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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			
<b>GRAYBACK</b>	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.

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## PURPOSE:

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

## MEMBERSHIP RULES: Dues are due by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**MEN:** Annual Dues: \$15.00 **LIFE MEMBERS** pay \$10.00 yearly  
Please make checks payable to: WWII SUBMARINE VETERANS OF NC  
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Life Membership varies with age: Up to 45 years old = \$500, 46-55 = \$400,  
56-65 = \$300, 66-75 = \$200, 76 and up = \$100

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

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“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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## PASSING OF OUR TRUE SHIPMATE: OLLIE THOMPSON



Ollie, "Father of the Fish" joins his shipmates, front and center for a photo at the SED1 Meeting

On June 21, Oliver L. Thompson passed away quietly in the evening, climaxing his years of above-and-beyond service to us all, departing on his Eternal Patrol on Father's Day, which was symbolic of his life-long devotion to his spiritual Father.

On June 24, a number of North Carolina Subvets served as the Honorary Escort at Ollie's Celebration of Life. Also significant, was the dignity with which the flag-folders carried out their duties, and the prayerfulness with which Dick Kanning presented the colors to Ollie's widow Terry.

"It meant a lot to our family to have you [Subvets] share in the celebration of Oliver's life. No other organization meant as much to him as the submarine veterans. Thank you for helping send him out on eternal patrol." Lisa Thompson, Ollie's Daughter-in-Law.

Ollie's Obituary from the Charlotte Observer can be viewed at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/charlotte/obituary.aspx?n=oliver-leon-thompson&pid=128797575>



North Carolina Subvets with Terry Thompson



As a tribute to Ollie, the half-staff colors were flown in his honor at American Legion Post 353, where he was a member.

## TO CHAPLAIN BILL AND ALL NORTH CAROLINA SUBVETS

Please convey my thanks to you and all North Carolina Subvets who did such a great job. It was a pleasure having all of you participate in Oliver's final patrol. It would have put a smile on his face. So many people commented on what a beautiful service it was. My family and I also thank you for the flowers you so graciously provided.

Love you guys,  
Terry Thompson

# NC SUBVETS QUARTERLY MEETING NOTES

Sent by Chuck Jensen

The Burnsville meeting was hosted by the Carolina-Piedmont Base, June 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>. We had 29 NC Subvets in attendance from the Carolina-Piedmont and Tarheel Bases, along with a number of wives. This year, we used the Pinebridge Inn located in Spruce Pine, NC as the meeting headquarters. The new location was very satisfactory, and as a plus, the rooms were air-conditioned along with having an elevator to access the second and third floors of the inn. We used their Executive Center for our hospitality room. Hal Bazzle was presented with his Holland Club Award. The luncheon was held at the Western Sizzlin, a couple of miles from the inn. After lunch, the group went to the memorial on Moonshine Mountain. We tolled the boats there, as part of the memorial service.



Hal Bazzle receives his Holland Club Award



Also, we had the opportunity to meet the property owner Tony Valovich and his wife.



Tony recommended that we move our annual meeting up to mid-May when the Rhododendrons behind the memorial are in bloom as shown above in a picture he provided.



Wives + Ed Galaviz



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



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

Shipmates,

It is hard to believe that we are on the downhill side of 2009. Since the last issue of the All Clear, Mary Ann and I attended the Southeast and Northeast 2009 Regional Convention that was held in Ocean City, Maryland, April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>. Also attending were Larry Travis and his son, Dusty Lathrop and her daughter, Bill Whelan, Billy Williams, and Everett Morgan, along with their wives. We have been requested to host next year's regional convention, which again will include the Northeast Region. More details on this in a later issue of the All Clear as the plans are developed.

This year, our annual Burnsville meeting was hosted by the Carolina-Piedmont Base, and instead of using the Nu-Wray Inn in Burnsville, we met at the Pinebridge Inn located in Spruce Pine. This inn is located in the old high school and had some advantages over the Nu-Wray Inn such as each room was air-conditioned, and there was an elevator to access the second and third floors. Those attending had the opportunity to meet the new owner (Tony Valovich) of Chief Flower's property. Tony is committed on maintaining the memorial.

The parade submarine and Ollie's torpedo have been in 4 parades since the last issue of the All Clear. For the first time, we participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Faith, NC. It was their 69th annual parade and the torpedo float won best amateur entry resulting in a prize of \$100.00. It is too bad that Ollie had gone on "eternal patrol" last month, as he would have been very proud we had won.

I have received some updated information regarding the upcoming USSV-WWII National Convention. If anyone is planning on attending, please let me know and I will send it to you. Also, if we don't have a Tarheel Chapter member attending, then I will notify the National Secretary/Treasurer Robert Foerst.

Information on this year's Kings Bay WWII Memorial Service is included in this issue of the All Clear. I hope that some of the Tarheel Chapter members will be able to attend.

Chuck

### 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 the 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

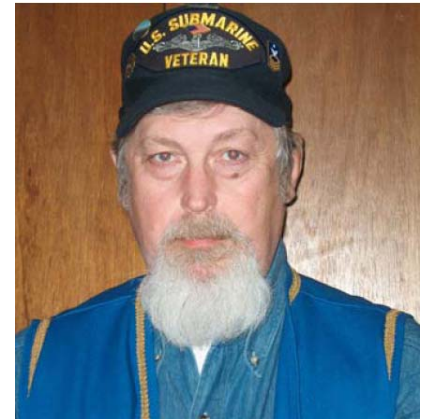


## WWII TARHEEL CHAPTER TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CORNER

As of 1 July 2009, the WWII Chapter and National dues were due. If you received this publication by snail mail, look at the address label, and if you have a date beside your name that is 2009 or earlier, you owe dues. If you received this publication by email contact, Jim Myers 336-595-8616 or at sublobo@triad.rr.com and get your status. At this time, there are 44 members that are delinquent in dues. Remember, to keep receiving the POLARIS and ALL CLEAR, you need to renew your dues.

The WWII Chapter checking account for 6/30/2009 balanced with the Bank Statement at \$2555.82, with the details as follows:

	2/28/2009	Starting Total	\$2484.68
<b><u>DEPOSITS SINCE 2/28/2009</u></b>			
	3/2	Dues	\$ 10.00
	4/16	Dues	\$ 30.00
	6/15	Dues & Boosters	<u>\$ 125.00</u>
		Total Deposits	\$ 165.00
<b><u>EXPENDITURES SINCE 2/28/2009</u></b>			
	4/16	U.S. Subvets National Dues	\$ 10.00
	6/21	Sam's Club Chairs for Trailer	<u>\$ 83.86</u>
		Total Expenditures	\$ 93.86
	6/30/2009	Ending Total	\$2555.82



Jim Myers  
WWII Tarheel Chapter Treasurer



### NORMAN GUICE ON ETERNAL PATROL

We received word that Norman R. Guice, 87, of Mountain Home, sailed on his eternal patrol back on 1 August 2008, from Four Seasons Hospice, Elizabeth House. He was a Henderson County native, who was married for 57 years to the late Edna Ray Guice.

He served as a Pharmacist's Mate First Class in the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet Submarine Force, aboard the submarines USS CERO (SS-225) and USS PILOTFISH (SS-386). He was present at the surrender of the Japanese in Tokyo Bay on 2 September 1945. Norman was called back into active duty in the Korean War during which he performed a rare mid-air blood transfusion, saving the life of a soldier who had been one of his Flat Rock High School classmates. He was a life member of the Tarheel (NC) Chapter, U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II. His lifelong passion was the Navy and its activities.

Shipmate, rest your oar!

### PICTURES FROM "THE OLD GANG"



Here's one of 'Shorty' Lebonville with his mouth open talking to Howie Rice. Shorty was the All Clear editor from the very beginning until Jim Myers took it over. Howie Rice was Sec/Treasurer for a long time and then took over State Cdr when nobody would volunteer, until Don Small assumed the job.

## SUBGALLION CORNER



Rose Mary Small  
Subgallion State Commander

It's been quite a while since my last message. Our editor Patch was thoughtful and kept my space filled with a short note. Since last July, Don and I have been on a medical merry-go-round. We totaled our car on the way to Duke. We sustained minor injuries. Don fell asleep with the cruise control set on 75 miles an hour. Our son came and rescued us and we continued on to the Duke Medical Center. Because of our accident, and a few other problems, his lung surgery was put off until May of this year. While he was in the hospital, he was a little depressed and it cheered him up to have a visit from his Subvet buddies and their wives and girlfriends. We both would like to thank everyone who sent him the lovely get-well cards and all the good wishes for a speedy recovery. The card from the S.E. Regional was a surprise. Don enjoyed seeing if he could remember what everyone who signed the card looked like.

Jean Parker is not doing very well. She can no longer walk. I know she would love to hear from her friends. She is residing at: The Carolina House of Elizabeth City at 401 Hastings Lane, Elizabeth City, NC, 27909. Phone (252) 333-1171.

The NC Wives of Submarine Veterans of WWII send their deepest sympathy and condolence to Terry Thompson and her family. Terry is a past Commander of the NC Wives of Submarine Veterans of WWII.

On a personal bit of history: In 1995, I was in the Norfolk Airport to pick up a friend. While waiting, I saw a lot of men with blue vests and signs. When I noticed the signs were for Submarine Veterans of WWII, I asked a gentleman what was going on and he said it was a convention. Don left his name and address at the Bergall table and many months later he got a call from Ollie Thompson. At that time, Ollie was the S.E. Regional Director. If Ollie had not followed up on that small piece of paper, Don would not have made an effort to contact someone else. Thank you Ollie and God speed on your Eternal Patrol.

Rose Mary

### HOLLAND CLUB PRESENTATION



Pat Collins presented a Holland Club plaque, lapel pin, and challenge coin and Senior Submariner award to Ed Lloyd on Friday, May 22 at Golden Corral in Reidsville, NC. Unfortunately, Ed's wife was unable to attend. He's hoping to come to the Pearl Harbor Meeting in December.

### CREWMEMBER LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE

It is reported that USS Pomfret (SS-391) hit a seamount while running submerged at an unknown depth. A crewmember desires our assistance in verifying the event. Please click on <http://www.submarineresearch.com>, then to bulletin 92 in the Library. Read the crewmember's letter and, if possible, let us know if you remember anything about the event.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

(Editor's Note: The Chaplain's Corner is now being rotated with input from the participating chaplains)

### A Call to Freedom

We just celebrated the most important day in American History: Independence Day! Celebrating the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In today's world the First Amendment is of utmost importance as is the Second. Our founding fathers fully understood the concept of freedom and the responsibilities of a free people.

### Bill of Rights, Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

I had hoped to sit back and write an easy and uplifting article for the "All Clear." But some reports concerning the Pentagon's change in attitude and policy towards faith, and Christianity in particular, are disturbing. Perhaps you are aware of the controversy surrounding the confiscation and burning of Bibles by our military in Afghanistan a year or so ago. You can read all the arguments surrounding it at various websites - here are just two. You make the call for yourself.

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia/2009/05/200954191137422638.html>

<http://www.prayinjesusname.org/>

I did some searching on the UCMJ website, but have been unable to find specifics on proselytizing in the military as reported in the accounts. If you find something please let me know. When I was an enlisted man aboard the USS Skate, I was encouraged to hold Sunday services while at sea for those who wished to attend. Later, as an instructor at the S1C prototype, I was allowed to make Christian literature available and was assigned as Moral Leadership Trainer.

I confess that I sometimes get involved in issues. That's my freedom as an American. We can disagree and still respect each other. At a Skate reunion in 2002, one of the guys came up to me and, as he read my name tag said, "Ray Fritz, you were the guy who was always trying to convert me! I want you to meet my wife, she's a great Christian!" We were good friends aboard the Skate 40-some years ago and we are good friends now (perhaps we will meet again in San Diego). I don't really know if he is a Christian and it doesn't matter. God has called me to 'preach - tell' the good news (evangelize) not coerce (proselytize) others to become a Christian. Non-believers find that difficult to understand. I use the Sword (Bible), others use the sword.

When I had POW training in Hawaii in 1964 I had to know the USMCOC.

### Article 6, USMCOC

"I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America."

Article 6 has not changed. Interestingly, history shows that the Continental Congress had a different view of the Bible:

The Continental Congress on September 11, 1777, ordered the importation of 20,000 Bibles for the American troops. The law read as follows: The use of the Bible is so universal and its importance so great that your committee refers the above to the consideration of Congress, and if Congress shall not think it expedient to order the importation of types and paper, the Committee recommends that Congress will order the Committee of Commerce to import 20,000 Bibles from Holland, Scotland, or elsewhere, into the different parts of the States of the Union. Whereupon it was resolved accordingly to direct said Committee of Commerce to import 20,000 copies of the Bible.



Chaplain Ray Fritz  
USSVI Carolina-Piedmont Base

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER (cont.)

Congress also authorized its endorsement to be printed on the front page of the edition of the Bible approved for the American people:

Whereupon, Resolved, that the United States in Congress assembled ... recommended this edition of the Bible to the inhabitants of the United States, and hereby authorize [Robert Aiken] to publish this recommendation in the manner he shall think proper.

Which brings me to the last issue:

### God and Country Rally

An article from the Charlotte Examiner:

<http://www.examiner.com/x-10177-Wichita-Christian-Faith--Culture-Examiner-y2009m7d10-Pentagon-denies-flyover-at-the-God-and-Country-event-after-42-years>

"The Pentagon has denied a flyover a request for 'God and Country Rally' this year. It will be the first time in 42 years that the flyover has been denied.

The five branches of the armed services were honored this year and over 60 new recruits were sworn into the military at the event."

Why would the Pentagon deny something that they have been a part of for the last 42 years? According to Associate Press, Rally Director Patti Syme reported that there was an e-mail and a phone conversation from the Pentagon, where the reason for denying the flyover was because of the "Christian" nature of the event."

These accounts should give any person of faith cause for concern. I am not for proselytizing while in uniform but I am for preaching the gospel (First Amendment). Try burning a copy of the Koran and see what happens. God bless you and your loved ones.

In Christ's amazing grace,

Chaplain Ray Fritz, USSVI  
Raysabode@bellsouth.net

## A NOTE FROM CHAPLAIN BILL WHELAN

We now have a formal prayer list. In fact, it's a long list, which lies on my bedside table and is referred to every night.

Please be sure to send me a note if you have a prayer request.

Chaplain Bill  
wwhelan@nc.rr.com

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

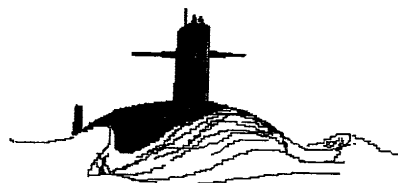
Hello shipmates, I'd like to let you know that there's nothing new to report. We're starting to get pretty busy, ramping up for undock, crew cert, etc. Please look for my update in the next issue.

Dave Collins, COB  
USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSN 777)

# Now Hear This!!

Lowe's Home Improvement now offers a  
10% discount on purchases  
for active and retired military.

**NOTE:** You have to request this discount  
at the time of your purchase



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

Shipmates,

I would like to thank the membership of the Carolina-Piedmont Base for having confidence enough in me to be your Base Commander. I consider it an honor and I do hope I live up to your expectations. Even though I have been holding this position for about 2 months now, a lot has happened. Many of you were directly involved with these events. I realize that everyone cannot participate in every event that we have, but I am sure if you ask those that were, they would tell you that they had a good time. That is part of what we are about - getting together and having an enjoyable time. Not to mention the real accomplishment of the event, whether it is in a parade, a memorial meeting, or just one of our meetings. Our intention is to make this fun for all involved. We would also like those that seem to be busy, try a little harder to get to one of our events and see the camaraderie that occurs. We don't get together as often as any of us did during our active duty days so that makes the sea stories we share just that much better.



Steve Bell  
USSVI Carolina-Piedmont  
Base Commander

Let's add an atta-boy (or is it gal) for our Subvettes. They are a very important part of our local organization. They are the ones who arrange our meals during our meetings. They also provide a lot of services to the veteran community or a service project each month, which I appreciate very much, as well as you do. They received the District Commander's Award at our District Meeting back in May and we are sure proud of them for that. Well Done Ladies! Keep up the good work.

There is something else I would like each share with each of you. It is all our responsibilities to attempt to increase our membership. So if you know of anyone that is a submarine veteran, no matter their geographic location, try to get them involved with USSVI. It is not important if they join a base other than ours, just get them to join. I think that they would eventually appreciate you doing that. I am sure many of you know a Subvet somewhere that is not a member of USSVI. So please try to recruit new members. It is a responsibility that falls on each of our shoulders.

Again, thank you for allowing me to fill the position of your Base Commander. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Steve Bell

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

Sent in by Jack Jeffries

Meeting was held at Base Headquarters, 6017 Dudley Rd. Monroe, NC and called to order at 1900 on May 16, 2009 by Steve Bell, Base Commander, and the invocation was given by Ray Fritz, Base Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Tolling of boats lost during May was followed by the introduction of the 19 members present. The previous meeting minutes were approved as read. There was no Treasurer's given.

### Old Business

Reviewed Kaps 4 Kids plans. Base members were invited to tour the Victory Junction Camp on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Presentation of Kaps will be held June 16<sup>th</sup>. Steve Bell and Jack Jeffries to make the presentation. The upcoming NC Subvets meeting to be held in Burnsville was discussed. Carolina-Piedmont to host the meeting. Discussed purchasing a set of Flags for the base. Mike Hubbell to check with friend about costs.

### Good of the Order

Presented outcome of the Executive Board meeting held before the regular meeting. Committee is made up of Sr. Vice Commander and Jr. Vice Commander to go over treasury records and made results known to Executive Board. Kaps that may be left over from presentation to be sold as available to base members. \$10. per cap. Funds to go to Kaps 4 Kids fund for replenishing stock. Report was given on the district meeting. Final financial report was not available. Appointed Base Chaplain, COB, and Storekeeper to Executive Committee. Discussed recruiting responsibility is an entire base duty. Bob Bickford, Jr. Vice-Commander, to chair the Ways

## USSVI – CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE SECRETARY’S CORNER (cont.)

and Means Committee. Commander Steve Bell awarded longevity pins to members present, David Holm (15 years), John Rupertus (10 years), Howard Murray (10 years), Steve Bell (10 years), Joel Tuchfeld (10 years), John Wardean (5 years). John Rupertus gave info on upcoming Troutman parade. Discussed the passing around and storage of the USSVI book purchased by the base.

### New Business

A motion made for the base to purchase longevity pins in the future. Seconded. An amount of \$50.00 will be taken from the treasury for donation to the Welcome Home facility in Mooresville. Seconded. This amount to be added to donations taken at the meeting and proceeds from the Preakness pool. Final amount \$250.00. Steve and Jack to make presentation.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2015. Seconded. Benediction by Chaplain Ray Fritz.

## REMEMBERING RICHARD WARREN

Many of us had the extreme pleasure of meeting this icon of American Vets, Richard Warren, during a trip to Pat's Gourmet Coffee Shop in Mooresville, while attending the SED1 meeting. We were all told stories of Richard and his coffee shop and had to find out for ourselves. Then suddenly and sadly, Richard passed that same weekend.

“We really made his day,” reported Jack Jeffries. “I know that because he pulled me aside and told me so.” As a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, he thought that we were nuts to be confined in a Submarine.



Richard Warren (3<sup>RD</sup> from the right) gets his picture taken with submarine veterans in front of his Pat's Gourmet Coffee Shop the weekend of his passing

For more information, navigate to the following website

<http://www2.mooresvilletribune.com/content/2009/may/05/iredell-veterans-pause-remember-true-patriot/news-local>

## 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.

<b>Cold Iron</b>	A condition of the ship's engineering plant where everything is shut down, including not only propulsion systems but also including electrical power generation and hotel services.
<b>Critter Fritters</b>	Fried mystery meat.
<b>Hi-Pac</b>	High Pressure Air Compressor.
<b>Monkey Fist</b>	The complex knot surrounding (sometimes taking the place of) the weight on the end of a heaving line.
<b>Sea Daddy</b>	Someone who takes a less-experienced crewmember under his or her wing and expert tutelage. Often, and traditionally, when a CPO takes care of and educates a boot ensign.

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

## USSVI – TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

### SHIPMATES:

Summer is here. Hot and humid weather and little rain. I have said many times that I am a Wolverine (Michigan) by birth and a Tarheel (North Carolina) by choice. As I write this article today, July 4<sup>th</sup>, having just completed rereading the Declaration of Independence (published in our local paper), I have a wonderful feeling of how lucky we are to be born a citizen of this great nation. Just to have the freedom of CHOICE to live where ever we want, do whatever we want, say whatever we want, worship however we want. In my opinion, this freedom of CHOICE is the greatest freedom we have. We have to remember that this was not always the case for people living in America. This freedom was conceived by politicians, but fought for, persevered by, and defended by the American Veteran from before the Revolutionary War to the present.



Jerry Emerson  
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

We have had some very fine social gatherings:

- Southeastern Region, District 1 annual meeting held in Mooresville, NC hosted by the Carolina-Piedmont Base, which was a great meeting, with a great speaker, and we enjoyed a great recital about the American Flag, which was both written and read aloud by a young college student.
- The social in Burnsville, NC was also hosted by the CP Base and was a change from previous years, as we stayed in a new place in Spruce Pines, NC. We met the owner of the property where the memorial located. As proposed by Chuck Jensen, Tony Valovich (the owner) is becoming an associate member of USSVI. Welcome aboard!

Upcoming events are:

- Business meeting, Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> in Cary at the VFW post
  - Lunch @ 1130 at the Golden Coral, 5707 Dillard Drive in Cary
  - Meeting @ 1300 in the "hut" at VFW Post 7383 - 522 Reedy Creek Road in Cary
- USSVI National Convention in San Diego
- Social in Wilmington at the S-28 Memorial
- Veterans' Day event in Kings Bay, GA
- Pearl Harbor Day Social
- Various parades, business meetings, and yearly elections

Please submit agenda items for the Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> business meeting. Also, it is time to start thinking about officer nominations for next year.

Welcome aboard! We have another associate member, David Smith a Royal Navy retired submariner.

I've restarted the call tree that was previously established. Our members without e-mail need to receive the same basic information that gets sent out via e-mail. I've already sent out a list to get it rolling. Please let me know if you are willing and interested in helping with this important task.

Returning to the subject of the first paragraph, CHOICE, another USSVI base has closed because lack of participation by its members. The question is, why do people join organizations and only about 10% participate in the operation on the organization?

Thank you,

Jerry Emerson

## RECRUITING, RECRUITING, RECRUITING!



Bill Dixon (Butterbean)  
USSVI Tarheel Base Vice Commander

We had a good turnout on July 11 for breakfast at Cary's Golden Corral to celebrate the Brotherhood, with 19 submariners (plus 1 wife) in attendance.

We were joined by Jack Snodgrass (and his wife, Darlene), who found out about the Subvets through his contact with Don Small at the Duke Hospital, after Don's USS Bergall hat caught his attention.

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

Butterbean

## TARHEEL BASE WORKING MEETING HOLLAND CLUB PRESENTATIONS

Pat Collins presented Holland Club plaques, lapel pins, and challenge coins to Vincent Zolkowski and Ken Sigworth - both WWII Subvets. Vincent's wife and Ken's daughter were present for the awards ceremony.



Vincent Zolkowski receives his Holland Club & Senior Submariner Awards



Ken Sigworth receives his Holland Club Award

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

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

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

Jerry Emerson, Base Commander  
nkiv368@embarqmail.com  
252-235-2926

### 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



## 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  
6 June 2009

Prior to convening the working meeting, 20 Subvets and their ladies met at the Golden Corral in Cary for fellowship and a chow-down at appx.11:30 AM.

Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson called the Base working meeting to order at 12:57 PM followed by Chaplain Bill Whelan rendering an opening prayer. 30 Subvets, one wife, and one daughter recited the Pledge of Allegiance. All present introduced themselves stating the name of their qual boat.

David Smith, a guest of Frans Van Baars, told of his time in the British Royal Navy Submarine Service. He joined the Royal Navy in 1979 and retired in 2001. David met Frans in Wilson, NC where they both reside and David will be joining the Tarheel Base as an associate member.

Commander Jerry asked for a head-count of the Subvets that plan on attending the Burnsville quarterly meeting on 19-20 June and also the USSVI National Convention in San Diego in September. Six folks are going to make each meeting as of to date.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

1. Base Secretary Bill Lowe read a brief overview of the minutes from the last working meeting held at the VFW "hut" in Cary on 4 April 2009. Minutes were approved as read.
2. Commander Jerry introduced the new Base treasurer, Spencer Combos. He will be filling in for Mike Toomey until the election of a new slate of officers. Spencer thanked Mike for doing an outstanding job handling the Base financials. Spencer stated he had no balances to report, as he is in the process of converting the records to Quick Books.
3. Chuck Jensen reported on the status of the Burnsville Memorial. As reported previously, the site made it through the winter without any further damage. Hopefully, the property owner, Tony V., will be in a better financial position in the near future to help out with the restoration costs. Carolina-Piedmont Base is still collecting funds for this project. This item remains open.
4. Chuck Jensen stated the placement of an S-28 plaque in the WWII Museum of the Pacific in Fredricksburg, TX will remain on hold until such time NC WWII Subvets shutdown their organization and use their funds for this plaque. As a note, the National WWII Subvets are not in favor of shutting down any time soon. This item remains open.
5. No action, for the present, on the torpedo trailer insurance/ waiver issue. This item remains open. Motion was made and passed to authorize Jim Myers to purchase four additional chairs for the parade torpedo trailer.
6. Jerry Emerson discussed the bid for NC Subvets to host the 2012 National Convention in Wilmington, NC. A new convention center in Wilmington will be completed this fall with sufficient facilities for a national convention. Jerry, Jim Myers, and Dick Kanning met with the mayor of Wilmington on 18 May and the mayor was very receptive to the idea of hosting the USSVI National Convention in Wilmington. Vice Commander Butterbean has been "drafted" to submit our bid at the National Convention in San Diego in September. This item remains open.
7. Jerry Leppart covered the NC Subvets license plate status. To date, Jerry has a list of 220 names with orders for a total of 321 plates. The bill authorizing this specialty plate along with 53 others continues to reside in the NC Legislature Finance Committee. Jerry plans to meet with members of the Finance Committee next week to "lobby" for expeditious approval of the bill. This item remains open.

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

8. Commander Jerry continues to seek a “volunteer” to step forward and relieve Will Harvey as Base Storekeeper. He had a candidate in consideration, but that person did not want to travel throughout the state. This item remains open.

### NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Chuck Jensen covered a proposed change in the Constitution & Bylaws of the Tarheel Base. It is a rewording of Section 4 of the Constitution and Section 2 of the bylaws to “For WWII Subvets, who are lifetime members of USSVI, are exempt from paying Base dues.” This is proposed in order to clarify dues requirements once the regular members of the USSVI-WWII Tarheel Base close down their chapter. Motion was made and seconded to make the proposed change when approved by Southeast Region District 1 Commander Dick Kanning.
2. The annual Burnsville meeting is scheduled for 19-21 June 2009 at the Pinebridge Inn in Spruce Pine, NC, with a former POW Colonel as guest speaker. Information on the meeting is in the latest edition of the All Clear and has been sent out via e-mail. Chuck Jensen said the owner of the Moonshine Mountain Sub Memorial site would be present on Saturday when Subvets are planning their visit.
3. Next parade for NC Subvets participation will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Iredell County Independence Celebration Parade in Troutman, NC on Saturday, 27 June 2009. Subvets will need to muster no later than 10:00 AM. Chuck will send out e-mail with the particulars. Per John Rupertus, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade will be held in Faith, NC. Participants will form up in the Lowe’s parking lot between 8:00 - 8:30 AM. E-mail with directions will be forthcoming. Commander Jerry stated the Tarheel Base participates in 11 parades annually and a total of 153 parades are held in North Carolina each year. Bottom line, we need to enter more parades in order to take advantage of this readily available Base exposure.
4. Commander Jerry asked all Base members to put their thinking caps on and come up ideas for fund raising projects.
5. As for long range planning, Jerry stated the need for additional Subvet Bases to be established in NC. This will allow for more localized participation.
6. Next business / working meeting will be held at the Cary VFW “hut” at 1300 on Saturday, 1 August 2009. As has become the “plan of the day,” NC Subvets will muster for lunch prior to meeting.
7. In lieu of traveling graces, Chaplain Bill Whelan asked for a moment of silence in honor of the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day. Prayers of remembrance go out to the families who had love ones involved in battle on 6 June 1944. Chaplain Bill covered members on the binnacle list. Don Small in doing well after his lung surgery. Ollie Thompson is being moved to a nursing home and continues to be in need of our prayers.
8. Meeting was adjourned at 1409. As a note, no 50/50 raffle was held due to the absence of Henry Hagwood.

## USSVI – TARHEEL BASE TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CORNER

No updates available because of the turnover in progress. Check the next issue for full details.

### **USSVI Dues are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year for National and Base.**

Tarheel Base members, if you are not sure of what your dues are, please contact the Base Treasurer, Spencer Combos. Please make checks payable to USSVI Tarheel Base.

Spencer Combos  
scombos@nc.rr.com  
919-851-7598

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

<b>JULY BIRTHDAYS</b>		
Robert Andrews	Paul Greene	Michael Novak
Jon Beatty	Thomas Holland	Donald Page
Gregg Bockover	Clarence Huffman	Mike Runkle
Michael Burkholder	Elvie Jackson	Ronald Sagaert
John Clark	Ralph Jones	Clifton Snow
Patrick Collins	George Knouff	Jesse Stewart
Spencer Combos	Donald LeDuc	Michael Thompson
William Culver	Richard Lewis	Frans Van Baars
Robert Dabbs	Joe Martin	Vincent Zolkowski
Joel Daughtridge	William Morris	

<b>AUGUST BIRTHDAYS</b>		
Allen Ashdown	Barry Danforth	Robert Huie
Arthur Barker	Wolfgang Friedrich	Robert Liland
Alfred Bremer	William Grogan	James Pritchett
Jack Crosson	Robert E. Hopkins	Edward Valentine

<b>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b>		
William Bradburn	Henry Hagwood	John Rupertus
Steven Croom	Jerry Hawks	Harold Steed
Jerry Emerson	John Herina	Thomas Stribling
Everett Erb	Jeff Joyner	Michael Toomey
Ernest Evans	Andy Nelson	John Wardean
John Gary	John Norosky	Robert Wells

## NCDMV SPECIALTY PLATE NEWS

Sent in by Jerry Leppart  
Tarheel Base Member

Hello Folks, I'm just back from the NC Senate Session held at 3 PM this afternoon. The GOOD NEWS is our Specialty Plate Bill PASSED the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on the Senate floor. We still have the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the Senate which should have happened by the time you're reading this. The Bill will then go to the House for their consideration. We still have a little way to go but we're a lot closer than we were in February.

It's been a long time since 3 of us visited the Legislature back in February. In all fairness to the "powers-that-be", they've been trying to get a budget passed and Specialty Plates are not a top priority. I visited the Legislature building last week to see if I could get any news on the plate. I was told by a friend that my best bet was to have our Sponsoring Senator go and talk to Senator Marc Basnight, the Senate President Pro Tempore.



## NCDMV SPECIALTY PLATE NEWS (cont.)

And then, we really got to talk to Sen. Basnight. I explained who we were and our Bill seemed "stuck." He jumped on our bandwagon. The following sentence is an extract from a note from one of his Legislative Assistants to the Senate Finance co-chairs ... "The Navy sub vets are a small group in our state but the Pro Tem appreciates their service to our country and feels that they are very deserving of this honor." All of a sudden there was "movement" and we were placed on the Senate calendar.

I still haven't sent out any applications and won't do so until we're through all the process and assured we have a plate. SO, keep the faith, keep your fingers crossed and say a prayer ... we're getting there.

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.

Jerry Leppart  
919-870-9692 (home)  
919-255-5645 (cell)  
jleppart@mindspring.com



Kris Bridges  
NC Subvets Eagle Scout Coordinator

## SUBVETS TO RECOGNIZE AN EAGLE SCOUT

Kris Bridges handles USSVI Eagle Scout Recognition Program. He wishes to announce that Maverick Gunter will be pinned and honored as an Eagle Scout in a ceremony on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at JS Waters Elementary School in Goldston, where he built a covered outdoor classroom. USSVI will present the USSVI Certificate and a picture of this young man's project.

<p>Your presence is requested at the <i>Eagle Court of Honor</i> for Eagle Scout Candidate <i>Maverick Vance Gunter</i></p>   <p>on Sunday, July 26, 2009 at 2:00pm in the afternoon at his Eagle Scout project, the Outdoor Classroom</p> <p>JS Waters Elementary School 55 JS Waters School Road      Goldston, NC 27252</p> <p><small>Pig-Pickin' immediately following ceremony. RSVP to Jill @ 919-353-5472 or email to <a href="mailto:jill.gunter@gmail.com">jill.gunter@gmail.com</a> by July 15th.</small></p>	 <p>OUTDOOR CLASSROOM with four 8-foot picnic tables</p> <p>Eagle Scout Project of Maverick V. Gunter 2009</p> 
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## PARADES, PARADES, PARADES

For more pictures and information, navigate to <http://ncsubvets.org/events.html>

**Sanford Armed Forces Day Parade:** There were 12 Tarheel Base members and 4 wives at this year's parade. Once again the local VFW Post sponsored the parade and had an outstanding program at the local city park following the conclusion of the parade. As in the past, there were very few spectators along the parade route. One noteworthy item was the presentation by a Chief Master Sergeant USAF (ret.) of the meaning behind the POW table and what each item on the table stands for. He also sang a very stirring song at the end of his presentation.



**Thomasville Memorial Day Parade:** We had a good turnout of NC Subvets at the parade this year that numbered 17 including 3 from the Carolina-Piedmont Base. The general public attending this year was much larger than past years similar to those at the Troutman Parade last year and what has been normal at the Old Soldiers Parade in Newton. All branches of the armed forces were represented "land, sea, and air" as this year the Charleston Air Force Reserve Unit had a self propelled "Mini C-17A" in the parade. Pat Collins presented Joe Ritter with his Holland Club and Senior Submariner Awards before the start of the parade.



**The 69<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Faith, NC:** We had 18 members from the Carolina-Piedmont and Tarheel Bases in the parade, which was the first time we have participated in it. The numbers and enthusiasm of the spectators were on a scale even greater than past Old Soldiers Parades that we have participated in. There was a great turnout of spectators estimated at 35,000 as the parade route was lined on both sides in some areas 10 to 15 deep. The Mk-14 Torpedo Float won 1st prize (\$100.00) in the best amateur entry category. It looks like it will become an annual event for us. For more information, visit the following website: <http://www.salisburypost.com/Area/070509-Faith-Fourth-Parade>



2009 Faith, NC 4th of July Parade Participants

## PARADES, PARADES, PARADES (cont.)

**Troutman Parade:** There were 21 NC Subvets in this year's parade from the Tarheel and Carolina-Piedmont Bases. The crowds lining the 1¼ mile parade route were bigger than last year. The spectators and number of groups marching in this parade are on the same scale as the Old Soldiers Parade in Newton. After the parade, most of us had lunch at the Golden Corral in Mooresville.



## A UNIQUE AND PROUD REENLISTMENT

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, a memorable event occurred in Wilmington, NC. SED1 CDR Dick Kanning answered the call of MM1(SS) Chris Gardner to have a Submarine qualified officer and a Submarine memorial site for his reenlistment. He got both, as the oath of enlistment was performed at the S-28 (SS-133) memorial by Dick, a retired CWO.

The ceremony was proudly witnessed by his family and the proud parents of both Chris and his wife, Amanda. A corsage was presented to Amanda, by the Kannings, for her special day. A brief overview of the significance of the location and meaning of "brothers of the 'phin" was given.

With his wife proudly alongside and his daughter holding the family Bible, Chris recited the oath with sincerity and meaning.



Oath being recited with wife Amanda and daughter holding the family Bible

Chris is the senior navy recruiter in Sanford, NC. A native of Halifax County, NC. He qualified on USS Hampton, SSN-767. Chris will be joining USSVI and the Tarheel Base.



SED1 Kanning and MM1(SS) Gardner beside the S-28 memorial



Kanning, MM1(SS) Gardner and Coastal Carolina Base POC Jim Brincefield

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



**District Meeting:** The Carolina Piedmont Base, AND their CP SubVette ladies went all out and provided a great atmosphere for all in attendance. It was especially heartwarming to know that net proceeds (there was a lot) went to the Burnsville memorial restoration fund. Gannon McGale, actor and author of “Stealth Boat” provided us with a lighthearted humorous aspect of his experiences on the USS Sturgeon, SSN-637. Chuck Jensen surely can claim the long distance award, as he came to Mooresville via Ocean City MD, after attending the USSVWWII Region meeting. I was glad I brought the Mk-14 torpedo. It was especially appreciated by Ollie Thompson, the “father” of the fish. It was also good to see our VA bases well represented.

**District Patch:** CP Base gave out new District patches to all present at the SED1 meeting. There are some remaining. Contact the CP Base for your District Patch. Its design is by Clarence Jordan, who also designed the NC License plate logo.

**Re-Enlistment:** On Mothers’ Day, I re-enlisted MM1(SS) Chris Gardner, at the S-28 memorial in Wilmington. Chris is the local recruiter in Sanford, with the location and officiating officer, his choice (he wanted a fellow bubblehead). Marge and I presented his wife with an appropriate corsage. Nice outing and also attended by his parents, brother, with his daughter holding the family bible. Jim Brincefield, CC Base joined us.

**Sad News:** It is never pleasant announcing the passing of another shipmate as he departs on eternal patrol. The funeral and gravesite services for Ollie Thompson were well attended by over 15 shipmates. I did the honors of presenting the Flag to his wife, Terry. She was very grateful for our presence and remarked how proud Ollie was for his association with us, and how much he commented about seeing us and the torpedo in Mooresville. As a keepsake memento, I provided her with a Holland Club Coin.

**Burnsville:** Great arrangements and camaraderie in Spruce Pine at the old school house, now a nostalgic hotel. CP Base and Steve Bell again kept up their high standards of professionalism. More monies were raised to the extent that we’ve met our 50% goal for the restoration/repair of the monument. It was great to finally meet the new owner, Tony. He has done a great job on landscaping and enhancing the grounds. Tony stated that we need to come in May, so to view the Rhododendrons in bloom. At a unanimous decision, Tony is now an associate member, with us paying his dues. That’s the least we can do for his efforts.

**Kap(ss) for Kid(ss) and Victory Junction:** I won’t steal any thunder from the CP Base. Their accomplishments thus far in this endeavor put them at the top of ANY such USSVI Base effort. Before their presentation to the Kids in Richard Petty’s company, I hauled the parade Sub there when we went on a tour of the facility. What a class act that place is!

**Parades, Parades:** Thomasville, Troutman, and Faith. All good parades. Great spectators and participants. I personally give the Faith parade the top honors, for the enthusiasm, honor, and acknowledgement of and by the spectators. With a goodly number of “heavies” on the Torpedo trailer, my truck was the “little engine that could” especially in Faith, when I got held up on a rather steep incline.

**90/10:** I can’t help but notice that I see mostly the same shipmates at our functions. While the country may be in a somber state, what better time than the present to enlighten yourself and join your fellow Submariners for camaraderie and friendship. Base officer positions, participation, remembrance, and fellowship is what we are all about. I commend those participants and challenge the rest to be an integral part!

On this same subject, I believe that WE can enhance our presence by becoming more local. Possibilities are to have our ‘down east’ members join up with the Coastal Carolina Base. That base has gone into a dormant state since Bill Mussel was so severely injured and laid up. Jerry Emerson supports this effort, as we need to make things happen in that area so to continue our practice of meetings throughout the state. There will be more to come on this as I finalize a plan. Your thoughts on this are welcome and encouraged!

Yours in service;

Dick

## **FLAG RECITAL – WRITTEN AND PRESENTED BY THERESA MYERS AT THE SED1 MEETING**

I would like to ask you one question, and one question only, what does this very flag mean to you? The American Flag is something that is very near and dear to my heart. My Grandfather proudly served this country in World War II. Along with the countless others, he risked his life every day that he served to honor and protect our country and its flag. Our flag, the American Flag has been through a lot over our nation's history. Our flag got a little in it when Washington crossed the Delaware, and it got powder burned the night Francis Scott Key sat watching it, writing "O say can you see." It got a bad rip in New Orleans, with Packerham and Jackson tugging at its seams. Our flag almost fell at the Alamo, beside the Texas flag, but it waved on through. It got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville, and again at Shiloh Hill. There was Robert E. Lee, Beauregard, and Bragg, that south wind blew hard on our flag. On Flanders field in World War I, it got a big hole from a Bertha Gun. It turned blood red in World War II, and hung limp and low by the time it was through. Our flag was in Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf War. It followed our soldiers across the seas and to the ends of the earth. Our flag has been abused, burned, dishonored, denied and refused. If you still aren't sure what this flag means to you just ask 3 people, but not just any three people. First you need to ask a war veteran, perhaps a Marine who fought at Iwo Jima. The American Flag was raised over Mount Surabachi upon the bodies of thousands of dead buddies. Each night that was spent on the sands of Iwo Jima, meant that half of everyone they knew would be dead the next morning. Maybe you could ask a Vietnam vet who spent years tortured in a small, filthy cell unfit for a dog. Or a Korean War soldier who helped rescue half a nation from communism, or a Desert Storm warrior who repulsed a bloody dictator from torturing an innocent country. To them, the flag represented their mother and father, sister and brother, their friends, neighbors and everyone at home. Next you need to ask an immigrant. Their brothers and sisters may still languish in their native land, often under tyranny, poverty and misery. Or maybe they died on the way here, never to touch our shores. Some have seen their friends and family get tortured and murdered by their own government for daring to do the things we take for granted every day. For those who risked everything simply to have the chance to become an American, what kind of feelings do they have for the flag when they Pledge Allegiance for the first time? Go to a naturalization ceremony and see for yourself, the tears of pride, the thanks, the love and respect of this nation as they finally embrace the American Flag as their own. Next you could ask a rescue worker who spent countless hours and many sleepless nights searching for their loved ones among the rubble left from that fateful day in September of 2001. Last, and by certainly by no means least, you need to ask a mother. Not just any mother, you need to ask the mother of someone who gave their life for America and its flag. It doesn't even have to even be from a war. It could be a cop or fireman. Maybe a Secret Service or NSA agent. Then again it could be a common foot soldier as well. When that son or daughter is laid to rest, their family is given one gift by the American people; an American Flag. I wonder what the founding fathers thought of the American Flag as they drafted the Declaration of Independence? They knew that this act would drag young America into war with England, the greatest power on earth. They also know that failure meant more than just disappointment, it also meant a noose snugly around their necks. But they needed a symbol, something to inspire the new nation. Something to represent the seriousness, the purpose and conviction that we held our new idea of individual freedom. Something worth living for, something worth dying for. Away from family, away from the precious shores of home, in the face of overwhelming odds and often in the face of death, the American Flag inspires those who believe in the American dream, the American promise, and the American vision. Yet there are those who don't appreciate the flag and don't appreciate this nation. They can't seem to grasp the idea and the meaning behind the flag. Fortunately there are those who do appreciate our nation and its flag. They appreciate those who fought and died. And those who died, died for this flag. And those who love America, love the flag, and defend it. If you don't remember anything else, please remember this. Our flag, the American flag represents the land of the free and the home of the brave, and that it is truly a symbol of "One nation, under God, Indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

*Theresa Myers*





## FROM THE YANKEE DOODLE DANDY S-28 NEWSLETTER

I am writing this on July the 4<sup>th</sup>, the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the loss of the S-28, so I thought I would cover some of the facts concerning her loss. The S-28 was operating with the Sound School in Pearl Harbor helping to train sonar operators in locating submarines. They spent the week from Monday to Friday operating as a "tame submarine" from 0900 to 1700 each day. After 1700, the surface ship would act as the target to allow the submarine to practice torpedo approaches. The surface ship would steer a base course using one of the plans out of U.S. Zig-Zag Diagrams for Single Ships and Convoys, 1940.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 1944, the S-28 was operating with the USCGC Reliance who signaled the start of the exercise at 1730 and steered course 089, using plan number 8, doing 400 rpm on her engines. The two ships started at a range of 4000 yards. The S-28 was seen to submerge immediately at the start of the exercise. The Reliance first made sonar contact at 1700 yards at 1805. Per the operating orders, she stayed on the zig-zag plan and sent three "S"s by sonar to signal the detection. The submarine was free to surface any time after that. The Reliance lost contact at 3000 yards, regained it at 3300 yards, and finally lost contact with the S-28 for good at 1820 at a range of 4700 yards. She sent the sonar "S"s each time. At some point during the approach the submarine would conclude the attack by firing water slugs. The Reliance sonar operators heard none. The CO of the Reliance, LT(jg) Charles Pellar, marked her last known position as 21 degrees, 22 minutes North Latitude and 158 degrees, 21 minutes, 30 seconds West Longitude, in 1300 fathoms of water. An oil slick was found nearby the next day with a small upwelling of oil in its center.

Jim Lewis, Quartermaster Signalman 2/c was interviewed by Brad Flory of the Jackson Citizen Patriot and had this to say: "Three of us got transferred off the S-28 boat in Pearl Harbor; Livingston, CTM, Mufson (sp?) EngM and myself. The boat was working with the Sound School with the Coast Guard so the Coast Guard could start finding submarines. And, three of us got transferred to relief crews and two days later she goes out, gets underway and ... sinks."

Mr. Dean Spratlin recalled: "When we returned to Dutch Harbor, we were ordered to Pearl Harbor to operate in their Anti-sub warfare school. Ambie (CDR Ambie Sisler, CO during the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> patrols) was relieved by CDR Guy Gugliatta (sic), another good fellow. When I learned the 28 boat was going to be operating with the Sound School in Pearl and not fighting the war anymore, and I had only one Jap ship to my credit, I asked the Skipper to get me transferred to a fleet-type submarine to make some more patrols."

Cdr Guy Gugliotta was relieved by LtCdr Jack Campbell prior to her sailing and had this to say during the court of inquiry: (question) Please tell the court the normal procedure used in the S-28 in making a practice torpedo approach. (answer) The condition of the boat, on the surface we were riding the vents on one and two main ballast tanks. The auxiliary induction was closed, the main induction open. In that condition, we would make a normal dive, having previously gone into battle stations. Our battle stations were manned entirely by regular ship personnel.

Ens Thomas Alan Casey, the engineer stated: "We never dove for time. We were never in a hurry to dive out here."

The Chief of the Boat, O. S. Lawrence stated: "I have thought it over and I can't think of a thing that would have caused it. It must have been something way out of the ordinary."

The court believed that the following men were on watch in Control; Whitted, MM2/c - Bowplanes, Bennett, GM3/c - Sternplanes, Appling, EM2/c - Controllerman (engine control), Haney, MM1/c - Chief of the Watch, Purcell, EM2/c - Air manifolds, Chapman, MMoM3/c - Trim manifold, Ens Madsen - Diving Officer, Ens Harsma - Plotting Officer, Lt(jg) Nelson or Ens Hestor - Approach Officer, Lt Covington (XO) - Asst Approach Officer and the Captain observing everything.

No cause was ever given. Several possibilities were discussed, one of the more interesting was the possibility of the boat taking a sharp downward angle and the Controllerman's chair sliding forward and throwing him

## S-28 NEWSLETTER (cont.)

away from his controls. Most casualties needed him to shift the motors to a backing bell, but the court didn't seem to think it very possible. They also spent a lot of time investigating the battery well leak the boat had on the transit from Dutch Harbor to Pearl, but a leak in either battery well wouldn't have been very large. Finally, the sonar experts agreed that the range opening could have been due to her sinking deeper; it would have looked the same as a change in horizontal range. The trace indicated a speed of 4 knots, very normal for their approach, but, I think, too slow for her sinking to the bottom.

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### A VISIT WITH JIM AND ELLIE LEWIS

Sent in by Mike Burkholder

On Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, my wife and I drove up to Jackson, Michigan to visit with Jim and Ellie Lewis. As you remember, Jim and his wife attended our Lost Boat Memorial dedication in Wilmington, NC in May of 2007. He was one of three crewmembers that had been transferred off the S-28 just before she was lost on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1944. Recently Chuck Jensen provided me with a batch of photos taken that weekend of the dedication, so I could make up a slide show. Also included were some shots at the monument company in Asheboro, and quite a few shots of when they installed the monument at Battleship Park in Wilmington. I mailed one copy of the slide show to Chuck so that the NC Subvets members could watch it, and the other copy we took to Michigan and presented to Jim Lewis. Jim was very pleased the presentation and expressed his appreciation, as he lost many shipmates when the S-28 went down and the memorial will keep their memory alive. These photos were taken by my wife Mariann.



Jim and Ellie Lewis at home  
Sharing a news article about Jim that appeared in the local newspaper



Jim holding the video with me



Jim, Ellie, and me having a cold beer  
at the American Legion Post.

Click on to this website to see and hear Jim Lewis describe his wartime experiences on the 7 listed videos:

[http://blog.mlive.com/citpat-veteran-voices/2009/04/jim\\_lewis.html#more](http://blog.mlive.com/citpat-veteran-voices/2009/04/jim_lewis.html#more)

## PROPOSED CHANGE TO TARHEEL BASE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Below are changes discussed at the Tarheel Base Working Meeting in Cary on June 1<sup>st</sup> and those present approved this proposed change. The adoption of this proposed amendment will be voted on at an upcoming Tarheel Base Working Meeting.

In anticipation of when the regular members of the USSV-WWII Tarheel Chapter decide to close their chapter, the following changes to the Tarheel Base Constitution and Bylaws are proposed now. These changes **will not** have any effect on the present income received from our WWII Subvets as currently they are not required to pay Tarheel Base dues. However, if the proposed changes are not made, then they would be required to pay Tarheel Base dues when the USSV-WWII Tarheel Chapter no longer exists.

### CONSTITUTION

Existing:

Section 4. For regular USSV-WWII members who are members in good standing of the Tarheel Chapter and also a regular member of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) are exempt from paying Base dues.

Proposed Change:

Section 4. For WWII Subvets, who are lifetime members of USSVI, are exempt from paying Base dues.

### BYLAWS

Existing:

Section 2. Regular USSV-WWII members who are members in good standing of the Tarheel Chapter and also a regular member of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) are exempt from paying Base dues.

Proposed Change:

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NATIONAL RECORDING SECRETARY

U. S. SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WWII  
Mid-Term NEEB & Pre-Convention Meeting  
Radisson Hotel and Conference Center  
Green Bay, Wisconsin

14 April 2009

National Officers Present:

National President - - Bob DeVore  
Nat'l 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - - Joe Cox  
Nat'l 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - - Bud Burchell  
Nat'l Secretary / Treasurer - - Bob Foerst  
Nat'l Recording Secretary - - Walter Kraus

Others Present:

Chairman, 55<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention - - Owen Williams  
WI SE Chap Sec'y & Convention ASSIST. - - Russ Collins

Attendees Present for Discussions about the Convention :

Patti DRABES - - Group Services Manager for Greater Green Bay Convention  
and Visitors Bureau  
Jennifer SIMONAR - - Sales Manager, Radisson Hotels  
Alison HUTCHINSON - - Director of Catering for the Radisson

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0800 : The meeting was called to order by Bob DeVore, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Bud Burchell, and moments of silence for our shipmates on Eternal Patrol. Joe Cox read and emphasized the Purpose of our Organization.

Bob DeVore reflected upon his previous authorization to act as negotiator for the WWII SubVets Convention here at the Radisson in Green Bay. He pointed out that a change to the original dates of the convention were required because they overlapped those of the International & USSVI convention in San Diego. The U.S. SubVets of WWII were invited to participate in the San Diego Convention. Some of our membership will attend one or the other (Green Bay or San Diego) or even both.



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

The dates for the 55<sup>th</sup> National Convention are officially established to run from Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup> to Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (CkOut)

Important to Note : Executive Meetings (NEEB) both for Men and Ladies, and Regional Directors / State Commanders Meetings will meet on the first day, Monday 31 August. This was determined as best suited to wind-up business details early and allow for more flexibility in pursuit of trips and pleasure.

Grand Opening Ceremony will be Tuesday morning. Speaker not yet firmed up but will be a Wisconsin political figure of renown who honors the military.

Discussion: Concerning Registration Fee and Activity Items

Resolved : To provide for an increase in the following ----Registration (to \$10); Men's Beer Bust (to \$23); Banquet (to \$27). Our lower attendance volume necessitates the increase in order to achieve a more secure posture for break-even status.

Discussion : On Registration, Flags, Boat Roster Books etc.

Resolved : A Registration area will be made available to accommodate our usual needs. The flags and books can be stored at no cost until after the convention. The four flags and 23 binders make a huge package to be transported and stored. This time Bob DeVore transported them to our site in his vehicle. How this will be handled after the convention will be resolved later.

Discussion : Alcoholic Beverages

Problems and Possibilities : Liquors purchased via the hotel must be dispensed by hotel personnel. However, there is no objection to bringing in your own liquor and having it in your own room. You can invite others to your room as well (reunions etc.) The hotel is not liable for any misconduct, injury or negligence resulting from an abuse of such privilege - You are !

Beer is a different matter. If we can persuade Management to consider the Hospitality Room as a private function room we may be able to purchase our own beer and dispense it a low cost within the confines of the room. Our desires were voiced toward that direction and the matter has yet to be resolved. This would entail a procedure similar to what we had in Louisville, namely; volunteers to sell tickets for purchasing beer and volunteers for dispensing the beer. Snacks (pretzels, chips etc.) a provision.

Discussion : Church Services on Friday, Pros & Cons

Conclusion : Apparently many members are in favor of a spiritual recognition to honor our Shipmates on Eternal Patrol prior to departing for home. The major problem for Catholics has been to locate a priest for Friday afternoon. Owen Williams stated that he would get a priest. Services, for both Protestant and Catholics, are scheduled for Friday afternoon.

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Discussion : Sons and Daughters :

Michele Richardson has been the key figure in the attempt to organize a viable group. There were discussions about a Newsletter and the search for its editor. At the present time there is no organized routine of which we are aware; yet, the group somehow manages to have a functional get-together during our conventions. We have heard that some discussion involving liaison with the USSVI Sons & Daus group is taking place but factual data is lacking.

Discussion : Reps for Tours, Functions, Assistance and Information :

Assurance : The convention Chairman has dependable volunteers available. They will be distinctly and conspicuously visible throughout the convention to aid and assist.

Discussion : Complimentary Rooms and Suites

Conclusion: Two one-bedroom suites will be Comps. Other Comps will be decided one week prior to convention (based upon registration figures) If rooms are needed for comp purposes but fail to fall within the contract frame the adjustments will be processed in the Master Account following the convention. (5 suites are reserved at the \$79 + tx rate)

Discussion: Microphones for Ballroom and Theatre -type Room Functions :

Conclusion : Two full microphones will be sufficient. There appears to be no need for Audio-Visual unless the DVD in reference to the submarine LAGARTO requires. If so, the Chairman stated he knows how to acquire without involving the \$250 cost.

The Registration cut-off date for rooms at the \$79 rate is 15<sup>th</sup> of August.

Discussion : The Memorial Service

Conclusion : To be held on Friday at 1 PM (1300). Wreaths-in-the-Pool or in-a-Pond enactment was discounted by the Chairman. Instead, he favored having a Very Large Wreath and selected individuals, preferably a man and woman together, placing large Carnations into the wreath as the Boat Name is called out. There were no objections. It was deemed a dignified alternative to the Pool / Pond procedure.

Discussion : Financial Status and Chapter Closings

Bob Foerst briefed the Board on items in his records and about how he keeps current. At the end of March '09 there was 98K+- in the General Fund. With only 4 issues of Polaris for the Year expenditures will diminish slightly. Some proposed adjustments - to be considered at the time of the Convention - can keep the Organization solvent for at least two more years.

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The latest procedure for Chapter Closings was reviewed and Bob Foerst stated that so far, officially, only one Chapter(in IL) has properly complied with closing as outlined in the P&P Manual. From the tenor of the discussions it became obvious that either more education or cutting some slack in the requirements (per P&P) needs to be forthcoming.

Discussion: Monument for Alaska

The only State remaining that has no Monument for WWIISubVets. The State Boat is the S-26 (46 lives lost). A request was made to provide \$5000 in order to proceed with the placement of the monument as soon as the ground thaws. The Secy/Treas stated that he holds no information, details, invoice or proposal documents which would justify the release of \$5000. Some concrete evidence by way of invoices and completion plans is necessary.

Discussion: The 2011 National Convention

Recommendation: All things considered - Membership, Attendance, Finances, etc. and the fact that we lack the Volume to place us in any bargaining position - the Board unanimously recommended that all future National Conventions, from 2010 forward, should be in unison with the USSVI group. Therefore, the Board is in favor of having the 2011 National Convention in Springfield, MO.

Discussion : Bus Tours while in Green Bay

The tours are scheduled to begin on Monday and will continue on a daily basis as long as there is sufficient interest.

USS COBIA and Manitowoc Museum  
Experimental Aircraft Museum in Oshkosh  
Packer Hall of Fame  
Railroad Locomotive Museum  
Botanical Gardens

Discussion: Entertainment

Conclusion : Some form of entertainment will be provided for the Widows and Ladies Luncheons. Several options were proposed and the Chairman was advised to seek some financial assistance from June Kracker or coordinate with her in this endeavor.

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Discussion : Resolution # 01 - 09

To grant permission for non-profit organizations to use " U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII", its logo and associated materials (for correspondence, functions, calendars etc) - all strictly non-profit - -----

The Board, being mindful of the inevitable closure of the National Organization, but also noting the possible continuance of many splinter groups - - - Chapters/ Friendships/ Sons & Daughters/ Associates and others who would in many ways continue to perpetuate the ~~basic~~ Purpose of Our Organization, advocates a MOTION TO AMEND the Resolution, as follows:

In the third paragraph, after (USSVI), add: "Regional, State and local chapters of USSVWWII, Sons and Daughters organizations, Associate Members, and any organization engaged in legal activities to promote our history and the ~~basic~~ Purpose of our Organization, including our traditional Yearly Calendar."

Discussion : Resolutions # 02 - 09 and # 03 - 09

The Board, fortified with the knowledge that, with planned adjustments in our expenditures, the organization is financially sound to continue, UNANIMOUSLY REJECTS both Resolutions.

Our meeting was closed with a closing prayer by Bob DeVore to honor our departed shipmates.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter S. "Gus" Kraus



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**Commanding Officer Kings Bay Subbase, U.S. Subvets WWII Georgia & Florida,  
St. Marys Submarine Museum and Kings Bay-Trident Subvets invite Subvets & their guests to the**

**ANNUAL SUBVETS WWII MEMORIAL SERVICE - 4-7 NOV 2009.**

**GREETINGS.** For the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of this event. Started at Submarine Squadron 16 Headquarters on 12 October 1988, Capt. Albert Konetzni JR CSS-16. We have come a long way from the uncovered chairs on the water front to the Subvet WWII Memorial Pavilion. Started by Florida State WWII Subvets, continued by the Georgia State WWII Subvets, now led by the St. Marys Submarine Museum and Kings Bay Subbase Master Chiefs & Sailors. WWII will get this invite about 2 weeks before all other subvets, so make your hotel reservations soon. **CO SUBBASE CAPTAIN WES STEVENS** will hold the **WWII SUBVETS MEMORIAL SERVICE** at the Subvet WWII Memorial Pavilion Friday. He has made the **GATEWAY INN & SUITES (Still called TVQ)** available for **SUBVETS WWII & THEIR WIDOWS** to reserve a room after 1 June on the Subbase. After 1 July early reservations will open up to other Subvets. **KINGS BAY TRIDENT SUBVETS (KBT) HOSPITALITY ROOM** at the **CUMBERLAND INN & SUITES (YEA!)**, with **Local Officials Welcome Thursday.** **NAVY TRANSPORTATION** is limited to Cumberland Inn & Suites, local area, submarine museum and subbase locations. **THE CHIEF'S GOAT LOCKER** is located behind the subbase gas station and open to socialize. **GOLF GAME**, sign yourself up, Thursday morning. Back up location for the memorial service will be the Subbase Chapple, if needed. The **OFFICIAL MEMORIAL DINNER** is on Friday night at the Clubs of Kings Bay. **TRIDENT TRAINING FACILITY (TTF) TOUR** will follow the memorial service. Pre-approved **SSBN TOURS** will be planned daily, but subject to change or cancellation. **ACCESS TO SUBBASE** is permitted **ONLY** to those with a **MILITARY ID** or those individuals on our **SUBBASE ACCESS LIST** with **PHOTO ID**. Subbase security conditions may change at any time without warning.

**SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.** As with any subbase, security is always required. I only sponsor subvets and their guests. To confirm identity I will use the National Organizations of Subvets WWII & Subvets INC membership lists. Subvet widows need to provide the husbands name and membership ID, if known. Subvets who are not a member need to submit their DD-214 showing sub duty. All **MUST** be a **U.S. CITIZEN** with **PHOTO ID** to enter the base. A 'PRIVACY ACT RELEASE FORM' is part of the pre-registration form. **ONE PERSON PER FORM** and **FORMS ARE NOT TO BE MODIFIED** from **single page form**. There are two forms, front & back, on one page no need to copy if only two people. Make copies for your guests. Forms **MUST BE IN MY HANDS BY 10 OCTOBER** so subbase security and I can generate an access list & SSBN tour list. Those submitting after 10 October may not be added to the access or SSBN lists. All vehicles entering subbase are subject to full searches; so leave the guns, knives and weapons at home. Those registered with me may get a temp vehicle pass if needed. Those who had a radioactive type medical procedure such as a nuclear stress test within 14 days of subbase entry need to have a note from your doctor, naming the isotope. **CAMERA CELL PHONES** are **NOT** permitted on the lower subbase. Regular cameras are permitted at the memorial service and dinner. Use of **CELL PHONES** while driving your vehicle on subbase is **ILLEGAL**.

**ST. MARYS SUBMARINE MUSEUM IS THE PRE-REGISTRATIONS CENTER (Submus).**

Refer all questions about this form to John Crouse. (Home email [master\\_blasten@tds.net](mailto:master_blasten@tds.net))

**POINTS OF CONTACT FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**Submus Manager - Registration Coord John Crouse - 912-882-2782(ASUB) - [submus@tds.net](mailto:submus@tds.net) (882-2748 FAX)**

**Submus Employees Margaret, Krystle & Brittany - 912-882-2782 - [gift\\_shop@tds.net](mailto:gift_shop@tds.net)**

**Subbase Command Master Chief Jim Shubert - 912-573-4704 - \_\_\_\_\_@navy.mil (Asst \_\_\_\_\_)**

**Subbase Gateway Inn & Suites (TVQ) Room Reservations - 912-573-4871 (Best to call M-F 0800-1600 EST)**

**Subbase Golf Course Thursday Game Reservation - 912-573-8475 Tell them 'Subvet Memorial Game' @ 1000 6 Nov.**

**Subbase RV Park Eagle Hammock - 800-818-1815 or 912-673-1161 [eaglehammock@tds.net](mailto:eaglehammock@tds.net) (RV Park on the Subbase)**

**Subbase Navy Lodge Room Reservations - 912-882-6868**

**Subbase CPOA Goat Locker - 912-573-0702 (Only when open for special events)**

**Cumberland Inn & Suites, St. Marys - 800-768-6250 (Tell em you're a subvet)(Official hospitality room this year.)**

**Cumberland Kings Bay Lodge Reservation - 800-831-6664 [www.cumberlandkbl.com](http://www.cumberlandkbl.com) (Tell 'em you're a subvet.)**

**St. Marys Convention & Visitors Bureau - Janet - 912-882-4000 or 800-868-8687 (Local St. Marys tour info)**

**Kingsland Convention & Visitors Bureau - Tonya - 912-729-5999 or 800-433-0225 (Local Kingsland tour info)**

**Other local phone numbers, hotels, campgrounds etc may be obtained by contacting the museum Gift Shop.**  
**Pre-registration packet, vehicle passes & schedule must be picked up no later than 2000 Thursday evening.**  
**St. Marys Submarine Museum, 102 St. Marys St. Saint Marys, GA 31558-4945; ATTN: Subvet Memorial**

## **REV: 9 JUN - SUBVET WWII MEMORIAL SERVICE - SCHEDULE FOR 4-7 NOV 2009**

This week only **ST. MARYS SUBMARINE MUSEUM** is open **MON-THU 1000-1600, FRI 1230-1600, SAT 1000-1600 & SUN 1300-1700**. Please visit the museum and our gift shop **FREE ENTRANCE THIS WEEK ONLY**. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) org. and need your support. **PRE-REGISTRATION PACKET PICK UP** will be in the museum during **normal open hours**, after closing on WED & THU (1700-2000) go to the Hospitality Room at the CUMBERLAND INN & SUITES, intersection of Hwy-40 & Charlie Smith SR HWY. **SUBASE TRANSPORTATION** is limited to the Cumberland Inn, St. Marys area & events listed below. There is NO support prior to Wed or after Sat. All times subject to change. **Finalized schedule will be available at check in.** **BOAT TOURS** highly recommended you arrive early at pickup points.

### **WEDNESDAY - 4 NOV 2009 – Must PRE-register by 10 Oct for SSBN tour to be on SSBN access list.**

KBT Hospitality Room Open 1200-2400. Pre-registration pick up 1700-2000. Hotel lobby 729-3000  
Kings Bay Subase Goat Locker CPOA Open 1000-1800 for coffee & story telling. 1800-???? Possible CPOA event.  
Kings Bay Subase Finnegan's Pub (At the bowling alley) 1530-2100 (CPO Club Jenny works here 573-9429)  
**SSBN TOUR GROUP (T-1) - 1300 – BUS PICK UP at CUMBERLAND INN 1200, Kings Bay Lodge 1210, Stimson Gate left side 1220, Gateway Inn (TVQ) 1230.** DON'T forget photo ID card. NO Camera - NO Cell Phone Camera.

### **THURSDAY - 5 NOV 2009 – Must PRE-register by 10 Oct for SSBN tour to be on SSBN access list.**

Breakfast at the Galley with CO SUBASE - 0730 (Pay for your own breakfast. Sign up by Thursday 1600 if ride needed.)  
Kings Bay Golf - (Call Golf Course at 912-573-8475 to get your own tee time, tell them you're a SUBVET.)  
KBT Hospitality Room Open -1200-2400. Pre-registration pickup in room 1700-2000.  
Kings Bay Subase Goat Locker CPOA Open 1000-1800 for coffee & story telling. 1900-???? Possible CPOA event.  
Kings Bay Subase Finnegan's Pub 1530-2100

### **LOCAL OFFICIALS WELCOME AT CUMBERLAND INN -1700 - Local officials say hi & SOLVE any problems -**

*Local Official BBQ Buffet \$10 1730-till food is gone - Entertainment - And lots of sea story telling.*

**SSBN TOUR GROUP (T-2) - 0900 – BUS PICK UP at Cumberland Inn 0745, Kings Bay Lodge 0810, Stimson Gate left side 0820, Gateway Inn (TVQ) 0830, Galley 0840.** DON'T forget photo ID card. NO Camera-Cell Phone Camera.

**SSBN TOUR GROUP (T-3) - 1300 – BUS PICK UP at CUMBERLAND INN 1200, Kings Bay Lodge 1210, Stimson Gate left side 1220, Gateway Inn (TVQ) 1230.** DON'T forget photo ID card. NO Camera – NO Cell Phone Camera.

### **FRIDAY - 6 NOV 2009 – Must PRE-register for SSBN tour to be on special SSBN access list & DINNER.**

Off base early bird shuttle ride guests to the memorial Continental Breakfast at Club's of Kings Bay - 0800-0900

### **SUBVET WWII MEMORIAL SERVICE -1000-1130 (At the SUBVET WWII Pavilion) CAMERAs OK.**

(Weather memorial service **BACK UP** location is at the Subase Chapel at 1300.)

Trident Training Facility Tour (TTF) -1130-1500 (ADA access to most areas, light buffet till food is gone.)

KBT Hospitality Room Open 1200-2400. 1300 Lunch Buffet till food is gone. 1800 Entertainment

Kings Bay Subase Finnegan's Pub 1530-2100

Kings Bay Subase Goat Locker CPOA Open 1230-1800 for coffee & story telling, 1900-???? Steak Night \$10.

**SSBN TOUR GROUP (T-4) - 1300 – PICK UP at TTF 1215 and Gateway Inn 1230 ONLY.**

DON'T forget photo ID card. NO Cameras – NO Cell Phone Cameras.

**OFFICIAL DINNER - CLUBS OF KINGS BAY - COCKTAILS 1800** (Eating area will be ready to sit at 1800, BUT NOT BEFORE) **DINNER \$31 1900** (Plated Turkey Dinner) (Pre-paid registration required) CAMERA OK

### **SATURDAY - 7 NOV 2009 – Must PRE-register for SSBN tour to be on special SSBN access list.**

KBT Hospitality Room Opens - 0930-2400. 1800 Entertainment

Wounded Warrior ceremony - downtown St. Marys 1000. 1500-1700 Low Country Boil at the Eagles

**SSBN TOUR GROUP (T-5) - 0900 – BUS PICK UP at CUMBERLAND INN 0800, Kings Bay Lodge 0810, Stimson Gate left side 0820 and Gateway Inn (TVQ) 0830.** DON'T forget photo ID card. NO Camera – NO Cell Phone Camera.

**SSBN TOUR GROUP (T-6) - 1300 – BUS PICK UP at CUMBERLAND INN 1200, Kings Bay Lodge 1210, Stimson Gate left side 1220 and Gateway Inn (TVQ) 1230.** DON'T forget photo ID card. NO Camera – NO Cell Phone Camera.

**SUNDAY - 8 NOV 2009** Hospitality Room Close Out - 0900. **SEE Y'ALL NEXT YEAR**

**2010 MEMORIAL** will be 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in Nov. WWII SUBVETS will get an invite May 2009, all others in June. Date determined by the Georgia-Florida football game date. *Status of Cumberland Island Inn is not known at this time.*

**COMBINED PRE-REGISTRATION FORM & SUBASE PRIVACY ACT RELEASE FORM  
FOR 2009 WWII MEMORIAL SERVICE, DINNER, SSBN TOUR & SUBASE ACCESS.**

**NO guarantee of a SSBN tour or access to Kings Bay Naval Subase. PHOTO ID REQUIRED TO ENTER SUBASE.**

**PRIVACY ACT RELEASE FORM (PARF)**

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) prevents agencies from releasing information about you to anyone without your written permission. Your social security number will be used for the purpose of obtaining a thorough check or for release to governmental agencies if needed. **ONE PERSON PER FORM, SEE BACK, MAKE COPIES AS REQ.**

By signing this form below I, (**print**) \_\_\_\_\_, (Nick name \_\_\_\_\_) grant the Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, permission to obtain a background check before I will be able to tour any Naval facilities. I further authorize the Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, to release any and all information pertaining to me to the appropriate governmental agencies.

You are not required to provide this information; however, failure to do so could result in you being denied admittance to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay and its Tenant Commands. **(Complete all entries and sign form.)**

Home Street Address (Required): \_\_\_\_\_ (PO Box \_\_\_\_\_)

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (Home -Work- Cell) Birth Date: mm/dd/yyyy \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (Reg.)

Social Security Number(last 4): XXX - XX - \_\_\_\_\_ (Req.) U.S. Citizen YES -NO (**MUST CIRCLE ONE**)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ If under 18, signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEMORIAL REGISTRATION - \$12.00** - NON-REFUNDABLE - Above info required for subase access & registration. (Must complete form & submit \$12.00 to be processed.) GUEST OF \_\_\_\_\_  
(Subvet widows or guests need to list the subvet name & organization subvet is/was a member of (WWII-INC).)

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**SPECIAL REGISTRATIONS - LOCAL OFFICIAL BUFFET \$10 - KINGS BAY CPOA STEAK NIGHT \$10**

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**OFFICIAL DINNER REGISTRATION - \$31.00** - NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER 10 OCTOBER

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AVAILABLE FOR SSBN GROUP TOUR GROUP #T1\_\_ #T2\_\_ #T3\_\_ #T4\_\_ #T5\_\_ #T6\_\_ NONE\_\_

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Subvet WWII Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_ WWII Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Subvet INC Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_ R - L - HC INC Base: \_\_\_\_\_

(Subvets not WWII/INC members must submit copy of USN Discharge Papers showing submarine service.)

1ST BOAT 'SS' QUALIFIED ON - SS-\_\_\_\_ USS \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
(Hull #) (Submarine Hull Name) (yyyy)

EMAIL Not required, but good to solve questions. \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAKE CHECK's PAYABLE TO: GEORGIA SUBVETS WWII (No Credit Cards)**

[Museum use check list: id \_\_\_\_ data \_\_\_\_ . Note this fund is now C/O St. Marys Submarine Museum Board of Directors.]

Copy form as required. See back side for 2<sup>nd</sup> person's form. Questions 912-882-2782 or master\_blast@tds.net

**Mail to: St. Marys Submarine Museum, 102 St. Marys ST, Saint Marys, GA 31558 ATTN: WWII MEMORIAL**

REV: 2009-06-09

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**MEMORIAL PRE-REGISTRATION FEES (\$12)** pay for the general memorial expenses. Such as the pre-registration form mailout, memorial wreath, rental expenses, phone calls, postage, various buffets, entertainment, the hospitality room & Goat Locker expenses to name some items. Those who DON'T PRE-REGISTER WITH ME are on your own for transportation, subbase access, CAN'T submit for SSBN tours or OFFICIAL DINNER at the Clubs of Kings Bay. (Contact John Crouse at 912-882-ASUB(2782) or [master\\_blast@tds.net](mailto:master_blast@tds.net) prior to 1 Oct with questions.)

**DINNER PRE-REGISTRATION (\$31) FEES** pays for the caterer & dinner (incl tax&tip) (\$22); the Clubs of Kings Bay rental fee (\$8); and those other little unplanned expenses (\$1). There are no free dinners, except for 2-4 VIP dinners. Please don't enter the dining area until the caterer has completed set-up. Must pre-register prior to 10 October to attend the dinner.

**SSBN TOURS.** There is NO guarantee of a SSBN tour and any-all may be cancelled at the last moment. **SSBNs ARE NOT ADA ACCESSIBLE. If unable to walk continuously for two-three hours going up & down ladders please don't submit for a SSBN tour. O2 bottles, crutches are not permitted.** Identity will be verified. Subvet widows may submit, by including husband's name & membership info. Subvets may sponsor guests. **EACH MUST COMPLETE THE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM and ALL MUST BE A U.S. CITIZEN.** Please limit civilian guests requesting SSBN tour. **I must have the completed signed form in my hands prior to 10 October.** Tour schedule may change so be flexible. Assignment priority will be Subvets WWII, then family group, then all others. Everybody can't go on the Friday tour, so select as many tour times that you will be available for on the registration form, see schedule for times. The **TRIDENT TRAINING FACILITY** can handle those with disabilities on Friday after the Memorial Service, including wheel chairs.

**LOCAL KINGS BAY TRIDENT (KBT) SUBVETS HOSPITALITY ROOM** will be at the CUMBERLAND INN & SUITES, St. Marys. All subvets and their guests attending the memorial are welcome to visit. Good place to meet and greet other subvets and friends, also to get answers to questions. Special events planned over the 4 days.

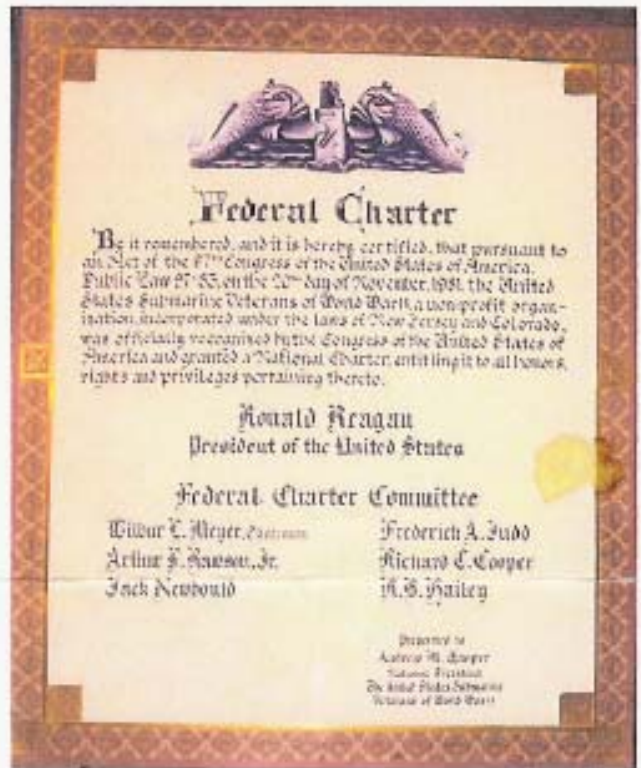
**SUBBASE GATEWAY INN & SUITES (OLD TVQ) ROOM REGISTRATION.** CO Subbase will authorize the early reservation of rooms for this year's memorial. Room rates vary, but are low. About 100 rooms are blocked. Only Subvets WWII & widows can make room reservations starting 1 June. After 1 July other subvets can make reservations. You must have access to subbase, military ID card or on the memorial access list. One building is equipped with an elevator. You need to make your own reservations. See Page 1 for the phone number.

**SUBBASE GOAT LOCKER.** The subbase Chief's (CPOA) now operate their own club, called the GOAT LOCKER. Only open for special events. Located behind the gas station on the subbase. Various events planned during W-F by the chiefs at the GOAT LOCKER or at their individual commands. Looking for plaques and photos to fill their bulkheads. 573-0702

**SSBN and TRIDENT TRAINING FACILITY (TTF) GROUP TOURS** can be arranged by active duty or retired subvets throughout the year, **except for this week.** Coordinate directly with the ComSubGrp 10 Tour Coordinator at 912-573-9155. Give yourself several months to plan your group tour. You will have to complete the same security requirements that I do.

**BOAT RE-UNION GROUPS THIS WEEK.** Individuals who need subbase access, vehicle pass, SSBN tour or the Dinners must register with me by completing the official form, reunion coord registration form does not work. I must have registration forms prior to 10 Oct. Reunion coordinators are requested to work with museum manager during the summer for local information to assist your plans. Group schedule tours on SSBN are not possible, but I will try to work things out.

**ST. MARYS SUBMARINE MUSEUM with BEN BASTURA'S SUBMARINE LIBRARY & MUSEUM.** Museum has been a sponsor of the WWII memorial service since our opening. Ben's museum was bequeathed to us in 2003. In addition to placing a lot of submarine artifacts on display, we've placed a lot of written information on display and into the computer. We sell two submarine CDs. **1<sup>ST</sup>** one called **SUBMARINE HISTORY CD** with lots of WWII submarine history and other submarine info. Including **U.S. NAVAL ADMINISTRATION IN WWII - SUBMARINE COMMANDS & SUBMARINE OPERATIONAL HISTORY WWII**, both books classified SECRET and not seen by the majority of WWII Subvets. These were used by Voge to assist Roscoe to produce **U.S. SUBMARINE OPERATIONS IN WWII in 1949.** 2008-2013 major admin project is to type all **WWII PATROL REPORTS** into the computer. Our SUBMARINE HISTORY CD is updated annually in time for the Annual Subvets WWII Memorial Service. CD also includes information about the museum, including membership and sponsorship of the museum. Our **2<sup>ND</sup>** CD is **SUBMARINES OF THE USN** with photos of US submarines and boat histories. As with any organization, your support is needed to keep the doors open. See our new computer with **SUBMARINE MEMORABILIA** computer with scanned **WWII PATROL REPORTS**. Also looking for photos, digital or paper, of WWII battle flags for our US Subvets of WWII history report. Color preferred.



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