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



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U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II (USSV-WWII) INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY:

US SUBMARINE VETERANS WWII - Restricted to officers and enlisted men of US Navy Submarine Crews and Relief Crews, who were on active duty between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946. **Associate Membership** may be issued to ANY person by vote of the chapter or State Commander. NO NATIONAL DUES SHALL BE ASSESSED. Must pay \$10.00 yearly base dues. He may subscribe to national publications at the \$10 prescribed rate. Associate members cannot vote on any level higher than the local chapter nor hold any office higher than the local chapter.

WIVES OF SUBMARINE VETERANS WWII - RESTRICTED TO wives or unmarried widows of men eligible for membership. **WIDOWS MAY RECEIVE THE POLARIS FREE OF CHARGE BY LETTING THE COMMANDER KNOW OF YOUR INTEREST. TO RECEIVE THE ALL CLEAR, CONTACT THE EDITOR.**

PURPOSE:

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

MEMBERSHIP RULES:

MEN: Annual Dues: \$15.00 **LIFE MEMBERS** pay \$10.00 yearly
Please make checks payable to: WWII SUBMARINE VETERANS OF NC
And mail to: Jim Myers, 4905 Reidsville Road, Walkertown, NC 27051-9774

WOMEN: Annual Dues: \$8.00 **LIFE MEMBERS** pay \$3.00 yearly
Please make checks payable to: WIVES OF WWII SUBVETS OF NC
And mail to: Jocelyn Bradburn, 710 Barrocliff Road, Clemmons, NC 27012

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U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC. (USSVI) INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP RULES: Dues are due by December 31st of each year for National and Base.

MEN: Base Annual Dues: \$10.00
National Dues: Non-Life Member dues are 5 Years = \$90, 3 Years = \$55, or 1 Year = \$20
Life Membership varies with age: Up to 45 years old = \$500, 46-55 = \$400,
56-65 = \$300, 66-75 = \$200, 76 and up = \$100

ELIGIBILITY:

USSVI: To have served and qualified on a United States Submarine.

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 and its Constitution.”

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ELIZABETH CITY MEETING – MARCH 7, 2009

The next joint meeting of the NC Subvets will be in Elizabeth City, NC on Saturday, March 7, 2009. The meeting, hosted by the Albemarle Sound Base and will again be held at VFW Post #6060 located at 1433 N. Road Street (US 17 / NC 158), Elizabeth City, NC (directions provided below). It will be a luncheon meeting with a hospitality room being provided from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The price for this luncheon will be \$10.00 per person and the menu is roast beef, baked potato, sour cream, rolls, veggies, dessert, coffee, tea, dessert. There will be appetizers provided in the hospitality room prior to lunch. Alcohol and wine will be available in the hospitality room with beer at \$2.50 a bottle and mixers (soda, etc.) for \$3.00 a bucket. There is plenty of parking and just remember to please sign the logbook when you arrive.

For those needing motel accommodations, the Fairfield Inn has blocked out 15 rooms for the NC Subvets for March 6 and 7 @ \$85.00 per night. *Reservations need to be made by February 16, 2009 to get this special rate.* Call 252-333-1003 to make your reservation.

Directions: For all who are coming from the south, take US-64 to Williamston and then US-17N (it's now 4 lanes up to Elizabeth City). Get off at the Halstead Blvd exit. Stay on Halstead Blvd extension past the Super Wal-Mart. The Fairfield Inn is just past the second stop light on the right next to I-Hop. For those not staying there, go to the next stoplight. Take a left onto US-17N (North Rd St.). The VFW will be approximately 4 miles from the stoplight, just past the Ford dealer, and is on the left side of the road.

For those needing motel accommodations, the Fairfield Inn is one of the newest motel in town and will give us group rates of \$89.00 + tax for a double that includes a continental breakfast, providing we book 10 or more rooms. Call 252-333-1003 and tell them you are a Subvet.

Please make your luncheon reservations with Ron Pervere either by email ron@pervere.net or phone (home) 252-384-1019.

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

Shipmates,

First I would like to thank all of those Tarheel Chapter members who took advantage of the special offer to become a lifetime member in USSVI for only \$20.00. All but two of our chapter members are now also lifetime members in USSVI. These new lifetime members are now also members of the Tarheel Base. There are no dues associated with being a Tarheel Base member providing that you are current with your dues in the USSV-WWII Tarheel Chapter. I have notified other USSVI Base Commanders in North Carolina of our members living nearby to these other bases. You may be receiving a call from them letting you know when they have their scheduled base meetings. This might provide you the opportunity to attend their meetings. Also as members of USSVI, most of you will now become Holland Club members. The requirement is having been qualified in submarines for 50 years or more. Pat Collins, who is the Holland Club Coordinator for the Tarheel Base, will be contacting you as soon as he receives your Holland Club award from USSVI to set up a time and place to present you with your award. With the number of our new WWII Subvets who are now USSVI members, Pat will be busy. You will now begin receiving your copy of the American Submariner magazine that is published quarterly. Also the Polaris has reduced its publication to quarterly for the foreseeable future.

In this issue of the All Clear, there are two items of interest for you:

1. The first is the information and registration form for the upcoming USSV-WWII Joint Southeast & Northeast 2009 Regional Convention to be held in Ocean City, Maryland April 28th – May 1st. I hope that a number of you will be able to attend (see Pages 27).
2. The second item is the letter that I received from the National Office of USSV-WWII. This letter provides the revised procedure for closing a chapter. At this time **there are no plans to close the Tarheel Chapter**. Jim Myers and I will continue to support the Tarheel Chapter as Treasurer and President as long as the members desire us to do so (see Pages 23-24).

The next quarterly meeting of the NC Subvets will be held in Elizabeth City on Saturday, March 7th. Information on this meeting is provided in this issue of the All Clear.

Chuck



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

Tarheel Base Members,

Concerning the painting that Frans Van Baars painted of my qualification boat USS Entemedor (SS 340). I want to thank all of you for the gift that Jerry Emerson presented from the Tarheel Base to me at the Pearl Harbor Dinner. As you can see (picture below), Frans is a very talented artist. It was a real surprise to receive this painting and I have already hung it in my office at home. Once again THANKS !

Chuck



WWII TARHEEL CHAPTER TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CORNER

As of August 1, 2008, the WWII Chapter and National dues were due. The following shipmate's name and the amount he owes are listed to remind him of his membership dues. We've tried contacting Norman with the phone numbers we have and the one listed on the web and each number comes back as been disconnected. Furthermore, we've sent two letters out with no response from Norman. If you get this Norman, could you please contact Jim Myers at 336-595-8616 or Chuck Jensen at 336-676-9702, or mail either of us at the using the addresses on Page 3 of the All Clear.

Norman Guice \$10

The WWII Chapter checking account balanced with the Bank Statement as of 12/31/08 at \$2708.21.

Jim Myers



Jim Myers
WWII Tarheel Chapter Treasurer

SUBGALLION CORNER

There is not much news to report. Don and I have not been to a meeting in a very long time. Somewhere else in this issue, Don has elucidated on what has been happening to us. In our region, we are fortunate to have June Kracker our national president, and Mary Mullaney, Ramona and Cheryle Yost, our hard working Maryland neighbors. These hard working gals are hosting the 2009 Regional in Ocean City, MD. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Elizabeth City. Keep us in your thoughts and prayers.



Rose Mary Small
State Commander - Subgalleons

UP SCOPE !!!

Check out the websites for WWII Submarine Veterans at

<http://www.ussvi.org/ssvetww2.htm>

BOOSTER CLUB DONATIONS

NAME	DATE	AMOUNT
Joe Ritter	9/23/08	\$ 10.00
Billy Williams	9/29/08	\$ 5.00

TOTAL \$ 15.00

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. A picture is available for those wishing to see the trailer.

WWII Submarine Combat Pin



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Whose Corner?

Each time we sit down to put words together for the Corner, we find ourselves thinking about that just-used pronoun, "we." For more years than we care to think about, that pronoun has been an "editorial we," carrying us through the many years that our writings have represented the opinions of others. In our case, the writings reflected the opinions of newspaper editors or publishers. But, for the Corner, the "we" hardly ever reflects personal opinion -- it usually tracks back to Scripture-inspired messages. What we're trying to say is that we realize that we serve only as a conduit, that this column should properly be titled, "The Lord's Corner."

So long as that is understood, we feel free to continue.

Why the Fork?

As we sit here on the second day of a beautiful snowfall, we think back only a couple days. Monday, a friend and I drove to Bladenboro to celebrate the life of the brother-in-law of a mutual friend. Any feelings of loss we might have felt were dispelled by one of our favorite Scripture passages, I Thessalonians 4:13, "Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope."

In other words, the best is yet to come.

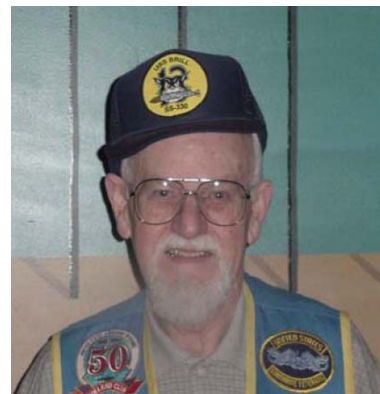
Remember the story from years ago about the ailing woman who was visited by her pastor to make advance plans for her funeral?

"Pastor," she began, "I want you to have the congregation sing 'How Great Thou Art' and 'Amazing Grace.' And be sure they bury me with a fork."

The surprised (and relatively youthful) minister asked, "Why be buried with a fork?"

Subvet On Eternal Patrol!

William C. Livingston, who was a member of U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II (card No. 04934) and a Chief Torpedoman who rode USS CONGER (SS-477), as well as the S-28, passed November 10, 2008 at 91 years.



Chaplain Bill Whelan
WWII Tarheel Chapter
USSVI Tarheel Base

The equally surprised (and considerably more senior) woman responded, "Pastor, I have eaten many a meal at church. I love the pot roasts. I have always favored the way they make corn bread. Our fellowship is always heart warming. But my favorite part of our church suppers is when the plates are being picked up, when we are told to keep our forks. I love that part because I know that the best is yet to come, dessert. I enjoy fried okra and sweet potatoes, but nothing beats apple cobbler, red velvet cake, and banana pudding. So at my funeral, when some of those busy-bodies ask you why I'm being buried with a fork, you can tell them."

Sure enough, after the funeral, the minister was asked the "why the fork" question. His prompt, with-a-smile response was, "She kept her fork because she knew the best is yet to come. She has moved to the big table and is enjoying her dessert.

Bless you!

Chaplain Bill

Final Patrol (www.ussvi.org/eternal.asp)

I have one consolation that lives with me today.
That God is near to them, in his own special way.
So God in all Your mercy, keep near Thyself the soul,
Of every Submariner, still on his final patrol.

Lord, this departed shipmate with Dolphins on his chest
is part of an outfit known as the best.
Make him welcome and take him by the hand.
You'll find without a doubt he was the best in all the land.

So, heavenly Father add his name to the roll
of our departed shipmates still on patrol.
Let them know that we who survive
will always keep their memories alive.

USSVI – TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER’S CORNER

SHIPMATES:

Thank you for reelecting me to be your Base Commander for another year. 2008 has been a very busy year for the Tarheel Base, many parades with the début of the MK 14 float. Our first St. Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh. Two new bases formed in North Carolina. A large Subvet turnout for the USS North Carolina (SSN-777) commissioning in Wilmington, NC on May 3rd. The Burnsville meeting in June started us on looking into maintenance of the monument, the financial part of this will be via the Piedmont Base treasury, but we are all responsible. Several Tarheel Base members attended the USSVI Convention in Fort Worth, Texas in September. Many members attended the memorial service in King's Bay in November. We had a good turnout for the Pearl Harbor Day event at the VFW in Cary. And last but not least of all for last year, the All Clear got a new editor, Jerry (Patch) Paciorek VOLUNTEERED to take over as editor from Jim Myers who had volunteered and was the editor for many years.



Jerry Emerson
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

This brings me to my topic for this column for the 2009 and the Feb. All Clear.

USSVI has approximately 13,000 members and about 150 bases, thus the average membership per base is about 85 members. As you are aware some bases are larger (Groton has about 2000 members), North Carolinas Albemarle Sound base has about 9 members. All these bases require members to VOLUNTEER to serve in various required positions, Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, and other positions to take the responsibility of the operation the base.

Next to the set of dolphins we earned by qualifying on a submarine, the one thing that binds us together is that we all VOLUNTEERED for submarine duty. Where has that spirit gone? When a base that has been operating for 17 years closes up because no one wants to take the responsibility of its operation, it is sad. In different bases throughout USSVI when only a few VOLUNTEER to take the responsibility year after year, it is no wonder that these few get tired, worn out, and fed up with the lack of VOLUNTEERING by others to take on this responsibility for a time. Whether you stood port and starboard or six-section watches while serving on board a submarine, you all shared the responsibility of its operation. This same commitment and spirit is still needed in operation of the bases. At the present time, the Tarheel Base is in need of one member to VOLUNTEER to take over as the Base Storekeeper as soon as possible.

Finally, I would like to report that Patriotism is alive and well in the good old USA. My oldest grandson just graduated from Marine Corps Boot Camp in Paris Island, SC. Over 600 graduates and over 5000 family and friends attended. You'll never see or hear this on the news media.

Jerry Emerson

Hey Shipmate!

Any one interested in taking over duties of Tarheel Base Storekeeper, contact either:

Will Harvey, Base Storekeeper
weelh1@aol.com
919-542-5359

Jerry Emerson, Base Commander
jerrypeggye01@gotsky.com
252-235-2926

TAKE 'ER DEEP !!!

When was the last time you visited the USSVI Website?

<http://www.ussvi.org/home.asp>



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
January 31, 2009

Prior to convening the working meeting, 24 Subvets met at the Golden Corral in Cary for fellowship and lunch at 11:30 AM.

Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson called the Tarheel Base working meeting to order at 1:10 PM, followed by Chaplain Bill Whelan rendering the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by 34 Subvets and 1 lady in attendance.

Jerry asked all Subvets present to introduce themselves and tell tidbits about their qual boat.

Kudos to Joe Morgan, a survivor of the battery fire and loss of the USS Cochino (SS-345) in the Norwegian Sea on 26 August 1949.

Pat Collins presented Holland Club plaques, lapel pins, and challenge coins to 3 Subvets: Gene Rutter, Charles Tolbert, and Carl Walker. Carl Walker also received the Senior Submariner Award.



UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

Base Secretary Bill Lowe read the minutes of the last working meeting held at the VFW “hut” in Cary on October 11, 2008. With the addition of one oversight, minutes were approved as read.



Base Treasurer Mike Toomey reported a checkbook balance of appx. \$3,400, which was higher than normal amount due to several members paying dues in advance. Mike thanked Butterbean Dixon for his efforts in collecting member’s dues. To date, only 5 annual and 7 lifetime members haven’t paid their dues out of a current membership of 199. Due to unique circumstances, National USSVI has extended the deadline for paying dues to February 15, 2009.

Chuck Jensen reported on the status of the Burnsville Memorial. The owner of the property has considerable financial trouble due the market downturn and hope is that he will still be able to pay half of the restoration cost in the future. Chuck will contact him come spring for an update. Joe Peek wants to make a donation to the project in memory of his father. Glenn Harris stated a total of \$527 is now in the Carolina-Piedmont Base treasury earmarked for the Burnsville Memorial Restoration Fund. This item remains open.

All Clear editor Jerry “Patch” Paciorek stated he hasn’t received any input from the other NC bases. Glenn Harris will change that omission for the Carolina-Piedmont Base. Patch is condensing the All Clear Bulletin to 20 pages to defray mailing costs. Subvets were informed to give Patch the heads-up if they aren’t receiving the All Clear via email or by snail mail. Commander Jerry said the top-notch issue of the All Clear would be submitted for a National Award. Deadline for the upcoming issue is Tuesday, February 3.

USSVI – TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY’S CORNER (CONT.)

Trailer liability insurance and a blank waiver were discussed at length. Jim Myers got a quote of \$885/year and Jerry Emerson got one for \$700/year for liability insurance. All were in agreement that the Base couldn't foot the bill at these rates. This item remains open.

Vice Commander Butterbean covered a hospital visit program that he would like the Base to initiate and he is soliciting help for this project. Also, Butterbean has set up a Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dinner at the K&S Cafeteria in Cary on Friday, February 13 at 6:30 PM for Subvets and wives/sweethearts. Inform Butterbean if you desire to attend. Butterbean mentioned the USSVI National Convention to be held in San Diego, CA on 7-12 September 2009. He urged Subvets to make their room reservations ASAP since this will be a convention with 15 sub reunions plus International Subvets in attendance.

Jerry Leppart covered the NC Subvets license plate issue. He passed around examples of plate logos. Jerry, Butterbean, and Dick Kanning will meet with a NC State Senator on Tuesday, February 3 in an effort to get the 300-plate requirement reduced and possibly the annual additional cost for the plate. Jerry is in the process of compiling an up to date list of the Subvets that had and have signed up for the plates. This item has been reopened.

Commander Jerry is asking for volunteers to step forward and relieve Mike Toomey as Base Treasurer and Will Harvey as Base Storekeeper. One taker was announced during the meeting. Spencer Combos said he would assume the job of treasurer and would do the job with the help of his accountant wife. Spencer stated he would donate a copy of the Quick Books Program to the Tarheel Base.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

Next quarterly NC Subvets meeting will be held in Elizabeth City on March 7 and will be setup / planned by Barry Danforth and the Albemarle Sound Base. Information will be forthcoming - hopefully in the next issue of the All Clear (See Page 5).

Donations requests were discussed. A motion was made and passed for the Tarheel Base to make a \$50.00 donation to the USS Drum (SS-228) Memorial Fund. Dick Kanning covered the ComSubLant Sailor of the Year Award and solicited a donation for the 8 to 10 outstanding runner-up sailors. Monies will be used to host a dinner for these sailors and wives. The motion was made and passed for the Tarheel Base to donate \$200.00 toward this endeavor. A bucket was passed around for contributions from Subvets present and a total of \$148.00 was collected to help out with this donation.



Chuck Jensen told of his visit to the WWII Museum of the Pacific located in Admiral Chester Nimitz's hometown of Fredericksburg, TX. Chuck passed around pictures of plaques on a wall at this museum. He proposed that all 4 NC Subvet Bases join forces and purchase a plaque for the S-28 to be displayed at this museum. Cost of a plaque measuring 20" X 20" would be \$2,500. This is an open item.

Dick Kanning stated USS Ling (SS-297), a museum boat located in Hackensack, NJ, has been spared the salvage torch - for the time being.

USSVI – TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY’S CORNER (CONT.)

Commander Jerry covered the next parade scheduled for Base participation - the St Patrick’s Day Parade to take place in downtown Raleigh on Saturday, March 14. Additional info will be in the All Clear (See Page 16). Jerry would like a coordinator designated for each parade with this person responsible for planning a luncheon for Subvets and wives prior to or after the parade. Chuck Jensen will coordinate the Thomasville parade held during end of May. John Rupertus will setup participation in the 4th of July parade in Salisbury. Five other parades were mentioned with some possible coordinators: Winston-Salem and High Point (Jim Myers); Old Soldiers Parade - Newton (Hal Bazzle); Troutman (Glenn Harris); and Asheboro Veterans Day (?). Plans for NC Subvets parade participation will be finalized during next Base business meeting.

A very good fund raising project was proposed by Commander Jerry. He and Jim Myers will be working on a bid for NC Subvets to host the USSVI National Convention (possibly in Wilmington) in 2012. Additional info will be covered at the next business meeting.

Per Commander Jerry, the next Pearl Harbor Day meeting is set for December 5, 2009 at the Country Inn & Suites located at I-95 Exit #121 (intersection of I-95 and Hwy-264). Room rates are \$89 to \$109 and cost of meal will be \$25 per person.

Carolina-Piedmont Base Commander Glenn Harris covered the upcoming USSVI Southeast District 1 Annual Meeting to be held in Mooresville, NC on 1-3 May 2009. A registration form along with general information was emailed out with Dick Kanning’s District Soundings News recently (see the last two pages of this newsletter).

Next business / working meeting will be held at the Cary VFW “hut” at 1300 on ~~March 28, 2009~~ April 4, 2009 (updated by the editor after the meeting). As before, NC Subvets will gather for lunch prior to meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 1512. Afterwards, three door prizes were awarded and Mr. Lucky Chaplain Bill won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$82.50.

USSVI – TARHEEL BASE TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CORNER



Michael Toomey
USSVI Tarheel Base Treasurer

The Treasurer’s input for the 1st quarter 2009 follows:

Membership is now up to 199.

Checking Account:

Ending Balance 3 rd Qtr 2008	\$ 1,533.26
Receipts	\$ 5,273.00
Disbursements	<u>\$-3,599.41</u>
Ending Balance 4 th Qtr 2008	\$ 3,206.85

Mike

Now Hear This!!

The next Tarheel Base Business Meeting is Saturday, April 4, 2009 at VFW Post #7383 in Cary, NC

HOLLAND CLUB INFORMATION

USSVI National Office is automatically inducting Subvets of WWII into the Holland Club and sending the credentials to the base commander, who then gets them to me either by mail or by bringing them to a function. I provide the frames for the presentations. I notify the recipient and ask him to attend the next meeting either by e-mail or by phone. I ask the recipient to please respond to my request for information. If for any reason you cannot attend, let me know and we will try to make other arrangements. If you think you are due for induction into the Holland Club, contact me, I'll find out your status, and let you know.

Pat Collins
 Holland Club Coordinator
 patbcollins@bellsouth.net
 336-578-2825

PLANNING FOR THE USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION

Several Tarheel Base members are pre-planning now to go to the 2009 USSVI National Convention, September 8-12 in San Diego, CA. If you think you might be interested in joining us, please let me know. The main problem is **reserving your room**. The International Subvets and several boat reunions will be held at the same time. We will work out the details as they present themselves. Go to the USSVI site (www.ussvi.org/home.asp) and in the upper left-hand corner, click on Find a Base, pick California, pick San Diego Base. You will find all the info about the national convention on their site. Drop me a note if you have a question. Maybe we can all fly out together.

Bill Dixon (Butterbean)
 goldbow@bellsouth.net
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY - JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

NOTE: If you do not see your name in the appropriate month or it's missing, please update your file on our rosters.

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
Richard Gudis	William Abbruzzese	Howard Dachs
James Kinney	Harold Bazzle	Roy Duke
Britton Purdee	Robert Brame	Brian Flynn
Richard Ruff	Woody Carmichael	Robert Govern
Norman Skiles	James Davis	Robert Green
Nicholas Spruill	Richard Graves	James Lovette
Kenneth Stephens	Bill Hengeveld	Frank Lupo
Louis Stiles	Dick Kanning	James Myers
William Whelan	Jerry Leppart	Charles Patch
Billy Williams	Jerry Paciorek	Linwood Respass
Richard Wright	Milton Stark	George Roderick
	Don Thomas	Gene Rutter
	David Thommarson	Joseph Sendek
	Bob Werner	George Treusch
	William Wood	Edward Wilson

Recruiting, Recruiting, Recruiting!

These are just some of Butterbean's favorite words. He has a passion for getting the word out to all submariners in North Carolina. Please take every opportunity to help in supporting the ongoing Subvet recruiting efforts.

Have you heard about the Saturday morning breakfasts in Cary? Did you miss out on the Sweetheart Dinner that took place on February 13? Would you like to have a Subvet Coffee Break? Please contact Butterbean for more information at (919) 467-7597 or goldbow@bellsouth.net.



Bill Dixon (Butterbean)
 USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

FROM YOUR SOUTHEAST REGION DISTRICT 1 (SED1) COMMANDER

DUES: A two week reprieve has been granted by National to get annual dues turned in. Please make a concerted effort to get your dues paid. Your treasurer has the arduous task of having to send them in and have them recorded by National to ensure you are not dropped from base AND national membership!

SED1 Meeting: Carolina-Piedmont Base is hosting this year's SED1 meeting, in Mooresville, NC 1-3 May. Promises to be a good one, with a lot of activities planned, as well as some good raffle items. Attached is a registration form. I know that the USSV-WWII Regional is being held at the same time, but this date was the most economical and accommodating with the activities in Charlotte area by NASCAR.



Clarence Jordan, CP Base has designed a new District patch. Take a look! I do not feel anyone could do better! Want one? Contact Jack Jeffries at: sn1ckersdad@hotmail.com or be at the SED1 meeting!

90/10: I've noticed an increase in base membership: BUT, it seems that there is a core of dedicated members who carry the load. Our Base, as any organization can't survive without active participation by all members. The pay isn't good, but the feeling and satisfaction of being a part are greater than any salary could be!

DO YOUR PART! Don't be a member of the 90%. Join the 10%!

CSL Sailor of the Year: Again, I'll be participating in this honorable activity. After three years, I will not be on the Selection Board, but Chuck Meyer, HR Base & WWII hero, is the Subvet Rep. I'll be there for the awards ceremony as SED1 / USSVI rep, and will be doing some presentations.

The Awards luncheon is 13 March at the Little Creek 'O' Club. All Subvets are invited. If you desire to be there, please contact Darryl Moyers, as he's the liaison for Subvet attendees. Darryl is at: drmoyers@cox.net, or drmoyers.hrb.bc@cox.net.

I do ask for your support in allowing OUR base to make a donation in support of this recognition of the "Best of the Best."

Sub Birthday Ball: An invite is extended to all Subvets to attend. A gala affair, with a great meal, great presentations, and good dancing, as well as a golden opportunity to mingle with Submariners, past and present. Dick Helm, HR Base is the Subvet Co-Coordinator for this. Cost is around \$40.xx per, and this is at a discount. Contact Dick with your invite requests, which will be mailed out. No RSVP, no attend!

Contact Dick Helm at: dick.helm@1966.usna.com.

District CDR: I've recharged my battery and rescind my immediate desire to step down as SED1 DC. Butterbean has been a catalyst in efforts in finding a relief. As it now stands, election nominations will be solicited in May, and an elections if necessary, held following. If there is but one candidate, it is a mute point, but required by the National C&B. Presently, Darryl Moyers, present CDR of Hampton Roads Base, has agreed to take the position upon completion of his tour as Base CDR, in Jan. I am grateful and honored by Darryl's interest and dedication! Join me if giving him a 100% backing!

Looking Back: A tumultuous Year: District realignment and the loss of 6 former ED3 Bases (not of my choosing); the addition of two new bases in NC, the Commissioning of the SSN-777 activities, many parades, a new trailer with safe and sure accommodations; National Elections and attempts at proxy voting, the unification efforts for USSVI and USSV-WWII, Creed and dues requirement changes and a great Pearl Harbor program. A new slate of officers; a long over due relief of our All Clear editor, OUR Base will continue to flourish with your participation. Growth in membership is always a plus, and active participation is a positive way to continue such success!

All Clear: Jim in the past, and now 'Patch' spend numerous hours in assembling and distributing a GREAT newsletter. Its contents are that of and by member's inputs. Give some of your memos and articles to them to make a good letter ... Better!

Yours in Service
Dick

2009 BURNSVILLE MEETING

This year's Burnsville meeting will be hosted by the Carolina-Piedmont Base. They have scheduled the meeting for the 3rd weekend in June (Friday, June 19th through Sunday June 21st). This year's meeting will be held in Spruce Pines at the Pinebridge Inn, which is only 20 minutes from the monument on Moonshine Mountain. The inn's website is www.pinebridgeinn.com, which allows you to see the accommodations and facilities that are available there. 25 rooms have been blocked out with a rate of \$57.25 per night plus tax. Because they have varying availability of rooms, it will be first come first serve as to what type room is available. To make reservations, call 828-765-5543, and identify yourself as a Submarine Veteran. The meeting room at the inn will be used as a hospitality room and arrangements will be made with the catering staff about setting up a Saturday evening meal, once a head count can be obtained. It is a non-smoking facility, but there is a courtyard and smoking areas outside the buildings. Although the inn isn't in Yancey County, but Mitchell County which is also dry, we will be allowed to bring our own liquor in for the meeting, as we have done in past years while staying at the Nu-Wray Inn.

More details will be forthcoming as well as the registration form for the meeting in the next issue of the All Clear. This advance notice provided now is so that you can make your room reservations early.

SUBMARINE BARBEQUE

Input sent in by Wayne Powell
Image from Ralph Jones' website

Are you aware there is a local (Fuquay-Varina) submarine BBQ cooker in use? While driving down 401, I saw the cooker and stopped in. I talked to the owner of the store (Ralph Jones) who rents BBQ cookers (but not this one). I found out he recently joined our group and was at the Pearl Harbor dinner - some of you met him. I am including his web site; go there and you can see other cookers and this one. Click on the sub cooker at the bottom of the (website) page and you will be able to get info about his boat, which is also the hull # on the cooker.

<http://www.pigcookersbyralph.com>



SUBVET REPORT FROM SSN 777

My son, Jeff, and I had the privilege of attending the Change of Command for Capt. Mark Davis of the USS North Carolina SSN 777 at Norfolk, VA. We enjoyed a delicious meal on the pier and it reminded me so much of the excellent food we enjoyed as Submariners on the diesels. After the Change of Command, my son and I were given a tour of the Sub. Needless to say, my son, who is 50 years old, was highly impressed, especially after being allowed to sit at the controls where the torpedoes and missiles are fired. (I was impressed also.) I was impressed with the mess. It was decorated in pennants and shirts from NC State, Carolina, Duke, WF, Appalachian State, etc. Unlike the crowded mess on the old diesels. All in all, it was a real treat for me. Got to meet the Captain and his wife. I ran into Dick Kanning, as he also attended.

All ahead full...
Lin Sutton

LEARN WHAT OTHERS LEARN FROM OUR SERVICE

Watch Jamal Mayers, who was born in Toronto and is a current player on the Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League (NHL), as he tours the USS Requin in Pittsburgh with Leafs TV's Andi Petrillo.

Select the link to Jamal Mayers Submarine Tour on the following website:

<http://www.nhl.tv/team/console.jsp?catid=2>

PARADES, PARADES, PARADES

St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday, March 14, 2009 in Raleigh NC.

Form up starts at 1000 in the parking lot at the corner of Wilmington and Lenoir Street. After parade is over there is a Festival in Moore Square. You can go to www.raleighstpats.org for more info. Any one attending, please contact Jerry Emerson @ jerrypeggye01@gotsky.com or call 252-289-6329. Jerry will have more info at the Elizabeth City meeting.

Asheboro's Veterans' Day Parade

We had a good turnout for the Veterans Day Parade in Asheboro with 15 NC Subvets participating. In addition to 14 Tarheel Base members, Jack Jeffries from the Carolina-Piedmont Base was also there. Jim Myers pulled the Mk-14 torpedo trailer along with the parade submarine attached to the back of the Mk-14 torpedo trailer. The parade judges awarded the NC Subvets 3rd place among all the parade participants and we received a check for \$25.00 for this award.



RECOMMENDED READING

Sent in by Gene Rutter
Tarheel Base Member

I just completed the book "Thunder Below," the story of patrols of the Barb during WWII. A most entertaining and well-written book by Rear Admiral Eugene Fluckey, the captain during those patrols.

Maybe most have already read this book, but it still was a real good read. Unfortunately, it's not available through the Wake County libraries, but can be obtained through Inter Library Loan.

RECOMMENDED WEBISTE

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MESSAGES FROM DON SMALL

Shipmates and Bubbleheads,

February 8, 2009

When you get to be in the eighties, you expect the golden years to be shiny, but sometimes there is a little tarnish that dulls that shine. That's what has happened to me recently. It all started early last year when I complained to my family doctor about shortness of breath. OK, let's find out what is causing that. So it's a trip to the x-ray queen for a picture of my insides. That shows a "thickening of the lower right lobe" (of the lung I presume). So that indicates "congestive heart failure." This means that the heart is not pumping enough blood to the lungs. That results in a new prescription at the druggist (he always makes out). A few days later, I'm directed to the CT scan queen. That picture indicated I have "pulmonary edema," water on the lungs. A few days later in the hospital, I have a "cardiac stress test." That's all done while I am lying on the table not moving a muscle. Chemicals do it all while records are made. Later, a heart sonogram shows the heart is strong. So I don't have congestive heart failure. Then the lung king shows up and wants to get a sample of the fluid in the lungs. That means sticking a needle in through my side into the lung to drain some fluid. Next day that happens. Don't worry; they numb the area so I don't feel anything. The result from that test, you might guess, there was no fluid to be aspirated. So why do I have shortness of breath? That might be answered by the lung king at the Duke clinic in Durham. Going to Duke last July is when I had that bad car wreck, which is the subject of another tale. Test at Duke reveal that I have about 50% lung capacity due to thickening of the lining of the lung. After several more tests lung king says he can probably fix me so I'm better if not 100%, polish those Golden Years up a little. He does this operation using a laparoscope. Using this technique, there are no major incision have to be made, it's all done through two small holes in your side. The operation is called a "Pleurectomy & Decortication." Now look that up in your search engine. I'm supposed to have this procedure done at Duke Hospital in Feb., on Friday the 13th. Being a Bergall sailor, Friday the 13th is a lucky day. If you want to know more about "lucky 13" go to the Bergall website at 'Bergall.org' and click on the 320 Bergall. I'm told there is about 5-day recovery in the hospital, so I will be at Duke that long. Maybe, I'll get to see some of you during that period. By the time you get this it might be all over!

Don, PSC (Past State Commander)

Dear Bubbleheads,

February 13, 2009

I'm not sure if Friday the 13th is my lucky day or unlucky day. You might have heard the saying "the best laid plans of mice and men....." The operation was not performed as planned, so I'm back home now. The preop exam revealed what might have been an infection in the "pinky" finger of my left hand. No way was the surgeon going to do any cutting if that was so. So, it's to the ER for further investigation. There, they cut open the suspected site and excised some material to be sent to a lab for analysis, so in the meantime the operation was canceled until further notice. All those friends that had planned to visit me, I hope you will stand down until I try again, because I am definitely going to go through with it.

Better luck next time.

Donald C. Small
US Submarine Veteran of WWII
USS Bergall, SS 320
<http://www.bergall.org>

THE BATTERY WELL

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

From The Comics, Providence Sunday Journal

January 25, 2009



SUBMARINE VETERAN REFERRAL

Sent in by Bob Hopkins

I'm writing my second book about Cold War submarine operations - primarily around now declassified programs that my dad and I were involved in. I could use some help locating former civilians, submariners, or navy divers involved in Holy Stone, Ivy Bells or Boresight. If you could help put the word out, I'd most appreciate this. As always, care will be taken regarding confidentiality and the book will be vetted by the DoD. If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email. Thanks!

My first book on submarines was *Crazy Ivan*.

Sincerely,
W. Craig Reed
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EARNING YOUR DOLPHINS

Sent in by Bob Hopkins

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 thet 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 outa 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!

NCDMV SPECIALTY PLATE NEWS

Sent in by Jerry Leppart
Tarheel Base Member

Meeting with Senator Neal Hunt, Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009

Dick Kanning, Bill (Butterbean) Dixon, and I met with Senator Hunt. We explained who we were and why we were there ... from NC Subvets and requesting him to go forward to the legislature to amend Session Law 2001-498, House Bill 110 (<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/SessionLaws/PDF/2001-2002/SL2001-498.pdf>) to read that the "US Navy Specialty Plate" require only 150 applications instead of the 300 as it now stands. Also, that the fee for the plate be reduced or waived entirely. At the time, we thought the fee was the normal regular registration plus \$30.00. I address this below in my minutes of the Kay Hatcher meeting. I have attached the letter (see next page) and the bulletized sheet (see Page 21), both of which were submitted to Sen. Hunt & Ms. Hatcher.

Senator Hunt was receptive to our requests and agreed to go forward with an amendment. How long that takes, only the man upstairs knows but I intend to send a "Thank You for your time" note to both Sen. Hunt & Ms. Hatcher, and will ask Sen. Hunt for a rough timetable (see Page 21).

Meeting with Ms. Kay Hatcher, Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009

I met with Ms. Hatcher and again explained who I was and why I was there ... asked why there was no fee listed for the US Navy Specialty Plate in the original House Bill 110. She said we come under "All Other Special Plates," which was music to my ears ... \$10.00, not the \$30.00 as we originally thought. I will mention this in my follow-up letter to Sen. Hunt but still suggest maybe a "one time" fee of \$10.00 because they have to make the plate, but then no \$10.00 renewal fee for future years. Even if this doesn't fly, \$10 is better than \$30.

The actual plate would be the normal white plate, First In Flight across the top, North Carolina across the bottom, the plate will have BLUE numbers, and the Subvet logo to the left followed by 4 numerical digits and then by SV (this would be what they call "double stacked"), S over the V. The SV double stack is not taken **at this time**. She gave me a blank plate that we could play with as far as logo goes. If you want a plate with a specific number (e.g., 330) on it, that would be considered a "Vanity" plate and would **have to have** a letter in front of the digits and would cost the normal regular fee + \$30.00 Vanity fee + \$10.00 Specialty Fee (unless we get the 10 waived ... kind of pricey). **All plates must have 4 digits.** Numbering on the plates would start with 0001, 0002, 0003, etc. Lastly, NO US Navy Specialty Motorcycle plates would be done at this time ... not to say they couldn't be done in the future.

See Page 22 for some sample license plates. There are minor differences between the samples. We're trying to keep it simple, but simple can be done in many different ways. The logo that seems to be more popular has the Silver / Gold dolphins in the middle of the NC State outline. **We need to get this out to all interested to see if the suggested logo is acceptable.** I have about 100 names (rough count) that were sent to Butterbean. To all who are interested please send all future requests to me. Hopefully Sen. Hunt can get us down to 150 required ... ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE PAID FOR BEFORE DMV WILL DO THE PLATE ... more to follow on this ... do not send anything to DMV at this time ... I'll let you all know.

Please send me your comments and suggestions ... bear in mind, this will not happen overnight. There's still a lot of logistics to go through. The decision as to which plate will ultimately be issued is going to be up to the 6 ranking officers associated with the NC Subvet organizations.

If you are interested in obtaining a plate, **please provide me with the following information** so I can build a spreadsheet to give to the 6 officers so they can see who wants what. Also contact any other Subvet and let them know.

- Your Name
- Your Base, if so affiliated (base membership is not a requirement to obtain a plate)
- Your Telephone Number
- Which plate you prefer from the samples attached on Page 22
- How many plates you'd want

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February 3, 2009

The Honorable Neal Hunt
North Carolina State Senator
16 W. Jones Street, Room 1102
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

Subject: U.S. Navy Specialty Plate

Reference: Session Law 2001-498
House Bill 110
Section G.S. 20-79.4-b(46a)

Dear Senator Hunt,

As a member of the NC Tarheel Base of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.(USSVI) organization and the "point man" for obtaining a North Carolina "Specialty Plate", I am requesting your assistance in amending the referenced House Bill. It currently reads that 300 applicants are required before NCDMV will issue the plate. I am requesting the number of applicants be reduced to 150.

Also, the current application fee is listed as the cost of the normal registration fee plus \$30.00. I am also requesting the fee be either waived or reduced for subsequent renewals.

I ask that this be brought forward to the Legislature for the following reasons;

- There are NO Bases or Stations in North Carolina associated with Submarines.
- The Submarine Associations in North Carolina, the NC Chapter of the United States Submarine Veterans of World War II and the USSVI are purely voluntary, both being non-profit groups whose entire endeavors are to preserve, promote and perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the service of our nation.
- The Submarine Force is still an "all volunteer" force and makes up only 1.5% to 2.5% of the US Navy.

North Carolina is home to several military installations. I feel it would be a great honor to the veterans of North Carolina if the above proposals were adopted.

Respectfully Yours,

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Feb. 3, 2009

Senator Neal Hunt
NC Senate, District 15

Ms. Kay Hatcher
NCDMV Specialty Plate

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI)

- Over 13,000 Members

North Carolina Bases

- Tarheel - 201 Members, Greensboro
- Albemarle Sound - 11 Members, Elizabeth City
- Carolina Piedmont - 45 Members, Fort Mill, SC
 - ❖ (40 Members in NC)
- Coastal Carolina – 17 Members, Wilmington

NC Sub Vet Plate

- Less than the required 300 plates
- Lower first time fee / No renewal fee
 - Waived for some Military
 - Current Fee ?
 - Normal + \$30.00
- Design
 - Do we submit our own design
 - One Gold / One Silver Dolphin
 - Numbering
 - Specific Number Request
- Logo area size

Dear Senator Hunt,

I just wanted to say "Thank You" for taking the time to meet with us on Tuesday, 2/3/2009 and also inform you of the result of my meeting on Wednesday, 2/4/2009 with Ms. Kay Hatcher of the NCDMV Specialty Plate section.

In Session Law 2001-498, House Bill 110, Section 3 (a), the US Navy Specialty Plate is not listed. I asked Ms. Hatcher about this and was told that plate falls under "All Other Special Plates" with an additional fee of \$10.00, not the \$30.00 as we originally thought. This is good news to the Subvet organization. It would still be great if North Carolina would waive the renewal fee but obviously \$10 is better than \$30. It might be more acceptable to the Legislature if your amendment called for us to pay a one time application fee of \$10.00 as we understand there are costs designing the initial issue....just a thought.

Can you tell me what the procedure is for submitting an amendment to a bill, i.e., when submitted, how long it takes, how would we know if the items we requested are approved, etc.

Again, Thank You for your time.

Respectfully yours,

Gerard F. (Jerry) Leppart

NCDMV SPECIALTY PLATE SAMPLES

(work in progress)



Representative Plate with Logo Options Below:

Logo A



Logo B



Logo C



Logo D



Logo E



Logo F



Logo G



Logo H



Logo I





FOUNDED: 1955 • FEDERALLY CHARTERED: 1981

President's Desk

TO STATE COMMANDERS
PLEASE PROMULATE TO ALL REGULAR OR ASSOCIATE
MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE WOMEN, THANKS.
YOU ALL HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A GREAT LUCKY NEW YEAR
TAKE CARE, ED

December 10, 2008

To: All Regional Directors
Attachment: Revised Procedures for Closing Chapters

I have been asked questions concerning procedures in closing chapters. One question was 'when a chapter closes do Life Members need to unite with a chapter'?

Since they are **National Life Members** therefore, they need not have to unite with a chapter, but are required to let the Polaris Circulation Manager know of any change of address.

The annual dues paying members must belong to a chapter in order for their names to be submitted on the Control Report to receive the Polaris magazine. This would include widows who receive the Polaris free.


Any monies from a 'closed' chapter should be the choice of the 'closed' chapter regardless of the State the chapter is in. Most States only have one chapter and would have to transfer their members to a chapter in another State anyway. And, most States do not have a 'State Commander's Fund'.

Please distribute these procedures to the State Commanders that they may distribute them to the chapters for their records.

These Closing Procedures were run by the Board and the Parliamentarian for their review.

Added note: In 2009 the Polaris will be published in March, June, September & December. All dues will remain the same: annual members \$5.00; subscribers \$10.00.

Respectfully,


Bob DeVore, Sr.
Nat. Prez.

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

PROCEDURES FOR CHAPTER CLOSING

1. The closing Chapter Secretary must notify in writing the: National President, National Second Vice President, Regional Director, State Commander, and all Chapter Presidents within the state.
2. All Chapter members, plus the officers in number one above, must be notified of the time, place, and the purpose of the meeting six weeks prior to such meeting.
3. The vote by the Chapter members will be by a majority vote to close the Chapter. Associate members cannot vote.
4. As long as a Chapter exists, all transfers must be to a Chapter of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II.
 - A. All annual dues paying members must be a member of a Chapter in order to receive their Polaris
 - B. National Life Members have a choice of uniting with a another Chapter. Should a Life Member not unite with another Chapter, he must keep the Polaris Circulation Manager informed of any change in address.
 - C. Each member has a choice as to which Chapter he wishes to transfer into; wherever it may be.
 - D. The Chapter Secretary will initiate and forward all transfers. Where no Ladies Unit exists, widows names and addresses should not be forgotten. Widows must request the Polaris annually.
5. Should the Chapter have material assets; they are to be disposed of by sale or donated to a non-profit organization.
 - A. The receiver of this material should be a tax exempt organization.
 - B. A copy of sales should be included with all reports.
 - C. The funds received from these sales are to be placed into the Chapter treasury.
6. After all member transfers have been made and all material assets are disposed of:
 - A. The Chapter Treasurer will transfer all funds either to another Chapter or to the State Commander's Fund.
 - B. If no State Commander's Fund or other Chapters exist; or they refuse the funds, or funds are not given to a non-profit organization; the funds are to be sent to the National Treasurer for deposit into the National General Fund.
7. The closing Chapter's Secretary will mail the Chapter Charter, a Closure Letter, and a Control Report to the National-Secretary-Treasurer; listing all transfers.
 - A. All address changes will be sent to the Polaris Circulation Manager and the State Commanders.

Amended: 12-10-08

United States Submarine Veterans Inc.



Southeastern Region, District 1 Annual Meeting Registration

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The meeting will be held on 1st, 2nd & 3rd of May 2009 in Mooresville, NC. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Fairfield Inn Exit # 36 on I-77, (704-663-6100). Each attendee will have to make their own room reservations. ALL reservations MUST be made by 2400 by the 16th of April 2009 to be sure of the rates:

King	\$79.00	
Dbl Queen	\$84.00	
Extended King	\$89.00	
Spa King	\$89.00	plus local taxes.

SCHEDULE: (Subject to change)

Friday 1 May 2009

Arrive & pick up information packet.

Social Time in Hospitality Suite, Meeting Room, Breakfast Room &/or

Pool area-weather permitting.

NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED IN HALLWAYS OR POOL AREA!!!!

Saturday 2 May 2009

TOUR: A tour of Memory Lane has been arranged for \$8.00 per person, payable at the door, for the morning.

LUNCH: This is on your own, there are a number of nice restaurants close by.

DISTRICT MEETING: This will be Sat afternoon for the men in the meeting room of Fairfield Inn. (Ladies-we have not forgotten you!)

DINNER BUFFET: Saturday Evening at 7pm

We have the Banquet Room at Fat Boy's Restaurant-this is in the shopping plaza across Hwy 150 from the Fairfield Inn. The cost is \$20.00 per person & includes everything EXCEPT for any drinks from the bar, these will be on a separate tab. Cost of the dinner is included in the registration cost.

Sunday 3 May 2009: Depart for home

LADIES: We are currently looking at a number of activities to help pass the time. Please contact Glenna Hubbell at MLEOHUB@aol.com if you have any ideas.

- 1.) Shopping- plenty of shops near by & antiques downtown if interested.
- 2.) Tours- plans are in the works for several tours.
- 3.) Wine Tasting- attempting to set up with a local Winery.

USSVI Southeastern District 1 Annual Meeting 2009

REGISTRATION FORM: Please PRINT clearly for name tags.

PLEASE complete and return ASAP to:

Mike & Glenna Hubbell
303 Springdale Dr
York, SC 29745
mleohub@aol.com
803-628-1908

NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

BASE: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING DINNER: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Registration fee of \$35.00 per person, make checks payable to
CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE and return on or before 23 March 2009.

Fees include Friday Night Social, Banquet and Event Patch. Additional patches are available. All
proceed from patch sales will benefit the Burnsville Memorial.



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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) **Secondary** The Dunes Motel (located right next door)
 2800 Baltimore Avenue **Hotel:** 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)

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

 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