

ALL CLEAR



OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF NORTH CAROLINA SUBVETS

Ex communi periculo, fraternitas

From common peril, brotherhood

OCT NOV DEC 2009

PRIDE RUNS DEEP



www.ncsubvets.org



IN MEMORY OF THE 52 SUBMARINES LOST IN WWII

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



S-28

Plan of the Day

U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II (USSV-WWII) Information	3
USSV-WWII Officers - Tarheel Chapter	3
Subgallion Officers	3
U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) Information	4
USSVI Officers – NC Bases	4
NC Subvets Quarterly Meeting Notes	6
S-28 Wilmington Address.....	7
Subgallion Corner	7
USSV-WWII – State Commander’s Corner	8
WWII Tarheel Chapter Treasurer and Membership Corner	8
Chaplain’s Corner	9
USSVI – Carolina-Piedmont Base Commander’s Corner	10
Binnacle List	10
Ship’s Library Recommendation	10
USSVI – Carolina-Piedmont Base Secretary’s Corner	11
USSVI – Tarheel Base Commander’s Corner	12
Singing Submariners.....	13
Volunteer Needed	13
Holland Club Information.....	13
Where are the Submariners??? They’re Everywhere!.....	13
Albemarle Sound Base Anniversary	13
USSVI – Tarheel Base Secretary’s Corner	14
USSVI – Tarheel Base Treasurer and Membership Corner	16
Birthdays	16
USSVI – Coastal Carolina Base Commander’s Corner	17
Unique Language of Submariners	17
Recent Holland Club Activities	18
Subvets Recognize Eagle Scouts.....	20
Parades, Parades, Parades	21
USSVI Official Business from SubVet News - #2009-035	21
At the Pearly Gates	22
USSVI Scholarship Winner	22
From Your Southeast Region District 1 (SED1) Commander	23
From The Yankee Doodle Dandy - S-28 Newsletter.....	24
NCDMV Specialty Plate News	25
The Battery Well.....	25
Beware and Pass the Word!	25
The Sub Net.....	26
WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial Dedication.....	27
USSVI & SVWWII Christmas Party Information.....	28
Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Dinner Registration.....	29

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

ELIGIBILITY:

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

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

PURPOSE:

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

MEMBERSHIP RULES: Dues are due by July 1st of each year.

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

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

USSV-WWII OFFICERS

Southeast Regional Director	Ed Kracker, cubss385@webtv.net 4028 Sea Cliff Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23321-3420	757-488-8183
-----------------------------	---	--------------

TARHEEL CHAPTER

NC State Commander	Chuck Jensen, chuck-focc@earthlink.net 4925 Warfield Drive, Greensboro, NC 27406	336-676-9702
Secretary	Don Small, dsmall2002@yahoo.com PO Box 171, Point Harbor, NC 27964-0171	252-491-8290
Treasurer	Jim Myers, sublobo@triad.rr.com 4905 Reidsville Road, Walkertown, NC 27051-9774	336-595-8616
Chaplain	Bill Whelan, wwhelelan@nc.rr.com 1212 Lochcarron Lane, Cary, NC 27511-5144	919-467-6623
Historian	Anne Whelan, wwhelelan@nc.rr.com	919-467-6623

SUBGALLION OFFICERS

NC State Commander / Secretary	Rose Mary Small, dsmall2002@yahoo.com PO Box 171, Point Harbor, NC 27964-0171	252-491-8290
Vice Commander	Jean Parker, 1401, 634 Egan Lane, Elizabeth City, NC 27909	252-264-4369
Treasurer	Jocelyn Bradburn, 710 Barrocliff Road, Clemmons, NC 27012	336-766-0246

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

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

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

ELIGIBILITY:

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

OUR CREED:

"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution."

USSVI OFFICERS

SOUTHEAST REGION DISTRICT 1

Southeast Region District 1 (SED1) Commander	Dick Kanning, dkanning@windstream.net 125 Doe Run Drive, Sanford, NC 27330	919-774-5006
---	---	--------------

ALBEMARLE SOUND BASE

Base Commander	Barry Danforth, jbdanforth@roadrunner.com 118 Culpepper Lane, Elizabeth City, NC 27909	252-338-6577
Vice Commander	Glen Myers, gnlb18@msn.com 3009 Crystal Lake Dr, Elizabeth City, NC 27909	252-655-1228
Chaplain	Darrell McKinley Jr., darrellmckinley@gmail.com 1716 Providence Rd., Elizabeth City, NC 27909	252-338-3061
COB	Richard (Chuck) O'Neal, rockfish615@yahoo.com 107 Willow Way, Elizabeth City, NC 27909	252-435-7097
Secretary / Treasurer	Ron Pervere, ron@pervere.net 101 Clay Court, Elizabeth City, NC 27909 Please make checks payable to USSVI Albemarle Sound Base	252-384-1019

TARHEEL BASE

Base Commander	Jerry Emerson, nkiv368@embarqmail.com 9384 White Oak Hill Road, Bailey, NC 27894	252-235-2926
Vice Commander	Bill Dixon (Butterbean), goldbow@bellsouth.net 416 Carolyn Court, Cary, NC 27511	919-467-7597
Secretary	Bill Lowe, dg105200@bellsouth.net 5701 Hayloft Circle, Raleigh, NC 27606	919-851-3415
Chaplain	Bill Whelan, wwwhelan@nc.rr.com 1212 Lochcarron Lane, Cary, NC 27511	919-467-6623
Base Storekeeper	John Rupertus, rupe46@netscape.com 143 Timber Lake Court, Salisbury, NC 28146	704-796-0822
Treasurer / Membership	Spencer Combos, scombos@nc.rr.com 225 Strathburgh, Cary, NC 27518-9036 Please make checks payable to USSVI Tarheel Base	919-851-7598

U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC. (USSVI) OFFICERS (cont.)

COASTAL CAROLINA BASE

Base Commander	Terry Kuhn, ccbussvi@gmail.com 165 Graystone Road, Wilmington, NC 28411	910-231-5013
Vice Commander	Bill Schmauss, wpschmauss@att.net 117 Bell Pointe Rd, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460	910-327-3557
Secretary / Treasurer	Jim Brincefield, jimbrincefield@bellsouth.net 4208 Chandler Drive, Wilmington, NC Please make checks payable to Coastal Carolina Base, USSVI	910-793-9551

CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE

Base Commander	Steve Bell, usnret82@carolina.rr.com 138 Burton Hills Circle, Gastonia, NC 28054	704-824-3510
Sr. Vice Commander	Mike Hubbel, melohub@aol.com 303 Springdale Drive, York, SC 29745	803-628-1908
Jr. Vice Commander	Bob Bickford, bobbickford@comporium.net 141 Pinewood Lane, Rock Hill, SC 29730	803-980-0111
Secretary (Point of Contact)	Jack Jeffries, sn1ckersdad@hotmail.com 6017 Dudley Rd, Monroe, NC 28112-8288	704-764-5211
COB	Howard Dachs, howard@autodax.com 5999 Natoma Rd, Lake Wylie, SC 29710-9111	803-631-5051
Chaplain	Ray Fritz, raysabode@bellsouth.net 5923 Lake Valley Road, Lake Wylie, SC 29710-7346	803-831-7235
Treasurer / Membership	Lee Hickerson, ssnret@carolina.rr.com 8410 Clear Meadow Lane, Charlotte, NC 28227-9719 Please make checks payable to Carolina-Piedmont Base, USSVI	704-573-9480

CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE SUBVETTES

President	Sandra Myers, holltkids@aol.com 211 Timbercrest Circle, Monroe, NC 28112	704-289-4650
Vice President	Glenna Hubbel, mleohub@aol.com 303 Springdale Drive, York, SC 29745	803-628-1908
Secretary	Carole Jeffries, jckjeffries@interlink.care.com 6017 Dudley Rd, Monroe, NC 28112-8288	704-764-5211
Treasurer	Monica Dachs, mommicad@bellsouth.net 5999 Natoma Rd, Lake Wylie, SC 29710-9111	803-631-5051
Sunshine Lady	Ma Bell, mabell5@carolina.rr.com 138 Burton Hills Circle, Gastonia, NC 28054	704-824-3510

ALL CLEAR

Editor	Jerry "Patch" Paciorek, patch@emailbuoy.net 1348 Laneridge Court, Raleigh, NC 27603-8247	919-622-9906
--------	---	--------------

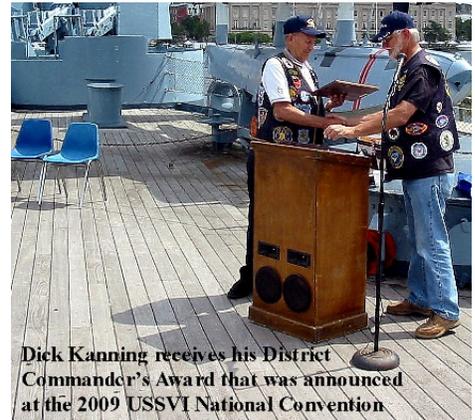
NCSUBVETS.ORG

Webmaster	Paul Hiser, paulhiser@aol.com	
-----------	-------------------------------	--

NC SUBVETS QUARTERLY MEETING NOTES

Sent by Chuck Jensen

There were 40 NC Subvets and their guests at the 3rd Quarter meeting held Saturday, September 19th in Wilmington. Three of the four USSVI state bases and the USSV-WWII state chapter were represented. Carolina-Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell presented Dick Kanning with the 2009 South Eastern District Commanders Award that Dick won at the 2009 USSVI National Convention. Also Steve presented the 2009 Newsletter Runner-up Award to Jerry Emerson won by the Tarheel Base at the 2009 USSVI National Convention. Many thanks to Terry Khun for setting up the luncheon on the Battleship North Carolina's fantail and making the Wilmington motel arrangements for attendees needing room accommodations. Steve Cooms accepted George Cataldo's Holland Club Award from Pat Collins as George was unable to attend due to health issues. After lunch, the meeting moved to the park adjacent to the battleship where the S-28 and WWII Lost Boats Memorial is located. The "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony was held for all U.S. submarines lost. Also the names of those onboard submariners lost when the S-28 went down were read and tolled. Bill Whelan read a speech he wrote commemorating the lost crewmembers of the S-28 and the crewmembers from the other 51 boats lost during WWII.



Dick Kanning receives his District Commander's Award that was announced at the 2009 USSVI National Convention

As a side light to the meeting, Dick Kanning swore in the new officers for the Coastal Carolina Base which was in jeopardy of closing. The new officers are Base Commander Terry Khun, Vice Base Commander Bill Schmauss, and Secretary / Treasurer Jim Brincefield.



New Coastal Carolina Base Officers

Bill Schmauss

Terry Khun

Jim Brincefield



S-28 WILMINGTON ADDRESS

Adapted from Lincoln's Gettysburg Address
By Chaplain W.W. Whelan
Tarheel (North Carolina) Chapter, USSVWWII
19 September 2009

Three score and five years ago, after six war patrols and while training U.S. sailors -- both 50 of her own crew and those aboard the U.S. Coast Guard cutter RELIANCE -- the 21-year-old U.S. submarine S-28 was lost with all hands on Independence Day of 1944 in 8,400 feet of water off the coast of Oahu.

Today, we are still engaged in great conflicts worldwide, testing whether our Nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We have come to this memorial today as a poignant reminder of those S-28 sailors named thereon as well as the unnamed crews of the 51 remaining submarines who gave their lives during World War Two that our Nation and others might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot consecrate -- we cannot hallow -- this memorial. The brave men, living and dead, who are memorialized here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it should never be allowed to forget what they did for our Nation during all wars as well as in peacetime.

It is for us the living, rather, to be consecrated here to the unfinished work which they who fought have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here consecrated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead should not have died in vain -- that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

SUBGALLION CORNER



Rose Mary Small
Subgallion State Commander

Subgallions,

I talked to our national president, June Kracker today. There will be a national convention in 2010. It will be in Kentucky. The Subvets Inc will be hosting it for the WWII Subvets. The Wives of Submarine Vets of WWII will be hosted by several wives groups. June did not know all the details, but told me they would be in November's Dolphinette. The Subgallions get high marks for paying their dues. Don and I miss seeing everyone. This has been a rough year for Don, but he's hanging in there. We hope to see everyone in Elizabeth City in March.

State Commander

Rose Mary Small



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 2010 is just around the corner as this year's Kings Bay Memorial Service will be held in a few weeks. Larry Travis was the only Tarheel Chapter member that I am aware of, who attended this year's USSV-WWII National Convention in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Next year's convention will be a joint convention with USSVI in the Cincinnati, Ohio area. At this time it is not known if USSV-WWII will consider holding another national convention after 2010. In this issue of the All Clear there is a request from the National Office for donations to keep the organization going beyond 2010.

Next March the NC Subvets will be hosting a joint regional convention with USSVWWII Southeast & Northeast along with USSVI Eastern South District #1 at Elizabeth City. The Albemarle Sound Base has agreed to be the host base. Since we are in the early planning stages no more details are available at this time. Also our annual Burnsville meeting will again be hosted by the Carolina-Piedmont Base at the Pinebridge Inn located in Spruce Pine. This inn is located in the old high school and has some advantages over the Nu-Wray Inn such as each room is air conditioned and there is an elevator to access the second and third floors. This year's meeting will be in May instead of normally being held in June.

We had a good turnout for the Wilmington meeting in September with the details provided in this issue of the All Clear. Also Jim Myers reported that all chapter members have paid their 2010 dues and his treasurer's report is in this issue of the All Clear.

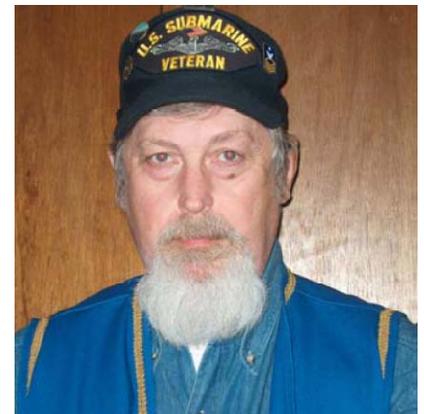
I hope those who are able to travel will be at this year's Pearl Harbor Dinner. The dinner details and registration form are in this issue of the All Clear.

Chuck

WWII TARHEEL CHAPTER TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CORNER

The WWII Chapter checking account for 9/30/2009 balanced with the Bank Statement at \$2830.87., with the details as follows:

6/30/2009	Starting Total	\$2555.82
<u>DEPOSITS SINCE 6/30/2009</u>		
8/3	Dues & Boosters	\$ 240.00
8/31	Dues & Boosters	<u>\$ 390.00</u>
	Total Deposits	\$ 630.00
<u>EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT</u>		
6/22, 8/6, 9/14	U.S. Subvets National Dues	\$ 175.00
6/24	Bill Whelan (Flowers Ollie)	\$ 79.00
7/29	USSVI Tarheel Base (All Clear)	\$ 40.15
7/29, 8/3	USSVI Mobile Base	\$ 100.00
8/5, 8/31	Postmaster	<u>\$ 30.80</u>
	Total Expenditures	\$ 424.95
9/30/2009	Ending Total	\$2830.87

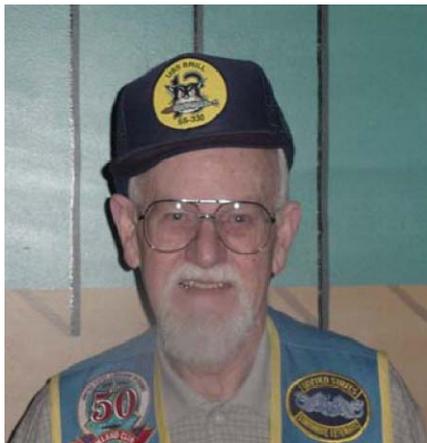


Jim Myers
WWII Tarheel Chapter Treasurer

Jim Myers

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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



Chaplain Bill Whelan
WWII Tarheel Chapter
USSVI Tarheel Base

Prayer-Related Events / Memories!

At the 6 June meeting of the Tarheel Base/Chapter in Cary, we mentioned three of our shipmates on the binnacle list: Howie Rice, Don Small, and Ollie Thompson. We asked that you add their names to your prayer lists. That simple request triggered a series of events and memories that we want to share with you.

Event 1 -- Following our request for prayers for Howie, Don, and Ollie, we asked you to let Butterbean or me know of any other North Carolina Subvets in need of our prayerful concern. Between the time of that request and the end of the meeting, we received two requests for prayer.

Event 2 -- That night, as we remembered those two prayer requests, it suddenly dawned on us that we had no formal prayer list. Be assured that your Chaplain now has such a list. It's a long list that lies on our bed-side table and guides our prayers each night.

Event 3 -- Two weeks later, on 21 June, Ollie climaxed his years of above-and-beyond service to us all by departing on his Eternal Patrol on Father's Day, symbolic of his life-long devotion to his spiritual Father. Of significance was the number of North Carolina Subvets who served as the Honorary Escort at Ollie's Celebration of Life on 24 June. Significant, too, 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.

Memory 1 -- Your Chaplain hasn't always been a praying person. Our "new" prayer list reminded us of one of our earliest prayer-related experiences. It was 1945, and BRILL was on patrol. We were standing watch (the 2400-0400 watch) in the forward room. Doc Higgins had just walked aft after tending to an ailing BRILLmate confined to our temporary sickbay (to this day, we can't remember the patient's name). "I just don't know for sure what's wrong with him," Doc muttered as he ducked through the hatch into Officers' Country. It wasn't long before we realized that we were praying--for the first time in years and years. It was semi-dark, it was quiet, and we'd been repeating, "Father, let your will be done," over and over. The bottom line: God's will must have included a rapid and complete recovery.

Memory 2 -- We've prayed a lot over the years since our patrol experience. Often we find ourselves mostly listening, and seldom are we disappointed. We may not like what we "hear," but more often than not we do "hear." When we initiate the "conversation" and thoughts are slow in coming, we resort to that simple prayer guide, hanging words on the letters of the Book of Acts. Those letters guide us through our prayer: Adoration (telling God we love Him); Confession (acknowledging that we're far from perfect); Thanksgiving (expressing gratitude for our very being); and Supplication (listing our various individual concerns).

Memory 3 -- Prayer time can be sad or joyful. Our saddest was that day in November 2000 when our elder daughter Jan (just short of her 46th birthday) went home to live with her spiritual Father. We sat outside in our car, teary-eyed, whispering "Why Jan?" over and over again. Gratefully, our joyful prayer times since then have out-numbered our sad times.

Bottom Line -- We have experienced so many more events and have so many more memories. But what do we believe about God and prayer? We gotta say, "Wherever we are, God is also there. We gotta talk and listen to Him. There is no place we can go where God is not. And wherever God is, He works for good." It is a mystery indeed, and it is reality.

Bless you.
Chaplain Bill

USSVI – CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

As most of you already know, I attended the USSVI convention in September in San Diego, CA. Let me start this by telling you that I had the honor of accepting the First Runner up Award for Newsletter of the year for the Class One size base (largest bases) for the Tarheel Base. As we all know, Patch does a wonderful job with this newsletter. Let's all give a Well Done to Patch the next time you see him. We are proud to be part of it. I did present this award to the Tarheel Base at our Wilmington Memorial Service the week after the convention.

It was also my honor to receive for the Carolina Piedmont Base both the Golden Anchor and the Silver Anchor awards for Class two size bases. I cannot tell you how proud that made me to represent our base for these awards. It was stated there that they think this dual award was a first (but not 100% sure on that). Also, we tied the USS Florida Base for the Golden Anchor award and that too is a rare happening. Members of the Carolina Piedmont Base can be proud of their accomplishments for such a young base. Well Done to all and thank you for allowing me the honor to receive the awards on your behalf.

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and membership dues (both national and base) time is here. I know some have renewed but we are far from 100% on that. One of the requirements for the awards we received is 90% retention. Whether we receive an award or not next year, let's still at least make ourselves eligible for those awards with the minimum appropriate retention rate. So get your dues into Lee Hickerson, our Treasurer.

As mentioned earlier, I made a quick trip to Wilmington, NC for a Memorial Service for the S-28. We had a nice lunch on the fantail of the Battleship North Carolina. This was followed by the service at the Memorial itself on the grounds by the battleship. We also had a wonderful evening prior to the service and it is always good to get together with fellow Submariners at these events. These extra events are a joy to attend and I encourage those who can to attend them in the future. I have yet to NOT have a good time at them.

I would like to thank our lady Subvettes for all of their efforts. They are always having some sort of service project going on and it makes me proud of their efforts. Not to mention that they are a key to the success that we have on the men's side of our organization. Again, thank you Ladies.

As the end of the year approaches, that means the Holiday season will be on us before we know it. I hope that all who travel have a safe trip. I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Oh yeah, let's not forget a safe and Happy New Year. May God bless each and every one of you and keep you safe. May God bless our organization and may God bless America.

Steve Bell



Steve Bell
USSVI Carolina-Piedmont
Base Commander

Binnacle List



Shipmate Dave Thommarson has informed us that Subvet Bob Wilson of Durham recently fell and broke his hip. Bob had surgery at Durham Regional Hospital and is now in rehab. Bob's daughter reports that he's in "fair" condition. It was originally thought that Bob would be out of rehab in two weeks, but now it looks like it could take as long as four weeks. Keep Bob in your prayers.

Chaplain Bill

Ships Library Recommendation

Sent in by Bill Lowe

Escape From the Deep

About the USS Tang

<http://www.escapefromthedeepbook.com/home.html>

USSVI – CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE SECRETARY'S CORNER



Jack Jeffries
USSVI Carolina-Piedmont
Base Secretary

CAROLINA PIEDMONT BASE MINUTES FROM 091024

Meeting held at Base address

1400 - Meeting called to order by Commander Steve Bell, Invocation by Chaplain Raymond Fritz, Pledge of Allegiance, Tolling of the Boats lost in October, Member introductions, 23 present.

Reading of minutes from September meeting was approved with modifications. Burnsville balance on hand to read \$1260.50 and Pearl Harbor dinner to be held in Wilson.

Reading of Treasurer report Funds on hand \$2619.93, Burnsville Fund 1260.50, KAPS4KIDS fund \$109. Funds available for base \$1250.53. Seconded and approved.

Storekeeper report: None.

New Business:

1. Discussed proposal from National to divide proceeds from base raffle to be 1/3 to winner, 1/3 to base treasury, 1/3 to National Charitable Foundation. Members present voted to table proposal until more input from base membership. Glenn Harris briefly explained function of USSVI Charitable Foundation.

Good of the Order

1. Steve once again stressed the importance of renewing membership dues on time ... Not later than 1 Jan 2010.
2. Pearl Harbor meeting and dinner to be 5 December at the Country Inn in Wilson, NC, more info will be forthcoming.
3. Announced upcoming parade in Asheboro on 11 November. Assemble at 4 PM on Church St. More info to be announced.
4. Parade is scheduled for Wilson on November 21st, will pass info as received.
5. Briefly discussed upcoming ceremony at Kings Bay for WWII Subvets, several members to participate.
6. Report was given on the Eagle Scout presentation. Robert Hopkins was nominated for the position of Eagle Scout Representative for NC, suggestion was made that Andy Miller and Jeff Nieberding be SC representatives, will wait until they can confirm.
7. Announced that free meals will be available at Applebees on Nov 11th and at Golden Corral on Nov 16th.
8. Robert Stalnaker and John Rupertus gave report on Autism Speaks Walk at Lowes Speedway. They thanked us for the contributions collected for this cause. Will keep us informed as the next Walk approaches. Jack and Steve informed base of upcoming presentation at Victory Junction Gang Camp on October 31st.
9. The March meeting of NC Subvets is to be held in Elizabeth City, more info when we get it.
10. The Flag that was sent to us from the nation's capital will be raffled off at the Burnsville meeting. Howard Dachs will make a case for the Flag. This flag was flown over the Capital Building on September 11, 2009.
11. Rob Stalnaker won the Petty kap, 105.00 was collected for the fund. Next meeting 21 Nov at VFW.



Thanks to all attending for making this a special day.
Jack's Mom's 90th Birthday

1515 - A motion to adjourn was seconded and the benediction was given by Chaplain Raymond Fritz.

USSVI – TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER’S CORNER

SHIPMATES:

In my opinion fall/autumn is the greatest time of the year, summer heat is abating, the dark and dreary days of winter are far off and the rush of the holiday season is beginning. The USSVI National Convention is over. Request that you go on the USSVI website and vote on the question about holding conventions every 2 years. The Tolling of the Boats event in Wilmington NC was a great time, the lunch on the Battleship North Carolina and the ceremony at the monument was attended by 40 members and guests. The lunch was set up by Terry Kuhn, who is now the Coastal Carolina Base Commander.

How many are going to the WWII memorial service in Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base in Georgia ??? This is a great event well worth attending. The parade submarine will be on static display in Wilson for the Whirligig Festival on November 7th & 8th. Anyone who would like to man the submarine during the festival, contact me or Frans van Baars.

RECRUITING: I encourage all members to wear/display on their person or vehicle something that identifies them a submariner. Another article in this All Clear indicates that "submariners are everywhere" and all we have to do is find them and recruit them.



Jerry Emerson
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

UPCOMING EVENTS ARE:

Kings Bay Memorial	4 to 7 November
Wilson Whirligig Festival	7 & 8 November (Submarine Float on static display)
Asheboro Veterans' Day Parade	11 November
Wilson Christmas Parade	21 November
Williamston Christmas Parade	3 December
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner	5 December (registration form in this issue of All Clear)

Members going to Kings Bay? Please let me know.

We need some members to man the Submarine float in Wilson during the Whirligig Festival.

Members going to the Asheboro parade, let Chuck Jensen know.

Members going to the Wilson Christmas parade, let me know.

Members going to the Williamston Christmas parade, let me know.

We had a good business meeting in Cary on 10/17. Tarheel base will hold a short business meeting at the Pearl Harbor day event.

Dues are due by the end of December 2009

The Carolina-Piedmont Base Commander, Steve Bell would like a count of members who think they may attend the Burnsville event in May 21-22, 2010. Contact Steve or me.

Recruiting is the name of the game, we need to get our floats into more parades. As evident by my other article there are submariners out there who don't know the USSVI exists. Our floats are our advertisement and they need to be seen.

Thank you,

Jerry Emerson

SINGING SUBMARINERS



Bill Dixon (Butterbean)
USSVI Tarheel Base Vice Commander

Subvets,

For those of you that can sing, those of you who think you can sing, and those of you who just want to sing, PLEASE STEP FORWARD and contact me or Gordon Banks. We might just be on to something here. We can make this happen. There are a few of you that have contacted me already, thank you.

From tubes aft,
Butterbean TM2(SS)
919-467-7597
goldbow@bellsouth.net.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

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

John Rupertus, Base Storekeeper
rupe46@netscape.com
704-637-1998

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 your base commander before contacting me, and we'll find out your status and let you know.

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

WHERE ARE THE SUBMARINERS??? THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!

Sent in by Jerry Emerson

Case in point: Through a third party, I was informed about a possible submariner living in Edenton, NC and owning a restaurant. To check this out, Peg and I went to Edenton and located the restaurant. "The Soda Shoppe" @ 301 S. Broad Street. The owners are brothers, both submarine qualified. Frank Jones served on USS Grayling SSN646 and his brother Stephen Jones served on the USS Spadefish SSN668. We had a great lunch there and hopefully have convinced them to join the USSVI.

So shipmates, be on the lookout for submariners, there everywhere. Talk to them and get them to join USSVI.

ALBEMARLE SOUND BASE ANNIVERSARY

Sent in by Ron Pervere

Albemarle Sound Base of Subvets celebrated their one-year anniversary of being chartered on September 12, 2009.

Congratulations!

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
17 October 2009

Prior to convening the working meeting, 15 Subvets and 1 wife met at the Golden Corral in Cary for fellowship and chow at appx.11:30 AM.

Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson called the base working meeting to order at 1:01 PM followed by Bill "Chaplain" Whelan rendering the invocation. Jerry led 23 Subvets in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. All present briefly introduced themselves stating the name of their qual boat plus other boats where they served. Pat Collins covered a Holland Club presentation that he and Joe Clark rendered this AM to George Gressman at his residence - Magnolia Glen Rest Home in Raleigh.

George Gressman is the oldest Tarheel Base member at 92 years "young" with a qual date back in 1940. Pat reminded Holland Club members that it is time again for a \$1.00 annual donation from each member.

Good of the Order - Commander Jerry presented All Clear Editor Patch Paciorek with a plaque for Class I Newsletter of the Year-First Runner Up Award that was announced at the USSVI Convention in San Diego last month.

Dave Thommarson reported that Subvet Bob Wilson from Durham fell in front of his house and broke his hip yesterday. He was in surgery this AM at Durham Regional Hospital.

Bob Werner thanked all Subvets for the \$1,500 scholarship that was awarded to his granddaughter. Bob said the money is going to good use with 5 As and a B+ on his granddaughter's "report card" this past semester.



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 1 August 2009. Minutes were approved as read.
2. Base Treasurer Spencer Combos reported a checking account balance of \$3,161.42 at the end of the 3rd quarter. Tarheel Base membership stands at 197 with 165 members with an e-mail address. Base dues are owed by 141 and National dues by 56 members. Spencer is now using electronic banking for the Base checking account.
3. Vice Commander Butterbean Dixon reported new member recruiting has slowed to a snail pace. He urged Subvets to pay their dues ASAP. The formation of a Base quartet is a "work in progress" with 7 Subvets showing an interest in participating in the group. Butterbean stated a Cary Golden Corral Breakfast get-together is scheduled next Saturday (24 October) at 8:30 AM.
4. Chuck Jensen reported on the status of the Burnsville Memorial. The property owner, Tony Valovich, will be at the Memorial this month and he is pursuing the idea of placing a concrete base under the memorial. To date, no further erosion has taken place. NC Subvets are still committed to helping with the cost of the Memorial restoration. This item remains open.
5. Jerry Leppart covered the N.C. Subvets license plate status. As of 12 October 2009, Jerry has a list of 247 names with orders for a total of 360 plates. The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee will be meeting this month or next month to discuss specialty plate design requirements. Jerry does not foresee any action on plate approval until next May. This item remains open.

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

6. Commander Jerry stated a volunteer is still needed to fill the position of Base Storekeeper. These items remain open.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Upcoming Parades:
 - Wilson Whirligig Festival, Saturday & Sunday - November 7th & 8th. Per Commander Jerry, the submarine float will be on static display. Subvets will be needed to man the “submarine” to answer questions during the festival.
 - Asheboro Veterans Day Parade will take place on Wednesday, 11 November with a 4:00-4:30 PM form-up time.
 - NC Subvets will participate in the Wilson Christmas Parade on Saturday, 21 November. Jerry Leppart volunteered to tow the torpedo and Commander Jerry will pull the submarine. Time and place to muster will be forthcoming.
 - Commander Jerry will pull the submarine in the Williamston Christmas Parade on Thursday, 3 December with additional details to follow.
 - Chuck Jensen will draft a list of parades the Tarheel Base will commit to participate in each year.
2. Chuck Jensen covered two Tarheel Base By-Law revisions. WWII Tarheel Chapter Subvets in good standing will not pay Tarheel Base dues. No more grace period for USSVI new members that join between October 1st and December 31st. They will have to pay \$5.00 for the 4th quarter and \$20.00 for the following year for their National dues. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt these two by-law changes. Bob Werner will carry a copy of the revised by-laws to Southeastern District 1 Commander Dick Kanning for his signature. A copy of said by-laws will be retained by Base Historian Charlie Cross.
3. Nominations for Tarheel Base Officers were conducted by Nominating Committee Chairman John Rupertus. Those nominated (with no opposition or other candidates) were: Base Commander - Jerry Emerson; Vice Commander - Bill (Butterbean) Dixon; Secretary - Bill Lowe; and Treasurer - Spencer Combos. Recommendation was made to accept the slate of officers by acclamation and a motion to that effect was passed. To make it official, Secretary Bill Lowe cast a vote for each candidate.
4. Commander Jerry went over the details for the upcoming Pearl Harbor Day meeting. The event will be held on Saturday, 5 December 2009 in Wilson, NC. Cost of rooms is now \$98.00 per night but will be reduced to possibility \$89.00 at the end of October. Dick Kanning is lining up a speaker - just maybe the skipper of USS North Carolina (SSN-777). See the registration form on the last page of this newsletter for more details.
5. Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell would like a head count of the Tarheel Base members who may attend the meeting in Burnsville next year on 21 & 22 May 2010. Notify Commander Jerry if you will be making this meeting.
6. A combined Southeastern District 1 USSVI and Northeast & Southeast USSVI-WWII meeting will be held in Elizabeth City, NC in March 2010. USSVI will be the host and NC Subvets will be the sponsor. Barry Danforth will be lining up the details.
7. Next business meeting will be held Saturday, 5 December 2009 prior to the Pearl Harbor meeting (approx. time 1400).
8. Meeting was adjourned at 1418 with Chaplain Bill offering travelling graces.
9. Henry Hagwood held the 50/50 raffle with Arv Klemp winning half of \$111.00 (\$55.50).



USSVI – TARHEEL BASE TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CORNER

The Treasurer's input for the 4th Quarter 2009 follows:

Membership is currently 197

Checking Account:

Ending Balance 2 nd Qtr 2009	\$ 3,081.98
Receipts	\$ 1,353.74
Disbursements	<u>\$-1,274.30</u>
Ending Balance 3rd Qtr 2009	\$ 3,161.42



Spencer Combos
USSVI Tarheel Base Treasurer

USSVI Dues are due by December 31st of each year for National and Base

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

Note: Due the latest revision of the Tarheel Base Constitution and Bylaws, WWII Subvets no longer pay Tarheel Base dues. However, WWII Subvets who are life or regular members of USSV-WWII still pay Chapter dues if a member of the Tarheel Chapter.

Spencer Combos	919-851-7598
225 Strathburgh Lane	scombos@nc.rr.com
Cary, NC 27511	

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.

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Ken Boyer	Hugh Andrews	T. William Benedict
Kris Bridges	Gary Ayers	Frank Caulfield
George Cataldo	William Baldwin	George Craig
Joseph Clark	Gary Chadwell	Charles Dorman
Paul Crossland	Charles Cross	Bruce Fensley
Wayne Dennis	Randolph Denson	J. B. Helms
Barbara Dixon	Bill "Butterbean" Dixon	Bobby Hepler
Ricky Donohue	Scott Hughes	Paul Hiser
Nelson Gainey	Thomas Kelly	Robert F. Hopkins
Larry Hauser	William Lowe	Richard Kreh
David Holm	David Smith	Gary Lew
Gordon Hopper	Maurice Smith	Edward Lloyd
Shorty Lebonville	Royce Simpson	Ernest Morgan
Hugh McCracken	Paul Stinson	Everett Morgan
Alfred McGuire	Carl Walker	Wayne Powell
Donald Moyer	John Wallace	William Schneider
Michael Pennington		James Stanford
Howell Rice		Thomas Vandenheuvel
Joseph Ritter		Gilbert Warren
Charles Stevenson		Fenton Wells
Tony Valovich		
Robert Wilson		
Robert Wyatt		

USSVI – COASTAL CAROLINA BASE COMMANDER’S CORNER



Terry Kuhn
USSVI Coastal Carolina
Base Commander

Well, after taking over the “George” role as the newest base officer from Steve Bell of the Carolina Piedmont Base I had my hands full getting up to speed for our next monthly meeting. The following officers were elected: Terry Kuhn as Base Commander, Bill Schmauss as Vice Commander, and Jim Brincefield as Secretary/ Treasurer. We would all like to thank Bill Mussel for getting the base started and to Jim Brincefield for stepping up after Bill’s accident to keep us together until we could get a full slate of officers again. We worked on getting registered at the various newspaper, television and radio station web site community calendars. We posted our business meeting there and will continue to list our other base gatherings. I am getting a list of Media contacts from the Promotions Director of the Battleship North Carolina, which in conjunction with the press releases on the USSVI website; we hope to spread the word of our future activities. I posted one of the recruiting posters on the bulletin board on the Battleship with some business cards I printed up. The cards are being taken and I had one contact from a local Subvet who didn’t know about our base. I think many of the cards will go to visitors from out of town, but I put the USSVI web site on the card, so hopefully they will contact a base in their home state.

Plans are to put up similar posters at the VFWs, etc. We had 5 members at the meeting and we all had great ideas on how to increase member involvement and increase recruiting. Everyone supported taking over the duties of the S-28 liaison and memorial maintenance from the Tarheel Base. We will continue to be in touch with them to work out the transfer. We also want to increase our community involvement. We contacted one of the local NJROTC groups to start up a working relationship with them. Jim suggested working with a veteran’s assistance group in the state which we plan to contact. We also want to hold quarterly cleanups at the S-28 memorial and memorial observances of lost boats (The Scorpion was suggested as our first event). I am looking forward to growing this base and working with this fine group of people. A final thank you to Dick Kanning. We hope we can show you that your faith was not misplaced.

Upcoming events:

Subvets Brunch:	Saturday November 7 th at 10 AM at the K&W restaurant
Business meeting:	Thursday November 12 th at 7 PM at the 1 st Baptist Church
Hoggard NJROTC:	TBA
S-28 cleaning:	TBA

Terry Kuhn

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.

S.O.S. Contrary to popular notion, the letters S.O.S. do not stand for “Save Our Ship” or “Save Our Souls.” They were selected to indicate a distress because, in Morse code, these letters and their combination create an unmistakable sound pattern.

Navy Shower A water-saving evolution in which one attempts to get reasonably clean while using as little water as possible. Basically, you wet yourself down, turn off the shower, lather up, then turn the shower back on to rinse off.

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

RECENT HOLLAND CLUB ACTIVITIES



Walt Sealy, is pictured with his bride, Barbara after being inducted into the Holland Club by the CP Base Commander Steve Bell in July 2009.



Charles Stevenson receives his Holland Club & Senior Submariner Awards

August 4, 2009



Gordon Hopper receives his Holland Club Award

August 4, 2009



Bobby Hepler receives his Holland Club & Senior Submariner Awards

August 4, 2009



Maurice Smith receives his Holland & Senior Submariner Awards

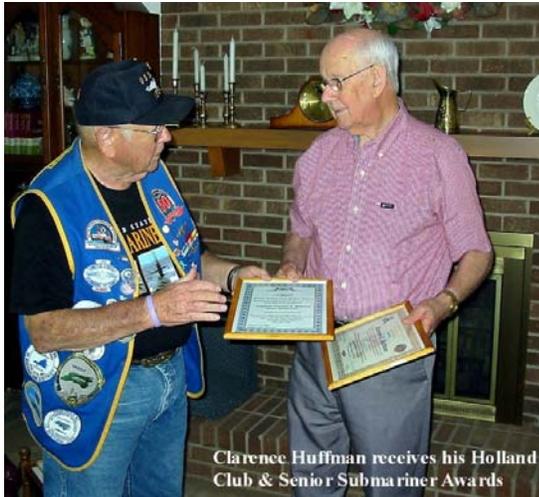
August 4, 2009



Bill Baldwin receives his Holland Club Award

August 4, 2009

RECENT HOLLAND CLUB ACTIVITIES



Clarence Huffman receives his Holland Club & Senior Submariner Awards

August 18, 2009

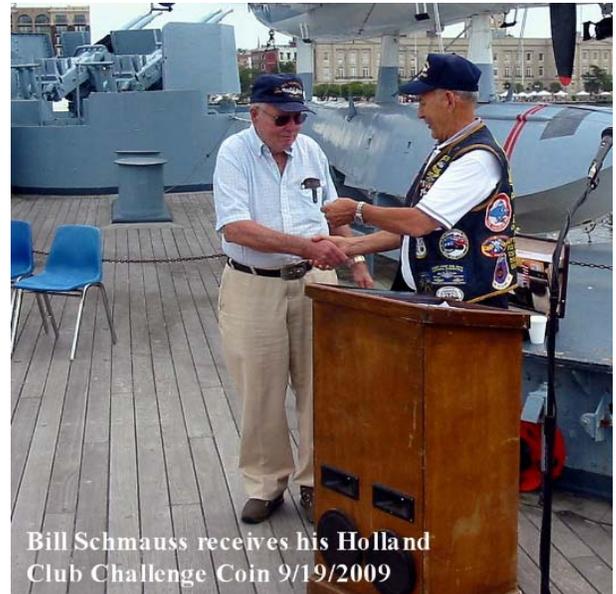


George Gressman receives his Holland Club & Senior Submariner Awards

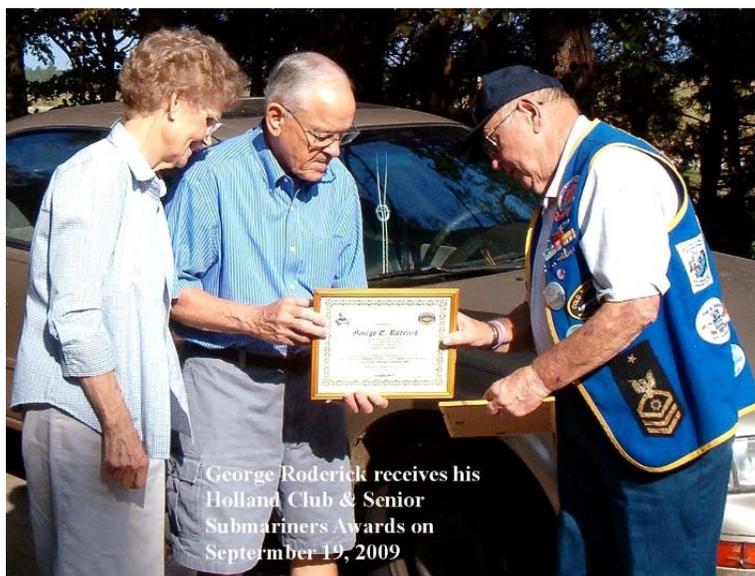
October 17, 2009



Steven Cooms accepts George Cataldo's Holland Club Award 9/19/2009



Bill Schmauss receives his Holland Club Challenge Coin 9/19/2009



George Roderick receives his Holland Club & Senior Submariners Awards on September 19, 2009

SUBVETS RECOGNIZE EAGLE SCOUTS



Kris Bridges
NC Subvets Eagle Scout Coordinator

I've had the distinct pleasure of presenting several Eagle Scout Certificates over the past several months. USSVI recognizes these scouts for a number of reasons. It teaches others in the community about our organization and how we distinguish ourselves from other veterans associations. It is a recruiting tool for our organization. It is a way to show others the similar path we all took in earning our dolphins. But probably most importantly, it is a means of actively working our mission statement.

While each of the boys completed the same rigorous requirements of earning merit badges, serving in various leadership positions and completing numerous service hours, they each completed a project to benefit the community. To most people, these projects appear to be just another good deed, but actually these projects are designed to put into practice the skills learned and to further develop the leadership skills of the Eagle candidate.

Though the requirement itself is broad in scope and can include just about any worthy activity, the lessons taught are in the details. From the beginning the scout is challenged to write a project description for approval by the Council. This may seem simple to some but it usually takes a few tries. The scout has to be able to show the project is practicality, beneficial, and well thought out. Planning and organizing the project includes scheduling, funding, and manpower. Working out the logistics of who, what, why, when, and where are exactly the leadership abilities that sets this process apart from any other youth program today. There were many times during my own Eagle project that I wished I could just go do the project myself and not worry about getting others to help. In many ways the end result would have been the same, except I'd have never learned how to delegate and plan. The Eagle Scout project is the final test, a display of competence of all those underlying lessons taught over many years of scouting.



Maverick Gunter received his Eagle Scout Award on July 26, 2009. He constructed an outdoor classroom at a local elementary school. This project will be an asset for everyone that uses the school's campus.



David Klemp received his Eagle Scout Award on August 22, 2009. His project included rework of the curb and gutter in his church parking lot in order to provide easier access from all points in the lot.



Thomas Allen received his Eagle Scout Award on October 10, 2009. His project included collecting over 300 pounds of peanut butter for a local food bank. This food bank provides assistance for several hundred people every day.

They all deserve a big Bravo Zulu!

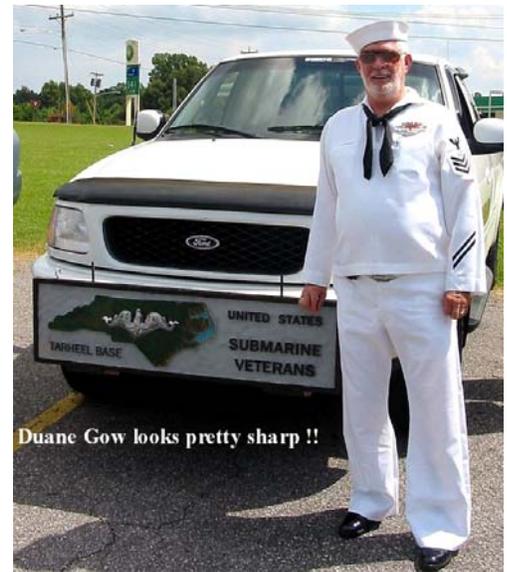
Kris Bridges
NC Subvets Eagle Scout Coordinator

PARADES, PARADES, PARADES

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

2009 OLD SOLDIERS PARADE

We had 23 NC Subvets at this year's parade from both the Carolina-Piedmont and Tarheel Bases. Also some of our wives were present too. As always, a great turnout of spectators as they were lining both sides of the parade route. After the parade most of us had dinner at the Prime Sirloin Restaurant which has become a tradition with this parade. However, we will have to find a new restaurant for next year as the Prime Sirloin Restaurant will be closing in a few weeks.



Duane Gow looks pretty sharp !!



WWII Subvets Gordon Hopper & Bill Morris meet again.

NC Subvets,

Our next parade will be the Asheboro Veterans Day Parade on Wednesday November 11th. We will need to muster between 4:00 and 4:30 PM on Church Street in Asheboro. A map of the location is on the next page.

Chuck

USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS

From SubVet News - #2009-035

NEWS-04: Carolina Piedmont Base gets good press for Kapss4Kidss work at Camp Victory
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 7/24/2009

Not only did they bring a smile to the faces of ninety stricken kids at Camp Victory, started by NASCAR Legend Richard Petty, they also received some very good press throughout their area.

Jack Jeffries reports he has received phone calls from many Subvets in his area wanting to get involved.

A win-win situation and good for the leadership and crew at Carolina Piedmont!

To review the news clipping, visit www.ussvi.org and click on the KAPS4KIDS button.

BZ!

FROM YOUR SOUTHEAST REGION DISTRICT 1 (SED1) COMMANDER

National Awards: The NC Subvets should be proud. Carolina-Piedmont Base got a USSVI first; a Golden Anchor AND a Silver Anchor in the same year! A lot of conversation and discussion went into this recognition, and with my consternation regarding the different requirements separating the two, the awards were rightfully given.

OUR Newsletter: All Clear has reached the final step of being the Best, as the recipient of 1st runner-up. While Patch deserves many 'kudos' and 'Atta-Boys,' he enhanced what Jim Myers had established as OUR newsletter. Again, the nomination led to much discussion as some viewed the newsletter as a district item, while some others deemed it a multiple entry. Again, I'm proud of the firm stand I took on this!

My Award: Yes, I did receive an award as District CDR. The methodology and actions (or lack of) the selection committee took did the award a disservice. Instead of selecting a single DC as recipient, they awarded one from each region, with but one nominee from each region. I think you get the gist.

DUES: Yeh, Yeh! Here I go, again. With the National grace period gone, if your annual dues are not received by National by 31 January, you are dropped! Do yourself a favor and help out your base treasurer by anteing up. Why not pay your base dues at the same time? Makes every ones work a bit easier.

Survival: I'm elated! After what was looming as a closure of the Coastal Carolina Base, there are some real shipmates who have taken on the leadership so to remain a viable and valuable part of NC Subvets and the District. THANK YOU Terry Kuhn (BC), Bill Schmauss (VC) and Jim Brincefield (Sec'y/Treas). It was an honor to see this happen, as well as get to swear them in following our memorial service at the S-28 marker. Terry has always been a blessing for us with his employ on the BB-55. Jim did a great job of maintaining communications after past BC Bill Mussel was so severely injured. Now, WE need to ensure their growth.

National Conventions: There are two items worth of note: the 2012 National Convention will be in Norfolk! The HR Base and the Norfolk/Hampton Roads C&VB rightfully wowed the audience and won the 2012 convention site. I hope that WE NC Subvets will assist them in their endeavors.

Additionally, on the USSVI website (www.ussvi.org) is a ballot each of us can participate in: choose to have a National Convention every two (2) years, coinciding with the national elections. Should save everyone \$\$\$ for the off years as well as enhance District/Region get-togethers in the alternate years.

Small World: While at an auto show in Spencer, at the NC Transportation Museum (Why I missed the 17 Oct meeting) I ran into a gent showing his 1940 'shark nose' Graham. Name of Robert Feldes, a former neighbor of our Base founder, Mike Burkholder. He noticed my Subvets jacket and the conversation started. He alluded to the Superman suit and a few other quirks of Mike. I also ran into Bob Hopkins (aka Hoppy Junior). Bob is still at the Museum as the events co-coordinator. As such he gets to work every weekend that there is an event going on and misses our meetings. Bob and I both won 1st place in our class; Bob with his 52 Caddy Fleetwood and me with my restored 71 Dodge Dart. Goes to show: wear something with dolphins and/or a submarine motif and you'll be led to a conversation!

BTW, Bob would like to have another Subvet meeting there. I fondly remember the 2004 District meeting there and what a good time those of us in attendance had. Something to consider.

Bored? With the winter soon upon us, and no lawns to mow or keep up, lots of time on your hand consider being a volunteer! Where? Why your own organization! With close to 200 members, we as a base should be turning persons away from helping, but that is NOT the case. Don't just be a member, BE A PART of who we are and what we do. Our Base Officers deserve and want our help and support. No one should be forced to serve a Base position solely due to a lack of OUR willing to be an integral part of a prosperous base.

Relief: This will probably be the last time for my input to All Clear as your District CDR. Having been in this post for nearly 5 years, Darryl Moyers, present HR Base BC, is my slated relief. No other persons chose to serve. I am most confident in Darryl's ability and drive, as I've seen what and how he has served his Base.

Yours in Service

Dick

ALL CLEAR

Page 23

4TH QTR 2009





FROM THE YANKEE DOODLE DANDY S-28 NEWSLETTER

One other interesting item from the last article was the method of escape used on "S" boats. Ensign Thomas Alan Casey, the engineer, described to the court of inquiry why he didn't think the crew could have escaped. "I cannot conceive of any possibility of escape in the depth of water in which the S-28 was operating. The water is too deep, sir. The boat would be crushed they would never be able to get up. The standard method of escape in an "S" type boat is to flood the torpedo room or the motor room to permit escape. To do that the boat would be on the bottom of the ocean." -- No escape trunks, ouch.

Jim Lewis, Quartermaster Signalman 2/c was interviewed by Brad Flory of the Jackson Citizen Patriot and had some interesting comments on torpedo reliability. "The Navy had a lot of bum torpedoes, you know. We missed more ships than we sunk, really. We didn't miss them, the torpedoes wouldn't go off. The exploding mechanism didn't work; it was a design defect in the damn thing, on the exploder. If they hit dead on they wouldn't necessarily have to go off, they'd have to hit at an angle.

Mr. Dean Spratlin recalled: "We entered the Kiska Harbor submerged, looking for something to shoot. We found a Jap destroyer, but he found us. He started making a run on us, so we had a chance to try our backing tactic. We were headed for each other and we fired two fish 'down the throat.' But a destroyer head on is a narrow target and we missed.

Here from page 9 of the first war patrol is the attack which occurred on 18 June 1942 at 1157: "Fired Number one tube on sound bearing and number two tube for longitudinal spread. Both torpedoes apparently ran hot, straight and normal, depth at firing 110'. About two and a half minutes after firing first torpedo heard detonation similar to pistol shot, on the sound gear; no explosion was heard or felt in the ship."

On the fourth war patrol, on 7 January 1943 at 2130 they attacked another target which failed also. "Attack #1 missed. This is hard to understand as the course and speed were checked continually during the tracking, and a longitudinal spread was fired using points of aim just inside bow, M.O.T., and just inside of stern. The target was clearly visible, showing a white light forward and a pale green side light, it was not zig-zagging and was unescorted." (It is probably fortunate that this attack missed. The crew later determined that the neutral Russian merchant shipping was very slack in identifying themselves. They later classified this target as a Russian.)

Their first attack during the seventh war patrol, missed but was attributed to an error in the speed estimate of the target. The next attack, using four Mark 10 mod 1 torpedoes resulted in sinking their first and only kill, the 4000 ton Katura Maru No. 2 on 19 September 1944. They scored hits on the second and third torpedoes. Mr. Spratlin, who was the XO and Navigator by this time, said: "A coupla hours later patrolling again submerged in daylight; we spotted another ship and started an approach on her. And, unbelievably, miraculously, we were able to get close enough to fire. Very close-in fact so close that when we hit her and she exploded (she was apparently carrying ammunition) she damn near blew us out of the water! We were so excited to have at long last sunk a ship, we didn't care if the explosion sank us too!"

Please send any stories and family news to me at:

yddeditor@gmail.com

or:

Terry Kuhn

165 Graystone Road

Wilmington, NC 28411

We would love to hear more about life on the S-28 from all hands, duty, recreation, sporting teams, sleeping conditions, the food, your shipmates and what it was like being on a submarine without air conditioning. Also, send us news about your families and how everyone is doing.

NCDMV SPECIALTY PLATE NEWS

Sent in by Jerry Leppart
Tarheel Base Member

Not much is going on with the specialty plate, as I'm waiting to receive notice from the Transportation Oversight Committee as to when they're convening to discuss the "commonality" issue for Specialty Plates...not only for the ones being requested, but the existing ones also. I've been in contact with Senator Neal Hunt and Representative Pryor Gibson, but no date has been set for their (Oversight Comm) discussions. I plan to attend any / all discussions to emphasize our cause. I've also requested a meeting with Senator David Hoyle, Senate Finance Committee Co-Chair and sponsor of Senate Bill S116 which is the Specialty Plate Bill that our original Bill was amended to....it includes 23 Specialty Plates out of the 50+ plates that were being requested last session. The State Budget issue(s) really put the damper on a lot of bills last session.



Jack Jeffries & I came up with the saying, "NOT DEFEATED, JUST DELAYED!"

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

THE BATTERY WELL

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

Sent in by Jack Jeffries



BEWARE AND PASS THE WORD!

While at the Vista VA Clinic on 28 Aug 09, VA staff were handing out flyers warning of a VA Scam. Here is the content of the warning flyer:

Veterans are reporting that they are receiving calls from people claiming to be from the VA Pharmacy. The callers are telling veterans that the billing procedure for prescriptions has changed, and that the veteran needs to provide his/her credit card number for prescription payment before Pharmacy will fill their medication requests.

All billing for any VA treatment and/or prescriptions is done through the MCCR Section of the VA. If the veteran wishes to pay his/her account by credit card, the veteran must provide the credit card number to our Agent Cashier. Our Agent Cashier is the only VA employee authorized to accept credit card payments.

THE SUB NET

Items on the Internet of Interest to Submariners

Here's to the Heroes: A Military Tribute

Sent in by Chaplain Ray
Carolina Piedmont Base

A terrific video. Remember our military
personnel in prayer.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LL-0mdEg0U4&feature=related>

Female Sailors Could Join Submarine Crews By 2011

http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2009/10/military_women_subs_101209w/

Post 9-11 GI Bill Factsheet

http://www.gibill.va.gov/S22/Post_911_Factsheet.pdf

New Class of Submarine

Sent in by Mike Pennington

Interesting article (from my XO
from the Daniel Boone days)

There is always a better 'mouse trap'
being built by someone out there.

Trust we can catch-up and not let our enemies get a
hold of this new technology!!!!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Khaa3y0i87s>

Take a Listen

Sent in by Mike Toomey

A friend sent me this and I thought
I would share it with you ...

USS Cod #4 diesel engine running after 39 years.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ae3G8z5isxs>

TRICARE Standard Pays To Be Preventive

Obtaining clinical preventive services helps prevent illness before major health problems occur. Section 711 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2009 encourages eligible TRICARE Standard beneficiaries to use preventive health services by waiving all cost shares for certain types of these services starting September 1. These services include screenings for colorectal cancer, breast cancer, cervical cancer and prostate cancer; immunizations; and well-child visits for children under 6 years of age.

To read the entire release visit: <http://www.tricare.mil/pressroom/news.aspx?fid=551>

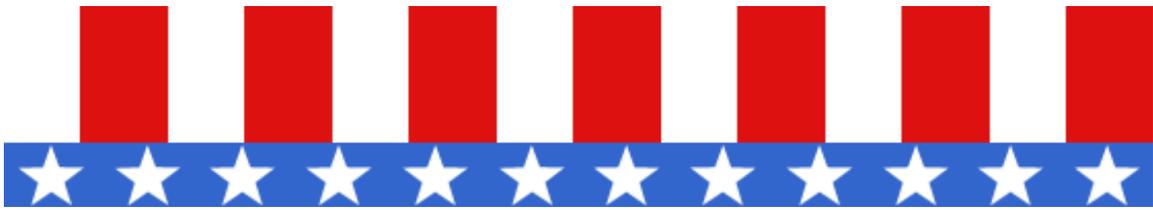


<http://applebees.com/vetsDay/default.aspx>



Military Appreciation Monday
Free "Thank You" Dinner
Monday, Nov. 16, 2009,
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

<http://www.goldencorral.com/military/>



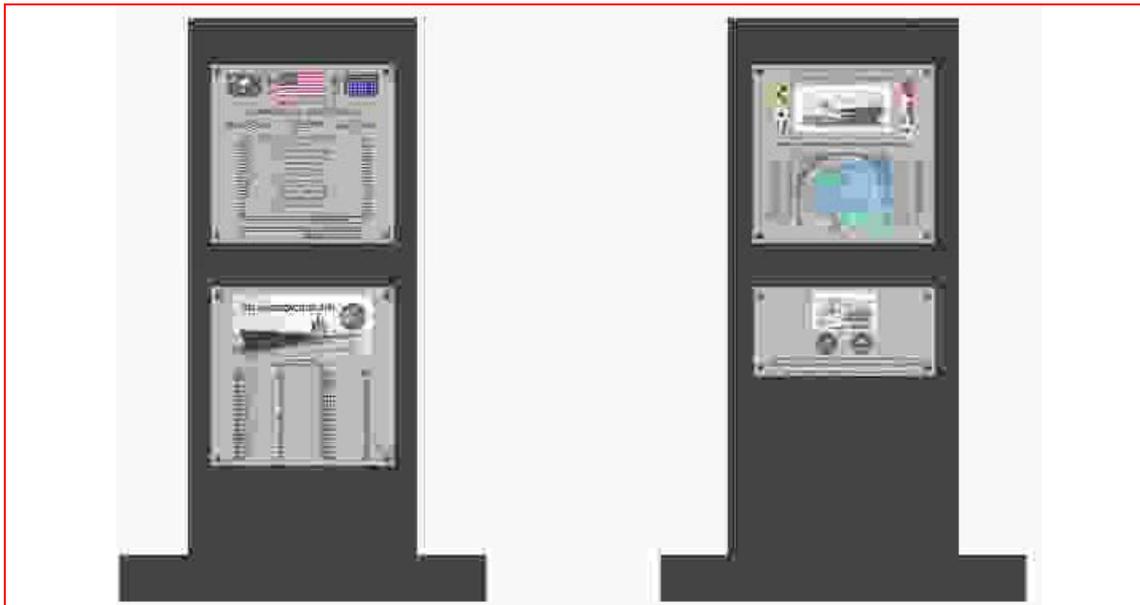
WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial Dedication

**You are invited
to the dedication of the
World War Two Lost Boat Memorial**

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

1400

**Cold War Submarine Memorial
Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum**



The front panel gives tribute to the 52 lost boats lost in the Second World War. The bottom panel is South Carolina's lost boat the USS Amberjack (SS-219), which was lost in March 1943. The back top panel shows the ship's position and date of loss, and the fourth World War Two Submarine Memorial Dedication Plaque honors the wives and mothers for the hardship they endured.

Rusty Pickett
South Carolina Chapter
Naval Submarine League



Hurry And Sign Up For The USSVI & SVWWII Christmas Party

WHERE: SANDCASTLE OCEANFRONT RESORT HOTEL
1307 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach, VA 23451
Phone: 757-428-2828 Toll Free: 1-800-233-0131
<http://www.sandcastle-vabeach.com/>

WHEN: MEET & GREET – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009
BANQUET – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009

GUESTROOM ACCOMODATIONS:

ARRIVAL DATE	DEPARTURE DATE	ROOMS BLOCKED
Wed. Dec 2, 2009	Fri. Dec 4, 2009	25

Check-in time 1500 (3:00 PM) – Check-out time is 1100

Group Rates are \$43.00 per room per night (single / double), subject to 13% State Tax, plus \$1.00 per room per night City Tax, making a total of \$49.59 per room per night.

RESERVATION PROCEDURES

On making their reservations, individuals must indicate they are with USSVI and make their reservations by Friday, November 30, 2009, at which time all unreserved rooms on the group block will be released for sale to the general public. The first night room and tax will be charged when making the reservation. The balance is due on check in. Please note, checks will not be accepted for final payment. Individual reservations must be cancelled 72 hours prior to the arrival date for full refund of deposit.

**PEARL HARBOR DAY
REMEMBRANCE DINNER
SATURDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2009
REGISTRATION FORM**

MEMBER NAME: _____ GUEST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL _____

WWII CHAPTER: _____ USSVI BASE: _____

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$30.00 PER PERSON

The registration fee includes the use of the Hospitality room for Friday and Saturday; use of the Banquet Room all day Saturday and a sit down dinner consisting of: *Tossed garden salad, Tenderloin of beef, Pecan chicken, Baked diced red potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert, Bread & Butter, Tea & Coffee.*

\$30.00 X _____ people attending = amount enclosed of \$ _____:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO USSVI-TARHEEL BASE.

Please submit registration form with payment to:

**Jerry Emerson
9384 White Oak Hill Rd.
Bailey, NC 27807**

**Telephone : 252-286-6329 or 252-235-6329
E-Mail: nkiv368@embarqmail.com**

A TOTAL COUNT MUST BE GIVEN TO THE CATERER BY DECEMBER 2nd. THE BANQUET ROOM IS LIMITED TO 100 PEOPLE: I NEED ALL REGISTRATION FORMS BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd.

The Event will be held at:

**THE COUNTRY INN & SUITES
4910 HAYES PLACE
WILSON, NC 27896
252-281-5501**

Directions: On I-95 take Exit 121. From the RALEIGH AREA, follow 64/264 East. Stay on 264. Exit at Exit 36 B, which is 264 Alternate. The inn is about one mile from the exit on the right behind the Visitor's Center.

A BLOCK OF 40 ROOMS HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR THIS EVENT. YOU MUST RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM BEFORE 20 NOVEMBER 2009. A REDUCED RATE WILL APPLY IF YOU IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS ATTENDING THE SUBMARINE VETERANS PEARL HARBOR DAY EVENT.