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## IN MEMORY OF THE 52 SUBMARINES LOST IN WWII

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



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

**MEMBERSHIP RULES:** Dues are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> 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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USSVI 2012 National Convention

HOT, STRAIGHT & NORMAL



2-9 September 2012



Norfolk, Virginia



US Submarine Veterans Hampton Roads Base, with the Support of the North Carolina Submarine Veteran bases, will host the 2012 USSVI National Convention in Downtown Norfolk.

<http://ussvi-2012convention.com/default.htm>

Y'all ready for this ???



# MEMORIAL DAY

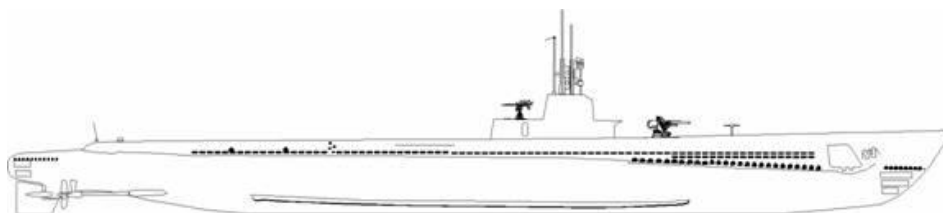


**TODAY'S  
COLOR ALERT:  
RED, WHITE  
AND BLUE**



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ALL WHO HAVE  
SACRIFICED

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## USSVI 2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION

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NEWS-01: 2011 USSVI Convention Sept 5-11, 2011

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Bases: Please give this wide distribution via email, base meetings and in your base newsletter.

The OZARK/RUNNER SS476 BASE (USSVI) and the City of Springfield, MO. invite you to join us in Springfield, MO. for the 2011 Joint National Convention of the USSVI and of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII. The Convention will run from Mon. Sept 5 to Sun. Sept 11, 2011.

The host Base is the OZARK/RUNNER BASE. The Convention Chairman is Ron Athey TMC (SS) USN Ret (rondo\_94590@yahoo.com or 1-417-763-0935).

The convention website is [www.ussvispringfieldmo.com](http://www.ussvispringfieldmo.com).



The host city is Springfield, Mo. The Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) can be reached at 1-800-678-8767 or [www.Travel-Springfield.com](http://www.Travel-Springfield.com). They are looking forward to helping you with information or answering any of your questions regarding this area.

Please feel free to contact them. Our "Home Port" will be the UNIVERSITY PLAZA HOTEL and Convention Center (1-417-864-7333 or [www.upspringfield.com](http://www.upspringfield.com)). Alternate "Berthing" is available at the CLARION HOTEL (1-800-756-7318; 1-714-883-6550; [www.springfieldclarion.com](http://www.springfieldclarion.com)) or at the DOUBLETREE HOTEL (A Hilton Hotel) (1-800-222-tree; 1-417-831-3131). Rooms are \$99 per night and parking is complimentary.

The USS LAPON (SSN661) Sail and Submarine Memorial and Nathanael Greene SSBN 636 Memorials are located in Springfield. The local Veterans of the American Legion, VFW and FRA are also looking forward to welcoming you. Green/Straight Board and Dry Bilges Ronald L. Athey TMC(SS) USN Ret Base Commander, Convention Chairman Ozark-Runner Base USSVI Host Base , 2011 USSVI National Convention  
[www.ussvispringfieldmo.com](http://www.ussvispringfieldmo.com)



## TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Let's look at an overview of events since ALL CLEAR was issued in February.

St. Patrick's Day parade in Raleigh, right in the core of our Base, saw an excellent turnout of Subvets pulling and riding the Mark 14 Torpedo and the model submarine. Thanks to all who participated.

WUNC-TV Fund Raiser was fine and the first of its kind for us. We had more than 20 manning telephones (thanks), so we got two on-air interviews of living, breathing Subvets! (I thought one was particularly handsome!)

The April Base Meeting, our first at 1000, was terrific! There were 34 Subvets and six guests, so no seats left open! Neat talk by Buddy Puryear, CAPT USN (Ret), former CO of USS Spadefish SSN-668. We were pleased that Ed Stank, Secretary, Charleston, SC Base, was a visitor. Ed is in Durham several weeks so his wife may receive a lung transplant. Chaplain Bill, Dave Thommarson and Bill Lowe have been keeping tabs on Ed and lending helping hands.

Azalea Festival parade in Wilmington was followed by a brief quarterly meeting of NC Subvets and lunch in the wardroom of the Battleship North Carolina.

The torpedo and model submarine were in a static display at Seymour-Johnson AFB in Goldsboro, NC. A half dozen members answered questions.

Lest you wonder, I am STILL gratified to be your Base Commander! That's not to indicate that the time required isn't a bit of a downer, but most everything has a flip side. I still can say honestly, as the firefly did when he backed into the electric fan, "I'm DE-lighted!"

Tar Heel Base is bubbling along at 172 members. Not bad after the formation of the Nathanael Greene Base. A public "Thank you" to those of you who became primary members of Nat Greene, yet also remained as secondary members with us. As the youngsters say, "You're a helper!"

**NEXT BASE MEETING JUNE 4 AT 1000.** Come and enjoy the company of like beings. We'll see the debut of our Book & Video Exchange Library, the brainchild of Wolfgang Friedrich. You'll hear member John Cunningham on his experiences serving and qualifying aboard USS Ex U-2513.

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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,

Tarheel Base members, let us focus on 2011 and make it a banner year for attendance. The base membership voted to meet on even months hoping that we could interest more members in attending. Only we can make our base a success. Recruiting is going well. Chief Emerson picked up 8 names at the Air Show. We've contacted all but one, and hopefully got them in the right direction (Well done Chief, we will miss you and mom).

From tubes aft,

Butterbean TM2(SS)

## 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 02 April 2011

Prior to the Base meeting, 18 Subvets "chowed" down for a 0830 breakfast at the Golden Corral in Cary.

Tarheel Base Commander Gordon Banks called the meeting to order at 1002 with Chaplain Bill Whelan offering the opening prayer. Gordon led the 34 Subvets and 6 guests present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### TOLLING OF THE BOATS:

COB Patch Paciorek and Treasurer Spencer Combos conducted a reading of the names and tolling of the bell in remembrance of the 13 US Navy submarines lost during the months of March and April.

#### INTRODUCTIONS:

All Subvets and guests introduced themselves with Subvets stating the name of their qualification boat. A hearty welcome was extended to the lady guests and to a first time Subvet attendee LCDR Dan Eddinger II. Dan retired from submarine service on 1 January 2011 and is joining the Tarheel Base today. A thank you was rendered to Paul Hiser for "steering" this Subvet our way. Julie Daw, a home schooling mom from Apex, was among the guests present. The scuttlebutt was that she came on a fact-finding mission to see what this group of Subvets was all about after her husband made contact with Vice Commander Butterbean during last month's St. Patrick's Day parade in Raleigh.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis honored two Subvets with induction into the Holland Club. New members of this prestigious group are Allen Ashdown and John Crosson. Allen's wife and four members of John's family were present for the ceremony. Allen and his bride reside in Pinehurst, NC.



#### REPORTS

1. Base Commander Gordon Banks reported on Tarheel Base participation in events during the past few weeks such as the UNC-TV Telephone Fund Raiser. Gordon commended the continued outstanding job performed by the slate of Base officers he inherited upon his appointment as Base Commander.
2. Base Vice Commander Bill (Butterbean) Dixon presented Henry Hagwood with the first Vice Commander's Award (shoulder patch) for his great job of handling various raffles and supplying refreshments during Base meetings. Butterbean suggested calls be made to Subvets that aren't present for Base meetings and other events. Also he made his usual appeal for recruitment of new members and emphasized the importance of obtaining the name and e-mail address of potential new members. Butterbean called for all to pay Base and/or National dues in a timely manner.
3. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on 05 February 2011. 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 and Record Keeper, Spencer Combos reported a Base checking account balance of \$4,400 at the end of the first quarter and a current balance of \$4,110. Tarheel Base membership stands at 172 with 2 listed as associate members. This total includes Dan Eddinger who joined today.



## TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY'S CORNER (cont.)

5. All Clear editor Patch Paciorek stated he had received a \$20 donation to the newsletter from Charles Stevenson. This money will be applied to the cost of mailing out 71 condensed copies (bulletins) of the All Clear. SE District 1 Commander Dick Kanning congratulated Patch on his appointment to the judging committee for the National Newsletter of the Year Award.
6. NC Subvets License Plate "Czar" Jerry Leppart covered the latest news on the "stagnation" in the North Carolina Legislature of the bill for the Subvet plate. The bill, S24, is still in the Senate Finance Committee's hands. Jerry plans on spending a considerable amount of his time down at the Legislature pushing this bill along as soon as he retires from his "second job". To date, he has a total of 300 names and 427 applications for the plate. Also, Jerry stated the bill that authorizes the DMV to include a veteran's branch of service on their driver's license is close to passing.
7. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer Jim Wallace thanked the 23 Subvets and family members for volunteering to help with the UNC-TV Fund Drive held on 26 March. All who participated had an enjoyable time and a "repeat performance" will be planned before year's end. Also, Jim stated he has a list of requested "ship's store" items that are not in stock. He hopes to get these items in soon. Some qual date pins were passed out during the meeting.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Parades - 09 April 2011 - Azalea Festival in Wilmington - Info on this parade scheduled for next Saturday has been posted on the website and sent out via e-mails. Other upcoming parades are:
  - Monday, 30 May - Memorial Day- Thomasville- "Uncle Sam" will be riding on the sub.
  - Saturday, 02 July - Iredell County (Troutman)
  - Monday, 04 July - Faith 4<sup>th</sup> of July
2. 2011 NC Subvets Burnsville Memorial meeting is scheduled for 20-21 May 2011. A pre-registration form has been published in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter copy of the All Clear. In order to obtain the special room rate, reservations must be made by 02 May 2011 at the host motel - the Skyline Village Inn in Spruce Pine, NC.
3. Commander Gordon stated the two Subvets, Dave Campbell and Wayne Powell, who volunteered to head up the service projects committee, were not present. Gordon, along with Jerry Emerson and John Rupertus, covered a list of 9 possible projects for Base participation. The general consensus was in favor of a "hands on" project such as the Adopt a Highway Program. It would involve cleaning up litter on the sides of a section of highway four times a year and will afford public exposure of the NC Subvets name on road signs. Information on this project will be forthcoming. Also, it seems clear, participation in the UNC-TV Fund Raiser will continue as a Base project.

### NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Subvet Wolfgang Friedrich has agreed to be the Tarheel Base Book and Video Exchange Library Coordinator. He requested Base members to bring books and videos to the next meeting to share with fellow Subvets.
2. Commander Gordon reported MIA Table committeeman Scott Powell has procured most of the items for this display.
3. Gordon offered the following two motions for approval and both passed as read:

Motion – To amend Base Bylaws, ART. II – Dues, SEC. 1 to read:  
"Annual Base dues will be \$15.00, effective 1 January 2012."  
"Members, as of 5 February 2011, who paid dues for future years will have such dues payments honored at the original amount."

Motion – To amend Base Constitution, ART. VIII – Meetings to read:  
SEC. 1. "The Base shall meet a minimum of four times per year. The Base Commander will strive to give reasonable advance notice to members."  
SEC. 2. "Members will be advised of meetings through the All Clear Newsletter and use of e-mail."

## TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY'S CORNER (cont.)

### OPEN FLOOR:

1. Jerry Emerson covered an upcoming event, Wings Over Wayne 2011, to take place at the Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro on Saturday, 16 April and Sunday, 17 April 2011. The Base parade submarine and torpedo will be part of a static display. Jerry requested Subvets assistance in manning this display to field questions. Patch will send out an e-mail with all the info on this event.
2. SE District 1 Commander Dick Kanning passed along a thank you from the family of WWII Subvet Jim Tobin to the NC Subvets who attended his memorial service on 05 March 2011.

Also, Dick stated \$800.00 was contributed by the Bases in District 1 for the COMSUBLANT Sailor of the Year Runners Up Fund. Dick displayed a plaque awarded to USSVI District 1 in recognition of this endeavor and read a letter of appreciation to the Tarheel and Nathanael Greene Bases for their monetary support of this worthy project.

### SPEAKER:

Commander Gordon introduced the guest speaker for the meeting - CAPT Buddy Puryear, USN (Ret) from Wake Forest, NC. CAPT Puryear covered happenings during the final deployment of the USS Spadefish (SSN-668) under his command. All present enjoyed his presentation and he was invited to future Base meetings.

### NEXT BASE MEETING:

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on Saturday, 04 June 2011.

Meeting was adjourned at 1158.

Duane Gow (lucky scoundrel) was the winner of the 50/50 raffle drawing in the amount of \$73.00.

**Tarheel Base Meeting Minutes are posted online at**

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

## TARHEEL BASE TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CORNER

The Treasurer's input for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2011 follows:

Membership is currently 171 regular and 2 associate members; Total = 173

Checking Account:

Ending Balance 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2010	\$ 4,435.76
Receipts	\$ 1,601.00
Disbursements	<u>\$-1,926.08</u>
Ending Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2011	\$ 4,110.68

The Tarheel Base end of year (EOY) financial report was due to National on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2011, and was submitted on March 25, 2011.

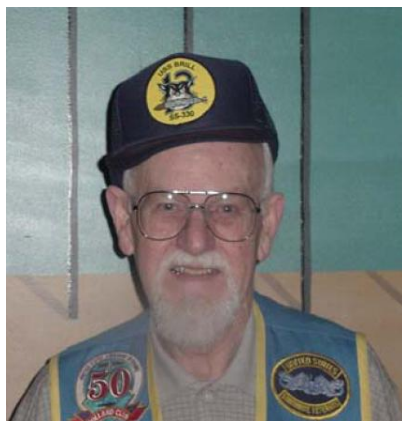
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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



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### WHAT'S SO UNUSUAL ABOUT THREES?

There's nothing really unusual about threes.

There were three of us kids in our family: my twin sisters Mollie and Betty and me. Tuesday night (17 May), my wife Anne and I returned home following our usual monthly birthday supper with 20 or more of our Church friends. We returned find a phone message that what had been three were now two: Sister Betty had just passed away in New Hampshire after a three-year battle.

The following day (Wednesday, 18 May), a group of us Subvets gathered in Greensboro to bid farewell to Pat Galaviz, Shipmate Ed's lovely wife. Threes appeared again: this time in the hull numbers for Ed's two boats--SS-393 (QUEENFISH) and SS-322 (BLACKFIN). Those two hull numbers musically provide significant food for thought and inspiration: verse 5 of hymn 393 tells us that "There's a Spirit in the air, calling people everywhere;" and verse 4 of hymn 322 reminds us that "A dear one in heaven thy heart yearns to see."

The next day (Thursday, 19 May), members of the Tarheel and Nathanael Greene Bases gathered in Clemmons to help tend lines as GATO Bill Bradburn sailed on his eternal patrol. Bill's widow Jocelyn's kind words following the celebration of Bill's life indicated that she was particularly pleased with the appropriateness of the related music. Tarheel Base associate member Barbara Dixon set the tone of the service with another "three": for the prelude she sang "A Still Small Voice," a cappella, telling of the Prophet Elijah's encounter with the Lord in 1 Kings: 19:13; and her postlude consisted of two hymns "Amazing Grace" and "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus." Using the hull number of GATO as a guide, hymn 212 appropriately reflected the mood of the day, "I love you Lord and I lift my voice to worship you."

Significant enough to merit a separate paragraph in this Corner was an event prior to the GATO Bill service. We noticed WWII Subvet Joe Clark down front, standing in front of GATO Bill's Subvet vest, his head bent, and his lips moving. When he returned to the rear of the church, we asked Joe what he was saying to Bill. He replied quietly, "I was singing "Sink 'em all," to Bill -- we sang that song together some time ago." We understood.

Closing out our thoughts on threes was the third consecutive memorial service on Friday (20 May) at graveside in Spring Hope. Three Tarheel Base Subvets tended lines as submariner Westray (Zeke) Bunn sailed on his eternal patrol. In keeping with relating hull numbers with hymns, the hull number (SS-214) of Zeke's boat GROUPER points to the hymn, "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord."

That word Hallelujah is an appropriate closure for this Corner on threes since it is used to express praise, joy, or thanks.

Oh, yes, there is another significant three: God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Our thanks to all who paid their respects to Pat, GATO Bill, and Zeke.

Their oars are at rest.

Chaplain Bill

## REMEMBER THE S-28 LOST ON JULY 4, 1944

The U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII assigned USS S-28 (SS-133) to the State of North Carolina.

The S-28 was last with 50 crew members while conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where the S-28 was lost. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery. Login to the USSVI website ([www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org)) and then navigate to the following web page for more information details on the S-28:

<https://www.ussvi.org/LostBoats.asp?LostMonth=7>



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Dick Cimino Bill Edwards Karl Evans Ed Galaviz Michael Green Robert Harris Don Huston Arvin Klemp John Link Joseph Peek Don Small Herman Strickland	Roy Hall Glenn Harris Don Haseley George Hecker Chuck Jensen Joseph Morgan Joseph Ratner Thomas Richey Kenneth Sigworth Linwood Sutton Bud Tolbert Larry Travis Daniel Wall	Gordon Banks Jack Canady Jeff Cox Fred Forst Duane Gow George Gressman Manly Hudson John Pearce Robert Sloop

## FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS

Former Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson and his wife, Peg, have accepted an offer to manage The Thomas Bond House Bed and Breakfast in old town Philadelphia in the heart of the historic district on a full time basis. The house is owned by the National Parks Service and is within walking distance of the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Penn's Landing and many other historical places.

"It has been our pleasure to be associated with all members of the North Carolina Submarine Veterans. We have enjoyed the various events that we have attended and the friends that we have made. It is my intent to keep the Tarheel Base as my primary base and to join the base in Philadelphia. At Penn's landing, USS Becuna (SS 319) is on display at the Maritime museum.

So if you are interested in visiting the site of the United States Independence. We look forward to seeing you in Philly."

Here is the web site! [www.ThomasBondHouseBandB.com](http://www.ThomasBondHouseBandB.com)

Thank You,  
Jerry Emerson



Jerry Emerson  
USSVI Tarheel Base  
Past Commander

## BOAT ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

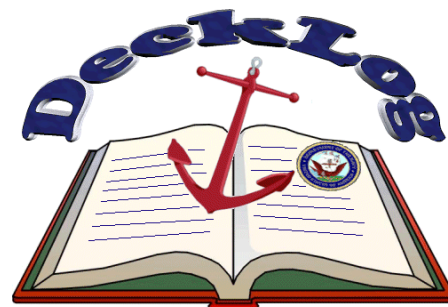
Shipmates, I am in the process of a major addition to the online Decklog sub crew records. Many crew records have been added and others already in place have been added to (2,000+ records to date).

The boat tools has a feature where you can see the records for your boat that may have been changed in the past week (7 days) under the CREW button lookup (In Red: Recently added/modified names).

I encourage you to check your boat tools to see which of your boat records may have been updated. It will tell you which records have been updated, but not what the specific update made was (System isn't smart enough to do that).

Go to <http://www.decklog.com/boats/tools.asp> to log in.

Any questions, please get back to me.



Patrick Householder  
USSVI/Decklog Boat Tools Manager  
pat\_h@ussvi.org

## NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

Let me start this by thanking my membership for allowing me to serve another term as you Base Commander. It is my honor to do this and I can only hope that I live up to most of your expectations. I think to date we are doing well, but there is always room for improvement and for more activities for us.

For all NC Subvets, we at Carolina Piedmont Base are organizing an event in July that is for the children of wounded or disabled veterans. This will take place in Ellerbe, NC at a campsite there. The event happens 3 times, once every other week, and we have been asked to come on up and just chat (submarine talk that is) with the children. The talks will primarily consists of telling them what submarines are all about, and not on too much of a technical outlook. And of course we answer their questions. As I am writing this we are finalizing this effort. Once we have all the details, we will provide it to your Base Commander and they will then provide the details to you. Right now this is for planning purposes. Even though Carolina Piedmont is taking the lead on setting this up, we want this to be a NC Subvets event. So once we have the details (and put it out) we will be setting up something like a watch bill for the 3 days we are to be involved. I am looking forward to having as many of you as we can. The more we have attending, the more sea stories that can be told.

I am sure that most, if not all, of you have the parade schedule as it stands right now. This is another fun time to be had by our Subvets, no matter what base you are from. If you have never been to one, try one out, I think you will like it. One of the side benefits from this (primary benefit is to the public) is that you get to meet fellow Subvets from other bases in the state. Who knows? You might run into someone from the past.

By the time you read this, our annual Burnsville event will be history. If you did not attend, I am sure you missed a good time. However, not all is lost. We have two more NC Subvet events this year. There is one at the end of September/beginning of October in Elizabeth City, NC and one in the Raleigh area in December. Much more details about each of those will be forthcoming from the bases responsible for putting on these events. But you can be assured, they too are a good time and great comradeship is had by all. These are the type of events that helps live up to part of our creed. Consider them as their details are published.

It is also not all that far away from our National Convention in Springfield, Mo. If you plan to attend, I would like to remind you to register prior to 31 July, as after that the registration cost increases. I suspect you will hear more about that as the time nears for the convention. I personally plan to attend as I feel it is my job to represent the Carolina Piedmont Base as these functions. Besides, I do end up enjoying myself at all the event. Even run into some old shipmates.

I want to wish all of you an enjoyable and safe summer. That time is now upon us. Seems like just last week we were freezing. Time sure flies. And again, I really appreciate the Carolina Piedmont Base entrusting me to lead you for two more years. But after that, I think it is time for someone else to take the helm.

Steve Bell



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

# Happy Birthday Carolina Piedmont Base!

**Commissioned May 19, 2007**  
**Carolina Piedmont is Now 4-Years Old**

## **“GATO BILL” HAS DEPARTED ON ETERNAL PATROL**

William James Bradburn, 88, of Clemmons, born on September 8, 1922 passed away on May 16, 2011. His immediate survivors are his wife Jocelyn of the home; children, Pamela (Kevin) Still; Kathleen (Steven) Hurlbut; Nora (Joseph) Richards; Jonathan Ray; Susan (Mark) Coleman; Jennifer (James) Schneider; Jayne (Gregory) Murphy; grandchildren, Jeremy; Jonathan; Nathan; Cassandra; Kailey; Wilson; Kajsa; Michaela; Aidan; sisters, Ruth Rudawski; Alice Williams; Lucille (Ronald) Myles; brother, Charles T. Bradburn; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his late wife, Ruth Beese; sister, Mary Jane Lonergan; and brother, Robert Bradburn. He was active in the Clemmons Kiwanis Club, the Tarheel Base of NC Submarine Veterans; an avid Steelers fan; and retired from PPG Industries as an electrical engineer.

## **GORDON LEWIS HOPPER HAS GONE ON ETERNAL PATROL**

Gordon Lewis Hopper, 89, of Winston-Salem, born on December 22, 1921 passed away on March 2, 2011. He joined USSVI in 2008 as member of the Tarheel Base. He qualified in submarines on the USS Pampanito (SS-383) in 1943 and made six war patrols in the Pacific during WWII. He also served aboard USS R-10 (SS-87), and was a QM3(SS) when he left the Navy.

The following was found on the Internet, making it known that we were not the only ones to miss our shipmate:

<http://www.fcsnc.com/index.php/blog/11-blog/70-gordon-hopper.html>

## **NC SUBVETS MOURN THE LOSS OF PAT GALAVIZ**

Our shipmate, Ed Galaviz, lost his wife Pat as she left for her eternal home on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Many NC Subvets extended their condolences to the families of Pat and Ed Galaviz in Greensboro on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. A memorial is planned at El Camino in the Sorrento Valley area of San Diego on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> before interment at Ft. Rosecrans, which is anticipated on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Ed Galaviz is a member of the Nathanael Green and Tarheel Bases of USSVI.

Please put Ed's and Pat's families on your prayer lists.

Chaplain Bill

## **PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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

### St. Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh

Remembering happier times for our Shipmate Ed Galaviz (in the picture, pointing at our photographer, Wendy Paciorek) ... We had 20 NC Subvets participate in this year's parade on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> along with our special member "Lucky, The Leprechaun," who rode the parade submarine. We enjoyed perfect parade conditions, excellent weather and a large crowd of spectators. We also enjoyed a fun Liberty Call after the parade at the Flying Saucer Draught Emporium with Subvets and their family members totaling 19 in attendance. To see the rest of the pictures, navigate to:

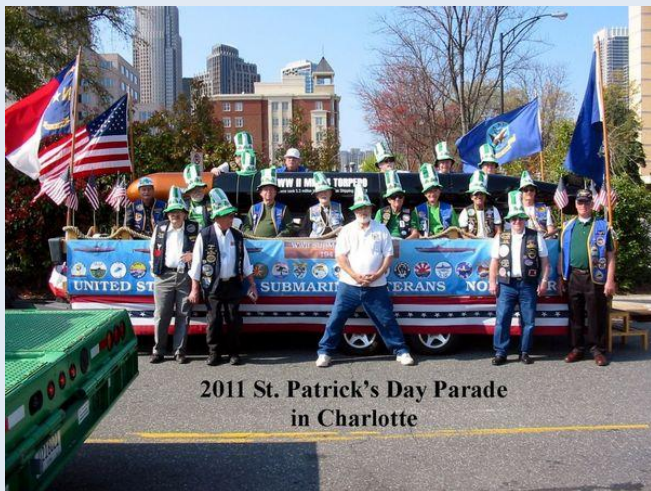
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## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)

### St. Patrick's Day Parade in Charlotte



2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade  
in Charlotte



We had 17 Subvets from the Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases at the parade held on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. This was the biggest crowd of spectators at any of the parades we have been in to date.

### Wings Over Wayne Air Show in Goldsboro

Past Tarheel Base Commander coordinated our Subvet activities at the Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, April 15 - 17, 2011. He was joined by several other Subvets, where many contacts were made with submarine veterans who are not yet members of USSVI, and great time was had by all. For more detailed notes and pictures from our Mid-April event, navigate to: <http://www.ncsubvets.org/Airshow.html>



Dave Campbell, Jerry, & Frans Van Baars

### Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington



2011 Azalea Festival Parade

There were 13 NC Subvets from the Carolina Piedmont, Coastal Carolina, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases in this year's parade. The crowds of parade spectators were as large as in past parades even with the unexpected cold weather. We used the trailer hitch on the Mk-14 torpedo float trailer to tow the parade submarine behind it. This was only done once before in a parade in Sanford. Probably won't be done again. After the parade we met on the Battleship North Carolina for lunch arranged by Coastal Carolina Base Commander Terry Kuhn. He invited the BB 55 crew members, in town for their annual reunion, to the lunch. Twelve of these veterans along with their families were able to attend. For more detailed notes and pictures from our Mid-April event, navigate to:

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

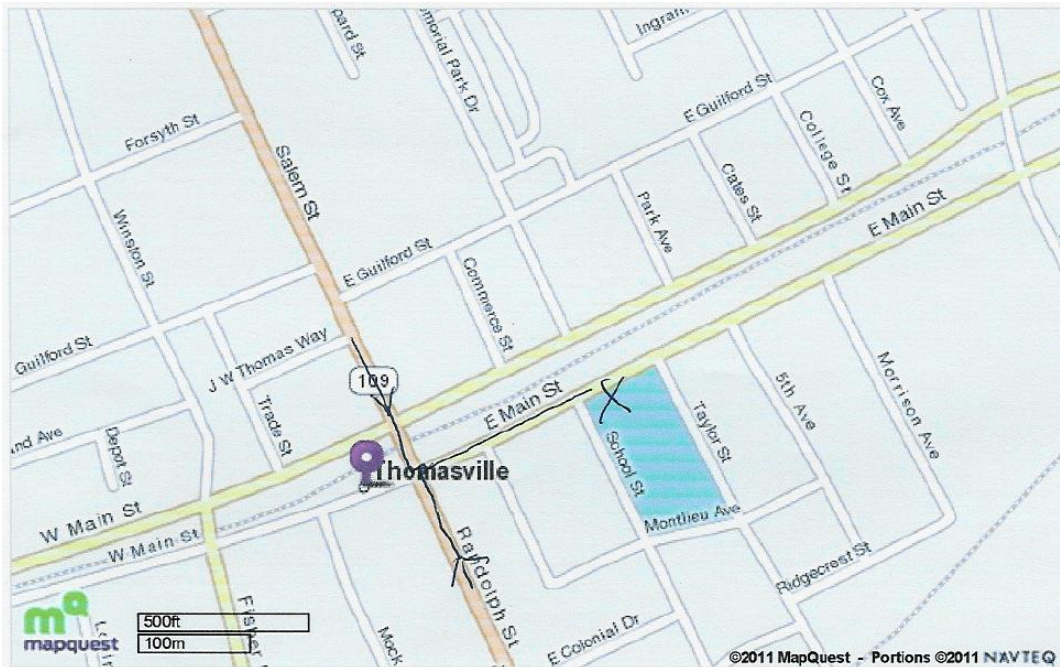


## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)

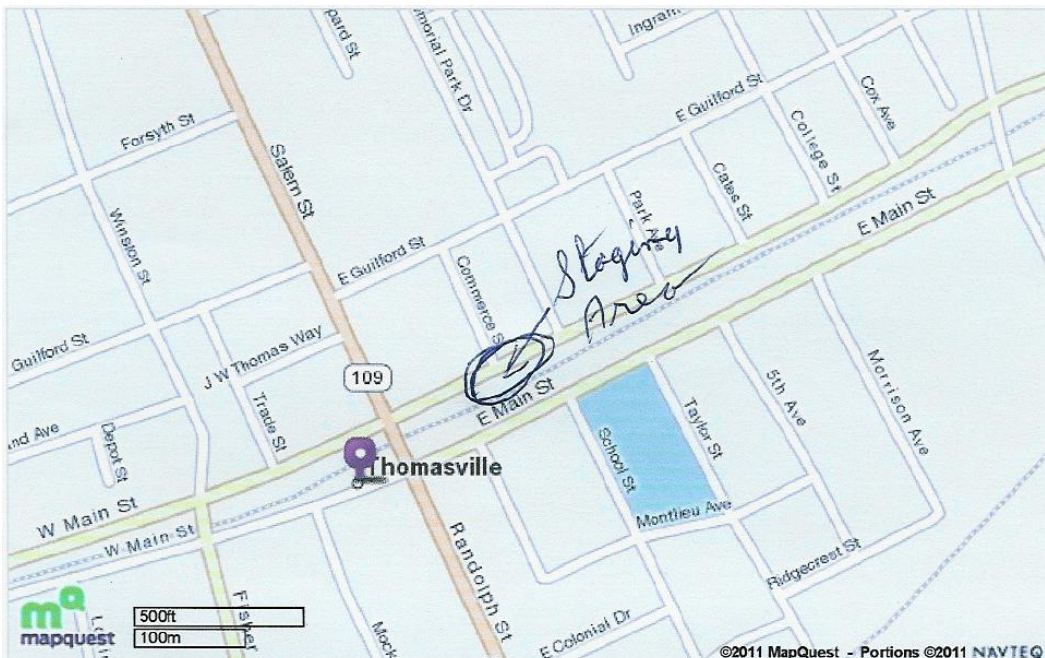
### Thomasville Memorial Day Parade and Static Display

The Chairman of the Thomasville Memorial Day Parade Committee has formally invited the NC Sub Vets to Participate in their Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Static Display and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Parade.

The Static Display will be at 10:00 AM at the Thomasville Recreation Center Park (map below). Jim Myers will have the Torpedo there between 10 and 11 AM. The display goes until 4:00 PM. Any and all Members are invited to participate and enjoy telling about our times on Submarines and describe the Mark 14 Torpedo. We have a canopy to set up to help with the sun.



The Memorial Parade starts at 11:00 AM Monday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Staging is at the same place we have been staging at (map below). They want us to be staged no later than 10:00 AM. We will have the torpedo and Sub float staged no later than 9:30/9:45 AM. We will also be staging in the Stadium after the Parade. The Army parachute team will parachute in and there will be food and drinks. All will be over by 2:00 PM. This is the only Memorial Parade in North Carolina each year and everyone has a lot of fun. Come out and enjoy with us.



## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)

### 2011 PARADE SCHEDULE

Memorial Day Parade in Thomasville – Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> (as noted on the previous page)

Iredell County Independence Celebration Parade in Troutman – Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> (see info below)

Fourth of July Parade in Faith – Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Old Soldier's Parade in Newton Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

Veterans' Day Parade in Asheboro Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Troutman Independence Celebration Parade Information

Come out and enjoy a full day of activities starting with the parade, followed by the Town of Troutman Independence Celebration festival, and ending with a breathtaking fireworks display.

- Staging for the event begins at 9:00 A.M. and ends at 10:00 A.M. at the assembly point on the Iredell County Fairgrounds.
- Participant parking is also located at the Fairgrounds. As you finish the parade shuttle buses will be available to take you back to the start of the parade and your vehicles.
- Parade starts at 11:00 A.M.

For more information, navigate to <http://ncsubvets.org/forms/troutmanparade.pdf>

#### Walk Now for Autism Speaks

John Rupertus, Nathanael Greene Base Commander and Tarheel Base member, asks us to mark our calendars! Walk Now for Autism Speaks is on Saturday, October 8, 2011

For more information: <http://www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=460844>

## WELCOME ABOARD !!

### Our Newest Tarheel Base Members

Dan Eddinger  
William Scism

Cary  
Wake Forest



## US SUBMARINE EXHIBIT AT THE NAVY MUSEUM

A worthwhile project is underway in Washington, DC to dedicate and open a US Submarine exhibit at the Navy Museum on 11 Jun 2011 in the Washington Navy Yard. Please go to the link below for information on the Naval Historical Foundation's Cold War Gallery.

[http://www.navyhistory.org/coldwar\\_gallery/gallery.html](http://www.navyhistory.org/coldwar_gallery/gallery.html)

Week of 6/6 2011– Field Day window for Submarine Veterans to clean exhibit equipment. For more info:

<http://ncsubvets.org/forms/dc4day.pdf>



## THE SUB NET

Items on the Internet of Interest to Submariners

### Dept of Veterans Affairs Burial and Memorial Benefits

<http://www.cem.va.gov/>

### Silent Service Recently Turned 111

<http://militarytimes.com/blogs/scoopdeck/2011/04/21/silent-service-turns-111/>

### Navy Subs To Get Tactical Updates Through Deep Siren

<http://www.defensesystems.com/Articles/2011/04/13/Underwater-communication-system.aspx>

### Navy: New Subs to be Designed for Women

<http://www.military.com/news/article/navy-new-subs-to-be-designed-for-women.html>

### Valor at Sea

<http://www.valoratsea.com/main.htm>

### WWII Sub's Fate Revealed

<http://staugustine.com/news/local-news/2011-05-02/wwii-subs-fate-revealed>

### Missing for Decades, WWII Sub's Lost Bell Surfaces

<http://hamptonroads.com/2011/04/missing-decades-world-war-ii-subs-lost-bell-surfaces>

### Sinking of USS Squalus (SS-192): May 23, 1939

<http://www.hampton.lib.nh.us/hampton/history/ships/usssqualus/>

### SECNAV: Women Will Serve on Attack Subs

<http://www.navytimes.com/news/2011/04/navy-mabus-women-attack-submarines-042711w/>

### Latest Revision to the NC Subvets Charter

<http://www.ncsubvets.org/minutes/ncsubvetscharterrev4.pdf>

## FROM THE FLEET - LATEST ON OUR NORTH CAROLINA BOATS

### USS Asheville (SSN 758)

Distinguished Visitor Embark April 8, 2011

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hlt7Gfe13Hk>

### USS Charlotte (SSN 766)

Currently running silent on a Western Pacific Deployment

### USS North Carolina (SSN 777)

Cmdr. Richard E. Rhinehart Jr. relieved Cmdr. Wes Schlauder as CO on April 14, 2011 during a change-of-command ceremony on board the sub at Pearl Harbor.

## 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.

#### Biologics

The sounds generated by sea life, when picked up on sonar.

#### Check Valve

Used to describe a person, it refers to one who does for himself, but not others. None of the goodies get past him.

#### Salty

One whose level of experience is extreme.

#### TDU

Trash Disposal Unit. Essentially, a vertically-oriented torpedo tube used to dispose of trash aboard a submarine.

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

## NCDMV SPECIALTY PLATE NEWS



Shipmates,

All the latest information is posted on our website at:

<http://www.ncsubvets.org/forms/SpecialtyPlate.pdf>

Updated as new information becomes available.



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## VET CEMETERY NORTH CAROLINA

[Source: Star News Ben Steelman article 2/13/11 ++]

Sometime this spring (2011), a new state highway historical marker (monument) will be planted near the entrance to the North Carolina Wilmington National Cemetery. The metal plaque will be the result of a campaign by a local Civil War re-enactor Fred Johnson who serves in a U.S. Colored Troops unit. Thousands of Union dead from Fort Fisher and the Wilmington campaign were reburied there when the cemetery opened in 1867. Some 3,300 African-American soldiers in two brigades served in this area. During the assault on Fort Fisher, they held a line at Kure Beach to prevent Confederate forces from relieving the fort. Later, they formed the vanguard on the east bank of the Cape Fear River as Gen. Alfred Terry's Union forces advanced on Wilmington. Many of these Colored Troops were North Carolinians and ex-slaves. The troops served as occupation forces in this area after the war, and many of the soldiers stayed on after their discharges. Many of these resident veterans were buried at the National Cemetery, well into the 1900s. Records identified 92 U.S. Colored Troops buried at Wilmington National Cemetery. However, further research indicated that many more bodies were moved to the cemetery between 1867 and 1882 – perhaps as many as 500 in all. An order for the new marker will be formally placed later this month and delivery is expected two months after that. The finished marker will be placed somewhere along Market Street near the National Cemetery gate.

The state's historic highway marker program celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. A total of 1,548 markers line North Carolina's streets and roads. The wording of the new marker, numbered D-111, and an essay about its background, may be found at <http://www.NCmarkers.com>. Information on the Wilmington National Cemetery can be found at <http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/wilmington.asp>. The following federal and state veteran cemeteries are located in North Carolina:

- New Bern National Cemetery, 1711 National Avenue, New Bern, NC 28560 Tel:(252) 637-2912
- Raleigh National Cemetery, 501 Rock Quarry Road, Raleigh, NC 27610 Tel: (252) 637-2912
- Salisbury National Cemetery, 202 Government Road, Salisbury, NC 28144 Tel: (704) 636-2661
- Wilmington National Cemetery, 2011 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28403 Tel:(252) 637-2912
- Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery , 962 Old US Hwy 70 , Black Mountain, NC 28711 Tel: (828) 669-0684
- Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Montford Point Road, Jacksonville, NC 28541 Tel: (910) 347-4550
- Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery, 400 Murchison Road, Spring Lake, NC 28390 Tel: (910) 436-5630

## BENEFIT FOR SAMANTHA

Please check out <http://wheelsforsamantha.org>. As I mentioned at our last base meeting, there is a benefit for this young lady on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June. I know they needed volunteers for the evening with things like kitchen help, keeping an eye on all the donated items (so they don't walk), ticket taking, etc. I am not sure what all is needed. I am building a jail for any politicians that may show up. So they can get bailed out. This thing is supposed to get going about 1700 hrs. I would expect any volunteers would need to be there by 1600. I realize this doesn't have a thing to do with boats other than exposure for the group, if volunteers choose to wear their vests, and making people feel good. But I didn't think it would hurt to ask. Also I do not know if the volunteers would be required to buy a ticket.

The goal for this thing is about \$60K and so far they have raised about \$14K.

Thanks,  
Ed Wilson (Chief Willy)

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

**CONVENTIONS:** The financial report on the Cincy Convention caught me in AWE! For the services (?) amenities and facilities, especially being done by a professional planning group to me showed the gall and bravado of the Base to get all that they could from fellow shipmates.

I'm PROUD to restate that OUR, SED1 2012 Convention in Norfolk is set up being well managed and on track to be one to remember! One of the Committee's drives is to NOT make money, but to have fun. I am confident that what John Kennedy and his sub committees have the 2012 Norfolk Convention well planned and impressive. John is looking for volunteers to man the registration table and a few persons to put out the inevitable 'brush fires' as they arise. Several of us have already done so, and we hope for more. While it may be the Hampton Roads Base hosting, it is OUR District, and we can make the difference from an OK to a great convention. Give John and his committee your support and volunteer. John is at: [kennedys1@cox.net](mailto:kennedys1@cox.net).



The 2011 convention in Springfield MO, is not in the best of shape. Our Executive Board is looking into and hoping to make this happen with some degree of success. There is a lot more to pulling off a successful convention than just winning the bid and signing binding contracts.

**AWARDS:** Nominations for 2011 USSVI awards are now closed. Have you done your part? Did you consider that shipmate who goes the extra step? The Awards manual gives specific criteria and it is easy to do.

**KapSS for KidSS:** National chair John Riley recently provided each Base with a DVD and a slew of info for your use. Info such as non-profit status, permission forms etc. This should make everyone's jobs easier when providing and presenting such programs! THANKS John!

**District Commanders:** Many of you know my take and the reasons why on Amendment B3-10, which passed by ballot last election cycle. It was poorly written and justified, as well as placed restrictions on DC candidates that were more constricting than those for RD's and NJVC's. I refused to do the "work-around" as was suggested as I firmly believed that was a band-aid applied one time to a perpetual problem. The USS Virginia Base supported me to the point of electing me as their Base CDR. At their Base meeting; I respectfully declined, as I knew our National BOD had a tiger by the tail. After much review by our lawyer, Rich Nelson, and his submission of possible actions, the Board elected to repeal the amendment! As such, I'm now not a lame duck. Ironic, after all this, there were 5 other DC's who were similarly affected.

With nominations for District CDRs presently being taken, I have again thrown my hat in the ring for DC of SED1. If any member of SED1 is interested, please let our RD, Bill Andrea know. He's at: [wcandrea@bellsouth.net](mailto:wcandrea@bellsouth.net).

Coastal Carolina was a strong contender for Base Meritorious.

Hampton Roads Base was a strong contender for Golden Anchor.

**CSL Sailor of the Year:** On 10 March, I had the wonderful opportunity to deliver 4 checks for \$200.xx each to the 2011 CSL SOY runners-up. A tradition I started over 5 years ago, which gets better because of the benevolence of SED1 Bases and members. This year, SubForce VADM Richardson specifically praised USSVI, SED1, and Hampton Roads Base for their supportive efforts! I'm in possession of the recognition plaque.



### Happenings Around:

- Carolina Piedmont Base has formed a local chapter of the Silent Service Motor Cycle Club, Dale Moses is POC
- Tarheel Base members manned the UNC PBS donation stand recently while not TV stars, they did manage to get some good PR and raise money for the local PBS.



## MORE FROM YOUR SED1 COMMANDER

- NCSubVets/SVWWII have in place funds and design for the enhancement of the S-28 Memorial at Battleship Park in Wilmington. This will include engraved benches and floral arrangements.
- Carolina Piedmont Base maintains the NC Sub Memorial fund which gets support from all NC bases.
- The MK-14 Torpedo and Parade sub seen in Charlotte, Raleigh, Wilmington, Seymore Johnson AFB and more scheduled.
- KapSS for KidSS at several locations by Carolina Piedmont, USS Virginia and soon, Nathanael Greene Bases.

**Yada,Yada, Yada:** Thanks to all for supporting the end of year financial drive. The reporting format is easy, and sure helps out our National Treasurer. You may be but one base delinquent, BUT picture his dilemma with 158 Bases, plus the National and CF accounts! We all owe John a Big thank you for doing this!

I know, I've been bugging some of you to get your Base members service dates entered in the USSVI Data Base. OK, so you don't want to show your birth date, or home phone or address. BUT, in order for USSVI to maintain being a Veterans Nonprofit organization, it is IMPERATIVE that you provide your service dates.

**Thank You!** I took the liberty to send Lucor an appreciation letter, on SED1 letterhead, along with a picture of the 777 for their recent Jiffy Lube member discount program for Subvets and received the following response:

Mr. Kanning,

Thank you so much for the photo of the USS North Carolina and the certificate for Lucor, Inc. We have never received such a wonderful token of appreciation from a fleet customer before, and our way of recognizing this special gift we are going to display it in our trophy case here at the corporate office.

I hope the members of the Sub Vets are making use of the discounts available to them! Have a wonderful week!

Nicole Hatch

I just back from the midterm with a LOT of information. Plus I am the voting chair for Golden, Silver and on the Meritorious and Bastura Committee for selections.

I WILL state that the way USSVI has selected convention sites and the awarding and contract signing is a thing of the past. Springfield (2011) and Norfolk (2012) are a go, as is. Norfolk is MORE than ready, is well organized and financially sound. I wish I could report the same on Springfield. Springfield will occur. I recommend booking now in the hotel(s) and flight alternatives if flying.

**Southeast District 1 (SED1)  
The First Recipient of  
The Region Directors Award  
Presented at the 2011 SE Region Conference  
This Award is perpetual and will pass to  
subsequent winners.  
While I was the recipient, this Award is in  
Recognition of all the work, camaraderie,  
benevolence and sharing that the bases and  
mostly the Base members continue to do!  
Congratulations and THANKS!**



The SE Region District of the Year Award is NOT mine! It belongs to the District! I'll have it in Burnsville and would like each Base to accept it for display, as it is because of the Bases of SED1 that I represent!

Look for a lot more news in my next District Soundings!

Yours in service, and proud of it!

Dick

## MEN WHO WALK APART

Taken from the Submarine Veterans of WW II "Blow & Vent" Newsletter by Bob Dixon

In the days when, with other war correspondents, I loitered about Honolulu, waiting with polite skepticism for the Pacific Fleet to work its miracle, submarines held Interest only as mysterious gadgets that had no real part in the war we lived with. We would see them slide into harbor occasionally, salt-caked, battered and ugly looking long black sewer pipes covered with patches of white. We were struck by the pomp and circumstance of their arrival with a busy looking four-piper ahead and sometimes another behind them. We had heard the legend of how one of them had to work for two days to get the channel patrol to quit dropping depth charges on it, so we weren't surprised at the escort.

For a long time submarine men were as rare in our jittery little community as visitors from Mars. After a while, we came to see more of them and marked them instantly as creatures apart. They were for the most part pale and nearly always thin young men who walked quietly aloof with others of their kind. High-hat, some of the gobs from the surface ships called them, but they said it without resentment or unkindness. If these lads considered themselves a special breed of Navy men, well so did everybody else. The boot looked at them with obvious awe, the older men with grave respect. For whatever the current status of the submarines as warships, nothing had lessened their hold on the imagination of men in the less secret services. It was tradition in the Navy that only the most Intelligent applicants were ever selected for the submarines, that only the men without fear volunteered for the duty and only the strong survived.

For my part, I was struck with the extreme youth of submariners. The skippers were all lieutenant commanders, few of whom seemed to be more than thirty years old. The crewmen, you felt, might average nineteen or twenty. The CPO's of the service, the graybeards and high priests of this highly exclusive sect, were usually twenty-five or twenty-six.

One thing about them, strikingly obvious to those who lived next door to them in close confines of wartime Honolulu was their resilience. Uniformly when they came off patrol they were pallid strained-looking and tired. All of them were thin, some positively emaciated, as you might expect in men who had just passed a couple of months locked away from sunlight inside an iron barrel. They were alert and pleasant and interested in their surroundings, but so far as my own observations went, few of them in their first two or three days ashore ever laughed out loud. If any of them went out and got drunk, which certainly seemed a good and excusable idea, they did it like everything else they did, in their own way and at their own convenience.

Even after the provost's anti-liquor order had been repealed, you never saw one of them in any of the local dives. I, for one, was too old a hand to figure that this indicated they had been recruited in Sunday Schools of the stricter order, but it seem to hint at least they were fastidious.

They would come ashore and for two or three days disappear from sight, which I suppose was not remarkable in-as-much as in those days they quartered on the base. But in a matter of some seventy-two hours, they'd be in circulation again and we'd stand and look at them as they passed wondering at their metamorphosis. By some miracle of the Hawaiian sun, or more likely of their tough youthfulness, they would have lost their corpse like whiteness and with it their grave reserve. You knew, while doubting the evidence of your own eyes, that they were ready for sea duty and in another day or two they'd be gone again - once more on their way to Japan or the mid-Pacific Islands or the chilly deadliness of the Aleutians.

None of them talked to us, and since we shared some of the fleet's awe of them, we made no effort to break down their reserve. They were kids, of course, like the average run of American kids, and there was no shyness about them. But they weren't supposed to talk about themselves or their work and they didn't. Whether or not we felt that they might have anything important to say if they had chosen to talk, we somehow respected the delicacy of their position chiefly, because we instinctively respected the men themselves.

One surprising thing about them -- and even now after I have lived with them and eaten in their messes and shared to some small extent their lives aboard the submarines, I still wonder at it--was their mutual tolerance. It had long been my conviction that two of the best friends on earth weather-bound in a lonely cabin, or marooned on a sand bar somewhere, would most likely be at each other's throats in a week. Yet, here were men who lived virtually in each other's laps for months on end saecula saeculorum, and ashore where they had every opportunity to separate and enjoy a few hours of privacy, were seldom out of one another's company. When you saw one of them you seldom saw less than half a dozen. And while they would fight willingly -- individually or collectively -- with members of the lesser service, they seldom so much as raised their voices to any of their own kind.

I heard a correspondent mention to a submarine skipper one time that they were more like a family than a ship's crew and the captain snorted, "A family" he said. "Listen, we couldn't live in one of these pipes if we acted like a family. Brother we're all in here together and we have to get along!" We didn't know much about the submarines in those days but we were certainly learning something about the men who sailed in them and we were beginning, in a vague way, to understand why they thought themselves different. The main reason seemed to be they were different.

**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WWII  
 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MID-TERM MEETING  
 AQUARIUS CASINO RESORT  
 LAUGHLIN, NEVADA  
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011**

11:02 a.m. Bud Burchell, National President, called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by George Smith, Pennsylvania State Commander

Bud Burchell led the pledge of allegiance

The USSVWWII Creed was read by Mark Maynard

A moment of silence for Lost Shipmates was held.

Jim Tobin, PNP, Res/Nom Charmin, James Brennan, ND St. Cmdr., Louis Vanderstreet, MA St.Cmdr and all other lost Shipmates.

Roll call by Bob Foerst, National Secretary/Treasurer. All National Officers were present Bud Burchell, Joe Cox, Bob Forest and Walt Kraus.

Guests introduced themselves--Ten guests were present and signed the Roll sheet

Minutes of April 2010 Mid-Term were approved as read by Bob Foerst

Bob Foerst reported for Polaris Circulation Chairman-Robert Robertson

3281 copies printed, mailed 3213 copies. Cost for each copy was \$1.30. Cost for each copy has been more than the cost for the previous format. Several reasons were given for the increase.

The June issue should reflect the actual cost of the new format. Brad Canutt stated that he has only received one copy and he is a paid up subscriber. Bud Burchell will check to make sure that he receives future copies.

The Financial Report was given by Bob Foerst, National Secretary/Treasurer

Bank Accounts as of 9 April 2011-Checking \$11,322.39. Savings \$79,098.79. Total \$90,421.18.

OUTLOOK APRIL 2011 THROUGH 2012

3-26-2011	EXPENSES	
Cash \$89,861	Polaris	\$24,000
Estimated Income \$5000	Operations	\$45,000
Total \$ 94861	Form 990	\$1500
	TOTAL	\$70,500
CLOSING BALANCE	\$94,861	
	-\$70,500	
BALANCE	\$24,361	

Donations for Polaris for 2010 were \$23,000.



## New Business

Last Patrol Certificate: Bud Burchell, National President presented information that our Last Patrol certificate is now on the Sub Vets web site: "ussvi.org"

Two "Last Patrol" certificates are available. One may be filled in on the computer and printed out. The other may be filled in by hand after printing. A color printer should be used or the logo will be in black and white. Use parchment paper available at most office supply stores. A printout of this info was given to the Board.

Chapter Closing: Bud Burchell presented information on chapter closing. A revised copy will be developed and printed in the Polaris. Bob Foerst will develop the wording on voting procedures if a member does not want to belong to a chapter. The Authorization for Transfer form was handed out. This form to be printed in Polaris. He read a letter from Ken Henry requesting that all information be sent to Ken Henry when a chapter closes so that this valuable information is not lost. Do not destroy any five part cards. Bob Foerst suggested that all chapter closings information be sent to Ken Henry and Bob will pay for postage to send to Ken Henry. At the present time there are 1557 unknown members. Check with Ken Henry before sending. Questions were raised concerning whom to send the charters to when a chapter closes. Bob Forest stated that when a chapter requests they can keep the charter or give the charter to Any one they wish or follow the procedures in the Procedures Manual.

A copy of the decommissioning Ceremony of the Diamond Chapter of World War II Submarine Veterans was presented by Bud Burchell. A good example for closure procedures.

Doyle Vande Lune, Iowa State commander sent a letter requesting consideration of a change in the price of the Polaris subscription. After discussion, it was decided to keep the price the same.

A letter from Bob Hall requesting that we get the U.S. Navy Sea Chanters Chorus to perform at the 2012 convention. Very favorable response from all present and the executive board voted to leave the decision to Walt Kraus and suggested that he be the contact person. He stated that he would carry out the request.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mark Maynard made a request that the National consider requesting that when we close that some funds be ear marked for the repair of the National Memorial West.

Benediction was given by Brad Canutt.

Bud Burchell adjourned the meeting at 12:30 P.M.

## JIM TOBIN SAILED ON ETERNAL PATROL

Four local Subvets helped tend lines on March 5, 2011, as Jim Tobin (Past National President of USSVWWII) sailed on his Eternal Patrol from the Port of Wilmington. The four were Bill "Butterbean" Dixon, Duane Gow, Dick Kanning, and your Chaplain.

Jim's life was celebrated principally by members of his extended family. Eight or more Florida Subvets made the long trip north to show their respects. Two local Navy personnel handled bugle taps and folded the colors and presented them to Jim's wife Pat. The observance was orchestrated by Jim's son Robert, assisted by Terry Kuhn, Vice Chairman of the Coastal Carolina Base. Butterbean, Chaplain of the Coastal Carolina Base presided during the celebration. I presented our customary Book of Remembrance and bronze World War II marker to Pat Tobin.

The experience was a good one.

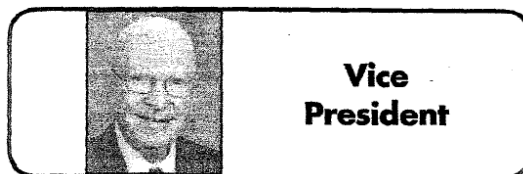
Chaplain Bill

## U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WWII 2012 CALENDAR

Sent in by Chuck Jensen

This information is about the last calendar that the USSV-WWII will print was in the March issue of the Polaris. As stated in Walter "Gus" Kraus' article, the last calendar to be published by the USSV-WWII will be for 2012 over the objection of the President Bud Burchell. The order blank for the calendar is included on the next page.

This is your opportunity to obtain a copy of last year that USSVI-WWII will publish a calendar as the National Organization will disband after the 2012 USSV-WWII & USSVI Joint Convention in Norfolk.



Shipmates,

Our General Business Meeting at the National Convention in Cincinnati (Ft. Mitchell, KY) was a rapid-fire event which resolved many issues in the favor of dissolving our organization. The age factor of the US Sub Vets WWII has made it apparent that a method for closing needed to be adopted. We no longer have adequate and capable volunteers to assume the essential tasks for effective control.

Among the items on the agenda was the National Calendar. It was determined that the 2011 edition would be the last. The reason was the 'UP-FRONT' money required by our printer. Many of us, including me, felt that the calendar should be a MAINSTAY in our purpose -- to promote and PERPETUATE the MEMORY of our departed shipmates and ALL OF US who served the USA in the submarine navy during WWII.

About two weeks after the convention, I contacted the printer of our calendar. He was very pleasant and congenial. In addition, he advised me that NO UP FRONT money was required for the 2012 edition of the calendar -- that our history with him in the past generates an atmosphere of trust.

Fortified with this info, I called our National President, Bud Burchell. He then advised me that a letter had been sent to the printer -- PROHIBITING the use of OUR LOGO on the calendar. All attempts to dissuade his decision failed. He was adamant that 2011 was the last calendar.

There will be a 2012 calendar -- even though the LOGO (as we know it) will not be on it. It will, however, feature all our past presidents as in previous editions. The money receive for the calendars will accrue in an account set up by Harry Alvey. Proceeds exceeding the expenditures will be transferred to our SONS & DAUGHTERS group who will be responsible for perpetuating our memorable history.

We have two conventions remaining -- our 2011 in Springfield, Missouri and our 2012 in Norfolk, Virginia. I hope for a good turn-out in both.

Keep our departed shipmates in your memory and prayers -- and Keep and Up Bubble.

Walter 'Gus' Kraus, Vice President

# U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WW II



## 2012 CALENDAR

SHIP TO: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_ APT. \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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NO. OF CALENDARS \_\_\_\_\_ IN \_\_\_\_\_ CARTONS, DATE SHIPPED \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, PACKED BY \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ CALENDARS @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

plus shipping \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WW II  
*To Perpetuate the Memory of Those Submariners Who Lost Their Lives During World War II*

2012 Calendar Pricing	
Quantity	Cost per Calendar
1-24	.....\$8.00 ea.
25-49	.....\$7.00 ea.
50-99	.....\$6.50 ea.
100-174	.....\$6.00 ea.
175 or more	...\$5.50 ea.

2012 Shipping Cost			
Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
1	.....\$2.70	21-24	.....\$22.00
2	.....\$3.35	25-40	.....\$23.00
3	.....\$6.50	41-50	.....\$24.00
4-5	.....\$9.00	51-60	.....\$26.00
6-8	.....\$10.75	61-80	.....\$30.00
9-10	.....\$11.25	81-100	...\$35.00
11-12	...\$12.00	101-120	...\$40.00
13-16	...\$18.25	121-140	...\$46.00
17-20	...\$20.25	141-175	...\$54.00

**Harry E. Alvey**

Calendar Chairman

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Phone: 715-848-0384



# ST. MARYS SUBMARINE MUSEUM, INC.

102 St. Marys Street West  
St. Marys, GA 31558-4945



11 April 2011

RE: **2011 SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WWII MEMORIAL REGISTRATION NOV 2 - 6, 2011**

Dear WWII Veterans, Submarine Service Veterans, Family and Friends,

We are extremely pleased to enclosed the registration forms for this year's World War II Memorial Ceremony Weekend this coming November. The date has been moved forward into the month of November this year. You may recall last year the base hosted a large national exercise and we had to move the memorial weekend back into the month of October.

This year the Memorial Service itself is on Friday morning November 4<sup>th</sup>. You will find all the details on the enclosed registration forms which are being sent to you by the Museum on behalf of the Kings Bay Naval Base and the Kings Bay Chapter of the Submarine Veterans.

If we can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the museum by phone or email, or anyone else listed below. We look forward to welcoming you back to Camden County in November. We have made many improvements to the Museum since you all were here last and we look forward to sharing them with you this November!

Going deep,

Keith F. Post, Executive Director

## **2011 Memorial Registration information and Points of Contact**

St Marys Submarine Museum	912-882-2782	<a href="mailto:gift_shop@tds.net">gift_shop@tds.net</a>
Museum Executive Director	912-674-2620	<a href="mailto:submus@tds.net">submus@tds.net</a>
SUBASE Command Master Chief	Jimmy Schubert	<a href="mailto:james.schubert@navy.mil">james.schubert@navy.mil</a>
USSVI Kings Bay Chapter Base Commander	Sean Farrell	<a href="mailto:subvetskbay@yahoo.com">subvetskbay@yahoo.com</a>

## **Area Accommodations**

Gateway Inn & Suites (On Base TVQ)	912-573-4871	<a href="http://www.dodlodging.net">www.dodlodging.net</a>
Eagle Hammock RV Park (On Base)	912-673-1161	<a href="mailto:eaglehammock@tds.net">eaglehammock@tds.net</a>
	800-818-1815	
Navy Lodge Kings Bay	912-882-6868	800-NAVY-INN
Cumberland Inn & Suites (Host Hotel)	912-882-6250	<a href="http://www.cumberlandislandinn.com">www.cumberlandislandinn.com</a>
	800-768-6250	
Riverview Hotel	912-882-3242	<a href="http://www.riverviewhotelstmarys.com">www.riverviewhotelstmarys.com</a>

St. Marys Submarine Museum, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Point of Contact is Museum Manager.

912-882-ASUB(2782) (Gift Shop & Main Office) 912-882-2748 (fax) OPEN Tue-Sat 1000-1600 (10AM-4PM) & Sun 1300-1700 (1-5PM)

e-mail: [submus@tds.net](mailto:submus@tds.net)

Web page: [//stmaryssubmuseum.com](http://stmaryssubmuseum.com)



# WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial Registration and Schedule Of Events

Wednesday, Nov. 2nd - Sunday, Nov. 6th.

## This section is for WWII Submarine "War Patrol" Veterans Only:

This year we are Honoring our WWII War Patrol Veterans. Your Registration Fees and Meals are complementary for this years Memorial. All you are responsible for is your hotel expenses and transportation.

**WWII War Patrol Veteran: Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ **FREE**

**SUBVET NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Guests Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Fee: \$15 each

Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, November 3rd - BBQ Dinner- \$ 15 X Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Local Officials Meet and Greet Evening @ Cumberland Inn & Suites

Friday, November 4th - Steak Night \$ 20 X Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Steak Night is Gonna be Bigger and Better This Year! Come Join Us @ the Goat Locker on Base.

Saturday, November 5th - Order of Eagles - Low Country Boil - \$ FREE - donations accepted

Always a Good Time with the Eagles

Donation to St. Marys Submarine Museum - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please help Support our Capital Campaign for a New Museum building.

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Boat Tour Information \*

(More Information to follow)

Wednesday am \_\_\_\_\_ pm \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday am \_\_\_\_\_ pm \_\_\_\_\_

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ pm \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please note that **ALL** boat tours are subject to change or be cancelled at any point. Memorial registration does **NOT** guarentee any tours.

### Payment Information

#### Please make checks payable to:

Georgia SubVets WWII

#### Mail To:

St. Marys Submarine Museum

102 St. Marys Street West

St. Marys, GA 31558

Attn: WWII Memorial



**2011**



**WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial Service**

**Wednesday, Nov. 2nd - Sunday, Nov. 6th**

This is a Combined Pre-Registration Form & Subbase Privacy Act Release Form (PARF) for the 2011 WWII Memorial Service, Dinners, SSBN Tours & Subbase Access. This form in NO way guarentees a SSBN tour or access to Kings Bay Naval Subbase. PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO ENTER THE SUBBASE AT ALL TIMES. The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) prevents agencies from releasing infomation about you to anyone without your written permission. Your social security number will be used for the purpose of obtaining a background check or for release to government agencies if needed. Please use **ONE FORM PER PERSON**. Feel free to make photo copies of this form for use by additional quests.

By signing this form below I, (print) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Nick-name, \_\_\_\_\_) grant the Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, permission to obtain a background check before I will be allowed to tour any Naval facilities. I further authorize the Commanding Officer, to release any and/or all information pertaining to me to the appropriate Government agencies. Please complete all entries and sign form.

\*You are not required to provide this information; however, failure to do so could result in your being denied admittance to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay and its Tenant Commands.

**Veteran and/or Guest Information**

Veterans Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest of \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ (P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_)  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (home-work-cell) Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number (last 4 digits): XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_(Required) U.S. Citizen? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_  
WWII Submarine Veteran Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_ WWII SubVet Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
USSVI Base Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
Holland Club Member \_\_\_\_\_ WWII or USSVI National Positions Held \_\_\_\_\_  
WWII Pearl Harbor Survivor \_\_\_ WWII POW \_\_\_ WWII Sub CO \_\_\_ Military Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
Retired Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

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**Year \_\_\_\_\_**