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## 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>SWORDFISH</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			
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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

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**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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## REMINDER FROM THE RADIO ROOM

### USSVI Southeastern Region, District 1 Annual Meeting - May 1-3, 2009

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Refer to the All Clear - 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2009, available at [www.ncsubvets.org/all\\_clear/09q1.pdf](http://www.ncsubvets.org/all_clear/09q1.pdf)  
or the NC Subvets Events at [www.ncsubvets.org/docs/2009\\_SED1Mtg.pdf](http://www.ncsubvets.org/docs/2009_SED1Mtg.pdf)

## NC SUBVETS QUARTERLY MEETING NOTES

Held at VFW Post #6060 in Elizabeth City, NC on 7 Mar 2009

Sent by Bill Lowe, Tarheel Base Secretary

1. After all present enjoyed a roast beef lunch with all the trimmings plus a slice of delicious cake, the Albemarle Sound Base Commander Barry Danforth called meeting to order at 1:20 PM. Barry led all in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Albemarle Sound Base Chaplain Darrell McKinley rendered the opening prayer.
2. VFW Post #6060 Commander Dale Fish welcomed all back to his post for the second year.



## NC SUBVETS QUARTERLY MEETING NOTES (CONT.)

- The 45 Subvets and wives present made introductions. During their introductions, several told how long they had been married. Everett Morgan married his wife, Margaret, three days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. It just so happen to be Margaret's birthday and all present sang "Happy Birthday" to her. Don Small and his wife Rose Mary have also been married over 60 years. All were glad to have Don and his bride "present and accounted for" after a lapse due to Don's name appearing on the binnacle list. Rose Mary is the N.C. State Commander of the Subgalleons.
- Darryl Moyers, present Commander of the Hampton Roads Base and Dick Helm, past Commander of the Hampton Roads Base were in attendance. Also present were June Kracker, National President of the Subgalleons, and her husband Ed Kracker, Southeastern Director of Subvets of WWII.
- Tolling of The Boats Ceremony was conducted for the boats lost during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year. Darrell McKinley read a preamble and he also read the names of the lost boats. Past NC State Commander of the WWII Subvets Don Small tolled the bell.

- Southeast Region District 1 Commander Dick Kanning presented a picture of the USS John Adams (SSBN-620), a plaque, and a copy of the submariner's prayer to the parents of submariner Earl Shannon who went on his Eternal Patrol recently. Mr. and Mrs. Shannon thanked the NC Subvets for honoring their son by inviting them to the meeting and giving them the sub mementos. Barry Danforth extended an invite to Mr. and Mrs. Shannon to attend future meetings of the Albemarle Sound Base.



- Jerry Leppart covered the status of the drive to have a NC Subvets specialty license plate produced by the NCDMV. He passed around an example of the plate along with a list of the members of the Albemarle Sound Base to afford them an opportunity to sign up for plates. Jerry stated he has 237 prospective applications for the plate to date. Copies of the application were passed around for viewing. A completed application along with a fee of \$10.00 will be required when the plate is approved for production. Also, NC House Bill 110 that would authorize this plate will come up for consideration in the Finance Committee on March 25, 2009.

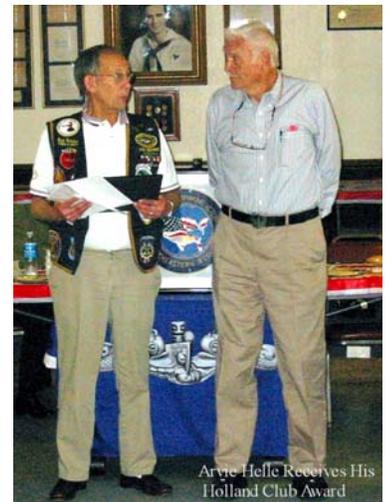
- Dick Kanning, as Southeast Region 1 Director, presented Holland Club awards to Arvie W. Helle. Arvie qualified in submarines 63 years ago.

- Jerry Emerson, Tarheel Base Commander, announced participation in the St Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Raleigh on Saturday, 14 March. He had flyers with information on the parade for any and all who would like to attend or march with the Tarheel Base Subvets.

- Dick Kanning announced the upcoming USSVI Southeast Region District 1 meeting would be held in Mooresville, NC during the first week of May 2009. A registration form for this meeting can be found in the latest copy of the All Clear.

- Don Small gave an at-a-boy to Jerry "Patch" Paciorek for the great job he is doing as editor of the All Clear and the outstanding job Jim Myers did in tutoring him for that task.

- Jim Myers asked for approval to donate the WWII bomb trailer to a WWII Museum in Asheboro. All agreed for him to proceed "full steam ahead."



## NC SUBVETS QUARTERLY MEETING NOTES (CONT.)

13. Holland Club Coordinator Pat Collins awarded certificates to two Tarheel Base Subvets, Roy Duke and Tom Richey.
14. Drawings were held for door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.
15. At approximately 2:55 PM, meeting was adjourned with Tarheel Base Chaplain Bill Whelan rendering a benediction, asking for traveling graces.



Rose Mary Small  
State Commander - Subgalleons

### SUBGALLION CORNER

It was great to see those of you who made it to the meeting in Elizabeth City! Don and I were thrilled to attend.

As for the update that many of you requested, Don had surgery on a little finger on April 15 and if all goes well he'll have surgery on his lungs soon. I will continue to keep you in the loop concerning Don's rather complicated condition. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

We're excited about our upcoming 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 20.

Rose Mary

### 2009 BURNSVILLE MEETING INFORMATION

This year's Burnsville meeting will be hosted by the Carolina-Piedmont Base. They have scheduled the meeting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June (Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>). 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](http://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. While the Pinebridge Inn is not in Yancey County as the Nu-Wray Inn is, Mitchell County is also dry. We are again 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 and the registration form for the meeting will be sent out when available. This advance notice is provided now is so that you can make your room reservations early.

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



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

Shipmates,

Hard to believe that it is April already and I guess time goes by fast when you are busy having fun. The Albemarle Sound Base sure did an outstanding job hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter NC Subvets Meeting in Elizabeth City. It was good to see that Rose Mary and Don Small at the meeting as well as some of our friends from the Tidewater Area.

In this issue of the All Clear is the information and registration form for this year's USSV-WWII National Convention to be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin. This will be the 55<sup>th</sup> and last USSV-WWII National Convention. Starting in 2010 the USSV-WWII National Conventions will become joint conventions with USSVI. Please let me know if any of the Tarheel Chapter members will be going to Green Bay.

Coming up this month is the Southeast and Northeast 2009 Regional Convention being held in Ocean City, Maryland April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>. I hope that some of you will be able to attend.

Pat Collins and I are now working up a plan for presenting Holland Club Awards to all of those WWII Subvets who recently joined USSVI and are unable to attend NC Subvet functions. Once we get the plan together we will be contacting you.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter NC Subvets Meeting in Burnsville is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Carolina-Piedmont Base will be the host and we will be staying at a new location in Spruce Pine at the Pinebridge Inn.

Chuck

### NOW ON DISPLAY

We now have both the parade submarine and the Mk-14 torpedo float on display at the North Carolina Aviation Museum in Asheboro. For the last two years in June, we have displayed the parade submarine at museum's annual fly-in and added the Mk-14 torpedo float last year. The chairman of the museum's board of directors asked if we could display our parade items at the museum when we were not using them. This is a win-win arrangement for both the museum and us. Our items are in a dry secure storage area that is available for the general public to see while the museum gets a couple of more items on display. We also delivered the WWII Mk-3 Bomb Trailer that we donated to the museum.



This was the trailer that Jim and I picked up in Mooresville when we took Ollie's torpedo there to be refurbished. The museum plans to restore and put it on display. The museum has offered \$2.00 off the admission price for any NC Subvet member who wants to visit the museum. If you decide to visit the museum, just tell them that you are a NC Subvet to get the discount.

Chuck

## WWII TARHEEL CHAPTER TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CORNER

As of 1 July 2009, the WWII Chapter and National dues will be due. If you've paid your dues up to 2009 or earlier, it's time to pay your dues. If you are unsure, contact Jim Myers 336-595-8616 or at sublobo@triad.rr.com and get your status.

The WWII Chapter checking account for FEB 2009 balanced with the Bank Statement at \$2484.68.

### DEPOSITS SINCE 12/31/2009

Deposits	= 0	\$2708.21
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### EXPENDITURES SINCE 12/31/2009

#### Expenditures

Maurice Smith Refund of dues	\$	20.00
Subvet National Dues	\$	25.00
Dick Kanning Holland Club Coins	\$	105.95
Staples Ink Cartages	\$	72.58
2/28/2009 Total		\$2484.68



Jim Myers  
WWII Tarheel Chapter Treasurer

### WWII MEMBERS - WHAT IS YOUR VOTE?

North Carolina WWII Chapter members, it is getting close to the time that National may be closing the doors. If you read President Bob De Vore's Statement in the last Polaris, there may be a vote at the next 2009 Convention in Green Bay.

You, as members, need to let your voice be heard. If you are not going to the convention, please contact myself or Chuck Jensen and give us your opinion and we will forward this to WWII National through a NC Representative or call National.

If a vote is taken to close National in 2010, this will be the last time dues will be collected for National. Since all but two WWII members have joined USSVI Tarheel Base, it would make sense to close NC Tarheel Chapter so you don't pay WWII Chapter dues of \$10.

This is a very important issue and everyone needs to get involved so this is a majority decision.

Thanks,  
Jim Myers  
WWII Subvet Tarheel Chapter Treasurer

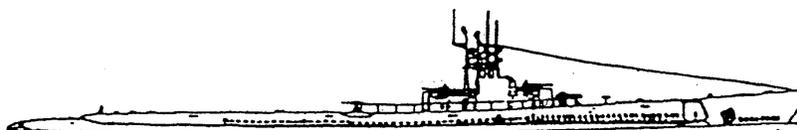
### WWII US NAVY BOMB TRAILER UPDATE

The NC Subvets had a WWII US Navy Bomb Trailer Mark 3 Mod 1, 4000 lb trailer that they have given away to a Museum WWII Air Organization in Asheboro. All of you that have joined us at the Asheboro Air Show know where this place is.

Chuck Jensen has made all the arrangements for the Sub and Torpedo floats to be exhibited and the group also wanted the Bomb Trailer. They all were delivered Monday, 3/30/09.

We will be looking for anyone that is close to this area and has a truck with Electric Brakes to help with picking up the Torpedo Float for various parades in order for me to not have to make round trips picking up the float and returning it to Asheboro. These times would be coordinated with me.

Jim Myers



U.S.S. SNOOK (SS-279), Arkansas' Commemorative Submarine - "On Eternal Patrol"

## WWII TARHEEL CHAPTER / USSVI TARHEEL BASE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### OUR "SENIOREST" ON ETERNAL PATROL

We U.S. Submarine Veterans of North Carolina lost our "seniorest" member on March 17, St. Patrick's Day. That was the day that 96-year-old Lin (Gunner) Respass chose to cast off lines from dockside in Greenville, NC for his eternal patrol. If there was anything green about Gunner, it was caused by being underwater for so long aboard the 10 submarines he served aboard during his nearly 25 years in the Silent Service.

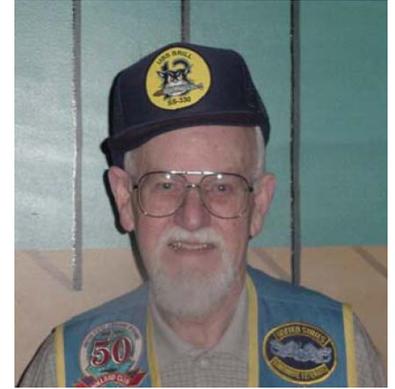
None of us miss Gunner more or knew him better than Al Bremer, who served with Gunner aboard USS REQUIN. As Chief of the Boat (COB), Gunner helped motivate Al to complete his "quals" in near record time and Al, in turn, spent valuable time visiting with Gunner during the latter's final days in port. Our wish is that we had known Gunner better, if not merely to benefit from hearing the sea stories that emerged from his years of service to his country.

Gunner joined the Navy in 1934. The next year, he qualified aboard the venerable S-21. The outbreak of World War II found him aboard SEARAVEN: although only a GM1, he was named COB, with promotion to GMC following soon. He remained aboard SEARAVEN for her 10 war patrols, followed by his 11th war patrol aboard SEA FOX. Other boats that served as homes away from home for Gunner were S-23, S-24, SEALION, TIGRONE, CONGER, and ODAX.

To use an old Navy expression, we imagine that Gunner has probably wrung more water from his socks than many of us have sailed through.

And while we're on the subject of our Senior Submariner, let's not forget that several other NC Subvets are close to Gunner in seniority. We refer specifically to (listed by year of birth): George Gressman and Howie Rice (1917); Bill Benedict and Art Rawson (1919); Randy Denson, Norman Guice, Larry Travis, and Robert Wyatt (1920); Joe (Kelly) Ritter and Harold Steed (1921); and Bill Bradburn, Frank Caufield, Frank Lupo, Hugh McCracken, and Charles Stevenson (1922).

Note that we refer above to Senior Submariners, NOT our only heroes. To our way of thinking, anyone who has ridden a boat, even for a single "dive/surface" evolution is rightfully a hero. As the opportunity arises, let us seek out our heroic compatriots and let them know how much we value their past service and present fellowship.



Chaplain Bill Whelan  
WWII Tarheel Chapter  
USSVI Tarheel Base

### JAMES LOVETTE ON ETERNAL PATROL

James E. Lovette of Harrisburg set sail on his eternal patrol Saturday, 11 April 2009, according to word from his daughter Anita. There will be no services for him, but he is to be cremated and his ashes scattered, according to his wishes, in Saginaw Bay, MI, part of Lake Huron.

James, a Life Member of the Tarheel Chapter of U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II, served aboard the submarine USS PIRANHA (SS-389) and as a member of a Submarine Relief Crew aboard the submarine tender USS SPERRY (AS-12).

Subvet condolences have been extended to his family through his daughter: Mrs. Anita Helms, 6584 Cooper Rd., Hale, MI 48739. She can be reached by phone at 989-728-0132. Her e-mail address is martin\_anita2002@yahoo.com.

### WE HAVE BUT ONE LIFE!

Many times, as we look back on the life we've lived, we find ourselves thinking, "Gee, I wish I hadn't done that," or "Gee, I wish I had done something else."

We can't change what is past, but we can do better during the years remaining to us. As Chaplain, we often get scriptural, but this time around, we intend to be more practical.

We recently read some words by Erma Bombeck, entitled If I had my Life to Live Over. They were written for women after she discovered that she was dying from cancer. Let's see if we can modify those words to influence us in the years we have remaining.

## TARHEEL CHAPTER / BASE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER (CONT.)

- When we are sick, we'll hit the sack or otherwise answer sick call instead of pretending that the earth will go into a holding pattern if we aren't there for the day.
- We will talk less and listen more.
- We will share the fellowship of a Butterbean coffee or breakfast rather than riding the sheets for another hour.
- We will take the time to tell our children and/or grandchildren some of our tamer sea stories (and also to listen to some of their at-school adventures).
- We will share more of the responsibility now carried by our spouse (You knew that would creep in).
- We will agree to leave the car windows rolled up on a summer's day because "her" hair had just been teased and sprayed.
- We will cry and laugh less while watching TV and more while watching life.
- We'll find something within our capabilities that needs doing and volunteer (yes, volunteer) to do the job.
- We will never buy anything just because it is practical, won't show soil, or is guaranteed to last a lifetime.
- We will seize every minute of life ahead of us, look at it, and really see it, live it, and never give it back. We will stop sweating the small stuff.
- We won't worry about who doesn't like us, who has more than we have, or who's doing what. Instead, we'll cherish the relationships we have.

Those are just a few of Erma's thoughts in terms we all understand. Let's adlib some others that are more important to those who are important to us.

Bless you!

Chaplain Bill

## USSVI – CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER



Glenn Harris  
USSVI Carolina-Piedmont Base Commander

It's been a busy year. We've actively participated in several venues and gotten involved in many worthwhile causes. We've seen an explosion of membership in the last few months and seen many members step up to the plate and volunteer. It's hard to believe that it was just a little over two years ago that I was sitting in Burgaw, NC with Chuck Jensen and Jim Meyers, wondering if there would be enough interest in the Charlotte area to warrant a new base. You guys have far exceeded any expectations I had at that time. Not only have we grown and prospered as a base, but also we've provided assistance for the forming of several other bases, with the likelihood of a new base starting up here shortly in the Greenville/Spartanburg area.

Now for some well deserved kudos. Special recognition should be given to Clarence Jordan for his graphics work on the Base Patch, the District Patch, and the North Carolina License plate campaign. Also, I'd like to recognize the work that Mike and Glenna Hubbell put into seeing that the District Meeting in Mooresville was organized. They took charge and never looked back and they have done a terrific job. A reminder about the District Meeting in Mooresville in May and then the Burnsville Memorial weekend in Spruce Pines. If you haven't made your reservations at the hotels for those two events, they need to be done as soon as possible. As this will be my first and last entry as commander of the Carolina-Piedmont Base, I'll leave with this, after two years, it's time to turn the reigns over to new blood, and I do so with the full confidence that Steve Bell will be a great Commander and full confidence in the membership that you will show him the same level of support you've shown me over the last two years. I'm looking forward to what the future has to offer for USSVI and the Carolina-Piedmont Base.

Glenn Harris

## USSVI – CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### A Call to Reason

Thank you for allowing me a small corner of "All Clear." By way of introduction, I served aboard the USS Skate SS(N)578, when it made it's historic voyage under the ice cap in 1959 and surfaced through the ice, at the geographic North Pole, on March 17, 1959.

As a "Blank Owner" of the USS US Grant SS(B)N631 Blue Crew (Commissioned in 1964), I was aboard for its first patrol off the Coast of Vietnam in 1965. After leaving the service, I worked in industry for 30 years and pastored a church for 22 years. I am a retired C&MA Pastor and my wife, Diana, and I moved to South Caroline from New York (not the city) in September 2007. I count it a privilege to serve as your chaplain.

I would count a privilege to talk with you anytime. If you are ill or in the hospital or know someone who is in need, please call. Or, if you just need someone to talk with, give me a call at 803-831-7235.

In his collection of articles called "The Crisis", Thomas Paine wrote on December 23, 1776, "These are the times that try men's souls." He was correct then and those words are true today. Regardless of your political persuasion the economic crisis and the response from Congress, the administration, and the business world, have angered a lot of people. When the President of the United States suggested that wounded veterans should bill their insurance companies for medical care, it angered a lot of vets. I am glad that reason prevailed and he has backed down, at the present time.

Since we are former warriors, we must be careful to react to these events with honor and integrity, not anger and violence. Unwittingly, members of Congress have said things that have encouraged some people to react with hatred, even to the point of threatening even children of those who received AIG bonuses. That, shipmates, is wrong! We served and fought for better. There are ethical and moral issues involved, but apparently they did not do anything illegal. "Mob Rule" and the "Survey Poll" should not be guiding our leaders. "We the People" have a Constitution. Let's demand that our elected leaders obey and follow it or resign.

We e-mail our grandchildren (9 of them) a short blurb on a chapter from Proverbs each day. Today I talked to them about how evil our tongues can be. The Apostle James writes:

"And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell." James 3:6

When you or I are tempted to respond to a situation with unreasonable anger, remember these words:

"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Proverbs 15:1

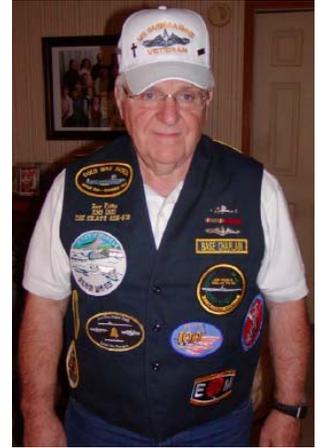
Boy, do I need help with that one?!

"For as churning the milk produces butter, and as twisting the nose produces blood, so stirring up anger produces strife." Proverbs 30:33

Shipmates, whether or not you claim the name of Christ, we must all fight the "good" fight with honor and integrity.

"The LORD bless you and keep you,  
The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."  
Numbers 6:24-26

In Christ's amazing grace,  
Chaplain Ray Fritz



Chaplain Ray Fritz  
USSVI Carolina-Piedmont Base



## USSVI – TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER’S CORNER

### SHIPMATES:

Winter is over, Spring is here and Summer is on it's way. One third of 2009 is gone, past, behind us. Time sure flies when you're having fun or getting older. The Raleigh St. Patrick's Day parade was rescheduled because of rain. However, eleven Tarheel Base members took part. Upcoming parades will be addressed in other areas of the All Clear. We had a great turn out at the Elizabeth City meeting. Thanks to the Albemarle Sound Base for hosting the luncheon and meeting.

This should be an eventful year. The Southeastern Region, District 1, annual meeting will be held in May. The annual Burnsville meeting is scheduled for June. The National Convention in September will be combined with the International Submariners and will be in San Diego.

The annual Veterans' Day event held in Kings Bay, GA will be in November and Pearl Harbor Day meeting and dinner in December. And don't forget all the parades in between.

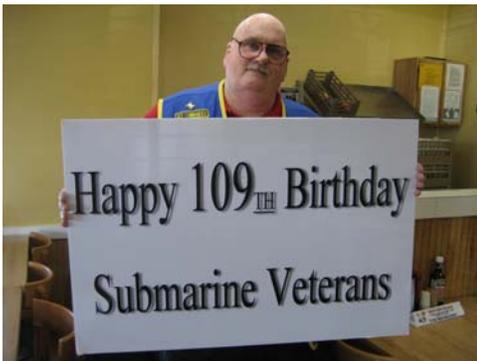
While looking one year ahead is more informative for planning our individual activities with regards to USSVI, we, as Tarheel Base and NC Subvets members must look further into the future of our Base and NC Subvets. Five years ago there was one USSVI Base in the state of North Carolina, now there are four. In five more years, how many will there be, six, eight, ten Bases making up NC Subvets??? We, all members of Tarheel Base and NC Subvets, need to develop a plan of growth for USSVI Tarheel Base and NC Subvets. I know that time and age hasn't dulled the innovative minds of Submarine Sailors. Think about this and let's bring it up for some discussion during the June Meeting.

Jerry Emerson



Jerry Emerson  
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

## RECRUITING, RECRUITING, RECRUITING!



Bill Dixon (Butterbean)  
USSVI Tarheel Base Vice Commander

What a good turnout on April 11 for breakfast to celebrate the 109<sup>th</sup> birthday of the submarine force, along with State Senator Neal Hunt.

We have had a very good effort from Jerry Leppart with the NC Subvet License Plate program. Well done Jerry! Now we are armed with a list of those Subvets' names. What a RECRUITING tool for us to work with. We are falling short of our RETENTION efforts. I am looking for a RETENTION SPECIALIST to step forward and work with me this next year to keep the ones we land in the boat.

Please contact me for more information at (919) 467-7597 or [goldbow@bellsouth.net](mailto:goldbow@bellsouth.net).

Butterbean

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

Will Harvey, Base Storekeeper  
[weelh1@embarqmail.com](mailto:weelh1@embarqmail.com)  
919-542-5359

Jerry Emerson, Base Commander  
[jerrypeggye01@gotsky.com](mailto:jerrypeggye01@gotsky.com)  
252-235-2926

### Ship's Library Recommendation

Sent in by Clif Snow  
Tarheel Base Member

Dark Waters: An Insider's Account of the NR-1: The Cold War's Undercover Nuclear Sub.

Written by Lee Vyborny (NR-1 plank owner) and Don Davis and covers the NR-1 construction and the time period of the first four Officers in Charge.

## 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  
April 4, 2009

Prior to convening the working meeting, 21 Subvets met at the Golden Corral in Cary for fellowship and a chow-down at 11:30 AM.

Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson called the working meeting to order at 1:00 PM followed by Bill “Chaplain” Whelan rendering the invocation. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the 36 Subvets in attendance. All present introduced themselves with info on the boats and duty stations where they served during their naval careers.

### HOLLAND CLUB PRESENTATIONS:

Pat Collins presented Holland Club plaques, lapel pins, and challenge coins to 2 Subvets:  
Jim Davis and Dick Gudis.



Jim Davis Receives His Holland Club Award



Dick Gudis Receives His Holland Club Award

### SPECIAL GUEST:

All welcomed Tarheel Base charter member Mike Burkholder who was “visiting” from Ft. Wayne, IN. Mike showed members a slide presentation that covered the history of the parade submarine, MK-14 torpedo, and the “grey ghost” bus. Mike donated these presentations to the Tarheel Base.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

1. Base Secretary Bill Lowe read the minutes of the last working meeting held at the VFW “hut” in Cary on 31 January 2009. Minutes were approved as read.
2. Base Treasurer Mike Toomey reported a checkbook balance of \$3,150.19 as of 31 March 2009. Current Tarheel Base membership stands at 193 after dropping 8 Subvets for nonpayment of dues. Motion was made and passed to supply Pat Collins \$108.00 to purchase 24 challenge coins for Holland Club inductees.
3. Chuck Jensen stated the placement of an S-28 plaque in the WWII Museum of the Pacific in Fredricksburg, TX is on hold for now. This item remains open.

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

4. Chuck Jensen reported on the status of the Burnsville Memorial. Joe Peek has recently visited the memorial and said the site made it through the winter with no further damage. The owner of the property is still in financial trouble due the market downturn and hope is that he will still be able to pay half of the \$4,300 restoration cost in the future. Joe Peek will make a donation \$850 to the project in memory of his father. To date, a total of \$527 is in the Carolina-Piedmont Base treasury for the Burnsville Memorial Restoration Fund. A bucket was passed around during the meeting and \$126 was collected for this restoration project. This item remains open.
5. All Clear editor Jerry “Patch” Paciorek will continue with the same format for the next addition. Patch announced the deadline for submission of articles is Monday, 6 April 2009.
6. Jim Myers covered obtaining a waiver form in lieu of insurance for the parade torpedo trailer. Mike Hubbell will contact Admiral Steve Glass, a former JAG officer, and solicit his help in drafting the waiver form. Jim stated the importance of base members handling any and all safety issues concerning the torpedo and trailer. A good set of steps for getting on and off the trailer was discussed. This item remains open.
7. Jerry Emerson and Jim Myers covered details on the possibility of the NC Subvets hosting the 2012 USSVI National Convention with a proposed location in Wilmington (location not set in stone). Jerry stated a written bid must be submitted to National by this August and he is requesting a vote of confidence to place this bid. Motion was made and passed to submit the bid with the stipulation that all NC Bases are on board to lend a helping hand. This item remains open.
8. Jerry Leppart covered the NC Subvets license plate issue. He passed around an example of the plate. To date, Jerry has compiled a list of 205 names with orders for a total of 296 plates. The bill authorizing this specialty plate along with many others is still stuck in the NC Legislature Finance Committee. This item remains open.
9. Commander Jerry is working on a “volunteer” to step forward and relieve Will Harvey as Base Storekeeper.
10. Vice Commander Butterbean Dixon announced plans for a Subvets breakfast at the Golden Corral on Saturday, 11 April 2009 at 0830 hours. This date happens to be the 109<sup>th</sup> birthday of the US Submarine Service.

### NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Carolina-Piedmont Base member Mike Hubbell covered the upcoming USSVI Southeast District 1 Annual Meeting to be held in Mooresville, NC on 1-3 May 2009. Host motel will be the Fairfield Inn with a sign-in log at Pat’s Veterans Coffee shop located at 1200 Main Street. A Friday night social will take place at the host motel. Saturday events will include visits to the Memory Lane Museum and a brewery with beer tasting. Guest speaker will be Gannon McCall, a former fast attack sub sailor. Several nice items will be raffled off with tickets priced at 3 for \$20. Monies from the raffle will be split between the Burnsville Memorial Fund and Kaps For Kids project. To date, only 23 Subvets have registered. Mike stressed the importance of making your motel reservations ASAP since it is car race weekend.
2. The annual Burnsville meeting will be held on 19-21 June 2009 at the Pinebridge Inn with a former POW Colonel as guest speaker.
3. The next parade for NC Subvets participation will be the Sanford Armed Forces Day Parade on Saturday, 16 May 2009. Dick Kanning will be the coordinator for this event. Other parades are the Thomasville Memorial Day Parade on Monday, 25 May and the 4th of July Parade in Faith, NC. John Rupertus will head up the Faith Parade.
4. The next business/working meeting will be held at the Cary VFW “hut” at 1300 on Saturday, 30 May 2009 (originally planned and announced as 6 June 2009). As before, NC Subvets will muster for lunch prior to meeting.
5. Base Chaplain gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 1518. Afterward, Duane Gow won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$83.50.

## USSVI – TARHEEL BASE TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CORNER



Michael Toomey  
USSVI Tarheel Base Treasurer

The Treasurer's input for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2009 follows:

Membership is currently 192.

Checking Account:

Ending Balance 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2008	\$ 3,206.85
Receipts	\$ 1,657.00
Disbursements	<u>\$-1,703.66</u>
Ending Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2009	\$ 3,160.19

Mike

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY - APRIL, MAY, JUNE

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

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
Richard Cimino	William Dressel	Gordon Banks
William Edwards	William Elmore	David Bock
Karl Evans	Robert Fellows	Jeffrey Cox
Edward Galaviz	Roy Hall	Frederick Forst
Michael Green	Glenn Harris	Duane Gow
Robert Harris	Donald Haseley	George Gressman
Donald Huston	George Hecker	William Harvey
Arvin Klemp	Charles Jensen	Manly Hudson
Joseph Peek	Terry Kuhn	Stanley Moore
Britton Purdee	Joseph Morgan	John Pearce
Donald Small	Joseph Ratner	Christopher Pomeroy
Herman Strickland	Thomas Richey	Robert Sloop
Oliver Thompson	Kenneth Sigworth	
	Linwood Sutton	
	Charles Tolbert	
	Larry Travis	
	Gary Vernon	
	David Wilkie	

# Now Hear This!!

The next Tarheel Base Business Meeting is Saturday, May 30, 2009 at VFW Post #7383 in Cary, NC.

**NOTE: This is a change from the meeting announcement made at the last business meeting.**

# REMEMBERING THE 109<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF THE SUBMARINE FORCE



On Saturday, April 11, 2009, we had a wonderful gathering of the brotherhood, along with some of their wives to commemorate the 109<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Submarine Force. We met at the Golden Corral in Cary and the turnout was so good that Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson said that he wished he had that many show up to the business meetings. In addition, we were honored to have a special guest, State Senator Neal Hunt, the prime sponsor of the amendment for the NC Subvets License Plate.

Senator Hunt spoke with us, shared his pride for our group, and offered us some insight to the progress of the license plate amendment.

Tarheel Base Vice Commander Bill “Butterbean” Dixon was a gracious host and was sure to remind us of what being a submariner is all about. He asked for a received a moment of silence for the loss of the entire crew and some civilians aboard of the nuclear submarine USS Thresher (SSN 593), which occurred 46 years ago on April 10, 1963. Many Subvets in attendance reflected on former shipmates and Submarine School classmates who departed on eternal patrol day.



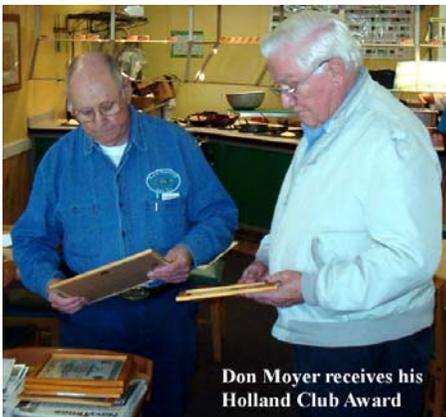
Senator Hunt (center)  
Jerry Leppart (right)



Bill Benedict provided some pictures of the memorial erected at the US Naval Academy to recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the US Submarine Force.

Pat Collins, the Holland Club Coordinator, presented Holland Club Awards to Tarheel Bases members Don Moyer, Joe Morgan, and Bill Benedict.

We hope to see you at our next meeting!



Don Moyer receives his Holland Club Award



Joe Morgan receives his Holland Club Award



Bill Benedict receives his Holland Club Award

## 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](http://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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## PARADES, PARADES, PARADES

**St. Patrick's Day Parade:** Held on Saturday, March 21, 2009 in Raleigh NC. Thanks to Jerry Emerson for making our involvement in this parade another success.



Graphic first noted in  
Charleston Base  
March Newsletter



## SEE WHAT'S GOING ON

Take a look at the NC Subvets' website for information concerning events in the past, present, and future at [www.ncsubvets.org/events.html](http://www.ncsubvets.org/events.html)

**Sanford Parade  
scheduled for  
May 16.**

## BREAK RIG FOR DIVE, ENTER THE AUX TANK

As on the boat, anything and everything could be stored in the Aux Tank, so you never know what you'll find in there. Over time, you can expect to see submarine related PowerPoint presentations, video clips, web links, and articles that are too long for the All Clear.

Have you heard of the recent collision between the USS Hartford (SSN768) and amphibious ship USS New Orleans (LPD 18) in the Strait of Hormuz on March 20<sup>th</sup>? Investigators believe Hartford rolled approximately 85 degrees during the collision. For further details, enter the Aux Tank at [www.ncsubvets.org/aux.html](http://www.ncsubvets.org/aux.html).

## FROM YOUR SOUTHEAST REGION DISTRICT 1 (SED1) COMMANDER

**CSL SOY:** On 13 March, seven outstanding sailors representing the best of SubLant were honored and duly recognized at the annual Awards Luncheon. I again was honored to present the each runner-up with a monetary gift with monies so graciously donated by some SED1 Bases as well as the USS Haddo Base and Dick Noble, past Haddo Base VC. Force Jeff Garrison again expressed sincere BZ and THANKS for our efforts. After a 3-year stand, I relinquished sitting on the selection board to Bill Moreno, HR Base, who echoed what my experience has been, that the selection is tough! Because of the amount donated, I asked the Carolina-Piedmont Base to defer their donation to the Burnsville Memorial Fund. Thanks, Tarheel, USS Virginia and Hampton Roads Base, for your generous support.



**SED1 Meeting:** Fast approaching! Registration thus far is low! I ask for your support in making this a success. All profits, as well as some excellent raffles are for the restoration efforts of the Burnsville Memorial. Carolina-Piedmont Base has taken the lead in collection of funds for this worthwhile cause and deserves all our support.

**District Patch:** Thanks to Clarence Jordan, CP Base, we now have a great District patch. Those attending the SED1 meeting get one free. Others may purchase them from the CP Base after the meeting. BZ Clarence!

**NC License Plates:** A big BZ and Atta Boy to Jerry Leppart for his relentless drive in reviving this effort. He has been successful in requesting a reduction in the minimum number, which should be voted on this month, as well as getting a final design for the logo to be on each plate. Again, the talents of Clarence Jordan came to the rescue in this. BZ to you both!

**New Bases:** Carolina-Piedmont (CP) Base has been the catalyst in the formation of the Palmetto Base in Columbia, SC. Several of their base members had this desire for a base closer to home and thus are the nucleus. Also, CP Base has assisted in the formation of another new base in Greer, SC. While I hope for continued growth in SED1, CP Base is to be commended for their success in this effort!

**TAPS:** It was with a note of sadness as I read of the closure and termination of the Triton Base, in Florida. Seventeen years of livelihood and approx 40 members camaraderie lost, only because no one would step up and assume any Base leadership. Recruitment of new members is always a plus, BUT, participation is the lifeblood "shot in the arm." I ask each member to do your part and be active! We exist for what we are: Volunteers!

**Reenlistment:** I've been honored to be the reenlistment officer for Chris Gardner, the local recruiter in Sanford. He's a bubblehead and wanted: 1, a bubblehead for swearing in and 2, a Submarine related locale. He's got both, as it will be at our memorial in Wilmington 10 May. Stay tuned for details!

See You In Mooresville!  
Dick

### REMOVAL OF SSNs FROM DoD ID CARDS

In case you haven't heard, SSNs will no longer be printed on cards and should not be relied on as a unique ID number. These changes are being made to protect the identity information of cardholders. Changes to ID cards will occur when the cardholders' expired cards are renewed. For more details, navigate to: [www.cac.mil/assets/pdfs/Trifold-SSN\\_Two Sided\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.cac.mil/assets/pdfs/Trifold-SSN_Two Sided_FINAL.pdf)

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

Hello shipmates, Dave Collins here, COB from USS NORTH CAROLINA, proudly representing your fine state and now of course rooting for the (hopefully, and probably as I write this) NCAA Men's Championship Basketball team!!! The Tarheel boat has some great news. The Captain and I will be bringing down a fifteen man team to the Wilmington area to take place in some Community Relations programs and a project for the Hands on Wilmington week/weekend taking place around the 23-25<sup>th</sup> of April. We'll be arriving on the afternoon of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, doing some ComRel events the 24<sup>th</sup>, the Hands on Wilmington project on the 25<sup>th</sup>, and heading back North on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We'd love to have as many Submarine Veterans join us for the Hands on Wilmington event as possible. Last year, we built a huge playground for a small low-income housing community joining forces with volunteers from the neighborhood and greater Wilmington area, every one of these projects (and ours was just one of many) are great causes, and the more the merrier. We'd love to see our Tarheel brothers and sisters while we're down there, so I hope some of you can make it to Wilmington and catch up with us.

The boat is in a Post Shakedown Availability right now, and for those rusty on their NavSpeak, that means about fourteen to sixteen months of intensive shipyard upgrades. How can we be getting upgraded already you may ask? Well, it all has to do with contractual obligations and the latest technology at the time of that contract. (Anyone remember brand new 688s being commissioned with stored energy systems just to have them ripped out months later?... ) We're being outfitted with the absolute newest (it's still being DEVELOPED as we speak) SONAR, Fire Control, and Radio Room. We're having all of our MILES of fiber optic cable upgraded to what's called "Blown Fiber" which can handle much larger volumes of information, at a much faster rate. We're having much of our hull covering replaced and upgraded, and all of our Power Conversion Modules (PCMs) are being upgraded. PCMs take the place of MG sets, inverters, transformers, etc. They do all our DC to AC, AC to DC, step-up, step-down (and anything else you can think of) conversions. They're all solid state and computer controlled, I think PCM really stands for Pure Computer Magic, because they're pretty amazing gizmos... Those are really just the biggest projects, there's thousands more, and you'll be proud to note: Our ship, your namesake state boat, will be the most technologically advanced and tactically capable submarine in the world, and that's no mean feat with some of the gee-whiz gadgets out there. EB, the Department of the Navy, and the Submarine Force has really decided to take a (pardon my French) bad-ass boat, and make it even badder.

We hope some day we can make the windy trip up the Cape Fear river again, but in the mean time, we'd love to (once we're out of the shipyard) have y'all visit sometime, and tell tall tales, tip back a few, and wait ten minutes for the New England weather to change its mind.

Going deep!

Dave Collins, COB  
USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSN 777)

### Navy Food

Sent in by Bob Hopkins  
Tarheel Base Member

Hey guys, remember how good Navy food was. Well, here is one of my favorites. After a good night of liberty, there was nothing better to wake up to. A double helping of SOS was just what the Corpsman called for.

#### SOS or Minced Beef

1 lb. ground beef  
15 oz can of tomatoes  
7 oz tomato catsup  
1 small onion diced  
1/2 teaspoonful of mace  
1/8 stick of butter  
1 1/2 cups of water  
Salt and pepper to taste

Brown ground beef and onions in a skillet with the butter. Drain the grease off and add other ingredients. Simmer about 1 hour or until it thickens. Serve over toast or biscuit. Serves 4 to 6.

## NCDMV SPECIALTY PLATE NEWS

Sent in by Jerry Leppart  
Tarheel Base Member

Gentlemen, another call for anyone wanting the United States Navy Submarine Veteran License plate. Our apologies if you've seen this or responded before. Applications coming in have slowed to a crawl. No response necessary if you've already responded.

Our amendment to the original bill is in the NC Senate Finance Committee. The legislature is putting the finishing touches on the NC Budget and a Health Care Bill. They "lump" the Specialty Plates together and do them all at once. Specialty Plates are not a high priority on the legislature's list but we're hoping that we'll hear something soon.

To the right is the logo that was the overwhelming favorite for the Subvet plate and is the choice of what we're going with should our amendment be approved by the legislature.



If you are still interested in obtaining a plate, please send me an email with the COMPLETED information:

- Your Name
- Your Base if so affiliated (being a base member is not a requirement to obtain a plate)
- Your telephone number
- How many plates you'd want

Cost is \$10.00 in addition to your regular vehicle registration fee.

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## 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.

- Cup of Joe** Josephus Daniels (18 May 1862-15 January 1948) was appointed Secretary of the Navy by President Woodrow Wilson in 1913. Among his reforms of the Navy were inaugurating the practice of making 100 sailors from the fleet eligible for entrance into the Naval Academy, the introduction of women into the service, and the abolishment of the officers' wine mess. From that time on, the strongest drink aboard Navy ships could only be coffee and over the years, a cup of coffee became known as "a cup of Joe."
- Bell Tapper** One who is habitually a few minutes late, especially when relieving the watch.
- Chop** The Supply Officer. From the resemblance of the collar device (actually oak leaves and three acorns) to a pork chop.
- Mail Buoy Watch** A practical joke pulled on inexperienced crewmembers and midshipmen, which revolves around convincing the victim that mail is delivered to a ship at sea via a buoy.

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

## TRICARE USER FEE UPDATE 33

Following is a letter sent by Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman to a member of FRA Branch 20 in Groton, CT in response to his query on the rumored Tricare For Life budget cuts. It is self-explanatory and should be widely disseminated in the military community:

February 19, 2009

Dear Mr. Serabian:

Thank you for contacting me regarding rumored cuts in benefit programs for military retirees, including TRICARE for Life. Currently, a wealth of false and misleading information is being distributed on this matter; and I welcome the opportunity to explain the source of the confusion.

I am aware of several chain emails, online discussion boards, blogs, and even articles in well-intentioned veterans' publications that imply that President Obama and Congress plan on eliminating TRICARE for Life. The insinuations put forth by these sources are false.

The source of these stories is a report issued by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), entitled Budget Options Volume 1: Health Care, released in December 2008. Before jumping to conclusions about the report itself, however, it is important to know exactly what the CBO is. CBO is a nonpartisan federal agency, tasked with providing Congress with cost estimates for the many legislative proposals considered each year. It also periodically offers Congress suggestions for adjusting federal spending. CBO is an information gathering body for Members of Congress. Its recommendations about the budget are completely non binding; and its officers do not draft actual policy, legislation, or law.

The Budget Options report in question offers a total of 115 options for reducing (or, in some cases, increasing) federal spending on health care, only three of which relate to TRICARE. These options are merely suggestions, not policy statements or actual legislation. Reports such as this one are routine, and very few options or recommendations made by CBO are typically acted upon. President Obama has not indicated support for the three recommendations in this report related to TRICARE, nor has any Member of Congress, to the best of my knowledge. Any suggestion that the Administration is affiliated with this report ignores the fact that it was drafted by the CBO - which, again, is an advisory body of the legislative branch, not the executive branch.

You may also be interested to know that both the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) and the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) have issued statements condemning the aforementioned rumors that are being perpetuated through these chain emails.

I hope that you have found this letter informative, and I encourage you to share this information with members of your community who are concerned about issues relating to military retirees. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, please be assured of my continued commitment to protecting the various interests of all those who have fought tirelessly to protect our cherished freedoms.

Thank you again for sharing your views and concerns with me. I hope you will continue to visit my website at <http://lieberman.senate.gov> for updated news about my work on behalf of Connecticut and the nation. Please contact me if you have any additional questions or comments about our work in Congress.

Sincerely,

Joseph I. Lieberman  
UNITED STATES SENATOR

JIL:bjm

[Source: Paul Serabian msg, received 21 Feb 09 ++]

For more Tricare User Fee Updates, as well as updates on a wide variety of subjects related to military retirees, visit the Mid-Atlantic Regional Group Blinded Veterans Association website, for a full library of Retired Affairs Office (RAO) Bulletins at [www.margbva.org/html/Regional/OtherNews/RAOBulletin/](http://www.margbva.org/html/Regional/OtherNews/RAOBulletin/)

## SUBMARINE SEARCH

Sent By Jerry Leppart  
Tarheel Base Member

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### 73 SUBMARINE NAMES to locate in the puzzle above

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ALASKA  
ALBANY  
ALBUQUERQUE  
ALEXANDRIA  
ANNAPOLIS  
ASHEVILLE  
BOISE  
BREMERTON  
BUFFALO  
CHARLOTTE  
CHEYENNE  
CHICAGO  
CITYOFCORPUSCHRISTI  
COLUMBIA  
COLUMBUS  
CONNECTICUT  
DALLAS  
FLORIDA

GEORGIA  
GREENVILLE  
HAMPTON  
HARTFORD  
HAWAII  
HELENA  
HENRYMJACKSON  
HOUSTON  
JACKSONVILLE  
JEFFERSONCITY  
JIMMYCARTER  
KENTUCKY  
KEYWEST  
LAJOLLA  
LOSANGELES  
LOUISIANA  
LOUISVILLE  
MAINE  
MARYLAND

MEMPHIS  
MIAMI  
MICHIGAN  
MISSOURI  
MONTPELIER  
NEBRASKA  
NEVADA  
NEWHAMPSHIRE  
NEWMEXICO  
NEWPORTNEWS  
NORFOLK  
NORTHCAROLINA  
OHIO  
OKLAHOMACITY  
OLYMPIA  
PASADENA  
PENNSYLVANIA  
PHILADELPHIA  
PITTSBURGH

PROVIDENCE  
RHODEISLAND  
SANFRANCISCO  
SANJUAN  
SANTAFE  
SCRANTON  
SEAWOLF  
SPRINGFIELD  
TENNESSEE  
TEXAS  
TOLEDO  
TOPEKA  
TUCSON  
VIRGINIA  
WESTVIRGINIA  
WYOMING



Owen W. Williams Chairman  
US Submarine Veterans of WW II  
55<sup>th</sup> National Convention  
Green Bay, Wis. Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> – Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009



FOUNDED: 1955 • FEDERALLY CHARTERED: 1981

All State Commanders and Region Directors

Mach 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Shipmates,

Information regarding our 55<sup>th</sup> National Convention submitted in January was not published in the Polaris March issue. We ask if each State news publication will consider printing the enclosed information? "DEISEL BOATS FOREVER"

Promoted as the Last U.S. Submarine Veterans of WW II sponsored Convention, The 2010 Convention by agreement will be sponsored and conducted by USSVI @ Cincinnati. While such is the case there is word that hope exist for an Eastern State Chapter may want to hold it at the birthplace of the Organization. Should such develop, you may be sure that it will be presented and voted on @ Green Bay.

The Bid for a National Convention at Green Bay Radisson was submitted in 2005 at Disney World, presented, voted on and approved at Laughlin, Nevada in 2006 and Contract signed. Radisson Hotel & Convention Center was selected because of its great facility with an adjoining Casino and close proximity to the G.B. Airport. Elderly travelers can arrive at Green Bay Airport, lookout the window and see the Radisson across the street, call the Hotel and their luggage will be delivered to their room without the usual "Luggage Wrestle." Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport serves: American, Midwest, United and Northwest / Delta. Ask Northwest / Delta if there is any discount to Green Bay for the date of the Convention. We are working for a possible discount to the Convention.

Green Bay was selected as the Convention site rather than Manitowoc because no major Airline flies into Manitowoc. Milwaukee is 85 miles, Oshkosh is 50 miles and Green Bay is 40 miles away, all needing to rent a car and wrestle luggage.

We will interview and record every WW II Submarine Veteran for his "Story." The real story of Submarine Veterans has never really been told. This will be the last opportunity to tell and record our own "Stories" for posterity.

Sincerely,

Owen W. Williams 309 Gibson Street Mukwonago, Wis. 53149

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



**55<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION  
US Submarine Veterans of WWII**

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN  
August 31 - September 5, 2009

**RADISSON HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER**

- Oneida Indian Casino -  
2040 Airport Drive  
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54313

Room Rate: \$79.00 plus 13.5 % tax per room - 1 king or 2 queens  
per night - Reservations phone direct (920) 494-7300

Reservations Worldwide 1-800-333-3333

Fax number 920-429-2349

Room rate cut off date Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

For Convention Group rate - Ask for a room in the  
"2009 Submarine Veterans of WW II Military Reunion room block"

**Make room reservations direct with Radisson Hotel**  
Convention registration - separate from room registration

**For "Convention Registration" use a separate form (see next page)**

**"DEISEL BOATS FOREVER"**

**Last U.S. Submarine Veterans of WW II. Sponsored National Convention: A Historic Event**

Where former shipyard workers built 28 "Fresh Water Submarines"

**Boat Reunions - John Seidler, Coordinator (a "Rock" Sailor)**

P.O. Box 644 Jackson, Wisconsin 53037

Phone 262-677-2487, Cell: 414-750-3648

**Family Affair: "Sons & Daughters" supporting us**

Be sure to bring your Cameras and Recording Equipment

Ship's BATTLE FLAGS Needed for Convention display

BUS Tours: Several interesting area sites & locations

Gamblers Pastime: Oneida Indian Casino - adjacent (24 / 7)

Prices conducive for all the family to be there for our Seniors

Green Bay-Austin Straubel International Airport - only 1 block

Senior's Luggage delivered direct to their rooms.

**Program Booster Advertisement:**

You can advertisement in the program for this upcoming national convention.  
The full-page ads will be \$50 each, which can include your best wishes, photos,  
and memorials. Please send your ad copy along with any photos you wish to  
include to: **Owen Williams, 309 Gibson Street #N, Mukwonago, WI 53149**  
(photos can be returned if your name and address is on the back of each photo.)

**55<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION  
US Submarine Veterans of WWII**

Green Bay, Wisconsin  
Monday, August 31 - Saturday, September 5, 2009

**Registration Form**

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CARD NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PH \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHAPTER/STATE \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_  
 WWII BOAT(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
 WIFE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_  
 GUEST'S NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ RELATION \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

			NUMBER	\$AMOUNT
REGISTRATION FEE (non-refundable)	\$5.00 EA	X	_____	\$ _____
50/50 RAFFLE	\$5.00	X	_____	\$ _____
MEN'S BEER BUST 'TAILGATER' Tailgater Buffet	\$20.00	X	_____	\$ _____
WIDOW'S LUNCHEON (Select one)	\$15.00	X	_____	\$ _____
Oven Roasted Turkey _____	Or Honey Dijon Roasted Pork Loin _____		Or Vegetarian _____	
LADIES LUNCHEON (Select one)	\$15.00	X	_____	\$ _____
Grilled Pesto Chicken _____			Or Vegetarian _____	
FUN NIGHT (Select one)	\$25.00	X	_____	\$ _____
Oven Roasted Turkey _____	Or Corn Bread Stuffed Pork Loin _____		Or Vegetarian _____	
BANQUET & DANCE 'OK BAND' (Select one)	\$25.00	X	_____	\$ _____
Short Ribs _____	Or Salmon En'Croute _____		Or Vegetarian _____	
			Total	\$ _____

TOURS: U.S. Submarine COBIA @ Manitowoc; E.A.A. Aircraft Museum @ Oshkosh;  
Green Bay Packer Hall of Fame; Green Bay Railroad Museum; Green Bay Botanical Gardens

Make Checks Payable to: US Sub Vets of WW II  
 Send Registration & Check to: Russ Collins, S71 W9820 Simandl Drive, Muskego, WI 53150  
 Telephone (262) 679-4496 or e-mail [diamond7@rocketmail.com](mailto:diamond7@rocketmail.com)

Cut off Date for Registration: August 15, 2009 No Refund after August 22, 2009

**55<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**US Submarine Veterans of WWII**

**AGENDA:** U.S. Submarine Veterans of WW II 2009 National Convention  
Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> to Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
55<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION -- REUNION

**MONDAY:** Registration - Hospitality  
Executive Meetings (NEEB) Men and Ladies  
State Commanders / Regional Directors -- Men & Ladies  
Sons and Daughters Meeting

**TUESDAY:** Registration - Hospitality  
Grand Opening Ceremony  
Various Bus Tours

**WEDNESDAY:** Registration - Hospitality  
Widows Luncheon  
American Heroes Recognition      Bus Tours

**THURSDAY:** Hospitality  
General Business Meetings (Men's & Women's)  
MEN'S BEER BUST  
Ladies Luncheon  
FUN NIGHT

**FRIDAY:** Hospitality  
NEEB Meetings  
PNP Breakfast  
1<sup>st</sup> Lady Lunch  
MEMORIAL - CHURCH Services  
Son's & Daughter Lunch  
Social Hour - Cash Bar - DINNER BANQUET - Entertainment

**INCLUDED:** Navy Recruiter, Navy Reservists, Oneida Indian Military,  
Renown Guest Speaker - BUS Tours, Casino Gambling 24/7.

**SATURDAY:** Ship out for San Diego, for Home or for The Hills!

**DURING ENTIRE CONVENTION:** Personal interviews will be conducted by a Professional Crew to record for history and posterity forever the story of each & every World War II Submarine Veteran attending. Your story will be recorded on a DVD disc. Copies to be available for purchase. A copy to be sent to U.S. Library of Congress for preservation.

**55<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION  
US Submarine Veterans of WWII**

**FACT SHEET**

**55<sup>th</sup> National Convention - Sub Vets of WWII  
Monday, August 31 - Saturday, September 5, 2009**

- HOTEL:** Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Green Bay  
2040 Airport Drive  
Green Bay, WI 54313  
Ph: 1-920-494-7300
- ROOM RATE:** \$79.00 plus 13.5% tax - Types: Two Double or a King Bed  
Hotel will hold rooms until Tuesday, August 4, 2009  
After this date rooms will be released to general public.  
Make your reservations prior to August 4<sup>th</sup> to be guaranteed a room
- SHUTTLE:** Complimentary shuttle service provided to & from the Austin  
Straubel International Airport. Please indicate if in a wheelchair and  
Transportation with a lift is needed.
- GUESTROOMS:** In room coffeemaker, Iron / Ironing Board / Hairdryers,  
Complimentary bottled water, High Speed / Wireless Internet, In-room  
movies, Complimentary local and long distance US calls
- HOT BREAKFAST:** Hotel will provide group at check in with a 20% off daily coupon for  
the Standing Stone Buffet & Grill.
- RESTAURANTS:** Pine Tree Grill is open for Lunch and Dinner  
Standing Stone Buffet & Grill is open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner  
Purcell's Lounge is open for Dinner  
Java Coast Gilt & Coffee Shop  
Blackjack Snack Shop - located in Casino open 24 hours
- PARKING:** Complimentary parking with overflow lot

From Interstate 43 or Highway 41, exit Highway 172 West.

