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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, plus 17 army personnel
<b>AMBERJACK</b>	Sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs	All hands lost	<b>SEAWOLF</b>	Sunk by friendly destroyer	No loss of life
<b>GRAMPUS</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	<b>DARTER</b>	Ran aground	All hands lost
<b>TRITON</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	<b>SHARK II</b>	Sunk by surface craft	78 men lost, 9 taken prisoner
<b>PICKEREL</b>	Sunk by surface craft	All hands lost	<b>TANG</b>	Sunk by own torpedo	All hands lost
<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.

**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 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  
And mail to: Jim Myers, 4905 Reidsville Road, Walkertown, NC 27051-9774

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

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

## ELIGIBILITY:

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

## OUR CREED:

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

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# ELIZABETH CITY JOINT MEETING NOTES

Shared by Chuck Jensen

The joint meeting hosted by the Albemarle Sound Base March 4<sup>th</sup> through March 6<sup>th</sup> had over 70 Subvets and guests in attendance. Of these, 8 were WWII Subvets. The meeting attendees were from Southeastern Region of USSV-WWII and Southeast District #1 of USSVI. All of the SED 1 Base Commanders were present with the exception of the USS Virginia and Coastal Carolina Bases.

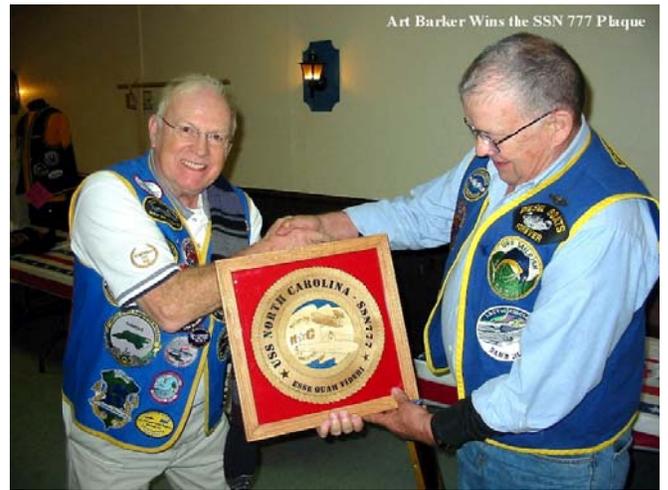
At the luncheon held on Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> at VFW Post 6060, FORCM (SS) Jeff Garrison of the US Submarine Force was the guest speaker. He provided an overview of our submarine force today and also some insight on the DOD's intention of allowing women to serve on submarines.



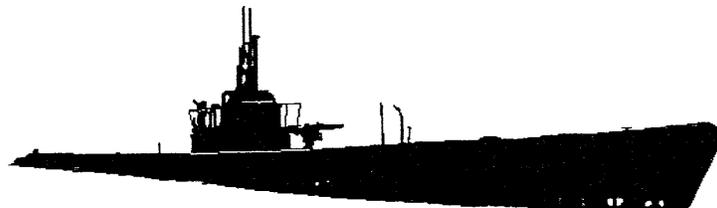
SED 1 District Commander Dick Kanning presented his annual SED 1 awards. He presented this year's individual award to Jerry Leppart and this year's base award to the Carolina Piedmont Base.



Dick Kanning also presented a shadow box containing the SED 1 and USSV-WWII patches to Chief Garrison in appreciation for being our guest speaker.



Art Barker won the SSN 777 wood carved plaque, Steve Bell won the sock scarf, and Ma Bell won the 50/50 raffle.



## MORE FROM THE ELIZABETH CITY JOINT MEETING



Master Chief Garrison and Jim Tobin cut the luncheon's cake as Jim was the Subvet present being qualified the longest while Master Chief Garrison was the newest qualified Subvet present.



Well done to the Albemarle Sound Base and the kitchen staff at VFW Post 6060 for hosting this meeting.

# Now Hear This!!

## 2010 BURNSVILLE MEETING INFORMATION

The schedule of events and registration form is included later in this issue for the upcoming Burnsville Memorial Service being held May 21-22. The actual service is May 22. I have 30 rooms set aside for us at \$57.25 plus tax. Have also set up a buffet dinner for Saturday evening (1800) and will be a home cooked meal, catered buffet style. **Cutoff is May 1**, so that I can either turn rooms back in and also give a head count for the meal. For those that did not attend last year, we actually had a pretty good time up in the mountains, even if there is not much there. Of course there were a bunch of sea stories being told.

Steve Bell  
Carolina-Piedmont Base Commander

## 2010 KINGS BAY WWII SUBVETS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Shared by Chuck Jensen

Mark your calendars! The annual Submarine Memorial Service held in Kings Bay, GA that was scheduled to be held during the first weekend in November has moved to the week prior, 27-30 October due to Base events that will be going on.

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

Shipmates,

Thanks to the great support from the Albemarle Base, the joint meeting held in March at Elizabeth City was a success. Attendance by WWII Subvets continues to decline at these types of meetings as well as other events due to folks finding it harder to travel because of their age related health issues.

It will be up to the WWII Subvets in the Tarheel Chapter to decide when we need to shut this chapter down. Don Small suggested that when this does happen, that we might want to consider using the balance of the chapter's funds to upgrade the landscaping at the S-28 memorial in Wilmington. If anyone has some other ideas on how to best use these funds, please let me know. As all chapter members with the exception of two, are now lifetime members in USSVI and a member in one of the state's USSVI Bases, shutting down the chapter will not affect you from participating in Subvet activities. With Tarheel Chapter dues and USSV-WWII annual dues for non-lifetime members requiring payment in July, do we want to continue the chapter for another year? Please let me know your thoughts on this. You can contact me either by email [chuck-focc@earthlink.net](mailto:chuck-focc@earthlink.net), or calling me at 336-676-9702. If you prefer my mailing address is: 4925 Warfield Drive Greensboro, NC 27406.

I recently received additional information from Gus Kraus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President USSV-WWII regarding the Joint National Convention that will be held in Cincinnati later this year. This information is included in this issue of the All Clear. I hope some of you will be able to attend.

Also the Carolina Piedmont Base will again host this year's Burnsville Meeting to be held May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. I expect that the memorial property owner Tony Valovich will be able to meet with us again. The registration form is included in this issue of the All Clear.

Harold Steed was able to participate in this year's Azalea Festival Parade at Wilmington so the WWII Subvets were represented. Our next parade will be Thomasville's Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Hope to see many of you next month at Burnsville.

Chuck



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

### USS PHILADELPHIA DECOMMISSIONING / REUNION

Please help us in getting the word out about the Decommissioning and Reunion for the USS Philadelphia SSN 690. Thanks in advance for posting and/or sending this out to your crew so that anyone interested can join us in the events.

Regards,  
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USS Philadelphia Sailor's Association  
2010 Reunion Coordinator  
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### USS SIMON BOLIVAR SSBN 641 2010 REUNION

Sheraton Charleston Airport Hotel  
07-11 June 2010

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## WWII TARHEEL CHAPTER TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CORNER

The WWII Chapter checking account for 3/31/2010 balanced with the Bank Statement at \$3423.07 with the details as follows:

1/31/2010	Starting Total	\$3099.67
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**DEPOSITS SINCE 1/31/2010**

2/3, 2/9, 2/12	2010 Conference	\$ 635.00
2/9	Calendars	\$ 30.00
2/16	Refund of Double Dep. for Billy Williams	\$ 20.00
3/1, 3/26	2010 Conference	\$ 530.00
3/26	Hospitality Room	\$ 165.00
3/26	Calendars	\$ 10.23
3/29	Refund of Half for Amplifier	\$ 18.77

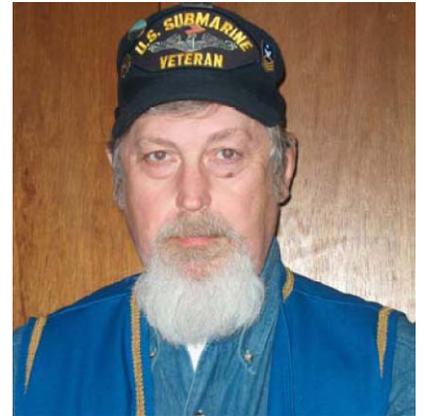
Total Deposits \$1409.00

**EXPENDITURES SINCE 1/31/2010**

2/24	Webster Hardware (Trailer Needs)	\$ 18.91
3/5	Dick Kanning (Hospitality Room)	\$ 130.93
3/5	Chuck Jensen - Amplifier & Sandwiches for Hospitality Room	\$ 218.21
3/6	Albermarle Sound Base Half of Conf	\$ 196.68
3/6	Albermarle Sound Base Conf Food	\$ 487.50
3/9	Radio Shack Jacks for Sound System	\$ 33.37

Total Expenditures \$1085.60

3/31/2010	Ending Total	\$3423.07
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Jim Myers  
WWII Tarheel Chapter Treasurer

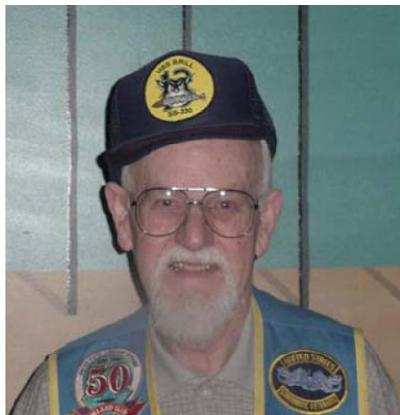
Jim Myers  
Treasurer

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

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

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain Bill Whelan  
WWII Tarheel Chapter  
USSVI Tarheel Base

### THE GOOD BOOK DOESN'T TELL IT ALL

The following was told by RADM Jay Donnelly at the North Central Regional in Des Moines, IA, published in the Illinois Scope Newsletter, and repeated here because it's too darn good not to.

Genesis 1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the spirit of God was hovering over the water. 3 And God said, 'Let the water teem with living creatures' .... 21 So God created the great creatures of the seas and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds."

What you didn't learn in Church is that the dark smelly creatures that inhabited the land, God called Soldiers and Marines and dressed them accordingly like trees and bushes. And the flighty creatures of the air He called Airmen, and these he clad in uniforms of light blue to match the sky.

And the creatures who sailed the surface of the seas, God called Skimmers. With a twinkle in His eye and a sense of humor that only He could have, God gave them big gray targets to sail on. He gave them many splendid uniforms to wear. He gave them many wonderful and exotic places to visit. He gave them pen and paper so they could write home every week (those were the days before e-mail). He gave them afternoons off, movies, and ice cream makers, and he gave them a laundry to keep their splendid uniforms clean. When you are God, you tend to get carried away.

And on the seventh day, God rested.

On the eighth day at 0800 hours, God looked down on the earth and He was not happy. So He thought about His labors and, in His infinite wisdom, God created a "divine creature" whom he called a Submariner.

And the Submariners whom He created in His own Image and likeness were to be of the deep, and to them He gave the Dolphin insignia. He gave them black messengers of death in which to roam the depths, waging war against the forces of Satan and evil. He gave them submarine pay so they might entertain the ladies when back in port on Saturday nights, and impress the devil out of Skimmers. And at the end of the eighth day, God looked down on the earth and saw that all was good. But still God was not happy.

In the course of His labors, He had forgotten one thing. He had forgotten to create a Submariner's Dolphin for himself.

He thought about it and He thought about it. He finally satisfied Himself when He realized that not just anybody can be a Submariner!

The above is "tongue in cheek," but you get the message.

Bless you.

Chaplain Bill

## NCDMV SPECIALTY PLATE NEWS

Shared by Jerry Leppart

Hi Folks, during a recent trip downtown, I found that I wasn't prepared for what I encountered. I was told by one of the Legislative Assistants that I've known for over 20 years that she had a conversation with one of the Legislators who said I needed to "back off" on my visits and sending notes to various Legislators. Also said that she was told the 150 number we had requested would not fly. I came home and wrote a note of apology to this Legislator and explained that my intent of the visits and notes was not to anger him or be a thorn in his side but to gain support for our plate. I also told him that I had 253 names wanting 366 plates so the 150 number was a moot point. None of the Legislators knew the actual number we had. He did respond and said "no problem, we'll get it." Remember, these folks are "Politicians."

So, I will "back off" until the May session (convenes May 12) and see what happens. I ask you all, PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ANY NOTES OR LETTERS to any of the Legislators regarding our plate. I would not put it past them to pull our plate out of the Bill. I'll keep everyone informed of any / all updates.

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

Shipmates,

It is Burnsville time of year. If you have not registered, please hurry as the cutoff may be before you read this. Even so, I might be able to fix you up anyway. The hotel cutoff is 1 May but I was told if they still have rooms available they will give them to you at the good rate. Also, you might be gambling on the meal, but I am sure they make a little more than for the number we turn in.

Now that the nice weather (temperature wise) is here, there will be more outings. There are several parades scheduled this year, we at Carolina Piedmont are having a Subvets night on 29 May at a Charlotte Knights baseball game. We will also be providing a color guard for that game. Anyone that wants to attend is more than welcome for it. As we near that date, there will be more details. I am hoping to have an outside meeting or two while the weather is good, just hope that when we plan one, the rain holds off that day.

Again, National elections are on top of us. I encourage each of you to review the various positions with their biographies and maybe constitution/by-law changes (if there are any) carefully and vote. That is the best way to try and ensure one of your liking gets into an office. I personally do not think it is important who you like, just vote for them.

Our Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program is rolling just fine, even with the April cancellation due to lack of 'campers'. We are still on for June for the larger amount of campers. Maybe we can get lucky and get Richard to come help us again. This, along with some other planned service projects gives us all a good feeling about what we are doing and hopefully we can continue to extend these programs. As we do, we will be enlisting more and more assistance for them.

Enjoy the spring/summer, keep safe, and hope to see many of you at the National Convention. At least this one is within driving distance for us and it would be really nice to see a reasonable contingent of NC Subvets there.

Steve Bell



Steve Bell  
USSVI Carolina-Piedmont  
Base Commander

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



Jack Jeffries  
USSVI Carolina-Piedmont  
Base Secretary

### CAROLINA PIEDMONT BASE MEETING MINUTES 100327

Meeting called to order at 1900 by Commander Steve Bell, invocation given by Chaplain Ray Fritz, Pledge of allegiance, tolling of Boats presented by Ray Fritz. Member introduction of 27 members present.

Special Presentations - Commander Bell presented to base members the District Commander Award Certificate, which Dick Kanning presented to us at the District Meeting held at Elizabeth City. Also presented was a Letter of Appreciation from the District Commander for our base participation in donating to the COMSUBLANT SOY presentations. Steve presented 10 year USSVI membership pin to Howard Dachs.

Secretary Jack Jeffries read the minutes of the previous meeting, approved and seconded with minor corrections: St. Patrick's Day Parade date changed to 13 March, date of Azalea Festival parade to be April 10<sup>th</sup>, Autism Speaks participation scheduled for 9 October.

## USSVI – CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE SECRETARY'S CORNER (Cont.)

Treasurer Lee Hickerson presented financial report: Balance on hand, \$5376.59, Restricted funds, Burnsville Memorial \$1563.50, Kaps4Kids \$1299.80, Refreshment Fund \$105.00, Spruce Pine Reservations \$540.00, Challenge Coin Reservations \$90.00, Outstanding Bills \$44.00, Available funds, \$1697.09. Approved and seconded as read.

Storekeepers report: Still have a few calendars on hand. Displayed USSVI jacket purchased by Hal Rutter. Members present decided to have Jeff to handle orders for those desiring jackets. Jeff to advise us as to cost and distribute order forms for jackets.

Old Business: Steve updated us on presentation at Victory Junction scheduled for 10 April, 32 Children as well as their siblings and parents to attend. Discussed Challenge Coin design and approved both side designs. Members decided to have coins epoxy coated with rope (line) border. Two-sided sample should be ready shortly for presentation. Purchase price to be \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 non-members. Patch for base members honoring our Golden Anchor and Silver Anchor awards should be available within 2 weeks.

New Business: We discussed the possibility of purchasing an ad for the program at the National Convention. The proposal was turned down by the members present. The members voted to send \$10.00 to the Holland Club for the members of our base. This will be added to the National pool of money and be used for supplying patches and certificates for new Holland Club members.

Good of the Order: Dale Moses stated that anyone can submit an article for our newsletter. We need inputs to make Dale's job easier. Don't be bashful, any article welcome. We commended Dale on the superb job he is accomplishing. We received a Thank You for our contribution to the USS DRUM restoration fund. The Executive Board held a short meeting before the general meeting to discuss the resignation of our Jr. Vice Commander due to health reasons. The board put it to the members at the general meeting and it was voted on that we not replace the position at the present time. Motion made and seconded. We discussed the upcoming National Elections and stressed the importance of each member casting their vote. The election slate of candidates is to be published in the next American Submariner edition. The Massing of the Colors that was held in Greenville, SC was discussed. Rick Pettitt, Dale Moses and Walt Sealy represented our base. There are two more ceremonies slated, 18 April at Columbia, SC and 24 April at Rock Hill SC. Walt Sealy to coordinate these events. We need as many members as possible to attend. We discussed the upcoming Burnsville gathering and reservations need to be turned in to Steve Bell ASAP. If you need a reservation form please contact Jack Jeffries. We have 4 parades coming up, Azalea festival in Wilmington NC 10 April; Thomasville, NC on 31 June; Faith, NC on 4 or 5 July; Newton, NC and Troutman, NC dates to be published when we know them. Dale Moses presented his proposal to bring Flag Awareness program to local schools, he has forwarded an initial program to Jack Jeffries for review. Steve Bell presented to us that he has an Eagle Scout Award scheduled for sometime in the month of May. He will inform us as to the exact date and location. The upcoming 2012 National Convention to be held in Norfolk, VA area was discussed. Volunteers from our base are needed for manning the registration desk. The possibility of a group outing to the Charlotte Knights Baseball Park in Ft. Mill was briefly discussed, more info to come. Dale Moses is checking on it. Howard Murray discussed an Easter egg hunt at the Ft. Mill VFW on 3 April at 11 AM, and A SUPER BZ TO PAUL AND SANDRA MYERS FOR THEIR DONATION OF 980.00 to our KAPS4KIDS program. They raised this amount by raffling chances for a one week vacation at their condo at Myrtle Beach, all expenses paid. The winner of the raffle was Glenna Hubbel.

Next meeting scheduled for 24 April at VFW Ft. Mill.

Motion made and seconded for the meeting to end at 2030. Chaplin Ray Fritz gave the benediction.

Submitted,  
Jack Jeffries, Secretary

## USSVI – COASTAL CAROLINA BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER



Terry Kuhn  
USSVI Coastal Carolina  
Base Commander

The Coastal Carolina Base has been pretty busy as the weather finally turned nicer. We have had several informal breakfast/ luncheon meetings, moving the chosen site and time around to make it easier for everyone to attend at least one. Some of us were able to be at the Hoggard NJROTC awards ceremony, and we had a great time. It was very inspiring to see the future of the Navy represented. I had two power point talks with the Hoggard high school NJROTC naval science classes. I was ship's photographer on my first boat and I was able to put together a pretty good show and tell for them. It was very rewarding to be able to tell them how much my time in the boats has helped me. We also took part in the first of what we hope will be quarterly or semi-annual cleanups of the S-28 memorial located in Wilmington. Last but certainly not least, Mike Ryan stepped up and will be the Base membership officer. We had Jerry Hawkes transfer membership to our base, and we have two local Sub vets interested in joining. A great start to the year.



Dom Pacilli and Jim Tobin at the Hoggard awards ceremony



Coastal Carolina Base commander Terry Kuhn  
with his first power point presentation

Terry Kuhn

## THE SUB NET

Items on the Internet of Interest to Submariners

### Pearl Harbor – Hickam Bases Merge

<http://www.cnic.navy.mil/PearlHarbor-Hickam/index.htm>

### Women on Submarines

<http://liveshots.blogs.foxnews.com/2010/02/23/pen-tagon-wants-women-on-submarines/?test=latestnews>

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/02/24/congress-consider-women-serve-submarines/?test=latestnews>

### Basic Enlisted Submarine School

<http://www.navy.mil/swf/mmu/mmplyr.asp?id=14176>

### More Veteran Discount Information

<http://www.veteransadvantage.com/home-1/>

<http://www.military.com/DC/DealIndex.jsp>

<http://www.localveterandiscounts.com/>

## THE SUB NET (Cont.)

### Smoke Boat Memories

[http://www.nonplused.org/panos/uss\\_pampanito/index.html](http://www.nonplused.org/panos/uss_pampanito/index.html)

### Virtual Tour of a WW II Diesel Boat

[http://www.nonplused.org/panos/uss\\_pampanito/html/01.html](http://www.nonplused.org/panos/uss_pampanito/html/01.html)

### Interesting Photos of WWII

<http://blogs.denverpost.com/captured/2010/03/18/captured-blog-the-pacific-and-adjacent-theaters/#more-1547>

### We Were Pirates

Excerpts from the author of a book about a Torpedoman's experience during WWII onboard the USS Tambor.

<http://www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org/events/2009/11-07-robert-schultz.jsp>

### Burr Resolution Recognizing Day to Honor Vietnam Vets Passes Senate

[http://burr.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=PressOffice.PressReleases&ContentRecord\\_id=aa2fd00a-c35f-7350-0ef5-2c2d6019ac6b&Region\\_id=&Issue\\_id=](http://burr.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=PressOffice.PressReleases&ContentRecord_id=aa2fd00a-c35f-7350-0ef5-2c2d6019ac6b&Region_id=&Issue_id=)

### The Submarine Force of Today

<http://www.navy.mil/swf/mmu/mmplyr.asp?id=14178>

### USS Toledo (SSN 769) Submarine Video

Take a ride on the USS Toledo SSN769, 688-I Class in a four part presentation:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4z6uUwtpyU>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xm52NLcGT7o&feature=channel>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOPeD1N4MbM&feature=channel>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRWY3GSJxLc&feature=channel>

### Dive the Movie

<http://www.divethemovie.com/>

### Navy's New Escape Trainer Helps Submariners Avoid a Watery Grave

[http://www.wired.com/magazine/2010/03/st\\_subescapetrainer/](http://www.wired.com/magazine/2010/03/st_subescapetrainer/)

## BASE FLOAT PHOTOS

Shared by Chuck Jensen

Base Float photos are now available at [www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org), click on the FIND A BASE button, then the BASE FLOAT button. There are presently 34 Base floats featured. Check this out as both the sub and torpedo are shown when you click on the Tarheel Base parade sub photo.



## USSVI – TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates:

Did anyone see spring go by? We had the coldest winter in a long time, 30's, 40's, 50's, and then late March, early April, 80's and 90's. No gradual change from winter to summer. One week we were wearing long johns and coats, the next shorts and t-shirts. Oh well, that's change for you, not slow and gradual, but sudden.

How do you deal with change? Resist it, ignore it, work with it? Someone once wrote that "change is the only thing that is constant". NC Subvets have undergone many changes; starting out as The Tarheel Base in Greensboro, merging with the local Tarheel Chapter of the USSV-WWII, forming three new bases and continuing to grow state wide. These are just a few of the major changes that have taken place since the Tarheel Base was formed. The Tarheel Base and NC Subvets must continue to change in order to grow. Any organization that does not accept change, embrace change, work with change, will not flourish, but will cease to be. Its epitaph will be "we always did it that way".



Jerry Emerson  
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

The joint meeting in Elizabeth City was well attended. A "Bravo Zulu" to Chuck Jensen and Barry Danforth for their efforts. As I understand it, the Charlotte St. Patrick's Day parade was a success also. Unfortunately, I did not make it to the Azalea parade in Wilmington.

Be on the lookout for information on the Burnsville meeting in May and the USSVI National Convention in Cincinnati, OH in late August.

Our next Tarheel Base Business meeting is Saturday, 1 May at the VFW Post in Cary.

The USSVI National Election is coming up. Read BIO's in the next American Submariner and VOTE, VOTE, VOTE.

AGAIN, I urge all members to wear something that identifies you as a submariner when you are out and about. That is probably the most effective method of recruiting new members for USSVI.

Thank you,

Jerry Emerson

### RECRUITING, RECRUITING!

Recruiting is going well. We are getting names from across the state from all Subvets.

Good job Subvets! Please do not wait until December 2010 to pay your 2011 dues.

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

Bill "Butterbean" Dixon  
USSVI Tarheel Base Vice Commander

### CONCEALED CARRY HANDGUN (CCH) CLASSES AT VFW POST 7383

VFW Post 7383 is located at  
522 Reedy Creek Road Cary, NC 27513

For Class Information, call:

Todd Martin (919) 418-2251

or

Greg Young (919) 612-6427

Class Cost: Regular: \$100 Veterans: \$60

You do not need a handgun to attend class  
(just bring one box of .22LR or 9 mm ammo)

Point of Contact: Ralph Church (919) 576-6763

## 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  
27 March 2010

Prior to the working meeting, a number of Subvets enjoyed a lunch get-together at the Golden Corral in Cary.

Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson called the meeting to order at 13:05 with Chaplain Bill Whelan offering the opening prayer. Jerry Emerson led the 24 Subvets present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

While stating the name of their qual boat, brief introductions were offered by each Subvet in attendance.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Per Pat Collins, Holland Club Coordinator, no presentations are scheduled today. Pat requested an updated Base Roster to facilitate identification of base members eligible for Holland Club. Chuck Jensen will email Pat a current Tarheel Base Roster.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

1. Tarheel Base Vice Commander, Bill "Butterbean" Dixon, read the minutes from the February 6, 2010 Base Business Meeting. The minutes were approved without corrections.
2. Vice Commander, Bill Dixon, reminded the base members of the breakfast meeting on April 3, 2010 at the Golden Corral in Cary. He also issued a reminder for Subvets to submit unpaid dues to the Base Secretary, Spencer Combos.
3. Tarheel Base Treasurer, Spencer Combos reported that the End of Year Report will be submitted to USSVI by April 1, 2010 and that the Base funds are currently \$3700.
4. All Clear Editor, Jerry Paciorek, announced that the deadline for submission of items for the Second Quarter All Clear will be sent out by email later this weekend.
5. A discussion was initiated by Spencer Combos, in the absence of Paul Hiser, on the manner in which the charge for hosting the base website is billed and paid. Currently, Paul Hiser covers the hosting charge on a personal credit card and is reimbursed by the base. No motion was made to change this arrangement; however, Jerry Emerson requested that a search for a Web Host with better pricing be conducted.
6. Chuck Jensen read a letter from property owner, Tony Valovich, concerning maintenance of the Burnsville Submarine Memorial. Tony stated that there is no new damage to the Memorial and that he plans to cap the top with a solid pour of concrete making it level and watertight. His next visit will be at the end of April to clean up in preparation for the May 22 Memorial Service. Tony is planning to spend more time this summer working on the Memorial. The Memorial Fund balance is approximately \$2300.
7. COB, Jim Meyers, expressed his concerns over the improper storage of the MK-14 Float following participation at events. He reminded the base that over \$4000 has been spent in outfitting the Float. He discussed the proper method of storing the bunting and flags and also described the proper storage of the sound equipment in a box with labeled compartments. He also reminded us that that box is not a trash receptacle. Jim reported that Bill Lowe has ordered new small flags for the float.
8. Jerry Emerson read an email from Jerry Leppert, updating the status of the NC License Plate Legislation. Jerry said he had been requested by a member of the Legislator's staff to "back off" in his efforts to "lobby" for the bill.

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

9. Dick Kanning presented a SED 1 District Commander's Letter of Appreciation to Jerry Emerson recognizing the base's support for his SubLant Sailor of the Year (SOY) Runner-up monetary award that he has been doing the last several years. This year every runner-up received \$200.00 award.

### NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

#### UPCOMING PARADES

1. Azalea Parade in Wilmington: Chuck Jensen reminded base members who plan on participating in the Azalea parade in Wilmington on April 10, 2010 to notify Terry Kuhn, Coastal Carolina Base Commander, to help him plan logistics. Chuck will email information on lodging, parade details and contact information for Terry.
2. Thomasville Parade: Jim Meyers discussed the upcoming parade in Thomasville on May 31, 2010. Lineup time is 10:00 and the parade starts at 11:00. Jim will send out additional details when they become available.



Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson (left)  
SED 1 District Commander Dick Kanning (right)

#### ADVERTISING IN THE USSVI CONVENTION REUNION BOOKLET

1. Jerry Emerson opened a discussion on advertising in the Joint USSV-WWII and USSVI National Convention Program Booklet. A motion was made to purchase a \$50 advertisement in the booklet, divided equally between Tarheel Base and WWII Chapter. Motion was seconded and passed.

#### DONATION REQUEST

1. Jim Meyers opened a discussion on whether the Tarheel Base should donate funds to a USSVI Scholarship Fund. There was some confusion over whether this was the Dolphin Scholarship Fund or the USSVI Scholarship Fund. Chuck Jensen suggested that all charitable funds to which the base may donate be identified and donations discussed at the next business meeting.

#### BB-55 REUNION

1. Dick Kanning reviewed the events and schedule for the BB-55 Reunion to be held in Wilmington on May 5 through May 8, 2010. The Tarheel Base has an open invitation to the reunion and Dick asked that those planning on attending notify him so he can present a head count to the BB-55 reunion coordinator. Chuck Jensen will send out an email with the Reunion Schedule and Registration Form.

#### NATIONAL ELECTION

1. Jerry Emerson reminded Subvets that USSVI national elections are coming up and encouraged members to read the bios of the candidates in the upcoming issue of American Submariner and urged us all to vote. Dick Kanning advised us that there are 13 resolutions on the upcoming ballot, including resolutions on Holland Club Dues, Formation of a Discipline Committee, and allowing the District Commander of the Year to be a voting member on the USSVI Board of Directors.

#### NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

1. Commander Jerry Emerson has scheduled the next Tarheel Base Business Meeting for Saturday May 1, 2010 at the VFW Post "Hut" at 13:00, with lunch at the Golden Corral in Cary at 11:30.

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

### OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Jerry Emerson made a request for a volunteer to review our Charter and Bylaws to ensure that they are up to date and consistent with USSVI Bylaws. Dick Kanning responded that he had reviewed the Charter and Bylaws currently on file with USSVI and that they are current and up to date.
2. Chuck Jensen announced that the NC Air Museum will be holding their annual Fly-In on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>. It was requested that we have some of our members there to provide information about the parade submarine and Mk-14 torpedo float that are on display at the museum when not at events.
3. Meeting was adjourned at 14:25.

## USSVI – TARHEEL BASE TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CORNER

The Treasurer’s input for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2010 follows:

Membership is currently 186

Checking Account:

Ending Balance 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2009	\$ 5,187.69
Receipts	\$ 565.00
Disbursements	<u>\$-2,224.34</u>
Ending Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2010	\$ 3,528.35

Online banking is now set up to pay bills on line and look at the account at any time. Completed final year end reconciliation and provided the Base end of year (EOY) financial report to National on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.



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USSVI Tarheel Base Treasurer

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## UNIQUE LANGUAGE OF SUBMARINERS

**Jargon** is terminology that relates to a specific activity, profession, or group. Much like slang it develops as a kind of shorthand, to quickly express ideas that are frequently discussed between members of a group. In many cases this may cause a barrier to communication, as many may not understand (excerpt taken from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jargon>). I hope these terms bring laughter and rekindle some fond memories.

<b>Above Board</b>	The term today means someone who is honest, forthright. Its origin comes from the days when pirates would masquerade as honest merchantmen, hiding most of their crew behind the bulwark (side of the ship on the upper deck). They hid below the boards.
<b>Bull Ensign</b>	Senior ensign aboard.
<b>Chit</b>	A small piece of paper, often a request for or granting of permission to do something.
<b>EB Green</b>	Nuke duct tape. As provided by Electric Boat (EB) Corporation, green rather than gray.
<b>Hot Runner</b>	A high performer, one who consistently does well.
<b>Jury Rig</b>	A temporary fix or makeshift repair.
<b>Liberty Risk</b>	Someone with a reputation for getting into trouble while on liberty.

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

## PARADES, PARADES, PARADES

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

**Azalea Parade** - There were 17 Subvets from the Tarheel and Coastal Carolina Bases participating in this year's parade including Harold Steed, one of our WWII Subvets. This is the biggest parade that we have ever been in to date, even bigger than the one in 2007 when the PCO of SSN 777 was the Grand Marshall. Navigate to [www.wilmingtonstar.com](http://www.wilmingtonstar.com), click on the video of the parade and see a very short viewing of the USSVI Float in the parade. Video is 6:31 minutes long. The Mk-14 Torpedo Float appears at 4:22 minutes into the video.



### Thomasville Parade

Sent in by Jim Myers

Scheduled for Monday, 31 May at 11:00 AM. Lineup is at 10:00 AM at the same place as last year. See a Parade attendant for exact place upon arrival. The Army Golden Knights will parachute in at 2:00 PM at the stadium. There will be memorials for the families of 21 Iraq and Afgan Veterans that are deceased. JED's BBQ is no longer in Business and a decision on food has not been finalized. Information will follow on any changes later. Bring a \$10 bill just in case.

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

**CSL SOY:** Again SED1 and the Tarheel Base came through! With donations from the USS Haddo Base, and Dick Noble (Haddo Base) and yours truly, we amassed \$800.xx. This was split up amongst the 4 runners-up. I was not able to do the presentations, as I had contracted the flu and bronchitis. Bill Mereno, HR Base CDR did the honors. Groton, Thresher, Bay State West and Long Island Bases collected over \$1200.xx, which was split up amongst the winners. In comparing the numbers of members, SED1 with approx 600 and the NE bases with approx 2600. YOUR participation and donation is commendable! THANKS!



**2012 Convention:** John Kennedy and his henchmen are on a roll. Convention motto emblem finalized, contracts signed with the hotels, SIGNIFICANT financial commitments from the city and hotels. Two of the things that make this upcoming convention stand out. 1: It is being done by Submariners at the local level! And 2: Assistance from SED1 Bases and their participation is ongoing. John can use your talents, time and resources. Don't be a wallflower! Sign up now and participate! Contact John at: kennedys1@cox.net.

**2010 SED1 Meeting:** March 4-6 was an invasion of Elizabeth City, for our SED1 meeting, combined with the SE Region SVWWII members. Over 85 in attendance for the luncheon, and informative meetings and a lot of camaraderie shared.

**My District CDR Awards** for this year went to Jerry Leppart (individual) for his relentless efforts in getting a Subvet license plate in NC. The Base winner is the Carolina Piedmont Base for their successes in raising funds for the Burnsville memorial and their most successful endeavors with the Victory Junction Gang Kapss for Kidss programs, even getting Richard Petty as an Associate Member. FORMC Jeff Garrison again provided us with a spirited status of the force. Jeff's appearance is always welcome and appreciated. The chefs at the EC VFW did themselves proud, again! Art Barker won the SSN-777 Shadow box raffle I made. It netted \$250.xx for the Burnsville restoration fund.

**Resurgence:** It is always enjoyable to announce the success of a base. Case in Point: The Coastal Carolina Base was on its last gasp just last fall. Under new and spirited leadership of BC Terry Kuhn and Sec'y/Treas Jim Brincefield, the Base is on solid ground. They've held PR sessions with the local HS NJROTC, have completed a spring clean-up at the WWII and S-28 memorials and have volunteered to be a part of a Clean-up Wilmington effort. A Well done and BZ to the CC base. They will also be a part of the BB-55 (North Carolina) reunion in May, and coordinated the NC Subvets participation in the Azalea Festival Parade.

**AWARDS:** Yes, some of you heard me in Elizabeth City, but I'll preach again. The USSVI Awards are for YOU, the Bases and members! The awards manual has been completely rewritten and is now a much friendlier and clear tool to use. The cut off dates for this year are case in stone (I have been assured) as have the criteria and categories. Give your shipmate a boost. A LOT of unsung heroes are amongst you, so do a Kudo write-up and send it in!

**RAFFLE, RAFFLE:** Attached is a picture of a set of solid brass dolphins up for the lucky winner. I'm holding the raffle, as a fundraiser for the NC Submarine memorial restoration / preservation fund. I know, they're gold! BUT they are solid, polished and well defined, and mounted on a white oak board. They measure 14 inches across. Tickets are \$2.xx each or 6 for \$10.xx. Send me your money for however many you want, and I'll drop your tickets in the jar. The drawing will be at the Burnsville meeting in May. NO you do NOT have to be present to win. The only fear you might have is that you have to trust me! That shouldn't be a problem, right?



Yours in Service: Dick



## FROM THE YANKEE DOODLE DANDY S-28 NEWSLETTER

We must first report the sad news that crew member Frank Shrope of Las Vegas has passed [more on Frank's passing on the next page].

The Coastal Carolina Base and the NJROTC naval science classes from Hoggard high school held the first of a planned quarterly clean-up of the S-28 memorial and nearby Pearl Harbor Survivors' memorial at the Battleship Park in Wilmington.

There were 30 students and 5 Base members present. We washed both monuments and rinsed them down while the students practiced a FOD (foreign object damage) walk through picking up trash in the surrounding area.



John Norosky, Steve Croom, Jim Brincefield and Ron Willems hard at work on the S-28 memorial.



*Group photo of the Hoggard NJROTC students and the members of the Coastal Carolina Base who attended the first clean-up event.*

Please send any S-28 stories or family news to:

yddeditor@gmail.com or,

Terry Kuhn  
165 Graystone Road  
Wilmington, NC 28411

## S-28 SAILOR FRANK SHROPE ... DEPARTING

Shared by Chaplain Bill Whelan

For the benefit of his S-28 shipmates and in the absence of an official obituary, I've put together the following facts from *Volume IV of Submarine Veterans of World War II*. The two pictures of Frank are included below.

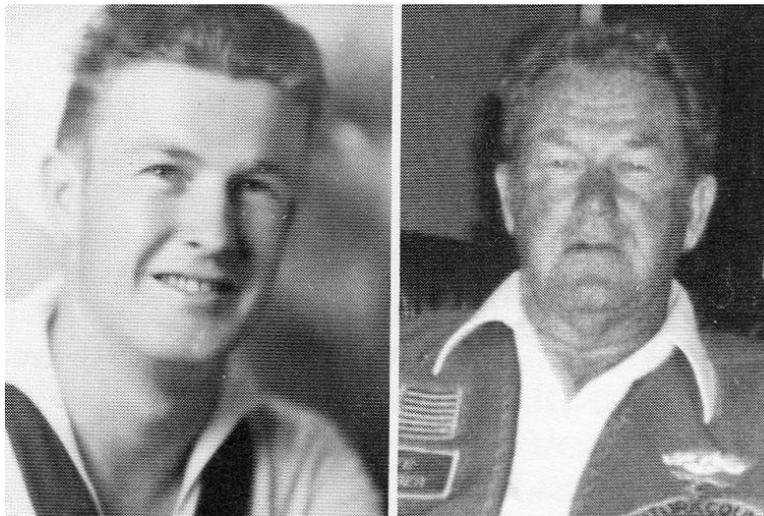
(LAS VEGAS, NV) - Frank O. Shrope, 92, has sailed on his Eternal Patrol. He was born 22 December 1918 in Bovill, ID, the youngest of three children. He grew up during the Depression years around logging camps where he worked every summer to get clothes for school. In the summer of 1938, he worked for the U.S. Forest Service and decided to join the Navy. He signed up on 13 December 1938 and went through boot camp in San Diego, CA and also completed electrical ordinance school. He went aboard the oil tanker CUYAMA to the Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, HI on 31 August 1939, where he was assigned to the Submarine S-23.

On 25 February 1940, Frank qualified in submarines. While aboard the S-23, he made SC3 (Ship's Cook Third Class) on 16 August 1940, and SC2 in June 1941. In September 1941, he was sent to San Diego, CA on the S-28 for school of the boat. When the S-28 went to Mare Island for overhaul, Frank was transferred to the S-18 for four war patrols in the Aleutian Islands. On 2 May 1942, he made SC1 and in October 1942, he went to New London, CT, to put the USS HOE (SS-258) in commission: he made four war patrols on HOE. On 1 December 1943, Frank made Chief Petty Officer and was sent to Boston, MA to put the USS AMBERFISH in commission. He was in Boston for 16 months. He served aboard the USS SIRAGO (SS-485) between 5 January and 29 September 1947, when he was transferred to Key West, FL to the USS MEDREGAL (SS-480). Following MEDREGAL, he went aboard the submarine U-308 to decommission her. His next boat was USS SEGUNDO (SS-398) between 31 August 1948 and 31 July 1951, including two patrols off Korea during the Korean Conflict. He served next on USS MENCHADEN between her commissioning and decommissioning (7 August 1951 to 15 August 1952). That was followed by a four-year tour on USS CUSK (SS-348) between 1951 and 1956. His retirement on 15 July 1958 followed service at Port Heuneme, CA.

The years following his retirement from the Navy, Frank ran a grocery store for 5 years, and then worked in the motion picture industry for 22 years. He finally retired on 1 June 1985.

Frank married Mildred J. Smith on 21 August 1976. He has three children: Arthur, Frankie, and Kala. Frank last resided in Las Vegas, NV.

Frank's oar is at rest.



# MEMORIES

Shared by Bob Hopkins

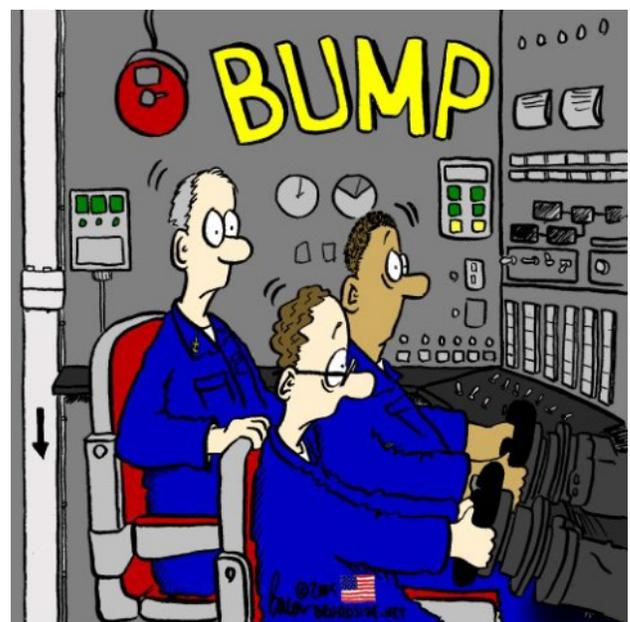


# THE BATTERY WELL

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



For reasons he never quite understood, the Ensign's first tour was a little "rocky."



Things that ruin a submariner's day

# 2010 U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS NATIONAL CONVENTION USSWII-USSVI

Following are the scheduled events for both USSVI and USSWII Subvets. You must use the USSVI Registration Form included, although YOU MAY SELECT FROM EITHER GROUP'S EVENTS.

## USSVI SCHEDULE

### MONDAY AUGUST 30, 2010

1300 – 2200 Hrs Registration Table Open (combined)

### TUESDAY AUGUST 31, 2010

0700 – 1400 Hrs Annual Golf Tournament  
0900 – 1500 Hrs Grand Sightsceing Tour  
0900 – 1600 Hrs Kentucky Horse Park Tour  
1000 – 2200 Hrs Registration / Information Table Open

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

0800 – 1000 Hrs Pre-ABM USSVI Board Meeting  
0800 – 1000 Hrs WWII SOS Breakfast (all invited)  
1000 – 1700 Hrs National Air Force Museum at Wright  
Patterson AFB  
1000 – 1900 Hrs Registration / Information Table Open  
1900 – 2300 Hrs Opening Ceremony and Welcome Dinner

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

0900 – 1100 Hrs USSVCF Pre-ABM Board Meeting  
0900 – 1600 Hrs Grand Sightsceing Tour  
1000 – 1900 Hrs Registration / Information Table Open  
1100 – 1200 Hrs Secretary, Treasurer, Storekeeper and  
National Office Combined Meeting  
1030 – 1630 Hrs Creation Museum Tour  
1030 – 1630 Hrs Lunch and Riverboat Gambling  
1100 – 1600 Hrs Hofbrauhaus Lunch and Shopping  
1300 – 1430 Hrs Base Commanders Seminar  
1430 – 1600 Hrs District Commanders Seminar  
1600 – 1700 hrs Base Chaplain Meeting

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2010

0730 – 1000 Hrs Holland Club Breakfast  
1000 – 2200 Hrs Registration / Information Table Open  
1000 – 1200 Hrs Base Commanders Meeting  
1000 – 1100 Hrs SubVettees Meeting  
1200 – 1400 Hrs Men's Luncheon (with entertainment)  
1200 – 1400 Hrs Women's Luncheon (with entertainment)  
1430 – 1600 Hrs Tolling Ceremony  
1800 – 2200 Hrs Paddlewheel Dinner Cruise

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2010

0900 – 1100 Hrs Annual Business Meeting  
1000 – 1830 Hrs Registration / Information Table Open  
1300 – 1400 Hrs Post ABM USSVI Board Meeting  
1300 – 1600 Hrs Annual Submarine Film Festival  
1400 – 1500 hrs Post PM USSVCF Board Meeting  
1730 – 1830 Hrs Cocktail Hour  
1830 -- 2300 Hrs Convention Awards Banquet

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

0800 – 1000 Hrs Farewell Breakfast

## USS WWII SUBVETS SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2010

1300-2200 Hrs Registration Table Open (combined)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2010

0930-1100 Hrs NEEB Meeting (men)  
0930-1100 Hrs NEEB Meeting (women)  
1000-2200 Hrs Registration/Information Table open  
1000-2200 Hrs Hospitality Room Open  
1330-1500 Hrs REG DIR/STATE CDRS mtg (men)  
1330-1500 Hrs REG DIR/STATE CDRS mtg (women)  
1800-2000 Hrs GRAETER'S Ice Cream Social

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

0800-1000 Hrs WWII SOS Breakfast  
0830-1000 Hrs Sons & Daughter's Breakfast Mtg (no charge)  
0830-2200 Hrs Hospitality Room Open  
1000-1900 Hrs Registration/Information Table Open  
1900-2300 Hrs Opening Ceremony/Welcome Dinner  
(combined)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

1000-1900 Hrs Registration/Information Table Open  
1000-2200 Hrs Hospitality Room Open  
1100-1230 Hrs Widow's Luncheon  
1230-1500 Hrs Beer Bust Lunch/Entertainment

**NOTE: There will be separate hospitality rooms for both groups. You can choose events from either group to attend, however you must use the registration form included.**

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2010

0730-1000 Hrs Holland Club Breakfast (combined)  
1000-2200 Hrs Registration/Information Table Open  
1000 -2200 Hrs Hospitality Room Open  
1000-1200 Hrs GEN Business Mtg (Men) - WWII  
1000-1200 Hrs GEN Business Mtg (Women) – WWII  
1200-1400 Hrs Men's Luncheon /entertainment (combined)  
1200-1400 Hrs Women's Luncheon/ " (combined)  
1430-1600 Hrs TOLLING CEREMONY

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2010

0900-1030 Hrs Past Nat'l Pres. Breakfast (Men)  
0900-1030 Hrs Past Nat'l Pres. Breakfast (Women)  
1000-1830 Hrs Registration/Information Table Open  
1000-1700 Hrs Hospitality Room Open  
1200-1300 Hrs First Ladies' Luncheon  
1400-1445 Hrs Catholic/Protestant Church Services  
1730-1830 Hrs Cocktail Hour - combined  
1830-2300 Hrs Convention Banquet - combined

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

0800-1000 Hrs Farewell Breakfast

END OF CONVENTION – HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

**S**hipmates:

The DECKS are clear for ACTION. We have finally arrived at the point where CONCESSIONS and LIMITATIONS have been addressed and – fundamentally – agreed upon.

Our Host Hotel remains the DRAWBRIDGE INN. We circled around all other options but, considering all the “GOODIES” that Drawbridge offered, came to the conclusion that it was the BEST choice.

Consider the following:

1. Ample FREE parking
2. FREE transportation – FROM and TO the airport
3. FREE Continental Breakfast (cereal, milk, juices, pancakes, waffles, fruits, coffee or tea, donuts/rolls etc.)
4. Various breakfast meetings are reasonably priced.
5. Banquet and Tours are quite reasonable in cost when you evaluate what is being offered.
6. There are numerous Organized Tours throughout the Convention or – you can explore Cincinnati on your own.

We ask for your support by utilizing one or more of the following:

(1) Bases and Individuals:

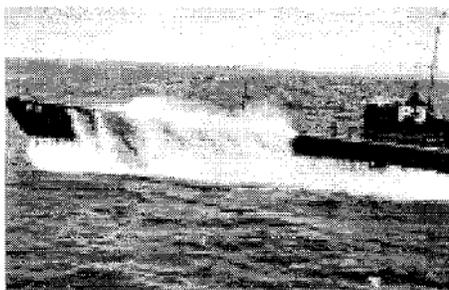
- (a) The purchase of an AD in the Convention Souvenir Program Magazine. Prices range from as low as \$20 for a Business Card size to \$250 for a Back Cover Sheet (first come/first served).
- (b) Sponsorship of the Convention thru direct donation. (Donations range from \$10 to \$1000.)

Forms for Ads and Donations can be downloaded from the 2010 Convention Web Site at [www.2010convention.cincysubvets.com](http://www.2010convention.cincysubvets.com)

Any questions – please call me at 859-341-2609 or 859-620-3454.

We also plan a regular shuttle-bus trip for all WWII SubVets from 10 AM to 8 PM, TUESDAY to FRIDAY. It will run from the Drawbridge Inn into Restaurant row; (Chipotle, McDonalds, Arby's, Burger King etc.) then to Skyline Chili, Dunkin Donuts, and onto LaRosa – then it will continue on to Crestview Mall where you will have your OPTIONS for numerous Restaurants and Shopping opportunities. The shuttle will run hourly and special requests will be honored (within limits).

We hope it will all work out well!



Keep an UP-BUBBLE,

*Walter (Gus) Kraus*

## 2010 BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY, MAY 21

- 1500-1800 Registration at Pinebridge Inn (just let Bell know you are there)  
1600-?? Hospitality Room Open  
Evening Meal will be on your own.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 22

- 1000 NC SUBVET Meeting  
1130 Lunch at Western Sizzlin (on your own)  
1400 Memorial Service on Moonshine Mountain  
1800 Catered Meal @ Pinebridge Inn Hospitality Room

- We will caravan to the Memorial Site from Western Sizzlin after lunch is complete
- Hospitality Room will be open during the day Saturday.
- Evening meal is a **home cooked meal** and will consist of: Roast beef and chicken, mashed potatoes, two veggies, salad, rolls, desert, tea, lemonade, water and/or coffee.

**COME OUT AND ENJOY SOME GOOD FELLOWSHIP, A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR OUR LOST WWII SUBMARINES, AND A GOOD HOME COOKED MEAL**

**2010 NC Subvets Burnsville Memorial Service  
21-22 May 2010  
Pre-Registration Form – Cutoff Date 1 May 2010**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Base: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact/Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

			<u>NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Registration Fee (Non-Refundable)	Per Person	\$ 5	_____	_____
Catered Meal, Saturday May 22	Per Person	\$15	_____	_____

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**TEAR OFF THIS SECTION AS A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS**

Please make checks payable to: **CAROLINA PIEDMONT BASE – USSVI**

Mail check to: Steve Bell, 138 Burton Hills Circle, Gastonia, NC 28054

			<u>NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Registration Fee (Non-Refundable)	Per Person	\$ 5	_____	_____
Catered Meal, Saturday May 22	Per Person	\$15	_____	_____

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Host Hotel: Pinebridge Inn, 207 Pinebridge Ave., Spruce Pine, NC

Phone: 1-800-356-5059

Directions to Hotel: I-40 Exit 86 (Route 226). Take this bending, curving road all the way to Spruce Pine. Cross over US 19, turn right on W. Tappan St. Stay on Tappan, a ballpark will be on the left, shortly after that on the right is the hotel. It is an old school building.

Reservations: Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of the individual (1-800-356-5059). A special rate of \$57.25 (plus tax) is available for U.S. Subvets per night. We have 30 rooms set aside for us. **DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL RATE IS 1 MAY 2010.**