convention in Green Bay will be the last stand alone USSV-WWII National Convention. Starting in 2010 we will be having joint conventions with USSVI until the time when the national organization ceases to exist.

Also starting next year, the Polaris Magazine will become a quarterly publication like USSVI's American Submariner Magazine is. This magazine is another benefit of becoming a lifetime member in USSVI.

The NC Subvets were planning to have our 3rd quarter meeting in Wilmington but it had to be cancelled at the last moment due to unforeseen circumstances. However, the Pearl Harbor Dinner is all set to occur on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> at the same location in Cary as last year. Details of the dinner are in this All Clear. I hope those who are able will attend this dinner and take part in candlelight Tolling the Boats which is a tradition of this dinner.

Chuck

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### *They Were Lost, But...!*

There they were, pulled over beside the road. Just Bill (Butterbean) Dixon and your Chaplain.

They had just attended a productive working meeting of the North Carolina Submarine Veterans at Cary's VFW Hut on Reedy Creek Road. Butterbean's pickup had a tank full of really expensive gasoline, and its battery was fully charged. Your Chaplain had done the usual pre-trip planning: Mapquest had printed out all the from-to instructions, complete with the usual colorful map. They were on a mission to deliver the traditional Sub Vets Book of Remembrance to the widow of one of their own, Bubblehead Emory Ward.

But they were lost.



Chaplain Bill Whelan  
WWII Tarheel Chapter  
USSVI Tarheel Base

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER (cont.)

Fortunately, Butterbean had his cell phone and your Chaplain had Widow Charlotte Ward's phone number.

The call was made. Charlotte's instructions were clear. They were there in a couple minutes. The Book of Remembrance was presented. And a prayer in Emory's memory concluded the successful mission.

Why include this in this Chaplain's Corner?

Because the mission paralleled the lives of so many of us Sub Vets. We set out on a well-planned mission. Somewhere along the way, we make mistakes or otherwise get hold of "bad" instructions and find ourselves lost. If we're fortunate, we are able to communicate with the only source of true direction in life, and find ourselves back on track in short order.

There you have it: a mini-sermon!

Bottom line: God promises a safe harbor, not a calm patrol.

### ***Sub Vets On Eternal Patrol!***

Thirteen submariners with ties to North Carolina sailed on their eternal patrols during the first 10 months of 2008. Since this is the final *All Clear* of the year, we include them in this "Corner" to ensure that their memories do not fade. They are listed, starting with the most recent, and include the date they sailed on eternal patrol, their names, their rank/rating, their North Carolina connection, and the boats on which they served.

8 October 2008: Emory Dan Ward, GM2, Apex, NC (ARCHERFISH, SS-311).

7 October 2008: Ralph Emerson Styles, CAPT, Asheville, NC / Sarasota, FL (NARWHAL, SS-17; S-20, SS-125; and SEA DEVIL, SS-400).

9 September 2008: Kenneth R. Gustafson, CDR, Reidsville, NC (TORSK, SS-423; SAILFISH, SSR-572; SEA OWL, SS-405; DOGFISH, SS-350; and HARDHEAD, SS-365).

4 August 2008: Major Edward Wheeler, CCS, Willard, NC / Aiea, HI (boats not identified).

4 August 2008: John Cornelius Theys, LCDR, Raleigh, NC (BECUNA, SS-319 and SEA DEVIL, SS-400).

3 August 2008: Dwight Wilbur Holder, MoMM2, Winston-Salem, NC (ANGLER, SS-240).

8 July 2008: Robert G. Black, Sr., CAPT, Greenville, NC (FLYING FISH, SS-229; GUITARRO, SS-363; BATFISH, SS-310; CLAMAGORE, SS-343; SABLEFISH, SS-303; and THORNBACK, SS-418).

22 June 2008: James Roy Manning, Jr., S1c, Morehead City, NC (SEA DEVIL, SS-400).

17 June 2008: David John Culligan, TMC, Cary, NC (ULYSSES S. GRANT, SSBN-631; BLACKFIN, SS-322; GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER, SSBN-656; HENRY CLAY, SSBN-625; JOHN MARSHALL, SSBN-611; JAMES MADISON, SSBN-627; and LAPON, SSN-661).

7 May 2008: A. Carlyle Morris, S1c, Raleigh, NC (SEA FOX, SS-402).

25 April 2008: Jones Franklin Kennedy, MoMM2, Thomasville, NC (PETO, SS-265 and MACABI, SS-375).

13 April 2008: Raymond Stanley Barber, RM2, Raleigh, NC / Fredericksburg, VA (PLAICE, SS-390).

5 April 2008: Walter E. Masterson III, CS(A), Durham, NC (SCORPION, SS-278 and SEAWOLF, SS-197).

Shipmates, Rest Your Oars!

Chaplain Bill

## SUBGALLION CORNER

I'm sure most of the members of the Tar Heel Chapter of Wives of WWII Sub Vets know we are in a holding mode. Jocelyn Bradburn and I have agreed to stay on as treasurer and commander.

Because of health reasons Don and I have not been able to go to the last two national meetings. In addition to our health problems Don cannot drive long distances. Our son has offered to help out in that area so maybe we will make it to the Pearl Harbor Memorial meeting.

I talked to June Kracker about the up coming events. Virginia is hosting a Christmas party at the Sandcastle Hotel in Virginia Beach on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of Dec 08. The S.E. Regional and the N.E. Regional will be April 28<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 at the Dunes Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. More information and registration forms are on the way.

Two of our dear friends from Virginia are on eternal patrol. Pierre Dispennette and Gloria Meyers.

The November issue of the Dolphinet will have the details about the 2009 national meeting. The message from June, our new national president, is "HANG IN THERE!"

She does not want us to turn in our charter. I told her we would try to hang in there until the last hurrah.

If you are receiving the ALL CLEAR by mail and move or change your address please send a change of address notice to the editor of the ALL CLEAR. They need it in writing for their files.

See you in December.  
State Commander  
Rose Mary Small



Rose Mary Small  
State Commander  
Subgalleons

## 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.

**Laundry Queen** A junior sailor, usually a non-qual (especially if he's DINQ) assigned to handle a division's laundry chores.

**Oh Dark Thirty** Very late at night or very early in the morning.

**Sliders** Hamburgers. So greasy, they "slide."

**Trim Party** A prank often perpetrated on a newly-qualified Diving Officer or Chief of the Watch, where men and other weights are shifted fore and aft to affect the trim of the boat.

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

For a quiz on Navy slang, have some fun at <http://www.funtrivia.com/playquiz.cfm?qid=136994>

## WWII TARHEEL CHAPTER TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP CORNER



Jim Myers  
WWII Tarheel Chapter Treasurer

As of August 1 2008 the WWII Chapter and National dues were due. The following list of shipmates and the amount they owe is listed to remind them of their membership:

William Baldwin	\$10
George Gressman	\$10
Norman Guice	\$10
Donald Haseley	\$10
Linwood Respass	\$10
Robert Sloop	\$15
Donald Smith	\$10

The WWII Chapter checking account balanced with the Bank Statement as of 9/30/08 at \$2891,87.

Jim Myers

### BOOSTER CLUB 2008

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
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
Joseph Morgan	4/23/08	\$ 15.00
Karl Evans	4/25/08	\$ 10.00
Larry Travis	4/25/08	\$ 15.00
Capt Arthur Rawson	6/7/08	\$ 40.00
Everett Erb	7/30/08	\$ 10.00
Don Small	7/30/08	\$ 30.00
Karl Evans	7/30/08	\$ 10.00
Norman Skiles	7/31/08	\$ 15.00

**TOTAL**     \$ 845.00



## USSVI – TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER’S CORNER

### SHIPMATES:

About thirty members attended the business meeting on Saturday, 11 October in Cary, at the VFW post. Many events are taking place before the end of the year, including three parades, the Kings Bay Memorial, and the annual Pearl Harbor Day dinner meeting. These items will be covered in other areas of the All Clear.

What I want to address is a comment made at the business meeting by the Vice Commander. Some members have stated to the Vice Commander that they don't feel that they belong to the group. All that is required to belong to the group is to be designated "Qualified in Submarines." That alone assures that you belong to a group of individuals that go back in history from the present through the cold war, WWII, CSS Huntley, Bushnell, DeVince and all others in-between, who have volunteered to take a large (in most cases metal) object out into the ocean and SINK IT, knowing that they have the Experience, Knowledge, Training and Fortitude to bring it back to the surface. USSVI and the Tarheel Base is a small part of this elite group of individuals.



Jerry Emerson  
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

How you, as members of the group, PARTICIPATE in the activities of the group is another matter. All of you are intelligent individuals who realize that in any organized group, be it the VFW, Fleet Reserve, American Legion, etc., there are a few members who participate to the fullest. They are the ones who hold office, attend functions and volunteer for various duties, jobs and provide suggestions and ideas for new projects, items or events for the members to undertake.

The Tarheel Base membership is constantly growing and changing. Seven years ago, the membership was less than 100; today it is over 170 and three new bases have started up in North Carolina. By virtue of the fact that you are designated Qualified in Submarines, you are a member of this group. How much you participate in the group activities is up to you as an individual. The Tarheel Base has a continuous need for volunteers to help and assist with different events. An example of immediate need is volunteers to help set up the Pearl Harbor dinner in December. The base Storekeeper has asked to be relieved this year, so we will need a volunteer to take his place.

On a lighter note, hope to see many of you at the event in Kings Bay in November. And remember to send in your registration for the Pearl Harbor dinner as soon as possible as we need an accurate account to provide to the VFW post.

Jerry Emerson

# Hey Shipmate!

Any one interested in assisting with the set up for the Pearl Harbor Dinner event, contact either  
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Vice Commander Bill Dixon (919) 467-7597 goldbow@bellsouth.net

Any one interested in taking over duties of Base Storekeeper, contact either  
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## USSVI – TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY’S CORNER



Bill Lowe  
USSVI Tarheel Base Secretary

Minutes from the NC Subvets Working Meeting  
Held at VFW Post #7383 in Cary, NC  
11 October 2008

At approximately 12:00 noon, Base Commander Jerry Emerson called on Base Chaplain Bill Whelan to offer a blessing for the meal consisting of assorted “sub” sandwiches plus chips.

Jerry Emerson called the Tarheel Base business meeting to order at 12:58 PM with introductions by the 30 Subvets present followed by all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pat Collins inducted Louis Stiles into the Holland Club by reading a plaque dated 20 February 2007 and awarding him a Holland Club lapel pin and vest patch. Dick Kanning presented a special Holland Club challenge coin to Louis.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

Base Secretary Bill Lowe read the minutes of the last joint Base quarterly meeting held on 21 June 2008 at the Nu-Ray Inn- Burnsville, N.C. Bill Lowe thanked Jerry “Patch” Paciorek for logging the minutes in his absence. Minutes were approved as read.



Brief treasurer report was given as follows: balance of approximately \$1,400 in Tarheel Base account per Mike Toomey. Mike is now collecting Base dues in the amount of \$10.00 per member that will come due on 1 January 2009. Members can pay up to 5 years in advance. As a note, WWII Subvets, in good standing, can join USSVI for \$20 if done by 31 Dec 2008.



Jim Myers gave a report on happenings at the USSVI National Convention held in Ft. Worth, TX from 1-7 September 2008. A lengthy discussion took place concerning liability insurance for the Base that would cover members and the parade torpedo. Bottom line - the Base needs to look into purchasing a policy since National USSVI will not and cannot do it. Jerry Emerson stated he would check with his insurance agent and others on the cost of a liability policy for the Base. Jim covered the SNAFU that took place with the election of George Boyle as Southeast Regional Director. All was resolved by the newly elected Board of Directors. Jim Myers presented Dick Kanning with the Robert Link Award that was announced at the National Convention. Butterbean Dixon covered the change in the creed for USSVI - Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States Constitution replaces United States Government. Glenn Harris and Bill Lowe made positive comments about their experiences at the National Convention in Ft. Worth. As a note, it was voted to hold the 2011 convention in Springfield, MO.

Chuck Jensen reported on a bid of \$4,300 from Joe Peek to repair the Burnsville Subvets Memorial. The property owner, Tony V., will cover half of this cost. Kris Bridges and Pat Collins will donate \$100 each to this repair project. Carolina-Piedmont Base treasurer will collect the funds from all sources. During next year’s Burnsville meeting, Chaplain Bill requests a memorial service for a Hickory, N.C. submariner who was lost on USS Grunion (SS-216) during WWII. Glenn Harris stated he would handle scheduling the memorial service.

## USSVI – TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY’S CORNER (cont.)

Jim Myers covered info on the Allison Woods Living History & Reenactment site in Statesville. It consists of an open field area for civil war reenactments and has WWII vehicles on display. There is an admission charge of \$10 to the event. Recently, Jim took the Base submarine trailer to this location with Ed Galaviz manning the exhibit all day. As a note, 30,000 to 40,000 people attended this event last year.

All Clear publication format and procedures were discussed by editor, Jerry “Patch” Paciorek. Mailing costs more than double when the publication is over 22 pages. Suggestion was made for the 4 N.C. Bases to print their own copies of the electronic/e-mail version. Chuck Jensen made a motion for a two format publication - one official newsletter and one an information issue possibility titled All Clear Bulletin. Jerry Emerson tabled this item until the next meeting in order to get input from all bases. The next issue of the All Clear will be unchanged with a 19 October 2008 deadline for submitting articles. All present gave Jim Myers a hand in appreciation for his outstanding past work as editor of the All Clear.

Dick Kanning made a motion that the Tarheel Base purchase 12 Holland Club Challenge coins for presentation to USSVI members inducted during the coming year. Motion carried. WWII treasurer will pay for coins presented to WWII Holland Club Inductees.

### NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

Dick Kanning covered the hurricane damage to Seawolf Park and USS Cavalla located in Galveston Park, TX. The Cavalla Historical Foundation is soliciting monetary and “blood, sweat, and tears” donations to restore the Park. Motion was made and seconded to donate \$200 each from the Tarheel Base and WWII Subvets. A notice will be included in the upcoming issue of All Clear calling for the collection of individual donations during the Pearl Harbor meeting on 6 December 2008.

Jerry Emerson covered the scheduled parades for next month. They are Winston-Salem on Saturday 8 November at 1000; High Point on Sunday 9 November at 1500; and Asheboro on Tuesday 11 November at 1630. Jerry stated we will not participate in the Wilson parade on 6 December due to the Pearl Harbor meeting on that day.

Several Subvets indicated they would be attending the annual Kings Bay WWII Memorial event in Georgia during the first week of November.



Plans were discussed for the Pearl Harbor Meeting to be held on Saturday, 6 December at the Cary VFW Post #7383. According to Jerry and Paul Hiser, the hospitality room will be located in the “back building” and will open at 1200. Dick Kanning will make an adult beverage run to Ft. Bragg. Menu for the 1800 evening banquet meal will be the same as last year with a cost of \$15.00 per person. Butterbean Dixon will collect the meal money and reservation deadline will be 30 November 2008. Uniform of the day will be casual dress. A tolling of the boat ceremony will be conducted during the meeting. Mike Burkholder will be “home” and will handle door prizes. Mike Toomey will be collecting 2009 Base dues during the meeting. All info concerning this meeting will be published in the upcoming issue of All Clear. Frequency of future Tarheel Base meetings will be discussed at the Pearl Harbor meeting.

Nominations of Tarheel Base Officers for 2009 was announced by Jerry Emerson. All current Base Officers have agreed to serve next year per Jerry. With no nominations from the floor, a motion was made and seconded that the present slate of officers be nominated by acclamation. Jerry called out each officer’s name and office he holds. Base secretary, Bill Lowe, cast the electing vote for each position. Year 2009 Tarheel Base Officers will be: Base Commander- Jerry Emerson ; Vice Commander- Bill (Butterbean) Dixon ; Treasurer- Mike Toomey ; and Secretary- Bill Lowe.

Jim Myers passed around a picture of a WWII US Navy MK 3 MOD 1 bomb trailer he has in his yard. Jim asked for help in finding a new home for it. He wants it out of his yard ASAP.

## USSVI – TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY’S CORNER (cont.)

Jim Myers stated he has been elected to the position of State Vice President of the USSVI RV Club. Contact Jim for information about this organization.

John Rupertus passed around copies of a petition letter addressed to US House of Representative Mel Watts asking for his help in reversing the decision to contract out acute care services at the VA Medical in Salisbury. Several Subvets present signed this letter.

Meeting was adjourned at 1520.



## USSVI – TARHEEL BASE TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP CORNER



Michael Toomey  
USSVI Tarheel Base Treasurer

The Treasurer’s input for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2008 follows:

Membership is now 182 with more applications forthcoming.

Checking Account:

Ending Balance 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr. 2008	\$ 1,932.69
Income	\$ 1,278.37
Expenses	<u>\$-1,677.80</u>
Ending Balance 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. 2008	<u>\$ 1,533.26</u>

**REMINDER!** I’m now collecting USSVI Base and National dues for next year, which are due on 1 January 2009. You can pay up to 5 years if you wish. I’ll be collecting dues at the Pearl Harbor meeting for your convenience.

Mike

## THE S-28 NEWSLETTER



There will be a Veterans' Day memorial service held at the S-28 memorial, located on the grounds of the Battleship North Carolina Memorial in Wilmington. Everyone is welcome to attend. The event is being hosted by the Coastal Carolina Base. Plans are being finalized, but we hope to have a local NJROTC color guard and to have a tolling of the boats.

Terry Kuhn  
yddeditor@gmail.com  
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## FROM YOUR SOUTHEAST REGION DISTRICT 1 (SED1) COMMANDER

**NOTE:** Due to the region realignment done earlier this year, the Tarheel Base is now a part of Southeast Region and is in District 1 (SED1).

Elections: Regardless of some disturbing facts and numerous 'scuttlebutt', the electronic voting process worked! There is one case of a base (Not in my/our District) of attempting to vote in a manner NOT deemed acceptable or proper. I'm NOT going to get involved or express my thoughts, other than to state THANKS to all who did vote. Our new Nat'l Officers are: Pat Housholder NC, Jon Jaques NSVC, John Markiewicz NT and T. Michael Bircumshaw, NJVC. Al Singleman remains as Nat Sec.

Our new regional Director is George Boyle. George was EDR up till two years ago, was succeeded by John Carcioppolo, and is now back.

Two significant changes were made to the Nat'l C&B: membership dues not paid by 31 Jan shall cause a member to be dropped from the USSVI roster! The 'dink' period is but one month (31 Dec to 31 Jan). The other is a change to our Creed. The last sentence is now: "We pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution"

SOS: Seawolf Park in Galveston Texas suffered immensely as a result of hurricane Ike. The Cavalla was lifted out of its landlocked birth and received much water inside. The DE Stewart was also lifted and is now on a 15 deg starboard list. The Tautog sail is torn loose from its display. The Tarheel Base USSVI is matching donations and Tarheel Chapter USSVWWII has made a financial commitment in support of restoration, It is hoped that all NC SubVet Bases will do the same.

HELP: The "All Clear" is OUR newsletter. Jerry "Patch" Paciorek needs your input. As THE newsletter for all NC SubVets, each base and any member should provide Patch with news items. Even a yarn or two would be appreciated.

2008 Pearl Harbor Program: reiterating what else is presented, this one promises to be another booming success. We'll have Tarheel Base founder Mike Burkholder back for a visit (sorry, NO Superman) as well as the Force Master Chief Jeff Garrison providing an invigorating program. Bring your brag souvenirs for show!

NC Bases: With the Chartering of the Albemarle Sound base on 7 September 2008, we now have 4 in NC. Our newer bases are small and can always use an increased membership. Consider joining one of them, especially being that they may be close to you!

Albemarle Sound Base CDR is Barry Danforth.  
Base POC is Ron Pervere at: ron@pervere.com

Coastal Carolina Base CDR and POC is Bill Mussel at: william.mussel@ge.com

SSN-777: I had the opportunity to attend the 777 Change of Command. Capt Davis is off to the horn of Africa joint command. He was relieved by CDR Wes Schlauder, whose father is a former Boat Sailor. Capt Davis received the Legion of Merit for his efforts on the 777. The boat has completed its certs for underwater activities and is presently engaged in VLS / tomahawk shakedown.

Awards: At the Nat'l Convention, the Robert Link Award was awarded to me. I'm humbled, but grateful, in that what I've done over the past 3+ years as DC has not been ignored. I could NOT be successful without the support of you, the members!

Yours in Service!

Dick



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY - OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

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

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Kris Bridges	Hugh Andrews	T. William Benedict
George Cataldo	William Baldwin	Frank Caulfield
Joseph Clark	Gary Chadwell	George Craig
Paul Crossland	Charles Cross	Charles Dorman
Barbara Dixon	Randolph Denson	Bruce Fensley
Ricky Donohue	Harold Dixon	J. B. Helms
Nelson Gainey	Roynald Hatley	Bobby Hepler
Larry Hauser	Scott Hughes	Paul Hiser
David Holm	Thomas Kelly	Robert F. Hopkins
Shorty Lebonville	William Lowe	Richard Kreh
Hugh McCracken	Royce Simpson	Gary Lew
Alfred McGuire	Carl Walker	Edward Lloyd
Howell Rice	John Wallace	Ernest Morgan
Joseph Ritter	Arthur White	Everett Morgan
Robert Wilson		Wayne Powell
Robert Wise		William Schneider
		James Stanford
		Thomas Vandenheuvel
		Gilbert Warren
		Fenton Wells

### Recruiting, Recruiting, Recruiting!

These are just some of Tarheel Base Vice Commander, Bill "Butterbean" Dixon's favorite words. He has a passion for getting the word out to all submariners in North Carolina, and I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your help in supporting our Subvet recruiting efforts.

Have you heard about our Saturday morning breakfasts in Cary? Nearly 30 Subvets have been gathering to share some good times and lots of laughs at the Crossroads Golden Corral. There are also some Coffee Breaks scheduled from time to time at different locations to meet up and share stories. Contact Butterbean Dixon for more information at (919) 467-7597 or [goldbow@bellsouth.net](mailto:goldbow@bellsouth.net).

# Now Here This!!

## Special Extra Earnings for Military Service

Did you serve on active duty service prior to January 2002 and planning for retirement? You may qualify for a higher social security payment because of your military service. It is NOT just for military retirees, BUT anyone who has served on active duty prior to January 2002.

You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it!

For more details, visit the Social Security website: <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>

## A Call For Red

Sent in by Clif Snow  
Member, Tarheel Base

### Red Shirt

If the **RED** shirt thing is new to you, read below how it went for a man.

Last week, while traveling to Chicago on business, I noticed a Marine sergeant traveling with a folded flag, but did not put two and two together.

After we boarded our flight, I turned to the sergeant, who'd been invited to sit in First Class (across from me), and inquired if he was heading home.

No, he responded.

Heading out I asked?

No. I'm escorting a soldier home.

Going to pick him up?

No. He is with me right now. He was killed in Iraq, I'm taking him home to his family.

The realization of what he had been asked to do hit me like a punch to the gut. It was an honor for him. He told me that, although he didn't know the soldier, he had delivered the news of his passing to the soldier's family and felt as if he knew them after many conversations in so few days.

I turned back to him, extended my hand, and said, Thank you. Thank you for doing what you do so my family and I can do what we do.

Upon landing in Chicago, the pilot stopped short of the gate and made the following announcement over the intercom.

'Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to note that we have had the honor of having Sergeant Steeley of the United States Marine Corps join us on this flight. He is escorting a fallen comrade back home to his family. I ask that you please remain in your seats when we open the forward door to allow Sergeant Steeley to deplane and receive his fellow soldier. We will then turn off the seat belt sign.'

Without a sound, all went as requested. I noticed the sergeant saluting the casket as it was brought off the plane, and his action made me realize that I am proud to be an American.

So here's a public Thank You to our military Men and Women for what you do so we can live the way we do.

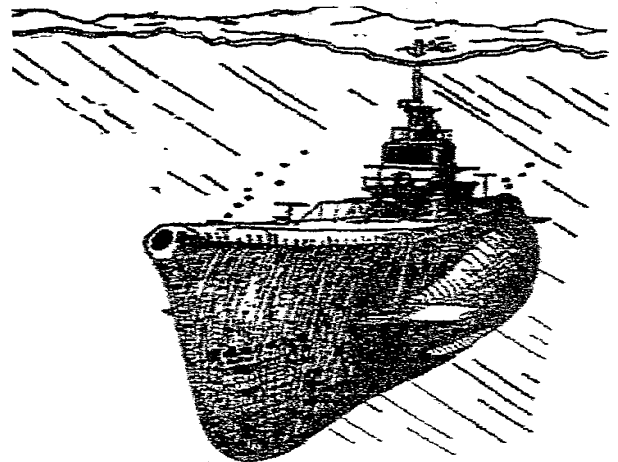
### Red Fridays

Very soon, you will see a great many people wearing **RED** every Friday. The reason? Americans who support our troops used to be called the 'silent majority.' We are no longer silent, and are voicing our love for God, country and home in record breaking numbers. We are not organized, boisterous or overbearing.

Many Americans, like you, me and all our friends, simply want to recognize that the vast majority of American's supports our troops. Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect starts this Friday -- and continues each and every Friday until the troops all come home, sending a deafening message that every **RED**-blooded American who supports our men and women afar, will wear something **RED**.

By word of mouth, press, TV -- let's make the United States on every Friday a sea of **RED** much like a homecoming football game in the bleachers. If every one of us who loves this country will share this with acquaintances, coworkers, friends, and family, it will not be long before the USA is covered in **RED** and it will let our troops know the once 'silent' majority is on their side more than ever, certainly more than the media lets on.

The first thing a soldier says when asked 'What can we do to make things better for you?' Is 'We need your support and your prayers.' Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example, and wear something **RED** every Friday.



## THE BATTERY WELL

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

### Cheating the N.Y., N.H., & H.

Anybody who has been through sub school at New London knows what these letters stand for New York, New Haven, & Hartford R.R. I used to ride it a lot.

I was standing in the N.L. station one time, don't remember why, when these two girls came running up to get on the train. One sort of stumbled and fell into my arms. I found out that they were going to New Haven where they lived. One girl was brunette and one blond. I made a date with the blond one for next weekend to meet her at Church and Chapel streets under the big clock. When I showed up there was no blond, so I went into the Leggetts drugstore for an RC and a Moon Pie. Leggetts didn't serve rum and cokes in those days. Anyway, here's the brunette working behind the soda fountain. I asked her about where the blond might be, "don't know." So I got a date with the brunette with the "coffee bean eyes." So that was the start of a long time romance. Of course, I wanted to spend as much time with her as I could and we eventually got married. When we were courting, I had to ride that train many times between N.L & N.H., and on a third class' pay, funds got short pretty quick. One time, when I got on the train, there was the conductor's box on a seat with all the ticket stuff he carried around. Now, in those days when you got on the train, he took your ticket and put a colored stub in the seat in front of you, different colors indicating your destination. In that box were a bunch of stubs of every color and I snatched a bunch of each. Now, when I would get on the train, I would look to see which color there was the most of, which usually was the one for New York southbound, or Boston northbound. I would use one of those colors in seat in front of me so when the conductor came by he wouldn't snatch it away since I was only going to the next stop, New London or New Haven. After he went by I'd put the stub back in my pocket and get off at the next stop. That went on until we finally got married and started living together. Shortly after that, it was overseas. That girl is the same one I'm married to now after 64 years. It's been a tough go sometimes, but I guess all the blame can be put on that conductor who was careless with RR property!

Don Small, PSC, (Past State Commander)  
US Submarine Veteran of WWII  
USS Bergall, SS 320  
<http://www.bergall.org>

# Get Your Calendars!

The Tarheel Base Storekeeper is taking orders for 2009 Calendars. Please contact Will Harvey at [weelh1@aol.com](mailto:weelh1@aol.com) and let him know if you would like either of both of the following calendars. Please be sure to specify the calendar(s) that you want in your email.

USSVI Calendar	\$12.00
SubVets of WWII	\$10.00 (expected cost)

## WWII U.S. NAVY BOMB TRAILER GIVE AWAY!

The NC Sub Vets have a WWII US Navy Bomb Trailer Mark 3 Mod 1, 4000 lb trailer that it will give away to any Military Organization. The axles are in good shape, the frame needs work, and the hand brake system would have to be refurbished. It has the front wheel steer system with a long tongue hook up.

If anyone knows of an organization that could use this for parades etc, contact Jim Myers at 336 595 8616 or email [sublobo@triad.rr.com](mailto:sublobo@triad.rr.com). A picture is available for those wishing to see the trailer.

## PARADES, PARADES, PARADES

### Winston Salem Veterans' Day Parade

The Winston Salem Veterans Day Parade will be Saturday Nov. 8, 2008. Start time is 10:00 am formation will be at 9:00am. We will be at the same staging area as before. Please let Jim Myers know (phone # 336-595-8616 or email sublobo@triad.rr.com) if you intend on attending this function.

#### Directions:

West on Business 40 take exit 5B turn right on Broad St. East on Business 40 take exit 5B turn right on Broad St. Take Broad St. to 4th Street and there will be a large parking lot just past the stop light. We are unit 30 staged at the corner of 4th and Spring St.

### High Point Veterans' Day Parade

The High Point Veterans Day Parade will be on Sunday Nov. 9, 2008. Start time is 3:00 pm formation will be at 1:45 to 2:00 pm at Unit No. 58. Street will be blocked at 2:30 PM. Please let Jim Myers know (phone # 336-595-8616 or email sublobo@triad.rr.com) if you intend on attending this function.

#### Directions:

North or South on Business 85 get off at South Main Street High Point exit (Business US 311), Go north toward town.

### Asheboro Veterans' Day Parade

The Asheboro Parade is Tuesday Nov. 11, 2008. Start time is 4:30 pm; we will form up at 3:00 pm. We will stage at the same place as before on Church Street in Asheboro.

#### Directions:

From Greensboro on US 220 South take the Charlotte exit (US 64 / NC 49). Left at the end of the ramp and then go through two traffic lights then left at stop sign.

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

Pictures sent in by Chuck Jensen





## COB'S CORNER

### STRAIGHT FROM USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSN-777)

Hello to all my brothers, sisters, and shipmates down in North Carolina. Dave Collins here, Chief of the Boat on USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSN 777). First off, we just completed our first extended (three months) run away from homeport. I'd like to be able to say it was a deployment, but it was really just weekly ops that happened to keep us away from homeport for 85 days. We certified the Virginia class to perform Dry Deck Shelter operations with SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team Two down in Key West, FL. We spent about six weeks in May (right after the commissioning as a matter of fact) fitting up the shelter, then loaded on the SDV, then finally the SEALS and divers themselves. We spent the first six weeks of our run conducting test after test, getting the ship into a perfect hover, maintaining a SIX-INCH depth band at Periscope Depth, at less than a knot, and all the while flooding on over 90 thousand pounds of water to flood-up and equalize the Dry Deck Shelter. We set a new record for submarines in doing this (sixteen and half minutes, even the Trident SSGNs with their huge hovering pumps couldn't pull that off!) and we're very proud of our accomplishments. Most of the credit goes to the designers of your namesake submarine at Electric Boat and the rest goes to my Pilots. (We're not called Diving Officers on Virginia class boats, because we're steering, being planesmen, being the dive AND Chief of the Watch all at once, so now we're "Pilots" because the CO says "Go that way, FAST!" and like a good pilot, we do, the Ship Control System takes care of whatever we don't. Lots of automation, pretty cool...

We said goodbye to our CO, Captain Mark Davis, who many of you met at the commissioning, in the beginning of September in a ceremony held down in Norfolk. A little uncharacteristic holding a change of command away from homeport, but we had to offload the SEALS, divers and the DDS itself during our Change of Command workup, all while hurricane Hannah was ripping up the eastern seaboard. It was an exhausting week, but we got everything done in true Tarheel spirit, and had a great Change of Command ceremony, saying goodbye to Captain Davis and welcoming our new skipper, CDR Wallace E. (Wes) Schlauder. Captain Schlauder and I served together on the staff of Submarine Squadron Four, and I'm here to tell you he's a true submarine warrior and great guy, I'm glad to have him onboard as my new Captain.

The rest of the run was punctuated by completion of hydrodynamic trials, minefield penetration trials, acoustic trials, and finally our first ORSE. I'm very proud to say we completed all with gusto, including a best in class (in the minefield) detection of 48 out of 49 mines. We got several ABOVE AVERAGE areas on our ORSE that we just finished on 20 October, for an overall grade of AVERAGE. Not bad for a brand new crew and a CO who's only been aboard for a month. Anyway, we got home just the other day, and are working up to go down to Port Canaveral for two weeks to get ready for Weapon System Accuracy Testing (WASAT) that will be held just after Thanksgiving. (I know, I know, two weeks in PCAN, needs of the Navy...). We go back into the shipyard after shooting weapons in December to prove our weapons systems, and then start our PSA where they load on all the things that weren't in the original contract for when the ship was built, and to fix anything we shook loose or broke during this past year of fairly intensive operations. By the end of this year, we'll have logged over two hundred days at sea and already tens of thousands of miles steamed without having deployed, so even though I wanted to DEPLOY as COB on NORTH CAROLINA right away, I got my wish for some decent sea time.

Well, hope that caught everyone up. We're already looking for a boondoggle, I mean MISSION to try to get some people down for the Azalea Festival in Wilmington next spring, so I'm looking forward to being able to see some of you again. Thanks to "Patch" Paciorek for keeping me up to date with all you Tarheel bubbleheads down south, can't wait to have some barbecue and tip a few back with some of y'all.

Hoo-Yah! Going deep,

Dave Collins, COB



USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSN-777)  
Photo from *American Submariner*, Volume 2008 Issue 2

## How It Happened That I Became A Submariner

That fateful day back there on 19 December 1941, we found ourselves given a diploma with orders to go to your ship. Mine was to the USS Lea (DD 118). Before I reported to the Lea, I was able to spend Christmas with my folks down in Newport News, Virginia. The day after New Years, my father said son it is time for you to get on the road. With that he said I will take you to the train station. I remember we had one car, a Buick. Upon arrival at the station I boarded a Norfolk & Western passenger train bound for Boston. This was the start of what turned out to be a merry chase to locate my first ship.

As it turns out, I almost did not make it to Boston. I started my wartime career tour by boarding the wrong train. Luckily, the conductor realized this before the train left the station. After being ushered off that train, I very carefully sought out the train bound for Boston. In the early 1940s, the train ride from Newport News, VA to Boston was a two-day trip. Fortunately, this train had overhead sleepers. All things considered a very civilized way to travel.

Once I arrived at the Boston train station, my odyssey was only just beginning. I had no idea where the Lea was docked. I thought my luck was about to turn when I saw a shore patrol detail. I asked for directions. They had no idea for ships were all over the Boston area. They suggested that I take a taxi to the Navy Yard. I hailed a cab and arrived at the Boston Navy Yard gate. The Shore Patrol at the gate did not know the location of individual ships. However, they did allow a new Ensign to search the yard via cab. After a bit of time, I spotted the DD 118 up on the marine railway. What a surprise! I left my duffle bag on the pier and climbed the marine railway steps. Needless to say, those steps would not meet current OSHA standards. A sailor came down part way and assisted me. After thanking the sailor I reported to the OOD. He promptly asked. "Ensign Rawson where in the hell have you been? We expected you a week ago." The Duty Officer took me below and had the duffle bag tossed into an upper bunk. After taking me further through the ship, we went topside and said I am giving you the duty. The ODO gave me his address and that of the skipper and exec. He further admonished, "don't call me unless you fall off the ship."

Well that night, I almost called. In the early morning, I heard this loud explosion and the ship rocked on the marine rail. Turns out, the torpedomen were unloading a torpedo and it slipped out of the sling and exploded on the dock. The torpedo head had been removed. But the flask had not been removed. Needless to say, alarms went off and fire trucks with lights flashing and sirens blaring came to the DD-118. Naturally, I thought my career was over before it began. As it turns out, the flask had not been blown down. No one alerted me to this procedure and of course they acted as if an Ensign was supposed to know. Time solved this problem.

It did not take the shipyard long to complete their work on our engineering plant. So in about two more weeks we found ourselves sliding down the drydock ways. So I got my first lesson in this procedure. More and more of the crew began returning to the Lea and getting it fueled and provisioned for sea. I found myself alternating as Junior Officer in various departments, DECK, GUNNERY, ENGINEERING. So naturally when we got underway, I became a regular Lookout and Helmsman, at the same time learning to take steering orders and the like.

It was not long before I got another shock when I saw an explosion to starboard. We were off of Iceland where I saw the blast and was told the German subs were in doing their work. So to be doubly alert, it did not take me long to realize that as lookout, my task was to spot life boats, swimming survivors and of course a periscope from a boat looking for another prey. I counted 6 derelicts from these attacks. We chased most to submergence as we rescued the sailors.

Not long thereafter, a message was received from BuPers, that they wanted volunteers to go to SUBSCHOOL in New London. It did not take me long to get to the Exec and Captain asking them to send my name in as a volunteer. To all surprise, I had orders to SUBSCHOOL when we returned to New London. So my eleven weeks on the Lea found me on my way to SUBSCHOOL. After about 6 weeks of learning the Morse code and how to charge batteries, I found myself on the way to my first submarine, the USS S-11, down in Panama. So I had another journey like the one to the Lea to find a flight and taxi to send me to my first submarine. I got sea duty on the Boarfish, Caiman and Hammerhead. Over the next 9 years, I road the boats and got command of the Conger from '51-'54. From there went to BB-61, the USS IOWA. What a difference in ships, Sub to Battleship!

CAPT Arthur F. Rawson Jr., USN (SS) Ret.  
U.S. Sub Vets of WWII (S-11)

## Earning Your Dolphins

Sent in by Doc Hopkins  
Member, Tarheel Base

It takes a heap o learnin for a qualifyin' gob  
Thats the story I was told by one ol Navy COB  
He sez you gotta learn to put a boat together  
Then tear it down and fix it in most ever kinda weather.

There aint no rest or pleasure for a guy whos NQP  
And a lowly DINK is good as dead, or so the COB tells me.  
You gotta get ten sigs a week, or maybe it is twenty,  
I cant recall just how it wuz but I know that it wuz plenty.

You gotta learn bout pressure air and when you got that done,  
You answer questions by the score or is it by the ton?  
If you're late in gettin sigs, you muster with the Chief  
An he has DINKS for breakfast, he's tough beyond belief.

Next you study ships control, electrical, an scopes,  
Your situations critical, youre almost outta hopes.  
An dont forget hydraulics, radar and sonar, too,  
Propulsion next you gotta learn cause thats whut turns the screw.

Emergency equipment, explain and demonstrate,  
If youre in port, you stay aboard, no time to celebrate.  
Finally there comes a day when you stand to take your test  
Before the board you prove to all that youre the very best.

The Captain pins a badge on you, this is your crowning glory  
Youve earned your Dolphins fair and square, the end of one proud story,  
Next mornin, bright an early, youre awakened with this quip,  
Come on, sailor, rise and shine, its time to learn the ship!

If you ain't havin' fun, it's your own damn fault.

- Doc Hopkins  
Member, Tarheel Base

## INTERNATIONAL SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION



Have you heard of the ISA? Visit [www.isausa.org](http://www.isausa.org) for more information.

U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WW II  
54<sup>th</sup> National Convention  
Clarion Hotel and Convention Center

September 2, 2008

PRE-CONVENTION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

National Officers present:

National President	Clarence Scott
1st Vice President	Bob DeVore, Sr.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Joe Cox
National Recording Secretary	Bud Burchell
National Secretary/Treasurer	Bob Foerst
Past National President	Bill Klein

Others present

Jim Haywood, PNP 1986  
Jim McConnell, 1999  
Robbie Robertson, Polaris Circulation

President Scott called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.  
Flag salute led by Bud Burchell  
Opening prayer given by Bob DeVore  
A moment of silence was held for our departed shipmates  
Our Creed was read by Bill Klein

Robbie Robertson, Polaris Circulation Manager followed with his report. He gave NEEB information related to the Polaris distribution, mailing costs, and membership mailing list:

August 30 distribution was 4745 as follows:

2811 Life Members  
614 Annual Members  
541 Widows  
819 Associates

The Deceased file contains 8546 records

Membership File contains 7404 Records

Discussion followed concerning publication costs, postal rates, surge in picking up delinquent subscribers, Polaris closure, National closure.

Bob DeVore reported on Convention data; the number of Sub Vets WW II was low compared to the total of Convention registrants. Conversation followed.



Joe Cox suggested NEEB move along to the Treasurers Report by Bob Foerst:  
July 31, '08 balance \$118,809 in General Checking & Savings Account  
General Checking & Savings Accounts are the only accounts we have at this time  
Memorial Checking & Memorial Savings were so low they were consolidated  
into the General Checking Account  
Past year's expenses were \$63,708  
Largest Expense is the Polaris: 6K per issue or over 36K per year.  
Suggestion made we cut Polaris publication to 4 issues a year  
Will work on cutting costs.

President Scott spoke of the coming Banquet presentation of the \$410,000.00 check left  
by a former U.S. Submarine veteran of WW II, to the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Everett "Bud" Burchell  
National Recording Secretary

## THE 54<sup>th</sup> CONVENTION SUBMARINE VETERANS of WW II

An estimated 200 members registered and there were 121 at the general meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2:** *Next Year's Convention Site:* There was extensive discussion. The contracts for the Green Bay site are already signed and sealed with respect to the facilities and services. The host chairman stated that cancellation was sure to be very costly. Experience with a recent regional meeting that had been cancelled, incurring a substantial fine, was described.

As a result the vote went in favor of following existing plans for 2009 in Green Bay WI.

**RESOLUTION 3:** *Merging with USSVI.* The chair announced that our Charter did not provide for being "taken over" by another organization, and therefore the resolution was declared "out of order". A long and not particularly illuminating discussion ensued. It was widely pointed out that the way many chapters operated now there was in fact a very much merged organization where the younger folks did many of the tasks formerly performed by our guys. The outcome was an announcement that more information will be published in POLARIS and we will deal with it again at the next meeting (i.e. in Green Bay).

*Election of Officers:* After due nomination, voting, etc., the following were elected: Joe Cox To 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Buck Virgil to 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Bob Devore to Pres., Bob Barr to Secy-Treas, and Walter "Gus" Kraus to Nat'l Recording Secy.

*Other information put out:*

Finances and POLARIS publishing. The treasury is essentially in free fall since revenues do not support obligations (primarily the cost of publishing POLARIS). The present balance is about \$114,000 decreasing to an estimated \$49,000 by 2010. The decline in income stems from many factors, including: decreased membership (departure on eternal patrol), most members are Life Members and pay no dues, decrease in assoc membership, and increased expense of publishing POLARIS. It was decided by vote to take the following actions: (1). Publish POLARIS quarterly and (2) ask for donations to a Polaris Fund (to be maintained by the treasurer).

Miscellaneous information:

4,785 copies of Polaris are mailed out.

Membership info: 2811 life members

1614 dues paying members

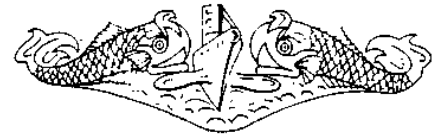
8546 deceased members

890 assoc. members

514 widows

The Green Bay meeting Chairman stated that the Convention center is adjacent to the airport.

Submitted by George Hecker, Appointed Tar Heel Base Proxy



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NATIONAL RECORDING SECRETARY

September 13, 2008

Newly-elected Executive Board Meeting  
Louisville, Kentucky 06 Sep' 08

Newly-elected members were:

National President	Bob DeVore
First Vice President	Joe Cox
Second Vice President	Bud Burchell
Secretary / Treasurer	Bob Foerst
Nat'l Recording Secretary	Walter Kraus
Immediate Past President	Clarence Scott

Also present were:

Polaris Circulation Manager	Robert Robertson
Past National President	Bill Klein
PNP & Memorial Chairman	Jack Richardson
PNP & Parliamentarian	Jim McConnell
Calendar Chairman	Harry Alvey

President Bob DeVore called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer.

Joe Cox read the Purpose of the Organization.

Bob Foerst gave a brief summary of our financial status. Precluding any unforeseen pitfall he feels the POLARIS, with only FOUR ISSUES per year, will survive through 2009.

A discussion arose over the condition of some of our oldest existing monuments which have been ravaged by age or defacing. The principle unknown factors were the extent and degree of repairs needed, how much money should be allocated, and what would comprise a decisive and ultimate repair. Bob Foerst stated that a Memorial Fund no longer exists and the small amount which remained in the fund at its termination was placed in the General Fund. As discussion continued it was decided that we are no longer in a favorable financial position to provide monetary help for maintenance of monuments. Finally, it was deemed appropriate to make the monument problem a matter of review and appeal to the USSVI membership.

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

It was noted that the phone number for Ken Henry, our remarkable Assistant to the Secretary, is listed erroneously on the POLARIS Cover Sheet. The Correct # is (352) 465 - 9185.

Robert Robertson and Bill Wolfe have agreed to remain on board as POLARIS Circulation Manager and Editor , respectively. Mike Comody will remain as National Artist.

Jim Tobin, The Resolutions and Nominations Chairman, was not present. Jim McConnell volunteered to contact him and will advise us of Tobin's suggestions and comments.

Harry Alvey reported that 4800 calendars were ordered for 2009 and sales were going well. Contrary to reports about 2009 being the last SubVetWWII calendar, Harry advised he is going ahead with a memorable 2010 issue. Jack Richardson pointed out that Calendar Sales are really our only source of income. He emphasized that we should continue publishing the calendar as long as possible. Alvey remarked that the Calendar publisher/printer said if we don't have it printed he would do it on his own for public sales. Alvey was thanked in unison for his dogged determination.

It was pointed out that SubVet WWII LADIES JEWELRY will no longer be for sale.

Bob DeVore moved that Immediate PNP Clarence Scott should, at an appropriate time, go to San Diego and oversee what is being planned for the WWII group at the forthcoming Joint Groups Convention scheduled for September 2009, on the heels of our convention in Green Bay. It is understood that some of our members will be attending one or the other, or both, of these conventions. Scott will look after the interests of our WWII group as to accommodations for rooms, functions and agenda. Motion was made and carried.

Bill Klein reported that in consideration of economy and attendance numbers, the NE and SE Regions will combine efforts to stage their Regional Convention.

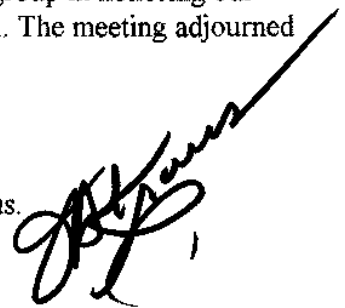
Jim McConnell agreed to help and assist Walter Kraus in the planning and requirements for our WWII group at the Joint USSVI - USSVWWII 2010 convention slated for Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jack Richardson declared that Board Members should have a copy of all SubVetWWII National Memorials. It should include a photo and a description of their locations. It was suggested that Ralph Merola, NE Regional Director (who apparently has the best file on this subject) be asked to send this to us. Money for duplication and shipping will be provided.

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Bob DeVore led the group in honoring our colors and gave a closing prayer to honor our members on eternal patrol. The meeting adjourned at 1045.

Respectfully submitted,

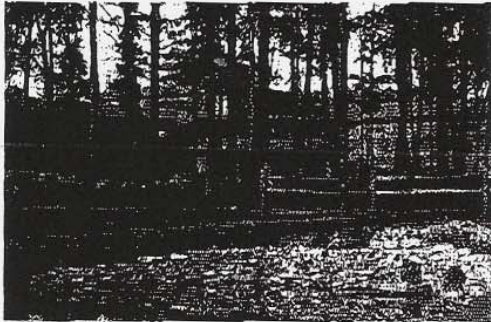
Walter S. 'Gus' Kraus.







Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Green Bay  
www.radisson.com/greenbaywi



## US Submarine Vets of WWII

### National Conference Green Bay, WI

Monday, August 31, 2009 –  
September 4, 2009

#### LOCATION

The Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Green Bay is nestled in a wooded area directly across from Green Bay's Austin Straubel Airport. It is conveniently located within easy access to all major highways and provides ample, free parking. Complimentary airport shuttle service is also available.

#### FEATURES

- Adjacent to the **Oneida Bingo & Casino**
- Indoor pool/whirlpool, sauna & fitness center
- **Java Coast Gift & Coffee Shop**
- **Business Center**
- The **Pine Tree Grill** is the answer for casual, tasteful dining. Open for lunch and dinner, The Pine Tree Grill offers variety for every palate.
- Looking to satisfy a variety of tastes? Then the **Standing Stone Buffet and Grill** is perfect for you. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- **Fireside Lobby Bar**

#### GUESTROOM FEATURES

- In-room Coffee Makers
- Handicap accessible rooms
- Iron/Ironing Boards
- Hairdryers
- Complimentary Bottled Water
- High Speed Internet Access
- In-room movies with HBO
- Two line speaker phones and data port lamps
- Stuffed chair and ottoman
- Complimentary local and US long distance calls
- **Check in: 3:00 pm**
- **Check out: 11:00 am**

#### AREA ATTRACTIONS

- Green Bay Packers Lambeau Stadium & Packer Hall of Fame
- National Railroad Museum
- Heritage Hill State Historical Park
- Green Bay Botanical Garden
- Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary
- Hazelwood Historic House
- Oneida Nation Museum
- Tour Oneida Nation of Wisconsin
- Neville Public Museum
- Weidner Center for the Performing Arts
- AirVenture Museum EAA
- Door County with Al Johnson's Goats on the Roof Swedish Restaurant, Maritime Museum and many Scenic Wonders

2040 Airport Drive  
Green Bay, WI 54313  
(920) 494-7300  
(920) 494-9599 fax

#### GUESTROOM BLOCK INFORMATION:

Overnight accommodations for the Convention are available on **Monday, August 31, 2009 – Sunday, September 5, 2009** at a special group rate of **\$79.00 plus tax.**

For room reservations please contact central reservations at 800-333-3333 or the hotel directly at 920-494-7300 and reference the **2009 Submarine Veterans/World War II Military Reunion** room block. Make reservations prior to **Tuesday, August 4, 2009** to receive this special rate.



JOIN US FOR FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE

**U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II  
 JOINT SOUTHEAST & NORTHEAST  
 2009 REGIONAL CONVENTION  
 APRIL 28-MAY 1, 2009 IN OCEAN CITY, MD**

*Hosted by the USSVWWII Maryland Chapter*

**Location:** Dunes Manor Hotel ([www.dunesmanor.com](http://www.dunesmanor.com)) **Secondary Hotel:** The Dunes Motel (*located right next door*)  
 2800 Baltimore Avenue 2700 Baltimore Avenue  
 Ocean City, MD 21842 Ocean City, MD 21842

**Rooms:** \$79.00 / night plus taxes (all rooms are Ocean Front w/refrigerator & microwave) **Rooms:** \$59.00 / night plus taxes (all rooms are Ocean Front efficiencies w/kitchenette)

Reservations (both locations) Call: 1-800-523-2888 Check-In: 3:00 p.m. / Check-Out: 11:00 a.m.

*Complimentary Afternoon Tea Served Daily -- 3-4:00 p.m. in Dunes Manor Hotel Lobby*

*(Please make your reservations directly with the hotel; request U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII Convention room rates. Please note, when making your reservation you must specify which room location you want--the Dunes Manor Hotel or the Dunes Motel.)*

**Preliminary Convention Agenda**

*(Early Arrivals -- Hospitality Room will be Open 7:00-10:00 p.m., Monday, April 27, 2009)*

<b>Tuesday, April 28, 2009</b>		<b>Thursday, April 30, 2009</b>	
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration ( <i>located in the Verrazano Room on lobby level</i> )	7:00 a.m.	Hosted Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open	7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Hospitality Room Open
9:00 p.m.	Daily Raffle Drawing	10:30 p.m. - Noon	Hospitality Room CLOSED
		11:00 a.m.	MEMORIAL SERVICE
<b>Wednesday, April 29, 2009</b>		12:00 Noon	Buffet Luncheon ( <b>\$25.00</b> )
7:00 a.m.	Hosted Continental Breakfast	Noon - 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Re-Opens
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open	9:00 p.m.	Daily Raffle Drawing
8:00 a.m.	Registration	<b>Friday, May 1, 2009</b>	<b>CHECK-OUT</b>
<i>Times TBD</i>	Men's Chapter/State Business Meetings	-----	
<i>Times TBD</i>	Men's Regional Business Meeting	<b>Buffet Luncheon Menu for Thursday</b>	
<i>Times TBD</i>	Women's Regional Business Meetings	<i>Garden Salad; Fried Chicken, Broiled Flounder, Beef Tips Diane vegetable; potatoes; rolls; dessert; coffee, tea, and ice tea</i>	
9:00 p.m.	Daily Raffle Drawing	<b>\$25.00 per person, Reservations Required</b>	
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*Tear Off and Mail the Registration Form Below -- Keep Top Portion*

**REGISTRATION FORM -- Please Submit no later than April 10, 2009**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

ADD'L GUEST NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

			<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
REGISTRATION FEE (Non-Refundable)	PER PERSON	\$10.00	_____	_____
LUNCHEON BUFFET, Thursday, April 30, 2009	PER PERSON	\$25.00	_____	_____
Daily Raffle --3 Daily Winners. Tickets sold in the Hospitality Room.	TOTAL ENCLOSED		_____	_____

Please make checks payable to: Wives of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII  
 Mail check & registration form to: Cheryl Yost, 23843 Rolling Fork Way, Gaithersburg, MD 20882  
 Questions/Problems Contact: Cheryl Yost at 301-253-5531 or Mary Mullaney at 410-893-1442

**2008 PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL DINNER**  
**SATURDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2008**  
**@ VFW POST #7383**  
**522 REEDY CREEK ROAD, CARY NC**  
**919-467-1188**

**REGISTRATION:**

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
Member's Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Member's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**FEE** (includes Dinner and Gratuity):

$$\frac{\text{Number Attending}}{\text{Number Attending}} \times \frac{\$15.00}{\text{Per Person}} = \frac{\text{Total}}{\text{Total}}$$

Please send your registration form and check **NOT LATER THAN SATURDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2008** to:

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

Deadline is to ensure an accurate count for dinner preparations.

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Vice-Commander Bill (Butterbean) Dixon has 20 hotel rooms available at

Cary Hampton Inn  
201 Asheville Ave.  
Cary, NC 27511

When reserving a room, state that you are with the submarine veterans and the room rate will be \$73.00 per room, per night. King beds only. The inn is about 3 miles from the VFW post. To get this rate, you must reserve by 21 November 2008.

**MENU:**

Beef tips and rice, chicken cordon blue with egg noodles, vegetables, dessert, ice tea, soda

**SCHEDULE:**

1200 – 1800 Hospitality room open for refreshments and sea stories.  
1800 – 2300 Program and Dinner

**Directions Coming from Greensboro:** At I-40 & Wade Ave Split, take I-40, be in the left lanes. Follow I-40 East to Hwy NC-54 (Exit 290). At bottom of the off ramp, turn right onto NC-54. Proceeding West, cross intersection of Trinity Road (light), continue and cross intersection of NE Maynard (light), and continue to next light (Reedy Creek Rd). Turn right and proceed to the VFW Post on the right side of the road.

**Directions Coming from Wilmington** on I-40 West, take Exit 290 and turn left at the bottom of the ramp onto NC-54. Directions are the same after that if coming from Greensboro.