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IN MEMORY OF THE 52 SUBMARINES LOST IN WWII

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



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

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

MEN: Base Annual Dues: \$15.00
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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TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

In my first "Tar Heel Base Commander's Corner," the first sentence out of my pen is: thank you for electing me your Base Commander. I will give you "all I got."

We had a splendid Base meeting February 5. Thirty-eight attended. Accomplished a great deal in pretty short order. You could feel the atmosphere charge and recharge as we clipped through the business matters. Changed the dates and start time of Base meetings to the first Saturday of even months at 1000. That was a hands-down winner and we'll see how it works on Saturday, April 2.

Thank you, Dave Campbell, for a fine, hard-hitting presentation on some heroic sailor performances during the missile hits on the USS Stark some years ago. You touched a nerve for us. I aim to have some excellent speakers at future meetings also. If you have a speaker recommendation, please email or call me.

Wayne Powell and Dave Campbell are looking into a number of possible service projects and probably will turn up more. They'll bring pertinent information and help us focus when it is time to decide whether we will select a project for our Base and which one.

Parades will continue and the Tar Heel Base will be seen. The Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner will, I expect, be memorable.

OK, men - you can see where Tar Heel Base is headed...More "new stuff"... More fellowship...More fun.

Join in personally. Be a part and take away. See you April 2 !

Thank you,

Gordon

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Gordon Banks
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

TARHEEL BASE VICE COMMANDER'S CORNER



Bill Dixon (Butterbean)
USSVI Tarheel Base Vice Commander

Shipmates,

Over 30 Subvets and guests attended our Subvets' Breakfast at the Cary Golden Corral on Saturday, December 11, 2010.

Following a blessing by Joe Morgan, the highlight of the meeting was the official announcement (in writing) of the reappointment of Bill Whelan as Tarheel Base Chaplain by newly installed Tarheel Base Commander Gordon Banks.

We had a great time of fellowship and hope you can make it to our next breakfast. Don't forget to invite your fellow submariners!

From tubes aft,

Butterbean TM2(SS)

TARHEEL BASE OFFERS SUPPORT TO UNC-TV

Calling Submarine Veterans and family members to Volunteer Support for UNC-TV on Saturday March 26 from 2:30 – 7:00 PM.

Fellow Submariners, here is an opportunity to positively promote USSVI and to reach out to other Submarine Veterans statewide through the broadcast of public television.

We will be joining UNC-TV for an exciting behind the scenes public television experience while enjoying fellowship with our USSVI shipmates and some new friends.

There is no selling or soliciting involved, volunteers simply answer the phones and take contributions while on the air. Some of the many benefits for volunteers include:

- Complimentary meals provided by some of the Triangle's best restaurants and caterers.
- Ensuring others enjoy the privilege of having commercial-free television in their homes.
- One year free subscription to Centerpiece, a monthly program guide.
- USSVI will receive (2) thirty second interviews on the air if we have 20 volunteers participate.

Our volunteer shift from 2:30 – 7:00 PM includes frequent off air breaks for socializing and enjoying complimentary food and beverage.

Bring your vest to wear as we will be seen on the air!

The UNC-TV studio is located in Research Triangle Park at 10 T.W. Alexander Drive, see directions below:

Directions:

From I-40, take Exit 279B onto Highway 147 North (Durham Freeway). Exit at Alexander Drive and turn left at the stop light at the end of the exit ramp. Cross over the bridge and take the second right (approximately ½ mile) and follow the UNC-TV signs.

Best regards,

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TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY'S CORNER



Bill Lowe
USSVI Tarheel Base Secretary

Minutes from the Tarheel Base Working Meeting Held at VFW Post #7383 in Cary, NC 05 February 2011

Prior to the working meeting, 27 Subvets "mustered" for the noon meal at the Golden Corral in Cary.

New Tarheel Base Commander Gordon Banks called the meeting to order at 12:59 PM with Chaplain Bill Whelan rendering the opening prayer. Gordon led the 38 Subvets present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

All Subvets introduced themselves while stating the name/hull # of their qual boat, etc. Several first-time Subvet business meeting attendees were welcomed. It was noted that John Matthis was the oldest qualified Subvet present having completed his quals on board the USS Haddock (SS-231) in 1942

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis honored 4 Subvets with induction into the Holland Club. New members to this prestigious group are Raymond Kidduff (USS Trigger (SS-564) - 1956); Donald Wells (USS Hardhead (SS-365) - 1960); Joe Sendek (USS Sennet (SS-408) - 1961); and Jerry Emerson (USS Jallao (SS-368) - 1961). Jim has two more inductions pending at this time.
2. USSVI SE District 1 Commander Dick Kanning read a certificate of appreciation to be awarded to Pat Collins for a job well done as the Tarheel Base Holland Club Coordinator for 10+ years.



TOLLING OF THE BOATS:

1. Tarheel Base COB Jerry "Patch" Paciorek and Treasurer Spencer Combos held a reading and tolling of the bell for the ten WWII boats lost during the months of January and February.

REPORTS

1. Base Commander Gordon Banks welcomed all to the first Tarheel Base business meeting of his tenure. He plans on setting a goal of limiting future meetings to no more than one hour in duration and end meetings with a presentation by a speaker. Due to the volume of items to cover this go around, that objective was not possible.
2. Base Vice-Commander Bill (Butterbean) Dixon covered a suggestion that Subvets mingle with wives, couples, and new attendees during the breakfast get-togethers, i.e. - don't be seated as separate groups.
3. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base business meeting held on 16 October 2010. Minutes are recorded by Base Secretary Bill Lowe and published in the All Clear plus posted on the NC Subvets website.
4. Tarheel Base Treasurer Spencer Combos reported the current Base checking account balance at \$4,650.76 as of 02/05/2011. Tarheel Base has a total of 177 members of which 133 are life members and are not required to pay National dues. Spencer stated 1 annual and 3 life members have not paid their Base dues. Also the Base has 57 WWII Subvets and 81 Holland Club members.

TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY'S CORNER (cont.)

5. All Clear editor Patch Paciorek thanked Subvets for submitting info/articles for the upcoming issue of the All Clear and a cutoff date for any additions is Friday, 11 February 2011. Patch is now on the judging committee for the National Newsletter of the Year Award.
6. Jerry Leppart- NC Subvets License Plate "Czar" said the bill, S-24, has been filed again and is the only license plate bill pending in the NC Legislature at present. Bill S-24 has had one reading in the Senate and now resides in the Senate Finance Committee. Jerry covered a list of State Senators and urged Subvets to send their respective Senators a cordial note requesting support for the bill. Also, Jerry stated he has 292 names for 420 plates on his list to date. A picture of the recently approved Tennessee Subvets plate was passed around with "most" all present agreeing that it looks very nice but too "busy".
7. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer Jim Wallace listed some items he has for sale: USSVI calendars for \$10.00 and nice coffee mugs at a reduced price of \$5.00 each. Also, anyone that ordered qual date pins need to pick same up from Jim. A UNC- TV Fund Drive was covered. If the Base can recruit at least 20 volunteers (wives and kids included) to answer telephones during a particular time slot, two 30 second on-air spots will be available to publicize USSVI. All agreed for Jim to plan for this event with a possible date of 27 March and an AM time slot.
8. Commander Gordon asked for a volunteer to be in charge of setting up a POW/MIA table. Scott Powell said he would take on the task since his father was a POW.
9. A request was made by Commander Gordon for a volunteer to step forward and take possession of the submarines, candles, and etc. used for the lost boats ceremony during the annual Pearl Harbor meeting. Wayne Powell never learned an important lesson during his active duty days - never volunteer-!! Wayne is now "the keeper of the boats."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

1. Burnsville quarterly meeting will be held on 20-22 May 2011 at the same location as last year - the Pinebridge Inn in Spruce Pine. Late word from Steve Bell, Carolina Piedmont Base Commander, is that this hotel has been sold and the location for the meeting may change. More info will be on the website soon.
2. Parades - List of upcoming parades: 12 March - St. Patrick's Day in Raleigh; 19 March - St. Patrick's Day in Charlotte; 9 April - Azalea Festival in Wilmington (Coastal Carolina Base to handle details); and 30 May - Memorial Day Parade in Thomasville. Patch will set up an area on the NC Subvets website for parade info.
3. SE District 1 Commander Dick Kanning covered plans in the works for the 2012 USSVI National Convention to be held in Norfolk, VA. There will be a Casino Night on Wednesday and a Tolling of the Boats Ceremony on the fantail of the Battleship Wisconsin. There will be a need for volunteers (2 man teams) from SE VA and NC Bases to man the registration table Tuesday through Friday and 2 hours on Saturday.
4. Chuck Jensen reported \$3,700 (donated by the WWII Subvets and Subgalleons groups) will be used to finance the placement of 1 or 2 benches at the S-28 Memorial in the BB-55 Park in Wilmington. Hopefully, this project will be completed before the quarterly meeting scheduled for April 9, 2011 in Wilmington.
5. Dick Kanning announced a revision of USSVI Bylaws will now allow him to run for SE District Commander-if nominated. Also, Dick is serving on a committee that is looking into sizing USSVI districts more equitably.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Commander Gordon read each of the following 7 motions and asked for a vote of approval by the Subvets in attendance. All passed as read after minimal discussion.
 - Motion 1 - To affirm appointed officers:

➤ Chaplain	Bill Whelan
➤ Chief of the Boat and Webmaster	Jerry "Patch" Paciorek
➤ Eagle Scout Award Coordinator	Kris Bridges
➤ Holland Club Coordinator	Jim Davis
➤ Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer	Jim Wallace

TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY'S CORNER (cont.)

- Motion 2 - To schedule Base meetings on the first Saturday of even months. Base Commander has discretion not to meet, or to meet on a different day, if conditions warrant, making a realistic effort to notify the membership in advance. (Note- per Dick Kanning, for this motion to be "official", the Base Bylaws will need to be amended.)
 - Motion 3 - To schedule Base meetings' usual start at 10:00 AM. The Base Commander has discretion to start at some other time.
 - Motion 4 - To direct treasurer to write a check for \$100.00 to the Floats Maintenance Fund, c/o Chuck Jensen.
 - Motion 5 - To direct treasurer to write a check to Ron Athey, Convention Comm. Chair, for \$50.00 toward costs of 2011 National Convention.
 - Motion 6 - To direct treasurer to write a check to Dick Kanning for \$100.00 as contribution recognizing CSL Sailor of the Year Runners-Up.
 - Motion 7 - To amend Base Bylaws, Art. II, Sec. 1 to read "Annual Base dues will be \$15.00, effective January 1, 2012." Members as of February 5, 2011 who have paid dues for future years will have such dues payments honored at the original amount.
2. Several possible service projects for the Base were briefly covered by Commander Gordon and others present. They were:
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| A. Wounded Warriors | H. From Chaplain Bill - Lend a helping hand to surviving S-28 sub sailors. (Note: S-28 is the NC Memorial Lost Boat) |
| B. Fisher House | I. From Spencer Combos - United States Veterans Corps |
| C. Operation Home Front of NC | J. USO |
| D. Kaps for Kids | K. From Gary Lew - Military Missions in Action |
| E. Safe Harbor Command | |
| F. AAP (Adopt a Platoon) | |
| G. From Kris Bridges - Adopt one or more of 3 subs named for NC cities. (North Carolina, Charlotte, and Asheville) | |

After some discussion, Dave Campbell and Wayne Powell agreed to head up a committee with a goal of finding a project or projects best suited for Base participation.

SPEAKER:

Commander Gordon introduced the guest speaker for the meeting - Dave Campbell. He retired as a Commander after spending 29 years in the US Navy Submarine Service. Dave gave a very interesting talk on the USS Stark incident that occurred on March 17, 1987 during the Iran-Iraq War. He told of the crew's damage control parties brave actions after two 1,500 pound Exocet missiles hit their ship. All present gave Dave a "BZ" for a great presentation.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING:

The next Tarheel Base Business meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011.

Meeting was adjourned at 1502.

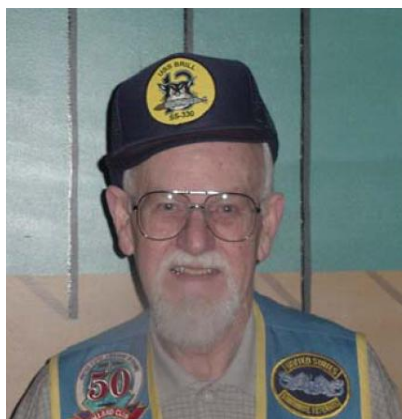
Gene Rutter was the winner of the 50/50 raffle drawing in the amount of \$80.00.

Following the meeting, Subvets Gordon Banks, Butterbean Dixon, Bob Govern, Bill Lowe, John Rupertus, and Bill Whelan attended Tarheel Base member Floyd Crisp's Celebration of Life Service in Durham.

Tarheel Base Meeting Minutes are posted online at

<http://www.ncsubvets.org/tarheelminutes.html>

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain Bill Whelan
WWII Tarheel Chapter
USSVI Tarheel Base

WE'RE ALL TALENTED

It's always difficult for me to decide what to include in this "Corner." So yesterday, I went where I usually go when I'm in a quandary--to the Good Book. Specifically, I went to one of my favorite verses of Scripture, Habakkuk 2:1a, "I will stand at my watch and set me upon the tower and will watch to see what He will say unto me." Wow! What advice for a submariner who has spent many hours as a watchstander and the tower obviously refers to the conning tower of a submarine. The best I could do was go upstairs and do what I do every night before hitting the sack: I read the meditation for the day. Although it was written by Cinda King, a freelance writer from Prospect, KY, I had no doubt, they were His words, telling me that each submariner is talented--the talents differ and sometimes go unrecognized, but the fact remains--we're all talented. Read on and see if you don't agree with her. I've made very few changes to the text.

"Frequently, I look at my daughter and ask, 'How did you get to be so smart?' I will be fuming over a situation where a resolution seems elusive, and she will offer an insight or suggestion that will suddenly make things fall into place. As a musician, she is able to engage a different part of her brain; she hears angles, shadows, and dimensions that are all but invisible to me. When I think of my daughter's talents, I feel a deep sense of awe.

"A similar sense of wonder comes over me when I watch my son size up scientific or mathematical problems. Problems that leave me shaking my head, he works through with ease and speed. When I watch him at work on such problems, there is no doubt that he is truly talented.

"I could list the abilities of countless others who have talents I appreciate and sometimes envy, but I've found that my time is better spent considering my own talents and how I can best use them. The activities I enjoy most flow from my few talents. I'm happiest and most fulfilled when I use those talents in service to others.

"Each of us has talents and abilities, natural inclinations to understand or see the world around us in creative and unique ways, to process scientific ideas, or to perform certain tasks. The possibilities are endless. Our challenge is to uncover and understand these talents, to accept them, and use them to serve others."

The bottom line: if you haven't already discovered your talents and figured out how to use them to help the North Carolina Submarine Veterans better serve our shipmates, look closer and, yes, VOLUNTEER.

Thanks, Cinda!

Chaplain Bill

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

John Cunningham	Richard Ruff	Louis Stiles	Billy Williams
Richard Gudis	Norman Skiles	Bill Whelan	Richard Wright
James Kinney	Kenneth Stephens		

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

William Abbruzzese	James Dunn	Jerry Leppart	David Thommarson
Harold Bazzle	Richard Graves	John Matthis	Jim Wallace
Robert Brame	Fred Hengeveld	Jerry Paciok	Robert Werner
James Davis	Dick Kanning	Milton Stark	William Wood

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Earl Buffalo	Frank Lupo	Gene Rutter	Donald Wells
Roy Duke	James Myers	Joseph Sendek	Donald Wilson
Robert Govern	George Roderick	George Treusch	Edward Wilson
Robert Green			

TARHEEL BASE TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CORNER

The Treasurer's input for the 4th Quarter 2010 follows:

Membership is currently 171

Checking Account:

Ending Balance 3 rd Qtr 2010	\$ 3,013.22
Receipts	\$ 4,348.00
Disbursements	<u>\$-2,925.46</u>
Ending Balance 4 th Qtr 2010	\$ 4,435.76

Working on the final year end reconciliation and provide the base end of year (EOY) financial report due to National on April 1st 2011.

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WELCOME ABOARD !!

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John Ellinwood	Fayetteville, NC
Kenneth Hicks	Smithfield, NC
Ted Hurley	Cary, NC
Raymond Kilduff	Wake Forest, NC
John Matthis	Raleigh, NC
Donald Wells	Raleigh, NC



YUM! YUM! GIVE ME SOME!! GEORGIA CORNBREAD

1 cup sugar	1 1/2 cups self-rising flour
1 cup brown sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 eggs beaten	2 cups pecans finely chopped
1 cup vegetable oil	

Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease and flour a 9 x 13 inch baking dish.

Stir together sugar, brown sugar, eggs and oil in a medium bowl until smooth. Stir in flour and vanilla extract.

Add pecans and stir until evenly mixed ... spoon into prepared pan and bake for 30-35 minutes.

Serve with a dollop of whipped cream on top.



For more information on
Silent Service Motorcycle Club
See Page 22

MARLIN SUBMARINE RESTORATION PROJECT

On-Line Auction Announcement

This is to announce an on-line auction to benefit the restoration of the Marlin submarine in Omaha. This is a project of the Marlin Base, Bill Lee, Omaha Parks and Recreation Department and 20 donors of items so far. We are also asking for addition donations of "stuff" to auction. Those should go to Jon Howery, 1423 Western Ave, Thurman, IA 51654-5044. 100% of proceeds to the Marlin Base. View what we have and how it is setup at: www.rontini.com/auction.htm.

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CHECKING IN ON THE NATHANIEL GREENE BASE

There were 20 base members at the December 11th Nathaniel Greene base meeting held at the American Legion Post in Winston Salem, 4 of which were WWII Subvets. Many had lunch at Cagney's Restaurant before the meeting. Dave York, the newest member from Randleman, NC, was introduced to those members present. Membership now stands at 95 members. Pat Collins presented Holland Club Awards to Ray Moore and Bill Elmore. After the meeting, 14 members went to visit Howie Rice, who now lives at a senior citizen complex in Winston Salem. Howie is the second oldest NC Subvet and was 93 years old in October. He qualified in April, 1940 on the USS Plunger (SS-179). He was a RM2(SS) on watch when he received the radio message that the US was at war with Japan after the bombing of Pearl Harbor while onboard his second submarine USS S-39 (SS-144). On the boat's 5th war patrol, it ran aground but all of the crew was rescued. You can read Howie's complete biography, including his experiences during WWII, located on our NC Subvets website at <http://www.ncsubvets.org/auxtanks1/OH%20NINE%20OH.pdf>.



2010 KINGS BAY WWII SUBVETS MEMORIAL SERVICE

NC Subvets were well represented at this year's memorial service having 18 members along with many of our wives or other family members. Three of our WWII Subvets were able to attend; Joe Ritter, Jim Tobin, and Bill Whelan. The number of WWII Subvets attending this year was 40 down from 51 in 2009. One notable attendee was Churchill Campbell. He was the XO and was on the bridge with Admiral Ramage on board USS Parche during the surface attack on Japanese convoy sinking 6 ships. Admiral Ramage was awarded the Medal of Honor for this action and Churchill received the Silver Star. Admiral Konetzni (Big Al the Sailor's Pal) was the keynote speaker at the memorial service. The base chiefs put on an excellent steak dinner at the CPO Club on Friday night and some of us stayed around on Saturday for the "Low County Boil" held at the Eagles Club.

You need to mark your calendar as the annual memorial service will be held the 1st week in November 2011.

2010 PEARL HARBOR DINNER NOTES



Before the dinner this year, 22 NC Subvets participated in the Wilson Christmas Parade as we had brought the parade submarine and Mk-14 torpedo float. As the parade started so did the snow, and by the time we had finished the parade, there was about 2" on the ground. However, the snow and cold weather didn't stop the spectators from coming out to see the parade.



We had 54 attendees at this year's dinner that was held in Wilson, NC at the same location as last year. Of the attendees, there were 33 NC Subvets from the Carolina Piedmont, Nathanael Greene, and Tarheel Bases which included 4 of our WWII Subvets.

Not everyone was dressed in red like Chaplain Bill Whelan (standing) and Jerry Leppart, Butterbean, and Bill Lowe (seated, left to right).



After the dinner, we held the traditional "Tolling the Boats." Dick Kanning swore in the 2011 Tarheel Base Officers which remained the same except that Gordon Banks who replaces Jerry Emerson as the base commander.



In appreciation for his 3 years of service as base commander, Jerry Emerson received a shadow box with the Tarheel Base Patch.



The 50/50 raffle winner was Arvin Klemp.

Bill Lowe won the leather eagle in a shadow box made by Steve Bell as a fund raiser for the Nathanael Greene Base.

NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

A New Year is upon us and we are already well into it. Time sure flies. But with that are many scheduled events for 2011. There has been a parade schedule sent out that outlines most of 2011. There are also some of our normal gatherings, such as Burnsville and the Pearl Harbor dinner being planned. Take a look at the various events, local, regional, and national. Try to attend some of them. But I will warn you, once you do, you very well may want to attend more of them. And in some cases, you just never know who you may run into at one of these events.

I, for one, am glad that the 'dues season' is over. Yes, we lost some members, and yes, getting some to pay their dues is harder than some of the signatures I got on my qualification card. You just don't realize how painful that is for those of us that have to chase people down and remind them. It is an annual event and it would sure be nice for you to remember and send it in once the first call comes out. I know, we start early, but we feel we need to do that in order to minimize our losses. So please make a 'tickler' for your dues this coming year, if you owe them. And those that owe know who you are.

We at Carolina Piedmont Base have a couple of new service programs that we are running now. They are very self-rewarding, as well as beneficial to others. Our Eagle Scout recognition program is finally taking off the ground. We are presenting in several counties in North Carolina as well as into South Carolina. We have also started a program where we go to the local schools and conduct a lesson on submarines. This presentation varies depending on the grade level we have in attendance. And some of the groups are quite large. We had the entire 6th grade class from a couple of middle schools and the attendance at one was around 400 and the other around 200. Our Flag Etiquette Program will be starting at the end of February and that looks like it will also be very popular with the schools. The staffs we have dealt with, as well as the students, have been extremely appreciative for our efforts. And the biggest reward from each of these is the self-satisfaction you walk out with.

In closing, we wish all of you a safe and good year. We look forward to seeing each of you at our meetings, the gatherings we have throughout the state, and even if we just run into you at the mall. And one other thought: Get a shipmate to join us who is not a member of USSVI.

Steve Bell



Steve Bell
USSVI NC Subvets
State Commander
and
USSVI Carolina-Piedmont
Base Commander



OUR NEXT PARADE

St. Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh

Saturday Before St. Patrick's Day

March 12th

Liberty call to follow at the Flying Saucer

<http://www.beerknurd.com/stores/raleigh/>

THE TEN MOST DANGEROUS THINGS ON A SUBMARINE

10. An A-Ganger that can actually read
9. An engineman with anything electrical
8. The 3" launcher and anything that goes in it
7. The COB (nuff said)
6. Any time a LT says "I was just thinking..."
5. An ensign who says "based on my experience..."
4. Any of the unenlightened group known as non-quals
3. A sonarman who says "trust me, it's biologics"
2. A skinny cook
1. Anybody saying "Hey watch this s*** !"

2011 BURNSVILLE MEETING INFORMATION

We ran into a problem this year with the hotel we have used for the last two years for our annual Burnsville Memorial Service. They were bought out by a church that will not allow any alcohol at their hotel. Since I feel it is right to respect their beliefs on that, we went on a search for an option. As you can probably figure out, there are not a whole lot of options in that area.

What we came up with was the use of a new place called Skyline Village. It is not a perfect solution, but appears to be a good one. Only way to fully find that out is to try it for this year. The biggest issue is the place has only 16 rooms, so they will go on a first come first serve basis. However, the owner has worked up a deal with another hotel within 2 miles of this place to take the overflow at the same rate. Please keep in mind that we are in the mountains, so having a Hilton is not an option for us, unless we want to move to Asheville, which I thought would be just a little much. We can have our traveling bar there, they also have a bar, a restaurant, and will fix a buffet meal for us at a reasonable price.

Most of you drove by it on the way to Spruce Pine in the past. It is located right next to the Blue Ridge Parkway, so should be easy to find. The owners attended the Carolina Piedmont Base February meeting and presented their facilities to us. It seems reasonable (except for the shortage of rooms), but then again, they were pitching their business and they always make it sound good. The rate will be in the \$86 range (plus tax) and the meal will be covered in the registration/meal cost (which will be \$25 total).

Take a look at their website at www.skylinevillageinn.com for some of the items of interest for this place. I will get the final details later this week (actual cost, menu, etc.) and will put out an e-mail to the base commanders with that information. I wanted you to have this to start your planning.

In any case, come to the mountains in May with us to check out how all this turns out. I am sure since we are submariners that we will make it work.

Steve Bell

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2011 BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

FRIDAY MAY 20

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

SATURDAY MAY 21

1000 NC Subvet Meeting (swearing in of Carolina Piedmont officers)
1130 Lunch at Western Sizzlin (on your own)
1400 Memorial Service on Moonshine Mountain
1800 Catered Meal @ Skyline Village 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 buffet style meal prepared at the hotel

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

2011 NC Subvets Burnsville Memorial Service Pre-Registration Form on Page 26

THE SUB NET

Items on the Internet of Interest to Submariners

2010 Submarine Force Atlantic Year in Review

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8J6sEOidT0>

USS Drum SS-228 – Mobile, AL

<http://www.drum228.org/restoration.html>

Super-Stealth Sub Powered By Fuel Cell

<http://nosint.blogspot.com/2011/02/super-stealth-sub-powered-by-fuel-cell.html>

World Submarine History Timeline

<http://www.submarine-history.com/NOVAone.htm>

US Vet Recalls U-boat Hidden in Bermuda

<http://bernews.com/2011/01/us-vet-recalls-u-boat-hidden-in-bermuda/>

Sea Water Antenna System

<http://www.public.navy.mil/spawar/Pacific/TechTransfer/ProductsServices/Pages/SeaWaterAntennaSystem.aspx> or [Alternate Link](#)

Service in Submarines

This pre-World War II (WWII) film profiles the Submarine Training School at New London Connecticut. Features footage of the R4 (R-4) and R11 (R-11) both R-1 class diesel submarines and training in the escape tower.

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

OTL: Veteran's Golf

Chris Connelly has the story of American Lake Veterans golf course and golfing legend Jack Nicklaus' affection for both the course and its veterans.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RoY2gyIYL4>

USS Seadragon - Under the Arctic

http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=4ee_1294072383

USS Barb: The Sub That Sank A Train

<http://usswalton.com/?p=1482>

WWII SUB RESCUE

An entire crew of a B-29 (12 aviators) was rescued by a US submarine after their plane was shot down in 1944/5, 70 miles off the coast of Japan. The entire rescue was filmed in color video but then sat in a guy's closet until recently. This is a story from a Denver TV station of one of those rescued aviators to whom the video was delivered. It also shows their transfer to another submarine that is likely headed back to port before the one that accomplished the rescue.

<http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid34762914001?bctid=672454611001>

...Why they were called " Pig Boats"... a nostalgic looksee...

<http://thecookshack.blogspot.com/2006/05/why-they-were-called-pig-boats.html> or [Alternate Link](#)

The Daily Internal Information Source for the U.S. Navy Submarine Force

<http://www.subforce.navy.mil/>

Click here todd.schaffer@navy.mil to subscribe to Undersea Enterprise News Daily.

Armed Forces Museum & Archives of the Carolinas (AFMAC)

will be a state of the art interpretive center located in Mint Hill, N.C. dedicated to honoring, teaching and preserving the history of those that served and their families that supported them.

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

FROM THE FLEET - LATEST ON OUR NORTH CAROLINA BOATS

USS Asheville Sailors Train with Chilean Sub

<http://www.navytimes.com/news/2010/11/navy-asheville-sailors-train-with-chilean-sub-112910w/>

USS Charlotte Departs for Western Pacific Deployment

http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=57487

USS North Carolina Arrives at Pearl Harbor

http://www.csp.navy.mil/archived_news/Nov2010/release_10-055.shtml

NCDMV SPECIALTY PLATE NEWS

Hello Subvets! Latest on the Subvet Specialty Plate ... last note mentioned we'd need a new Bill in the 2011 Legislative Session which began Jan. 26, 2011. Since the last update, I've picked up some more Subvets wanting the plate ... I now have 298 Names wanting 425 Plates ... and it's PLATES that count.

I met with Senator Neal Hunt on Monday, January 31, 2011 ... figured I've give the legislators a couple days to get through their handshakin' & back-slappin'. He already had the draft of the bill, which is the same as we submitted 2 years ago (remember, 3 of us asked for this bill exactly 2 years ago on February 3, 2009). Our bill was filed on 2-1-11 and read into the Senate on 2-2-11. It's Senate Bill S24. It's the first Specialty Plate Bill filed for this new Session. Hopefully, it will move along early in the legislative process. We now await action by the Senate Finance Committee. If any or your Senators or Reps are on the Senate Finance Committee, you might want to call them or drop them a line. I have a list of Senate Finance Committee Members if you want to know who's who.

The Bill Sponsor's are:

- Senator Neal Hunt, Wake County, lives in Raleigh, Primary Sponsor
- Senator Harris Blake, Harnett & Moore Counties, lives in Pinehurst, Co-Sponsor
- Senator Andrew C. Brock, Davie & Rowan counties, lives in Mocksville, Co-Sponsor
- Senator Warren Daniel, Burke & Caldwell counties, lives in Morganton, Co-Sponsor
- Senator Jerry W. Tillman, Montgomery & Randolph counties, lives in Archdale, Co-Sponsor

Thank you all for your patience ... It's been a long process and I hope one that will end in this session.

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PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

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



2010 Asheboro's Veterans Day Parade

We had 16 NC Subvets from the Carolina-Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases at this year's parade. The spectators this year were in greater numbers than previous years. The Parade Chairman called to inform that we won the Second Place Award and we will be receiving a check for \$50.00 as our prize.

PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)

2010 Winston-Salem Parade

There were 13 NC Subvets from the Nat Greene and Tarheel Bases at this year's parade sponsored by the Forsyth County Veteran's Council. Best weather yet for this parade and the number of spectators was the largest that we have seen for this parade. It is the still least attended parade of those that we participate in. After the parade 6 of us visited Bill Bradburn at his home, who is one of our WWII Subvet members. Age has caught up with Bill who had participated in many of the parades.



2011 PARADE SCHEDULE

St. Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh – held Saturday before St. Patrick's Day, March 12th

St Patrick's Day Parade in Charlotte – Saturday, March 19th

Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington – Saturday, April 9th

Memorial Day Parade in Thomasville – Monday, May 30th

Iredell County Independence Celebration Parade in Troutman – Saturday, July 2nd (expected date)

Fourth of July Parade in Faith – Monday, July 4th (expected date)

Old Soldier's Parade in Newton Thursday, August 18th

Veterans' Day Parade in Asheboro Friday, November 11th

Veterans' Day Parade in Winston-Salem Saturday, November 12th (expected date)

PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)

Veterans Day Flag Raising Program at Apex Middle School

Tarheel Base members showed up in force and all veterans were honored individually as part of the ceremony.

We enjoyed a great time including student interview questions and "old salt" story telling.



Wilson Whirligig Festival

Subvets who took part with the static display of our parade floats in the Whirligig Military Zone were Earl Buffaloe and his son, Henry Hagwood and his wife, Frans Van Baars, Jerry Emerson and a long time friend (Submarine qualified) Bob Travis from West Virginia.



WARNING TO ALL VETERANS

Forwarded by Kevin Secor, VSO Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

An organization called **Veterans Affairs Services (VAS)** is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is **not affiliated with VA** in any way.

<http://www.vaservices.org/us/index.html>

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Our Legal Counsel has requested that we coordinate with DoD to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services.

In addition, GC requests that if you have any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, please pass any additional information to Mr. Daugherty at the address below.

Michael G. Daugherty
Staff Attorney
Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of General Counsel (022G2)
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420



FROM YOUR SOUTHEAST REGION DISTRICT 1 (SED1) COMMANDER

CONVENTIONS: Cincy is history, and, to me, the venues were not the best. There continues to be a lot of concern and questions as to how it was conducted and the associated financial arrangements. I'm confident that our BoD will pursue this. 2011, in Springfield was almost to the point of submission. I'm happy to report that it is a GO. Don Brown, convention guru, and the BoD have aggressively stepped up and assured that 2011 will be as scheduled. Some issues remain as to how the contracts were executed.

Norfolk 2012, OUR convention is in great shape. I say OUR, because of the involvement and participation of SED1 members. The schedule is set, the venues are secure, and the committee is not done yet, as more activities are being pursued. John Kennedy and his sub committees meet monthly and continue to make 2012 as good as Saratoga.

On this, as a committee member, I'm looking for help. I feel our District can answer the call to man the registration desk during the convention. We can't do it alone, so am asking each Base and your Base members to help. I feel a 2-3 hour sting won't prevent any of us from this. Pool your members and fill in the open times (they're all open now). Hampton Roads Base will cover Monday, so we've got Tuesday - Saturday to cover from 0900-1800, but closing at noon Saturday. If you have a specific suggestion or talent to offer, contact John Kennedy at: kennedys1@cox.net.

This is the 1st time our National Convention has been in the East since 2004. WE can make it one of the best! For more information on the convention, go to its website: <http://ussvi-2012convention.com/default.htm>

2011 CSL Sailor of the Year: This year, CSL SOY activities will again be in Norfolk in March. Again I ask the SED1 Bases to continue the practice of providing the SOY Runners-Up with a monetary gift, as we've done for the past 4 years. FORCM Kirk Saunders has expressed his thanks in anticipation of this and I look forward to presenting them on your behalf. Please consider this cause and send me your donation(s). I'll again pool them and evenly distribute to these outstanding members of our Sub Force.

A Sad Note: With a personal loss to me and our District, I announce the departure of Darryl Moyers on Eternal Patrol. Darryl passed on January 6th. As immediate past Base CDR of Hampton Roads Base, Darryl was a welcome vocal and active go-getter! We will profoundly miss him. Rest your oar, Shipmate; we have the watch!

A GLAD Note: Congratulations to "Turk" Turner in receiving his Bronze Star. Turk, a HR Base and Tidewater Chapter member received this honor during his church service January 2nd, albeit more than 65 years late, for his stamina and heroism while a Japanese POW after the Perch was sunk during WWII. From all of us, Turk, BZ, Well Done and richly deserved!

Coming Up:

- NC Subvets participating in the Wilmington Azalea Festival Parade
- CSL SOY activities and awards ceremony in Norfolk
- SubLant Sub Birthday Ball in Norfolk
- NC Subvets meeting and memorial service – Burnsville, NC
- SE Region meeting – Ocala, FL

After 5+ years of issuing these newsletters, one might get tired of it. I reflect back and realize that ED3, now SED1 is the 1st District to so issue.

In the near future, I'd like to put together a bibliography of all that has transpired during my tenure. I need your input on that, and anticipate same.

As your District CDR, it is because of YOU, the Bases and Members of SED1, and all that you do that have allowed me to be effective! THANKS!

Yours in Service,

Dick



TENDING LINES FOR FLOYD CRISP

Following Saturday's regular meeting of the Tarheel Base at Cary's VFW Post on Saturday, February 5th, six Subvets (Gordon Banks, Butterbean Dixon, Bob Govern, Bill Lowe, Chaplain Bill Whelan, and John Rupertus) tended lines as Floyd Crisp sailed on his Eternal Patrol from the Hudson Funeral Home chapel in Durham. The celebration of Floyd's life included full military honors.

Following the celebration, Floyd's widow Cine was presented the traditional Submarine Veterans of North Carolina Book of Remembrance, and Tarheel Vice-Commander Butterbean pinned two Qual Pins on Floyd's Subvets vest, which was on display.

Floyd's oar is at rest.

Click here to view [Floyd Crisp - Brief Biography](#)

DON LEDUC ON ETERNAL PATROL

At the Pearl Harbor Memorial Meeting in Wilson, BREAM sailor Joe Clark advised us that Don LeDuc, long-time member of both the Tarheel Chapter and Base, sailed recently on his Eternal Patrol. The following may be used in lieu of his official obituary. We have contacted his family and extended our condolences. We plan to provide a USSVWWII bronze marker and our traditional Book of Remembrance to his family.

Chaplain Bill

(Greenbackville, VA) Donald LeDuc, 86, sailed on his Eternal Patrol, from his home in Greenbackville, VA, on 21 September 2010. He was a faithful member of both U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II (card No. 08643) and U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc. (card No. 2323). After 3-1/2 months in a nursing home, coping with several strokes, he returned home where he was surrounded by his loving family before his peaceful passing.

Don was a radioman aboard two submarines during World War II: USS BREAM (SS-243) and USS BASHAW (SS-241). He qualified aboard BREAM in 1944.

Survivors include his widow Doris who can be contacted at: 37136 Wheel House Road, Greenbackville, VA, 23356-2672. Her phone number is (757) 824-0090.

At Don's request, there was no memorial service. However, his family is planning a special dedication in the spring, featuring a flagpole at a local marina. The pole, with a suitable dedicatory plaque and USSVWWII bronze marker, will overlook scenic Chesapeake Bay.

Don's oar is at rest.

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.

A-Ganger	Auxiliaryman. Member of A-Gang.
Boondoggle	Travel which is more fun than functional. Applies to many military schools.
Cake Hole	Mouth.
FUBAR	F***'d Up Beyond All Recognition.
Irish Pennant	Any dangling or loose thread on a uniform.
Raghat (Whitehat)	Junior sailor. Refers to the sailor's white hat.
Ring Knocker	U.S. Naval Academy graduate.
SNAFU	Situation Normal, All F***'d Up.
Turn To	Get to work!

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

VA TINNITUS CARE UPDATE

VA Tinnitus Care Update 02 (RAO Bulletin - 1 February 2011): Scientists from the University of Texas announced in the scientific journal Nature that they have found a way to treat chronic tinnitus. Tinnitus, a chronic ringing in the ears is the most common service connected disability for enlisted Air Force retirees and veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The VA pays approximately one billion dollars (\$1 billion) a year for service connected disability payments for tinnitus. Doctors believe that over 23 million Americans suffer from some degree of this condition including 10% of seniors and a whopping 40% of veterans. The scientists believe that it is caused by the brain failing to adjust to nerve damage caused to exposure to loud or continual noise. Michael Kilgard, the co-author of the study said: "Brain changes in response to nerve damage or cochlear trauma cause irregular neural activity believed to be responsible for many types of chronic pain and tinnitus. We believe the part of the brain that processes sounds - the auditory cortex-delegates too many neurons to some frequencies and things begin to go awry." The treatment (so far successful in rats) electronically stimulates the Vagus nerve (which runs from the brain to the abdomen) while playing a high pitched tone. Human clinical trials are expected to start in the next several months. This technique called VNS is already used to treat approximately 50,000 people with epilepsy or depression. If the trials are successful this would be the first treatment that would eliminate rather than just mask tinnitus. [Source: TREA Washington Update 14 Jan 2011 ++]

NAVY COMMEMORATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF 1ST SSBN PATROL

When the ballistic missile submarine USS George Washington (SSBN 598) departed Charleston, SC, 50 years ago, it marked the beginning of a new era in strategic deterrence.

On Nov. 15, 1960, the "Georgefish" – a converted attack submarine – began the U.S. Navy's first SSBN deterrent patrol. With her stealth capability and the 16 Polaris missiles she carried, the George Washington provided the United States with a forward presence unprecedented in naval history.

As the Navy celebrates the golden anniversary of the George Washington's historic deployment, the ballistic missile submarine remains a key component of our nation's strategic deterrent. Today, the Navy employs 14 Ohio-class Trident SSBNs in its deterrent force – eight at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, Wash., and six at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga.

"USS George Washington revolutionized the way we conduct both submarine warfare and strategic deterrence," said Rear Adm. Bob Hennegan, Commander, Submarine Group 9. "The legacy of that first patrol is the strong, capable deterrent force you see in today's Navy."

Commissioned on Dec. 30, 1959, the George Washington was originally laid down in 1957 as the Skipjack-class attack submarine Scorpion (SSN 589). However, the decision was made to add a 130-foot section behind the sail that would carry 16 Polaris A1 missiles, resulting in the world's first ballistic missile submarine.

Following her commissioning, George Washington would successfully carry out the first submerged Polaris launch on July 20, 1960 at the Atlantic Missile Test Range, launching two missiles. Later that year, she left her homeport of Groton, Conn., for Charleston to load her full complement of Polaris missiles.

Cmdr. James Osborn Jr. and his Blue Crew took George Washington out of Charleston on Nov. 15 to begin her historic first patrol, which concluded Jan. 21, 1961 at New London, Conn., after 66 days submerged. George Washington's Gold Crew followed with its first patrol from February-April 1961.

George Washington was the first of the "41 For Freedom" – the Navy's first 41 ballistic missile submarines. Together, they paved the way for future Polaris, Poseidon and Trident submarines that continue to maintain the nation's strategic deterrent today.

http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=57218



UNWANTED BOOKS WANTED BY VETS

Anyone who has been hospitalized knows that between visits from family and friends, there is little to do to keep up one's spirits. Books fill that void by not only filling time but providing education. A wise man once said, "A man confined to a bed can travel the world through books."

If you have an old (or new) book you've read that is now only taking up space you can make a very appreciative veteran. To make a book contribution, mail a used (or new) book (or two, or three) to The American War Library.

(PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY TO BUY BOOKS)

ADDRESS TO MAIL YOUR "BOOK(S) FOR VETS"

Books For Vets
The American War Library
16907 Brighton Avenue
Gardena, CA 90247-5420

OR, send your unwanted books to any Veterans Administration Hospital in care of (c/o) the "Volunteer Office".

[Please use the United States Post Office's low-cost "Media Mail" shipping rate to mail your book(s) to The War Library.]

Contact Person for this posting: Roger Simpson, PIO

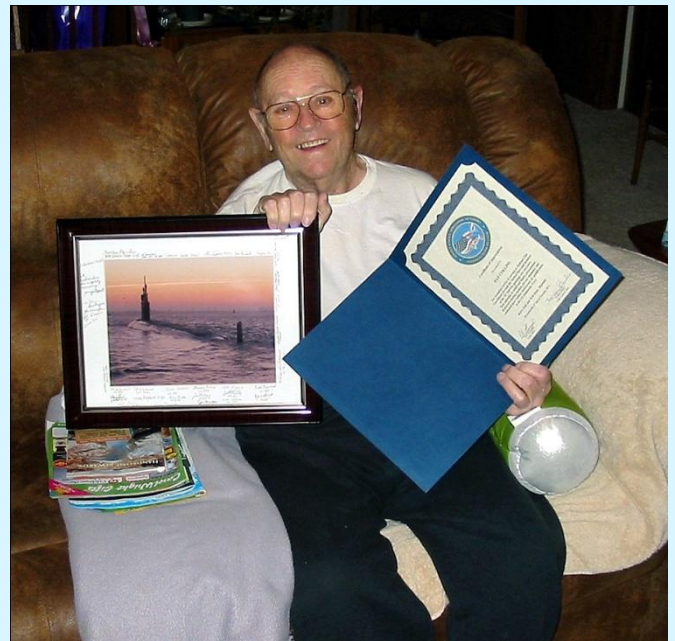
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<http://www.13105320634.com>
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16907 Brighton Avenue
Gardena, CA 90247-5420
Phone / Fax: 1-310-532-0634

BINNACLE LIST

Tarheel Base Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis informed us that Pat Collins is in need of our prayers. Pat has been our Holland Club liaison since its inception.

Pat's "plate" has been full for a long time. Recently, that plate overflowed: Pat was admitted to a local hospital with a heart attack. He's now recuperating at his daughter's home.

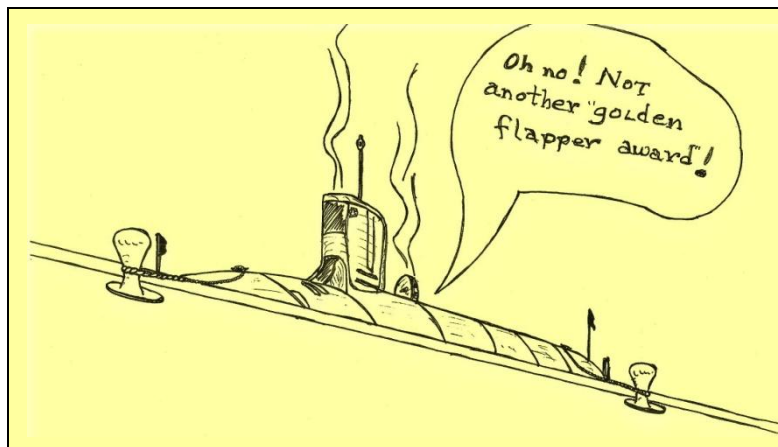
A picture of Pat Collins with his Holland Club Chairman Appreciation Certificate and USS North Carolina picture signed by the Tarheel Base Members present at the Tarheel Base meeting on February 5th.



FLAPPER AWARD

By Jim Schenk, member of Carolina Piedmont and Nathaniel Greene Bases

Here is the cartoon I submitted last Spring that is on the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation's March page for 2011. Calendar available at www.dolphinscholarship.org, helps families of Submariners with grants for college.



SILENT SERVICE MOTORCYCLE CLUB (SSMC)

From Dale Moses of the Carolina Piedmont Base

I am trying to reach our USSVI members that are motorcycle "guys" in order to form a Carolina's chapter of the Silent Service Motorcycle Club (SSMC).

In order to join the SSMC, you must be a current member of USSVI. Other requirements, such as "bike" size, etc., can be found at www.silent servicemc.com. We need at least 7 members in the Carolina area to form a Chapter. Plans are to support the same causes as the USSVI, and ride in area parades and events.

If interested, send me an e-mail at donutdad@carolina.rr.com or call me at 704-248-7610.

Thank you for your service to our Great Nation, Moe(SS).

Silent Service MC News

Good Day SSMC Riders,

I have been a little late with my newsletters, as a few of you know. I am in Loma Linda, Southern California at a cancer treatment center for nine weeks. I have 1/3 of the radiation treatments completed and expect to return to Washington 100% cancer free late March. With the help of my Laptop SSMC continues to move forward. All my SSMC mail is being forwarded to me in S.CA

So, what's going on with SSMC?

USSVI- SSMC Base Transfer.

We have been working at transferring SSMC membership names over to the USSVI base listing. We are now listed on the USSVI website along with all bases from the State of Washington but will soon be listed along with the other two cyber bases on the front page. This will expose to close to 14,000 Subvets, many who ride and do not know about us.

If you are not a member of USSVI, your name will not show up on this listing. Many of you wanted to wait to join the SSMC- USSVI base, I will contact you with an application soon. My suggestion is that you join a local base then I will list you on SSMC base as a second base member.

We have several wives, girlfriends, and kids who ride with us as associate members. Their name will not show up on the USSVI listing unless they join your local base as an associate member, several are already listed. For those associate members who don't want to join USSVI, I will keep you on an SSMC associate roster only.

We also have several of you who still have not paid your local USSVI 2011 dues. Your names have been removed from USSVI National and will not show up on our SSMC base site. To stay active...get your late dues into your local base.

Membership

We have passed the 200th (including associates) member and are headed for the 250th; the winner has been sent a cool SSMC do-rag. Way to go Robert Gilmore from Ashburn, VA.

We are getting close to a couple more State chapters. We now have 13 up and running to date. Plus we now have Hawaii on board, this gives us riders in over 30 states. Not a bad growth in less than two years.

2011 SSMC Dues

I thank all of you who have sent in your 2011 SSMC dues. More than 85% of the membership and all but two of the chapters are current with their base dues. If for any reason you elect not to stay active in the club, please let me know and I will remove your name from the active member list.

Welcome Robert PECOS Larson from the GOLDEN STATE Chapter as our new USSVI Base webmaster.

We will have a web site with our USSVI base and PECOS has agreed to become our base webmaster for this site. Don Gentry will continue to be our National webmaster and the two sites will have a link between them so members can navigate easily.

As we grow, SSMC we will be adding more of you to officer positions in the club. One of our objectives is to have a group of officers from across the country who have input on the operation of SSMC. This DBF main power electrician will be stepping down in the future.

We do have an opening for a SSMC Base Chaplin. I am looking for volunteers to fill this position, Let me know if you are interested.

Bubblehead Biker SSMC- USSVI patch is in

This is a nice looking patch and will look good on your leather vests or your USSVI vests. They came in a little smaller than I ordered but I have them priced right at \$4.75 each. That includes mailing.

Let's all keep September 2012 open, we are thinking that the USSVI convention in Norfolk VA would be a great place to have our first National get together. What a time we would have when a 100 plus SSMC bikers from across the US show up at this event. The VA chapters will help on this event and could show us many beautiful riding areas in the state. I would also hope we have a SSMC booth in the display area to inform other USSVI riders what we are all about.

Stay safe riders and life is good when you are qualified.

Green Board

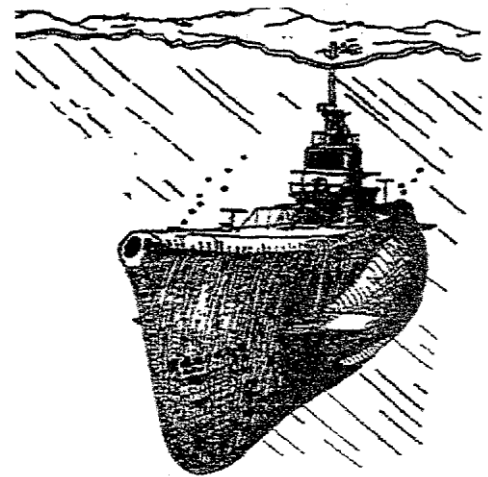
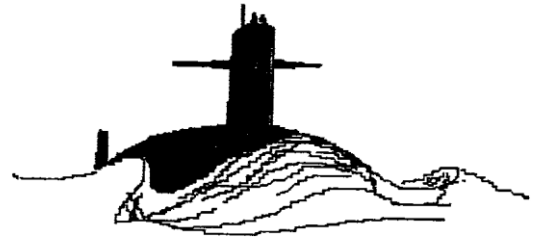
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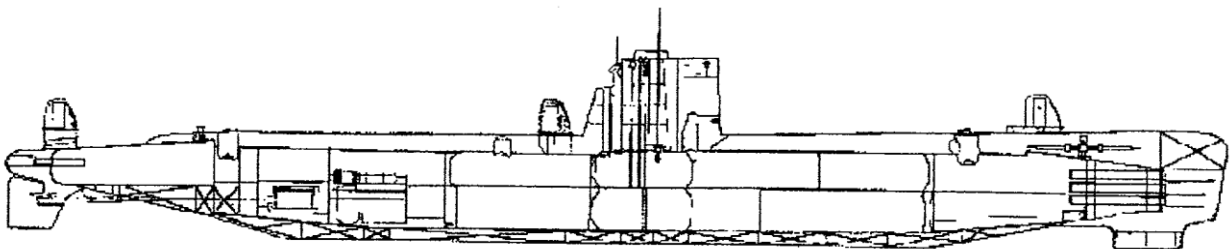
YOU MIGHT BE A SUBMARINER IF ...

You smell like diesel fuel
You know what "Handle it" means
You can "handle it", even under pressure
You know what "Field day" means
You know what the goat locker is
You know Hogan
You have ever gotten Hogan's goat
You have been as screwed up as Hogan's goat
You have ever found the golden rivet
After finding the golden rivet, you glow in the dark
You glow in the dark, even without finding the golden rivet
You have ever drank bug juice
You have ever slept alongside a "fish"
You know when your bunk feels like a sandy beach, it is time to change the sheets
You know Mattress Back (name)
You have ever been blasted by an air expulsion head
You know Line Locker Louie
You know Lower Level Louie
You know who says, "Just one more, just one more"
You know that no one ever really owned a plank
You know COMSUBLANT means
You know Archibald Assolson
You know when things have gotten out of hand
You know what a "My Wife" chit is
You speak acronym, fluently
You know what Kingston valves are
You know what poppet valves are
You know that bulkhead flappers are not dancers
You know that an ORSE is not an English horse
You know that ping jockeys do not ride pings, or horses
You know what "Ho Ho Ho" means
You know what "Blow and go" means
You know what "going critical" means
You know what "Rig for dive" means
You will go down anytime
You know what a GREEN board is
You know what a straight board is
You know what a klaxson is
You know what "AOOOGAH AOOOGAH" means
You know what "Take her down" means
You know what "Blow negative to the mark" means
You know what "Rig for RED" means
You know what "Rig for silent running" means
You don't make any noise that a fish doesn't make
You know what "Rig for deep submergence" means
You do it deeper
You know what "Run silent, run deep" means
You have been to the choke point, several times
You would never commit a SINS
You know what a "familygram" is
You know what "angles and dangles" mean
You know what a "chicken switch" is
You know how to "Follow the bubble"



YOU MIGHT BE A SUBMARINER IF ... (cont.)

Your house takes a down angle when someone blows a car horn twice
You still remember the shapes of those handles, even after the lights go out
You have bored holes throughout the oceans, for months at a time
You found your belt getting shorter during a deployment
You know what "No periscope" means in a birth announcement familygram
You have seen a pack of camels being led through the control room
You have helped cause the evaluating psychiatrists to leave the boat ahead of schedule
Most people wouldn't trust you with a canoe or a rowboat, let alone a submarine
You know that the Tunafish is NOT the chicken of the sea
You know what a horny (toad) towed array is
You know what "To the pole" means
You have ever heard of a retractable whip antenna being used as an ice probe
You know what "Get me up" means
You know that there are two kinds of ships, submarines and TARGETS
You are NOT assigned to a "target"
You have ever heard the words "What is the estimated range sonar?"
You have ever heard the words "What is the distance to the track?"
You have ever heard the words "Is it safe to come to periscope depth?"
You have ever looked out a periscope and seen nothing but a target's hull
You know what periscope liberty is
You know that periscope liberty generally includes a shower. Thank you Aux
You shoot at things you can't see
You know that a "snapshot" is not a photograph
You know what a "Hot run in the tube" means
You know what "Hot, straight and normal" means
You are among those who "Care enough to send the very best"
You have never left the barn doors open
You have spoken with Gertrude on occasion
You know how much maneuvering is done in the maneuvering room
You know what "going home turns" means
You know what "Prepare to snorkel" means
You know what "Prepare to surface" means
You know what "Blow the forward group" means
You know what "Blow the after group" means
You know what "Prepare to surface without air" means
You know what "Commence a low pressure blow" means
After a deployment, your wife makes you leave your laundry outside
After a deployment, your wife makes you strip before you enter the house
After a deployment, your wife doesn't have to make you strip
After a deployment, you are undressed before you even get home
After a deployment, your wife makes YOU stay outside
You know what "Snorkel through the alfalfa" means
After a deployment, your wife makes you . . .
You know what it means to be all caught up in 15 minutes



2011 NC SUBVETS BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE REGISTRATION

20-21 May 2011

Pre-Registration Form – Cutoff Date 02 May 2011

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Base: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Emergency Contact/Telephone: _____

		<u>NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Registration/Catered Meal, Saturday, May 21	Per Person	\$25	____

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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

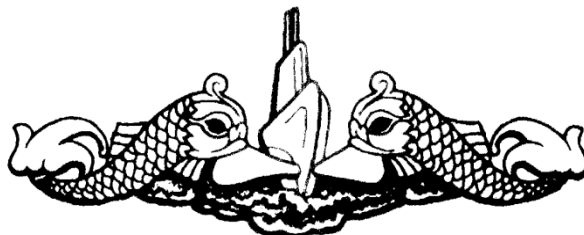
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Host Hotel: Skyline Village Inn, 12255 NC Hwy 226A (milepost marker 331 on the Blue Ridge Parkway, between Little Switzerland and Spruce Pine, NC.

Phone: 1-828-765-6276 or 1-704-517-6374

Directions to Hotel: I-40 Exit 86 (Route 226). Take this bending, curving road all the way to Little Switzerland. When you see the Blue Ridge Parkway overpass, take a left turn, it is the first building on the right.

Reservations: Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of the individual (828-765-6276 or 704-517-6374). A special rate of approximately \$86.00 (plus tax) is available for U.S. Subvets per night (Actual rate will be provided when details are worked out). This hotel has only 16 rooms but has made a deal with a hotel approximately 2 miles from it for overflow at the same rate. This hotel will arrange for either hotel as appropriate. **DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL RATE IS 02 MAY 2011.** Check out the website at www.skylinevillageinn.com.





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 American and its Constitution.

2011 USSVI SE REGIONAL CONFERENCE

OCALA, FLORIDA - 28 April - 1 May 2011

RESERVATIONS: Holiday Inn & Suites 3600 SW 38th Ave Ocala, FL 34474 (352) 629-9500 or (877)622-5211. WEB Site: www.ocalainn.com. A Block of 90 Rooms on a first come first serve basis are available. Mention "SUBVET SVA" when reserving your room. Overflow will be accommodated at neighboring hotels (all within walking distance).

ROOM RATES: \$89 FOR SINGLE OR DOUBLE - \$119 FOR STANDARD KING OR 2-QUEEN SUITES. Rates do not include tax. Reservations must be made on or before 8 April 2011.

TOURS: FRIDAY 29 APRIL: Free Time - Don Garlits Drag Racing Museum Tour \$13. Florida Carriage Museum Tour (includes transportation and Docent) \$15. Carriage Museum bus transportation limited to first 31 members to enroll.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Go to Holiday Inn Website www.ocalainn.com to peruse other local attractions and shopping available to you. Brochures are available on request.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Memorial Service will be held on Saturday 30 April at the Ocala Veterans Memorial Park. Bus transportation will be provided to and from the Hotel to the Park. Ample seating will be available for attendees.

REGISTRATION FORMS: Registration Forms are available on the internet; go to www.seadragonbase.net (click on Base Newsletter). Hotel Reservations can be made immediately.

Host Base: SEADRAGON Base, Lady Lake, FL

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Ocala, Florida April 28 - 1 May 2011

Will be held at "Holiday Inn & Suites "

3600 SW 38th Ave Ocala, FL 34474 - 352-629-9500 or 877-622-5211

Suites, Handicap and adjoining rooms available

(Each in limited amount, first come, first serve) Rooms at \$89.00/\$119 plus tax. Be sure to mention Subvet SVA Conference

A block of 90 rooms is in effect with an overflow at neighboring Hotels

Cutoff Date is 15 April 2011

Get your reservations in early.

Name _____
 Guest Name/s _____
 Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____
 E-Mail _____ Phone _____ Base _____

DATE	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Wed 27 Apr	Early Arrival Dinner on your own			
Thu 28 Apr	Registration including hospitality Room p/p (Under 21-registration free) Hospitality Room open daily Cheeseburger in Paradise (Dinner) p/p	\$35.00 \$14.00	____ x ____ ____ ____ x ____	\$ ____ \$ ____
Fri 29 Apr	Breakfast p/p Garlits Museum Tour p/p Carriage Museum Tour p/p Free time (choice of events on brochures) Dinner p/p	\$13.00 \$13.00 \$15.00 \$30.00	____ x ____ ____ x ____ ____ x ____ ____ x ____	\$ ____ \$ ____ \$ ____ \$ ____
Sat 30 Apr	Breakfast p/p 1400 - 1600 District Meetings 1730 - 1830 Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar) 1900 Banquet p/p	\$13.00 \$40.00	____ x ____ ____ x ____	\$ ____ \$ ____
Sun 1 May	0700-1000 Farewell breakfast p/p	\$13.00	____ x ____	\$ ____
Drawings:	50/50 Raffle \$1.00 ea or 6 for \$5.00 Submarine model \$5.00 ea or 5 for \$20.00 Basket of cheer \$1.00 ea or 6 for \$5.00	 	____ x ____ ____ x ____ ____ x ____	\$ ____ \$ ____ \$ ____
	Total			\$ ____

Make checks payable to "SEADRAGON BASE SVA"

Mail to Ward Robbins 1709 Hunting Path, The Villages, FL 32162.