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USSVI CREED AND PURPOSE

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.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

USSVI MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY: To have served and qualified on a United States Submarine

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

Base Annual Dues: \$15.00 (for Tarheel Base)

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Life Membership varies with age: Up to 45 years old = \$500, 46-55 = \$400,
56-65 = \$300, 66-75 = \$200, 76 and up = \$100

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*Here's wishing you and yours
a most glorious holiday season!*



Merry Christmas

LOST SUBMARINES - FOURTH QUARTER

OCTOBER

USS Seawolf (SS-197)

Lost on October 3, 1944 with the loss of 102 officers and men on her 15th war patrol when she was sunk just north of Moritai by USS Rowell, a Destroyer Escort (DE). In this tragic error, Rowell mistook Seawolf for a Japanese submarine that had just sunk another Destroyer. Seawolf ranks 7th for enemy ships sunk.



USS S-44 (SS-155)

Lost on October 7, 1943 with the loss of 56 men when it was sunk off Paramushiru, Kuriles. S-44 was on her 5th war patrol after attacking a target thought to be a merchant on the surface, S-44 found herself in a losing gun battle with a heavily armed Japanese destroyer. Two men were taken prisoner and survived the war.



USS Wahoo (SS-238)

Lost on October 11, 1943 with the loss of 79 men near La Perouse Strait. Under command of one of the great sub skippers of World War II, LCDR "Mush" Morton, Wahoo was on her 7th war patrol. Wahoo had won a Presidential Unit Citation and ranks 5th in the number of enemy ships sunk. She was lost to depth charges dropped by a Japanese patrol aircraft.



USS Dorado (SS-248)

Lost on October 12, 1943 with the loss of 78 when she was sunk in the western Atlantic near Cuba. Newly commissioned, she had departed New London and was en route to Panama. She may have been sunk by a U.S. patrol plane that received faulty instructions regarding bombing restriction areas or a German U-boat that was in the vicinity.



USS Escolar (SS-294)

Lost on October 17, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. She was on her 1st war patrol and was most likely lost to a mine somewhere in the Yellow Sea.



USS Shark II (SS-314)

Lost on October 24, 1944 with the loss of 90 when she was sunk near Hainan. The second boat to carry this name during World War II, she was on her 3rd war patrol. Shark was sunk by escorts after attacking and sinking a lone freighter. Compounding the tragedy, it turned out that the freighter had 1800 U.S. POWs on board.



USS Darter (SS-227)

Lost on October 24, 1944 when she became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan and was then destroyed to prevent her falling into enemy hands intact. The entire crew was rescued by USS Dace. Winner of one Navy Unit Commendation, Darter had sunk a heavy cruiser and damaged another and went aground while attempting an "end around" on an enemy formation in hopes of getting in an attack on a battleship.



USS Tang (SS-306)

Lost on October 25, 1944 with the loss of 80 men in the Formosa Strait while on her 5th war patrol. Tang ranks 2nd in the number of ships sunk and 4th in tonnage, and had won two Presidential Unit Citations. During a daring night surface attack, Tang was lost to a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. Nine of the crew were taken prisoner, including CDR. O'Kane and five who had gained the surface from her final resting place 180 feet below. All survived the war, and CDR O'Kane was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



USS O-5 (SS-66)

Lost on October 29, 1923 with the loss of 3 men when rammed and sunk by SS Ababarez off the Panama Canal.



LOST SUBMARINES - FOURTH QUARTER (cont.)

NOVEMBER

USS Albacore (SS-218)

Lost on November 7, 1944 with the loss of 86 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her 11th war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.



USS Growler (SS-215)

Lost on November 8, 1944 with the loss of 84 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 11th war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy, probably as a result of a depth charge attack or victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes.



USS Scamp (SS-277)

Lost on November 9, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay on her 8th war patrol. She may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate her and destroy her with depth charges.



USS Corvina (SS-226)

Lost on November 16, 1943 with the loss of 82 men on her 1st war patrol when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina apparently was lost to the torpedoes of a Japanese submarine.



USS Sculpin (SS-191)

Lost on November 19, 1943 with the loss of 40 men near Truk on her 9th war patrol. Severly damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. 41 men were taken prisoner; only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT Cromwell, aboard as a potential wolf pack commander, he rode the Sculpin down, fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



DECEMBER

USS Capelin (SS-289)

Lost on December 2, 1943 with the loss of 76 men on her 2nd war patrol, but her exact location and cause of loss remain a mystery. She may have been lost to mines or an operational casualty.



USS Sealion (SS-195)

Lost on December 10, 1941 with the loss of 5 men. To prevent her from falling into enemy hands, she was scuttled in Manila Bay after incurring severe bomb damage during the initial Japanese attack.



USS F-1 / Carp (SS-20)

Lost on December 17, 1917 with the loss of 19 officers and men when it was sunk after collision with the USS F-3 (Pickerell) (SS-22) off San Clemente, CA.



USS S-4 (SS-109)

Lost on December 17, 1927 with the loss of 34 officers and men when it was sunk after being rammed by USCG Paulding off Cape Cod near Provincetown, MA. Salvaged in 1928 and recommissioned.



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TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

The 0830 breakfast and 1000 Base meeting continue to work fine. The American Legion Post 67 building is perfect for our needs. It is now just like home. Frankly, it strikes me that those who attend are more alert - just my view.

Congratulations once again to Tarheel Base members who won awards at the USSVI Convention in Springfield, MO.

- Dick Kanning - Joe Negri Award
- Bill Whelan - Robert Link Award
- Jerry Paciorek, aka *All Clear* - Most Outstanding newsletter, Class I, large size



Gordon Banks
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

At our Base meeting several members gave snack food and other items plus money to buy more for the Back Pack Program of the Military Missions In Action. Wayne Powell will deliver to MMIA which will forward to frontline troops.

The City of Cary has assigned Bond Park to our Base, under the Adopt-a-Park Program. Jim Wallace deserves credit for pursuing this to completion. Now we have to help keep Bond Park & Lake looking good. We'll put in a few hours quarterly starting Nov 12 by getting boats out of the water, cleaned and stored for the winter. More information later.

As of the writing of this column, we are about to provide regulation shoes to 17 members of the Cary HS NJROTC unit. For the first time the Navy Supply System could not provide all the needed shoes for new students and we were asked to help. Thanks to 26 of you who contributed, I will present a check to COL Finnerty in just a few days. The check is for \$795, which is the total cost of the shoes. You contributed \$791 and the Base only had to add \$4. You are to be commended. Col Finnerty was surprised at the amount and the speed of your response. Thank you for your generosity.

Election of officers for 2012 is concluding. Email ballots go to all members with email addresses and a printed ballot is included with this *All Clear* for the three dozen or so members who do not have email. Three incumbents are on the ballot for Base Commander, Vice Commander and Secretary. Dave Campbell is there for Treasurer (thanks VERY much, Dave). You are free to write-in your own or any Base member's name.

You may wonder why the need to ballot if there are only single names nominated. Two answers to that wonder - this is the way we do it, so sit down and vote! And allowing write-ins even at the last moment is the most democratic way possible to hold an election. Thank you for exercising your vote.

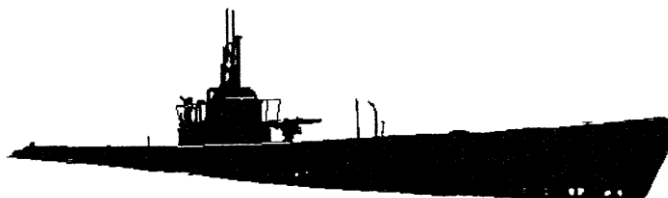
If you were not at our Oct 1 Base meeting, you missed a thoroughly enjoyable speaker. Base member John Matthis is a WWII QM2 submariner who came home to NC and got his Bachelors and Law Degrees from Wake Forest University. Ultimately, he retired as USAF LCOL and served several years as Deputy Attorney General for NC. John had us in the palm of his hand with his observations of sub service in WWII and his subsequent USAF and law careers. He had five war patrols on Haddock with CDR Davenport as CO. Davenport was the only person ever to receive five Navy Crosses. And if you'll attend a Base meeting, you can ask John to tell you his story about serving as judge on the case of the USAF LT Nurse who went skinny-dipping with a Navy CPO! But you gotta come to a meeting!

Hot, Straight and kinda Normal,

Gordon

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TARHEEL BASE VICE COMMANDER'S CORNER



Bill Dixon (Butterbean)
USSVI Tarheel Base Vice Commander

Tarheel Subvets:

If you have not been to a base meeting this year, fix that by coming to the Pearl Harbor Dinner in December. More dinner information on page 11.

DUES: Please do not forget to pay your 2012 dues. I thank you if you've already taken care of this. Remember, the 2012 base dues have gone up to \$15. National dues are still at \$20. Please get out your check books and send your dues made out to USSVI Tarheel Base, (address) Spencer Combos, 225 Strathburgh Lane, Cary NC 27518.

VOTING: It is very important that we take just a moment to answer the opportunity. Enclosed is a ballot (on colored paper) for eligible voters for the Tarheel Base Officers for the coming year. Please vote!

From tubes aft,

Butterbean TM2(SS)

TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Minutes of USSVI Tarheel Base Meeting Held 1 October 2011 At American Legion Post #67 Cary, NC

Prior to the Base meeting, 17 Subvets and 1 wife participated in morning grub at the Golden Corral in Cary at or about 8:30 AM.

Tarheel Base Commander Gordon Banks called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM with Vice Commander Butterbean Dixon offering the opening prayer. Chaplain Bill Whelan was not in attendance due to "a roofing job gone bad" (shingles). Gordon led the 31 Tarheel Base Subvets present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



Bill Lowe
USSVI Tarheel Base Secretary

TOLLING OF THE BOATS:

COB Patch Paciorek and Base Treasurer Spencer Combos conducted a reading of the names, recount of loss, and tolling of the bell in remembrance of the 13 US Navy submarines lost during the months of September and October.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Commander Gordon asked all Subvets to stand and introduce themselves by stating the year they qualified and the name of their qualification boat. All welcomed a new Tarheel Base member, Darrel Smith, who resides in Creedmoor. Recognition and job well done honors were afforded two WWII Subvets who made war patrols - Bill Edwards and John Matthis.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

HOLLAND CLUB

No Holland Club inductions were held during the meeting. Jim Davis is collecting an annual donation of \$1.00 from each Holland Club member to cover the cost of this program. To date, he has collected \$16.00 from a total of 66 Holland Club members in the Tarheel Base. Jim stated his records show 4 Base members will be eligible for Holland Club induction next year (qualified in 1962). Check your qual year and make sure it is posted correctly.

TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY'S CORNER (cont.)

USSVI CONVENTION IN SPRINGFIELD, MO

Commander Gordon covered the awards presented to the Tarheel Base and the Carolina-Piedmont Base during the USSVI National Convention held in Springfield, MO. on 5-11 September 2011. A total of 28 awards were given to Subvets and Bases during the awards ceremony.

Tarheel Base:



Commander Gordon Banks (right) presented the Joe Negri Award (USSVI Submarine Veteran of the Year) to SE District 1 Commander Dick Kanning.



Commander Gordon Banks and SED1 Commander Dick Kanning present the Robert Link Award to Chaplain Bill Whelan at his home since he was a bit under the weather during our meeting.



Commander Gordon Banks and editor Jerry "Patch" Paciorek celebrate the Newsletter of the Year Award for Class 1, Large Base awarded to *All Clear*, Tarheel Base.

All present congratulated Dick Kanning, Bill Whelan, and *All Clear* editor Jerry "Patch" Paciorek on jobs well done. Dick Kanning read a letter outlining all the work Bill Whelan has done and continues to perform in his position as Base Chaplain. It is no surprise he was awarded the Robert Link Award. The Newsletter of the Year plaque was presented to Patch by Commander Gordon along with a "patch" to go on his vest. As of note, two Tarheel Base members have been previous recipients of national awards - Chuck Jensen - Robert Link Award in 2007 and Dick Kanning - Robert Link Award in 2008 plus District Commander of the Year Award in 2010.

Carolina Piedmont Base:

- Robert Link Individual Award to Jack Jeffries
- Robert Link Base Award to Carolina Piedmont Base
- Meritorious Award to Steve Bell, Commander of Carolina Piedmont Base
- Newsletter of the Year Award, Class II, Medium Base went to Piedmont Periscope - Carolina Piedmont Base
- Golden Anchor Award, Class II, Medium Base awarded to Carolina Piedmont Base

BZs go out to the Piedmont Carolina Base for collecting 5 awards this year!!

REPORTS

1. Base Commander Gordon Banks rendered a well deserved thank you to M.B. Hudson and Arv Klemp for their availability to sing the National Anthem during the Eternal Patrol send-off for shipmate Pat Collins. The "powers that be" did not allow time for the performance.
2. Base Vice Commander Bill (Butterbean) Dixon urged members to recruit- recruit- recruit!! Also, he issued orders for all Subvets present to pay their dues today before leaving the building.

TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY'S CORNER (cont.)

3. Base Secretary Bill Lowe made a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on August 6, 2011 as published in the *All Clear* and posted on the NC Subvets website. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve said minutes as distributed.
4. Tarheel Base Treasurer and Record Keeper Spencer Combos reported a checking account balance of \$4,225.22 as of October 1, 2011. With the use of Quick Books, Spencer has the ability to compare last year's Base income and expenses with the current year's figures and he made a printout of this info available during the meeting. Tarheel Base membership stands at 173 regular members plus 2 associate members. Spencer stated dues payments are coming in at a rate of 5 to 6 per day. Keep it up!!
5. COB / *All Clear* editor Patch Paciorek stressed - communication, communication! Send him information relating to upcoming events so he can include it in the next issue of the *All Clear* in a timely manner. Patch stated he has not set a deadline for *All Clear* items as of to date.
6. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer Jim Wallace has 2012 USSVI calendars in stock. He covered a list of names of Subvets that ordered qual date pins and have not picked up same.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Parades - Next parades scheduled are the Veteran's Day Parade in Asheboro on Friday, November 11, 2011 followed by a Veteran's Day Parade in High Point on Sunday, November 13th. Participation in the Winston-Salem Veteran's Day Parade was planned until the date was changed from Saturday, November 12th to Friday, November 11th. Frans Van Baars asked the group to consider participating in the Wilson Whirligig Festival to be held on November 5th and 6th. Chuck Jensen and Jim Myers pointed out the dates for this festival are during the same time as the memorial service in Kings Bay, GA and the regular drivers for the torpedo and parade submarine trailers will be out of town. It sounds like this is a no-go for this year.
2. Tarheel Base Book and Video Exchange Library Coordinator Wolfgang Friedrich had his extensive "library" set up on a table during the Base meeting.
3. Service Projects:
 - Wayne Powell announced the family has moved back in the Military Missions In Action renovated house off North Harrison Ave. and are enjoying the bird feeder. During the Base meeting, Wayne collected items and cash donations for the MMIA "back pack" program that sends needed items to front line troops. Also, items will be collected at the Bass Lake Draft House on Monday, October 3rd. Enjoy a meal at this establishment on Military Missions in Action Day (10-03-11) and the restaurant will donate 10% of sales to MMIA.
 - Jim Wallace stated the first stage of the Adopt-A-Park project is on track to begin on Saturday, November 12th at Bond Park in Cary. It will involve a, roughly, 4 hour job of laying up the boats from Bond Park Lake. After this part of the project has been completed, the Subvets signs will be posted in the Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws:

Commander Gordon covered two amendments to the Tarheel Base Constitution and Bylaws along with reasons for the changes and solicited motions from the floor to approve them as stated.

- Motion #1 - To Amend the Tarheel Base Constitution, Art. VII - Officers, Sec. 2A. Appointed officers to delete the words "USSVI - WWII State Commander" and to amend the Tarheel Base Bylaws, Art. V- Duties of appointed officers to delete Sec. 1. USSVI - WWII State Commander and renumber the remaining Sec. 2-11 as Sec. 1-10.

Reason: The Tarheel Chapter of USSVI-WWII was dissolved in 2010 and listing of its commander and his duties is no longer appropriate Motion made, seconded, and passed.

TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY'S CORNER (cont.)

- Motion #2 - To amend the Tarheel Base Constitution, Art. X - Voting, Sec. 1 and Art. XI - Amendments, Sec. 1 and to amend the Tarheel Base Bylaws, Art. VII - Amendments, Sec. 1 to delete the words "or working."

Reason: The terminology "working" meeting is no longer used or needed. Motion made, seconded, and passed.

2. Procedures for Election of Officers:

Election Master Jim Davis went over the guidelines for conducting the election of Base officers. Per Base Bylaws, the election is to take place during the month of October while affording all Base members the opportunity to cast a ballot. Jim will be sending out ballots via e-mail and by "snail mail" to 37 Base members without e-mail. These ballots will list the current three incumbent Base officers: Commander - Gordon Banks; Vice Commander - Butterbean Dixon; and Secretary - Bill Lowe; plus Base Treasurer Candidate Dave Campbell. Write-Ins can be done on the ballots, but be sure that person is willing to serve in that position.

3. Cary High School Navy Junior ROTC Unit:

After four Tarheel Base members attended the Cary High Navy Junior ROTC Pass-In-Review on Wednesday, September 23, 2011, "eagle-eyed" Chaplain Bill Whelan noticed several of the Cadets were not wearing the standard black leather shoes. He contacted the JROTC Commander, Col. Tom Finnerty USMC (Ret.) and was informed that they have been unable to get shoes through the normal Navy Supply chain this year. All were in agreement for the Tarheel Base to step forward and help the JROTC acquire the needed shoes for their Cadets. Some discussion followed as to what amount the Base should donate to this cause above and beyond individual member donations. Frans Van Baars made a motion that the donation amount be left to the discretion of Commander Gordon. Motion was approved.

4. Dave Campbell, one of the attendees at ROTC Pass-In-Review ceremony, would like the Tarheel Base to look into a Subvets sponsored awards program for the 155 Cadet strong Cary HS JROTC Unit. The American Legion Post 67 currently sponsors an awards program for these Cadets.
5. Also, per Chaplain Bill, an invite has been extended by the Cary JROTC for Subvets to be present at an 8:00 AM Veteran's Day Ceremony in front of Cary High School at the flag pole on November 10, 2011.
6. John Rupertus reminded the Subvets of the Autism Speaks Walk fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2011 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. John stated donations to this worthy cause have reached \$1,500 to date.
7. Jim Myers covered an upcoming event called Joshua's Tree to be held in Booneville, N.C. on October 22, 2011. Hats and Certificates will be given out to 14 Down Syndrome kids as part of the Kaps 4 Kids Program. Jim will be sending out additional info via e-mail shortly with all NC Subvets invited to this gathering.
8. SE District 1 Commander Dick Kanning covered the lack of funds to maintain various Submarine Memorials such as the Pearl Harbor Bowfin Memorial. Also, donations are needed to fund a costly bronze plaque to be placed at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC. Dick urged Subvets to ante up in order to meet these needs.
9. As an added note, LP Czar Jerry Leppart missed out on an opportunity to admire the great number of Subvet license plates on display on vehicles before and after the Base meeting. Again, a well deserved thank you is extended to Jerry for bringing the NC Subvets license plate to fruition.

OPEN FLOOR:

No Open Floor items were noted.



TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY'S CORNER (cont.)

SPEAKER:

Tarheel Base member John Matthis, QM2 (SS), LCOL - USAF gave a most interesting talk covering his time on submarines during WWII up through his stint as a JAG officer in the US Air Force plus serving as NC Deputy Attorney General for the Consumer Protection Agency. John distributed around several copies of pictures of his sub and crew.



Some of the highlights of his Navy/Submarine Service were:

Joined the Navy in September 1941 with a base pay of \$21.00/mo; Completed basic training in Norfolk, VA; Volunteered for submarine duty and was sent to Pearl Harbor, HI; Assigned to sub relief crew duty for 6-8 months; Assigned to the USS Growler (SS-215) but broke his ankle and missed going out on the next war patrol - boat was lost on that patrol; Assigned to the USS Haddock (SS-231) and qualified aboard her in 1943. Made 5 war patrols on SS-231 under the command of Commander Davenport; Plank owner on USS Runner (SS-476); Witnessed the Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay while a crewmember on SS-476 on September 2, 1945.

All gave John a hearty round of applause for his presentation and wished he had more time to expound on his life history.

BENEDICTION:

Commander Gordon offered up the closing prayer.

NEXT BASE MEETING:

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2011 - Annual Pearl Harbor Meeting at NCSU University Club in Raleigh.

Meeting was adjourned at: 11:54 AM.

No 50/50 raffle was held due to the absence of Raffle Czar Henry Hagwood

Tarheel Base Meeting Minutes are posted online at: <http://www.ncsubvets.org/tarheelminutes.html>

PEARL HARBOR DINNER

Our annual Pearl Harbor Dinner is set for Saturday evening, December 3, 2011 at the NC State University Club, 4200 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC. There will be a 6:00 PM Reception and 7:00 PM Dinner. Very little business, merely some recognitions and installation of officers. The Tolling of the Boats ceremony is impressive. All-in-all, a good evening to enjoy a social get-together with fellow submariners in the company of your wife or date.

Please write your Pearl Harbor Dinner checks for \$34 per person made out to USSVI Tarheel Base and mail to Gordon Banks, 110 Birkhaven Drive, Cary, NC 27518. We need to begin to get a fix on attendance, folks. This is now less than two months away.

Need a room? Comfort Suites, 350 Ashville Avenue, Cary, NC 27518. Call 919-852-4318. Hot buffet breakfast included for \$71 per room, as well as kitchenette with microwave and refrigerator, indoor pool, fitness center. Rooms will only be available for little while longer, so please make reservations now.

TARHEEL BASE TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CORNER

The Treasurer's input for the close of the 3rd Quarter 2011 follows:

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

Checking Account:

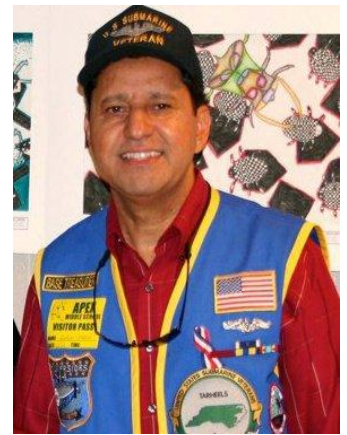
Beginning Balance 3 rd Qtr 2011	\$ 4,028.29
Receipts	\$ 5,644.50
Disbursements	<u>\$- 5,447.57</u>
Ending Balance 3 rd Qtr 2011	\$ 4,225.22

The Tarheel Base financials are in good order. Greater than average deposits and payments due to the initial order for our awesome SubVet license plates, thanks to Jerry Leppart!

2012 dues are starting to trickle in thanks to the new notification program! Annual base dues for all Life members are now \$15. Annual members dues are \$35 for both National and Base. WWII members in good standing pay no dues.

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USSVI Tarheel Base Treasurer

DIVERS BLAST AWAY ZEBRA MUSSELS ON WWII SUBMARINE

FOX11 WLUK-TV (Wisconsin), September 7

MANITOWOC - One of Wisconsin's national historic landmarks is receiving an underwater face lift in Manitowoc.

A marine service crew from Neenah is blasting away thousands, if not millions of inch-long, algae-eating zebra mussels that have attached themselves to the USS Cobia. In some areas, the mussels are three inches thick.

The USS Cobia is a fully restored WWII submarine that's been docked alongside the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc for 40 years. The submarine stays in the water year round.

Four divers have been working on the project more than a week.

"The rest of this week, and quite possibly next week, visitors can come on down and watch divers remove these creatures from the haul of our vessel," said Wisconsin Maritime Museum, Executive Director, Norma Bishop.

The museum has set aside \$150,000 for ongoing maintenance for the USS Cobia.

Link to video: <http://www.fox11online.com/dpp/news/local/lakeshore/divers-blast-away-zebra-mussels-on-historic-wwii-submarine>

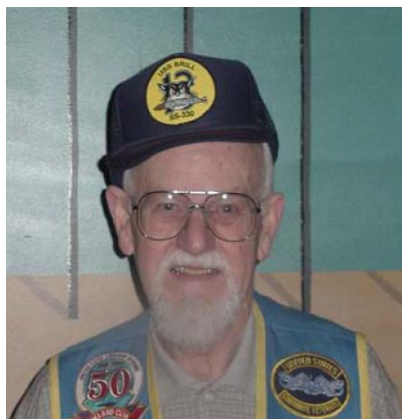
USS COBIA

Manitowoc's Submarine Memorial Website

<http://www.wisconsinmaritime.org/the-submarine-experience/uss-cobia/>



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain Bill Whelan
USSVI Tarheel Base

THANKS FOR THE LINK AWARD!

Attendees at the recent national convention of U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc. who claimed they didn't know there were any submarine veterans in North Carolina must have been absent from or sleeping through the awards portion of the goings on. You are aware that North Carolina SubVets walked away with a major portion of the announced awards.

Thanks to those who put together his nomination and to our National Commander who made the final selection, your chaplain was one of the several North Carolinians receiving the coveted Robert Link Award.

Your chaplain was not at the national convention when the award was initially announced. His doctor's diagnosis of his aches and pains as shingles (but not the roofing kind) kept him from attending the recent meeting of the Tarheel Base at which the award was again announced. However, following the Base meeting, several members visited the chaplain's home and presented him with the impressive plaque, the appropriate patch, and the accompanying flowery nomination.

For once, your chaplain was at a loss for words. His "thank you" was sincere and totally from the heart.

SUBMARINERS NEVER CHANGE!

This bit will be partially a history lesson and partially a look at what makes a sailor a submariner.

Several years ago, I was made aware that a submariner from our neighboring state of Virginia was refused regular membership in Submarine Veterans of World War II because his time aboard diesel boats was during World War I. At that time, I tried to rationalize how the difference in wars made any difference in submariners. Later, the same attempts to rationalize between World War II and post-World War II submariners led to the same wonderment.

Let's turn for a moment to history, to a legendary sailor by the name of Karl Donitz, a German.

Donitz enlisted in the Imperial German Navy in 1910 as a sea-cadet. When World War I began, he served on a light cruiser in the Med. After an assignment as an airfield commander, he was transferred to submarines, as watch officer on U-39 then, in 1918, as CO of UC-25. Later, as CO of UB-68 operating in the Med, his boat was sunk by the British and he was taken prisoner on the island of Malta. The clock shifts forward: at the start of World War II, Donitz was the senior submarine officer in the German Navy, then later he became ComInCh of the German Navy. He continued to rise: on 30 April 1945, after the death of Hitler, he became the last President of the Third Reich.

All this to introduce Donitz's thoughts about submarining and submariners. These are his words:

"I had been fascinated by that unique characteristic of the submarine service, which requires a submariner to stand on his own feet and sets him a task in the great spaces of the oceans, the fulfillment of which demands a stout heart and ready skill; I was fascinated by that unique spirit of comradeship engendered by destiny and hardship shared in the community of a U-boat's crew, where every man's well-being was in the hands of all and where every single man was an indispensable part of the whole. Every submariner, I am sure, has experienced in his heart the glow of the open sea and the task entrusted to him, has felt himself to be as rich as a king, and would change places with no man."

Except for the word "U-boat," that paragraph could just as well have been written by an American, Russian, or Chinese bubble head. By a Nuke or a diesel boat rider.

My prayer is that submariners never change.

Chaplain Bill

PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

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



Eighteen North Carolina Subvets participated in Newton's Old Soldiers' Parade on August 18, 2011. The parade was well "spectated" and relatively cool.

REMAINING 2011 PARADE SCHEDULE:

We will participate in Veterans' Day Parades in

- Asheboro - Friday, November 11th
- High Point - Sunday, November 13th

More information to be posted on our website when available.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ken Boyer	Nelson Gainey	Raymond Kilduff	Joseph Ritter
Kris Bridges	Kenny Hicks	Shorty Lebonville	Charles Stevenson
George Cataldo	David Holm	Hugh McCracken	Tony Valovich
Joseph Clark	Eddie Howze	Al McGuire	Bob Wilson
Barbara Dixon	Ted Hurley	Donald Moyer	Bob Wyatt
Ricky Donohue			

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Hugh Andrews	R.B. Denson	Scott Hughes	Paul Stinson
Bill Baldwin	Bill "Butterbean" Dixon	Bill Lowe	Carl Walker
Charles Cross			

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Benedict	Bobby Hepler	Gary Lew	Wayne Powell
Charles Dorman	Paul Hiser	Edward Lloyd	James Stanford
Bruce Fensley	Doc Hopkins	Everett Morgan	Thomas Vandenheuvel
J. B. Helms	Richard Kreh	Dave Morris	Fenton Wells



FROM YOUR SOUTHEAST REGION DISTRICT 1 (SED1) COMMANDER



2011 USSVI National Awards:

NC SubVets had a clean sweep! The following were awarded:

- Newsletter Class I 1st place: *All Clear* Tarheel Base / NC SubVets
- Newsletter Class II 1st place: Piedmont periscope Carolina Piedmont Base
- Robert Link Award (Base): Carolina Piedmont Base
- Robert Link Award: Jack Jeffries Carolina Piedmont Base
- Robert Link Award: Bill Whelan Tarheel Base
- Golden Anchor Award: Carolina Piedmont Base
- Meritorious Award: Steve Bell Carolina Piedmont Base CDR
- Joe Negri Award: Dick Kanning Tarheel Base / SED1 CDR.

The Carolina Piedmont Base achieved another first, in that the Base is the FIRST to ever receive the Golden Anchor and Robert Link award in the same year! While the awards are noteworthy, it is the members that make them special. Our newsletter editors spend countless hours publishing winning publications, and deserve your sincere thanks!

For me to receive the Joe Negri Award is a true honor. To me it is the culmination of 7 years as a DC and being able to accomplish what has transpired in old ED3 and now SED1 is commendable, ONLY because of the membership and their support THANK YOU!

CONVENTIONS: 2011 is over. Attendance was approx. 500. The 2012 Convention Chair John Kennedy and I did a lot of lessons learned and items for discussion for OUR 2012 convention. I can't say enough good things about that committee and what has been firmed up so far. Registration is open, room reservations are open and the tours so far are right-on-the-money. Check out the 2012 convention website (at the bottom of this page)! Now is the time to step forth! Earlier, I had stated that volunteers were needed for manning the registration table during the 2012 convention. The table will be open 0900-1800 Monday-Friday and 0900-1200 on Saturday. 2 persons and 3 hour shifts is easy, a committee member will be present. Tuesday is taken as Carolina Piedmont Base has it covered. So here's your chance to be a participant! Let me know!

DUES: I'm not going to harp. Just get them paid and make your membership chair and treasurer happy!

FINANCES: Even with the past year of a tanking stock market, USSVI is NOT in debt: we have NO outstanding debts, other than operating expenses. Our investments showed a modest gain of approx. 36K for the year. Kudos and thanks to NT John and NSVC Jon!

PARTICIPATION: It is always good to see members at various parades meetings and activities. It is NOT so good to see the same faces repeatedly. Come on out, participate and have fun!!

TAX EXEMPTION: I have provided to base BC's and POC's detailed info on what led to USSVI AND the Bases being classified as a War Veterans Ass'n and as such now have the classification of being tax exempt under IRC 501©(19) and donations are now tax deductible. This is NOT a permanent standing, and must be submitted yearly. One of the biggest threats to losing this veterans status is the enrollment of associate members.

PEARL HARBOR 2011: The Tarheel Base is again hosting the annual PH dinner and program. With a central location in Raleigh and a great venue ... Don't miss it!

Yours in Service,
Dick

USSVI 2012 National Convention / SVWWII 2012 National Convention

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

NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

Let me start off by telling all of you something you already know. And that is to CONGRATULATE all those in the North Carolina Subvets that received awards in September. Tarheel Base member and our District Commander received the Joe Negri Award, the top award to receive. Both the Tarheel and the Carolina Piedmont Bases received Newsletter of the Year Awards (for large and medium size bases). Bill Whelan of the Tarheel Base and Jack Jeffries of the Carolina Piedmont Base both received the Robert Link award. Carolina Piedmont Base also received the Robert Link Award as well as the Golden Anchor Award. Oh yes, I received the Meritorious Award. I would say that North Carolina faired really well this year. I doubt we will be that fortunate in the future, but I expect we will still shine. Well Done to all.

I would also like to take this opportunity to again thank Jerry Leppart for all his efforts in obtaining the new Submarine Specialty Plates for our state. I am sure that without his efforts, we just might still be waiting for another time. As I write this, the last of the ordered plates are being distributed. We cannot thank you enough Jerry. Those that did not order, you can still go to DMV and get the specialty plate there. Go get your new plate and show off your submarine pride.

I also need to bring in the normal 'drum beat' to remind all those that have not paid your national and/or base dues for 2012, please do so as soon as you can. The end of the year will be upon us before you know it and we will all be pressing to get it done.

Our next major event is the Pearl Harbor dinner hosted by the Tarheel Base the first Saturday in December. I suspect that more information is in this newsletter regarding this event. This is a good one to attend. I hope to see all of you there.

Since this is the last newsletter of the year, I want to wish each of you and your family a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Don't eat too much, save some room for the Pearl Harbor Dinner. I would also like to wish each of you a safe and very Merry Christmas followed by a Happy New Year. I hope that all have a better year next year.

Speaking of next year, start putting some of our events on your calendar now for next year. There is a host of parades as well as events such as Burnsville and the Pearl Harbor Dinner. We would really like to see more of you at these events. Believe it or not, some of us really have a good time at them.

I would also like to thank you for the privilege of being the Commander of the NC Subvets the last two years. I am very honored to be able to hold that title. I can only hope I live up to expectations for that position.

Steve Bell



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

VETERANS DAY MEAL DEALS

Golden Corral



Military Appreciation Monday
Free "Thank You" Dinner
Monday, Nov. 14, 2011,
<http://www.goldencorral.com/military/>

Applebee's



Applebee's will again say
THANK YOU
to our nation's veterans and active
duty military by inviting them for a
free meal on Veterans Day,
Friday, November 11, 2011.
(Proof of service required)

THE SUB NET

Items on the Internet of Interest to Submariners

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NEWS-02: USSVI Blog open for your use
Submitted by: Office on 10/11/2011

USSVI has opened another channel of communications for members at the link below.

Current information posted about the 2011 Convention, pictures, minutes, etc, info about the pending 2012 convention in Norfolk, and a "Ask the Natl Commander" feature where you can directly ask questions and get answers.

This new tool was set up to better serve the needs of all our members. We hope you will find it useful and will participate in helping us build a better organization.

<http://ussvi.wordpress.com>

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Submarine Learning Center Headquarters Dedicated in Honor of Captain John P. Cromwell

<http://www.dolphin-news.com/articles/2011/08/25/news/doc4e55089969e63547844149.txt>

Shadow Warriors - Submarine Special Operations in World War Two

<http://www.militaryhistoryonline.com/wwii/articles/shadowwarriors.aspx>

Foundry Helps Explore Mystery of H.L. Hunley

<http://www.clarksvillefoundry.com/2011/09/foundry-helps-explore-mystery.html>

ICEX 2011 - All Hands News Update

<http://www.navy.mil/swf/mmu/mmplyr.asp?id=16182>

Raytheon Seeks Ways to Help Submarines Stay In Touch

<http://hken.ibtimes.com/articles/126101/20110324/raytheon-seeks-ways-to-help-submarines-stay-in-touch.htm>

Submarine Photo Archive

<http://www.navsource.org/archives/subidx.htm>

Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Newsletter

<http://www.dfas.mil/dfas/retiredmilitary/newsevents/newsletter.html>

Custom Submariner Business Cards

<http://www.designed4submariners.com>

Chillin' at Steel Beach

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cU19InpJ0VU&feature=related>

Our Silent Service - A Tribute to the United States Submarine Force

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csyPBpQFAQM&feature=related>

FROM THE FLEET - LATEST ON OUR NORTH CAROLINA BOATS

USS Asheville (SSN 758)

Submarine USS Asheville Departs for SOUTHCOM Deployment Submarine Squadron 11 Public Affairs

NAVAL BASE POINT LOMA, CA – USS Asheville (SSN 758) departed for a scheduled deployment to the Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) area of responsibility (AOR) on August 23.



While in the SOUTHCOM AOR, which includes the Caribbean, Central and South America, Asheville will participate in theatre security cooperation events and operations that support the Maritime Strategy, which includes maritime security, forward presence, sea control, and power projection.

Commanded by Commander Jerry Miranda, Asheville is one of six Los Angeles Class, fast-attack submarines assigned to Submarine Squadron 11 in San Diego. Named after Asheville, NC, the boat was commissioned September 28, 1991 and is home to nearly 145 Sailors.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/USS-Asheville-ssn-758-Deployments-History/205714302773380>

USS Charlotte (SSN 766)

Anniversary: October 03, 1992 - PCU CHARLOTTE (SSN-766) launched at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, VA.

Charlotte Sailors Adjust to Life Without Smokes

<http://www.stripes.com/news/gum-patches-and-anger-management-submariners-adjust-to-life-without-smokes-1.134753>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/USS-Charlotte/111380538914903>

USS North Carolina (SSN 777)

Submarine NC Captain Makes a Stop in Wilmington

<http://www.wect.com/story/15497425/submarine-nc-captain-makes-a-stop-in-wilmington>

CDR Rhinehart (CO), LT Bode, and Master Chief Consford (COB) of the USS North Carolina visited Wilmington on 19 Sep 11 on a good will tour. As part of their visit, they got their first look at the Battleship. This picture was taken in front of the christening nose cover. They were having a great time and plan to return next summer with more of the crew.



Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/USS-North-Carolina-SSN-777/247693321914705>

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON SSN 787

Navy Transitions to Building Two Virginia Class Submarines per Year
Team Submarine Public Affairs, September 8

WASHINGTON - The Navy began construction of its 13th Virginia class submarine, the unnamed SSN 787 on Sept. 2, marking the first time in 22 years that two submarines of the same class have started construction in the same year.

"To get to this important point, our Navy/industry shipbuilding team executed a very successful design for affordability program that yielded significant cost savings and has allowed the Navy to increase production in a fiscally-responsible manner," said Rear Adm. David Johnson, program executive officer for submarines. "A great deal of our success comes from increasing construction efficiencies; our last two submarines were delivered in 65 months, which is eight months early to their contract delivery date and we are well on our way to getting that number down to 60 months for our two fiscal year 2012 authorized boats [SSN 788 and SSN 789]."

The design for affordability program involved redesigning portions of the Virginia class to reduce costs and construction time. The program has yielded significant cost savings for the Virginia class, reducing its per-submarine acquisition costs by nearly 20 percent while shortening their construction span from 84 months to 60. These efforts significantly contributed to the Navy's transition to building two Virginia class submarines per year.

"Our team has been diligently driving down the cost and construction time of these submarines to get to this key two per year milestone," said Rear Adm. (sel.) Michael Jabaley, Virginia class program manager. "Building two submarines per year is the most economical way to procure these boats and will help ensure that our submarine force has the platforms it needs to carry out its various missions."

The Virginia class program celebrates two more milestones this year when Pre-commissioning Unit (PCU) California (SSN 781) commissions in Norfolk, VA, on Oct. 29, and PCU Mississippi is christened at General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton, Conn., on Dec. 3.

Virginia class submarines are designed to dominate the world's littoral and deep waters while conducting anti-submarine; anti-surface ship; strike; special operation forces; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; irregular warfare; and mine warfare missions. Their inherent stealth, endurance, firepower, and sensor suite directly enable them to support five of the six maritime strategy core capabilities - sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security, and deterrence.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Susan Gordon (susang@qovf.org)

Quilts of Valor Foundation (<http://www.qovf.org/>)

We often don't know who receives our quilts or how they are received. I was touched by this note which June Moore share with us, and wanted to send it along to all of you.

Subject : Quilt For My Dad

I have been meaning to write to you for months. Last year I requested a quilt for my Dad, who had served in WWII. When he received it he said he felt unworthy of such a beautiful gift, and wanted to return it to the person who made it! I had to convince him to keep it. January 1st he left his condo on a journey from nursing home to assisted living to nursing home, all within six months. At the assisted living facility he fell in love with that quilt. It was on his bed always. At his last destination on earth, a wonderful nursing home, he often commented on how beautiful it was and how much he appreciated it. He died June 23 with that quilt over him. I have it here with me, and won't even have it cleaned. It was a constant in his last few months and I am so grateful to you for opening that spot in his heart to reflect on his service to his country and that he was appreciated for that service. Thank you from the depths of my heart.

Prior to Dad's quilt, I had requested one for a very dear friend, an Iwo survivor, I gave that to him a year ago Father's Day and he was so very moved by that quilt...as we all were. Barely able to stand, he managed to do so, sang to me the Marine Corps hymn while saluting, and we all cried while he wrapped himself in that quilt. Gordon died four days before my father did. It was a terrible week in June this year.

But your QOV made a difference in the lives of two old veterans, and I apologize for not writing this sooner.

Thank you so much for what you do. So much work and dedication from so many nationwide! The beauty that is shared by many...near and far...all ages...God bless you.

SALUTE TO JOY DANFORTH

Joy is one of the Quilters that have been involved with the Quilts of Valor project for the wounded vets for over 4 years now. She is the wife of Albemarle Sound Base Commander Barry Danforth.

TRICARE USER FEES UPDATE 71

On 19 SEP, the Obama Administration unveiled its plan to cut the deficit by \$3 trillion over the next 10 years. The proposal includes \$27 billion in cuts to the military health care package and a proposal that could be expected to cut even more from the military retirement system. First, the Administration proposes establishing a \$200-per-person annual enrollment fee for TRICARE For Life beginning FY2013. The proposal would tie this to some **unspecified** health cost index so that it would increase every year after that. Second, it proposes changing TRICARE pharmacy copays to bring them more in line with federal civilian coverage:

- Retail Generic: Change copay from a flat \$5 to 10% of DoD Rx cost in FY13 and raise that to 20% of Rx cost in outyears
- Retail Brand Name: Change copay from \$12 to 15% of DoD Rx cost in FY13 and subsequently to 30% of Rx cost
- Mail-order Brand Name: Raise copay from current \$12 to \$20 in FY13 and subsequently to \$40
- Mail-order Non-formulary: Raise copay from current \$25 to \$35 in FY13 and subsequently to \$40

Finally, the Administration calls for a DoD BRAC-style commission to recommend "modernizing" the military retirement system. The commission proposal would have to get an up-or-down vote by Congress, without any amendment options.

The language in the Administration plan makes it clear that the intent of these initiatives is to generate large savings by making the military healthcare and retirement system more like civilian plans. This shows a shocking insensitivity to the radical difference between military and civilian careers and the reasons why these military programs were built. The whole purpose of the unique military retirement and healthcare package is to offset the extraordinary demands and sacrifices inherent in a service career. They were built to provide a powerful incentive for top-quality people to serve 20-30 years in uniform, despite the kind of hardships imposed on troops and families over the last 10 years of war. Why endure that if the reward is a benefit package similar to that provided civilians who don't bear any such burden of arduous and extended sacrifice?

If the Administration and Defense Department won't make the case to protect current and future military members, families, retirees, and survivors in these tough budget times, Military Officers Association of America certainly intends to. Now is the time for all military retirees to mobilize. This isn't just about equity. It's about an attack on the core elements that sustain the quality career force that protects our national security. Any who continue to sit on the sidelines jeopardize their own interests, the military community's, and the nation's future capability to sustain a strong national defense. Retirees can start voicing their concerns by sending a MOAA-suggested message which can be accessed at <http://capwiz.com/moaa/issues/alert/?alertid=53748506> to their elected officials. [Source: MOAA Weekly Update 23 Sep 2011 ++]

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.

Gouge	Information, or the 'inside scoop.'
No-Load	A service member who does not pull his or her own weight.
Spook	Intelligence personnel.
Steel Beach	Barbecue on the weather deck. Often hosted by a department to give the cooks a break.
Zulu 5 Oscar	Personnel making a deliberate attempt to board a ship unauthorized, usually at the direction of higher authority to test security procedures. The standard intruder drill.

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

ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES

HOWELL B. RICE

Howie Rice, 93, departed on eternal patrol 07 September 2011. He was Tarheel Base's second oldest Subvet, who qualified in submarines on the USS Plunger (SS-179) in 1940. Howie was a RM2(SS) onboard a S-boat off of the Philippines Islands when he received a radio message that the United States was at war with Japan after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was the only survivor from the crew of USS Cisco, lost in action 28 September 1943, after he was taken sick in Darwin and sent ashore to the Navy hospital prior to Cisco's final voyage. Howie was a RMC(SS) when he left the Navy. Howie's biography about his life growing up and his career in the Navy is available on our website at <http://www.ncsubvets.org/auxtanks1/ohnineoh.pdf>

Howie did not want a full-blown memorial service. His wishes were to be cremated and "returned to the sea" from Pearl Harbor.



Picture from last December

PATRICK B. COLLINS



Pat Collins
Past Tarheel Base Holland Club Coordinator

Patrick "Pat" B. Collins, 81, of 2849 Worm Ranch Road, Haw River, died at the Hospice Home on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 10:55 a.m.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., he was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the Submarine Veterans' Association and the Holland Club. Pat was a former employee of HVACR at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

His funeral service was conducted in the Rich & Thompson Chapel in Burlington on Monday, September 12, 2011. Entombment followed in the Mausoleum at Alamance Memorial Park.

Qualified in submarines on the USS Queenfish (SS-393) in 1955 and was a ENCS(SS) when he left the Navy. Boats Served on: DD-682, SSG-574, SS-486, SSN-584, SS-480, SS-393.

Twenty-three SubVets, representing the Tarheel and Nathanael Greene Bases, showed up and served as active and honorary pallbearers. Six SubVet wives and friends also attended. Traveling the farthest for the services was Mike Burkholder.

Jim Myers presented the flag to Pat's daughter Cynthia during the worship service held at the funeral home.

Barbara Dixon (associate member of the Tarheel Base) contributed musically at the following graveside service. John Rupertus presented the Book of Remembrance to Cynthia. The service closed with the reading of Cynthia's recollections of early times in Pat's life.



ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES (Cont.)

MAURICE S. SMITH

Maurice S. Smith, 87, Tarheel Base member departed on eternal patrol 24 July 2011. He lived at 711 Elderwood Ave, Winston Salem, NC. He qualified in submarines on the USS Stingray (SS-186) in 1944 and was a EM1(SS) when he left the Navy. Boats Served on: DE-163, SS-186, SS-214. His wife Helen preceeded him on 17 October 2006.

USSVI NEWS

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NEWS-01: Call for Nominations for 2012 National and Region Elections
Submitted by: Pat Householder - Nominations Chair on 10/20/2011

In accordance with the requirement of our Constitution & Bylaws, this is a call for 2012 National Election nominations for the following offices.

National Commander, National Senior Vice Commander, National Junior Vice Commander, National Secretary, National Treasurer, NE Region Director, SE Region Director, Central Region Director, Western Region Director.

The nominations for the Region Director positions are included for convenience in this procedure.

Any member in good standing may nominate any other member in good standing for any elected National Office, provided that the Nominee's qualification for National Office shall be in accordance with Constitution Article XI Section 1 paragraph (b) and the nomination is accompanied by a letter from the Nominee indicating his willingness to accept the nomination and willingness to serve if elected.

The prerequisite for National Office is that a Nominee must be a Regular Member in good standing a minimum of thirty consecutive months.

- a. Nominees for Senior and Junior Vice-Commander must have completed at least two years as a Member of the Board of Directors. (This includes all District Commanders, past and present, who have met the two years in office requirement.)
- b. Nominees for National Commander must have completed at least two years as a voting member of the Board of Directors by the time they take office as National Commander (NC). (This includes all National Officers and the District Commander of the Year, past and present, who have met the two years as a voting member of the board requirement.)

The term of office for all National officers will be two years or until a successor is elected.

Your nomination must be received by Patrick Householder, Nomination Committee Chair on or by April 30th 2012 by email at householderp@comcast.net or by mail at 25003 SE 146th St, Issaquah WA 98027.

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NEWS-02: Duties of the Region Director
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 10/20/2011

The duties of the Regional Directors shall include but not be limited to:

- a. Be directly responsible to the National Commander for the conduct of organizational business within their Region.
- b. Serve as members of the Board of Directors.
- c. Serve as members of the Scholarship Committee.
- d. Perform other such duties as required by the National Constitution and these Bylaws.
- e. Work up, keep current, and pass on immediately to his relief a "Turn Over" folder, including all official correspondence, records, and official material assigned to his care.

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NEWS-03: Duties of the National Treasurer

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 10/20/2011

The duties of the National Treasurer shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
- b. Serve as a member of the Ways and Means Committee.
- c. Be the Chief Financial Officer of the organization.
- d. Be the custodian of all financial records of the organization.
- e. Receive and be responsible for the collection of all moneys due and payable to the organization.
- f. Have custody of all organization funds, and shall provide for their safekeeping, retention, disbursement, and investment in a manner acceptable to the Board of Directors.
- g. Make such reports and returns as are required by Federal, State and Local governments, The Articles of Incorporation, The Constitution, and these Bylaws, including the disbursement of appropriate taxes and fees.
- h. Maintain accounts appropriate to the structure and activities of the organization and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- i. Upon election to the position as National Treasurer, the Treasurer-Elect within 15 days and prior to becoming custodian of the organizations funds shall apply for a personal bond in the amount to be determined at the newly elected Board of Directors meeting held subsequent to the Annual Business Meeting. All costs involved in securing the required personal bond shall be borne by the organization. The outgoing Treasurer shall be responsible to ensure that the present bond has been executed and that the organization is fully protected prior to transferring any funds to the new Treasurer. An incumbent Treasurer shall be required to comply with this requirement.
- j. Work up, keep current, and pass on immediately to his relief a "Turn Over" folder, including all official correspondence, records, and official material assigned to his care.

NEWS-04: The duties of the National Secretary

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 10/20/2011

The duties of the National Secretary shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Officiate when required in U.S. Submarine Veterans matters in the absence of the National Commander, National Senior Vice-Commander, and the National Junior Vice-Commander.
- b. Serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
- c. Serve as a member of the Membership Committee, updating membership changes as reported by the Junior Vice-Commander on a quarterly basis. Maintain permanent membership data for the current and past year and be responsible for transfer of all other membership data to the USSVI Archives office.
- d. Be the clerk of the organization and keeper of the seal and affix such seal as required.
- e. Be the custodian of all non-financial records and materials, which shall remain U.S. Submarine Veterans property.
- f. Keep permanent records as required by the Articles of Corporation, the National Constitution, and these Bylaws.
- g. Keep permanent records of the proceedings of all National meetings of the Board of Directors.
- h. Prepare and distribute the National Ballot.
- i. Insure that only members in good standing vote on organizational business.
- j. Serve as the official organization correspondent, forwarding to officers and committee chairman such correspondence as may be appropriate to the performance of their duties
- k. Issue a call to all Committee Chairmen for a report of unfinished issues and have these reports published in the fourth quarter issue of the American Submariner.

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- I. The National Secretary shall issue a new Base Charter once he has received the following Documents and requested items:
 - a. The Name of the New Base and date of the first base meeting
 - b. A copy of the list of Elected Base officers and Base members.
 - c. A copy of the completed District Commander's check off Sheet.
 - d. A copy of the approved new Base Bylaws
- m. Work up, keep current and pass on, immediately to his relief a "Turn Over" folder, including all official correspondence, records, and official materials assigned to his care.

NEWS-05: Duties of the National Junior Vice Commander

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 10/20/2011

The duties of the Junior Vice-Commander shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Execute the powers and authority in organization matters, when required, in the absence of the National Commander and National Senior Vice-Commander.
- b. Serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
- c. Act as Chairman of the Membership Committee and maintain an accurate and permanent roll of members and provide membership cards to members in good standing. The Chairman will provide a membership report on a quarterly basis to the National Secretary (NatSec). The report shall be prepared and transmitted to the Nat Sec no later than 15 days following the end of the calendar quarter.
- d. Serve on the Ways and Means Committee.
- e. Be Responsible for the direction and control of the National Office
- f. Prepare and present an annual report relative to the operation of his office at the Annual Business Meeting.
- g. Work up, keep current, and pass on immediately to his relief a "Turn Over" folder, including all official correspondence, records, and official materials assigned to his care.

NEWS-06: Duties of the National Senior Vice Commander

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 10/20/2011

The duties of the Senior Vice-Commander shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Assist the National Commander in the discharge of his duties.
- b. Assume the duties of the National Commander in the event of his absence, illness, or call to eternal patrol.
- c. Execute the powers and authority of the National Commander, when required, in the absence of the National Commander.
- d. Serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
- e. Act as Chairman for the Ways and Means Committee.
- f. Act as Chairman for the Audit Committee.
- g. Serve as a member of the Scholarship Committee.
- h. Be responsible for the content, publication, and distribution of the National Publication.
- i. Prepare and present an annual report relative to the operation of his office at the Annual Business Meeting.
- j. Work up, keep current and pass on, immediately to his relief a "Turn Over" folder, including all official correspondence, records, and official materials assigned to his care.

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NEWS-07: Duties of the National Commander

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 10/20/2011

The duties of the National Commander shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Act as the Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- b. Cause to be called all regular and special meetings of the organization.
- c. Preside over all regular and special meetings of the organization.
- d. Enforce the Constitution and Bylaws.
- e. Direct and supervise the operation of the organization.
- f. Prepare and present the Board of Directors Annual Report at the Annual Business Meeting.
- g. Submit, in writing, to the Board of Directors for confirmation, all appointed officers and committee chairmanships except as noted in specific committees where the Chairman is listed by the position he fills in USSVI.
- h. Sign all certificates notes, drafts, or bills of exchange, warrants or other orders for the payment of moneys duly drawn by the National Treasurer, except as provided elsewhere in the Constitution and Bylaws, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- i. Be responsible for the promulgation of all pertinent information to the membership of the organization.
- j. Work up, keep current, and pass on immediately to his relief a "Turn Over" folder, including all official correspondence, records, and official materials assigned to his care.
- k. Be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the "Nominations Committee".

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NEWS-01: Pictures from the 2011 Springfield Subvet Convention.

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 9/30/2011

Most of these pictures were taken by San Diego Base Commander Bob Bissonette. BZ Bob, and thanks for sharing!

Just click on the link or copy/type it into your URL command line. <http://tinyurl.com/USSVI-2011-Convention>

VFW STEAK NITE - FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH



VFW Post #7383
522 Reedy Creek Road Cary, NC 27513
(919) 467-1188

<http://www.vfwpost7383.org>

Cost: \$15.00 each
When: First Saturday of Each Month
Dinner served from 5 PM to 7 PM.
Where: VFW Post #7383

Call Lee Parker at 919-274-9441 or email him at leeparkermtg@yahoo.com. He will want to know why type of steak, how to cook it, and what time do you want to eat. They have a few rib eyes, mostly "flays" and T-Bones. They take both credit and debit cards.

VA STREAMLINES ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS RENEWAL

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has automated its online Health Benefits Renewal (10-10EZR) form. For more information, go to www.va.gov/healtheligibility or call VA's toll-free number at 1-877-222-VETS (8387). The online form is available at <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/Form/1010ezr.pdf>.

THE BATTERY WELL

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

The Pope and a US Navy CPO

Pope John Paul dies of old age and finds himself at the gates of Heaven at 0300. He knocks on the gate and a very sleepy-eyed watchman opens the gate and asks, "Waddyah want?"

"I'm the recently deceased Pope and have done 68 years of godly works and thought I should check in here."

The watchman checks his clipboard and says, "I ain't got no orders for you here. Just bring your stuff in and we'll sort this out in the morning." They go to an old WWII barracks, 3rd floor, open bay.

All the bottom racks are taken and all empty lockers have no doors. The Pope stows his gear under a rack and climbs into an upper bunk.

The next morning he awakens to sounds of cheering and clapping. He goes to the window and sees a flashy Jaguar convertible parading down the clouds from the golden headquarters building. The cloud walks are lined with saints and angels cheering and tossing confetti. In the back seat sits a Navy Chief; his Dolphins glistening on his chest, a cigar in his mouth, a can of San Miguel beer in one hand, and his other arm around a voluptuous blonde Angel with magnificent halos.

This sight disturbs the Pope and he runs downstairs to the Master-at-Arms shack and says, "Hey, what gives? You put me, the Pope with 68 years of godly deeds, in an open bay barracks, while this Navy Chief, who must've committed every sin known and unknown to man is staying in a mansion on the hill and getting a hero's welcome. How can this be?"

The Master at Arms calmly looks up and says, "Hey, we get a Pope up here every 20 or 30 years, but we've never had a Navy Chief before."



WELCOME ABOARD !!

Our Newest Tarheel Base Member

Darryl Smith of Creedmoor, NC qualified on USS Henry L. Stimson (SSBN-655) in 1985 and also served onboard SS-581, SSBN-735, SSBN-743, and SSN-21 before retiring in 2005.



USSVI WEBSITE INFORMATION

USSVI National: <http://www.ussvi.org>

NC Subvet Bases:

Albemarle Sound <http://ncsubvets.org/asound.html>

Coastal Carolina <http://ncsubvets.org/ccarolina.html>

Carolina-Piedmont <http://ncsubvets.org/cpiedmont.html>

Nathanael Greene <http://ncsubvets.org/ngreene.html>

Tarheel <http://ncsubvets.org/tarheel.html>

***DID YOU KNOW?* USSVI Founder's Meeting was held in Orange, NJ on October 12, 1963**

TARHEEL BASE COB'S CORNER



Jerry "Patch" Paciorek
USSVI Tarheel Base
Chief of the Boat
Editor, ALL CLEAR

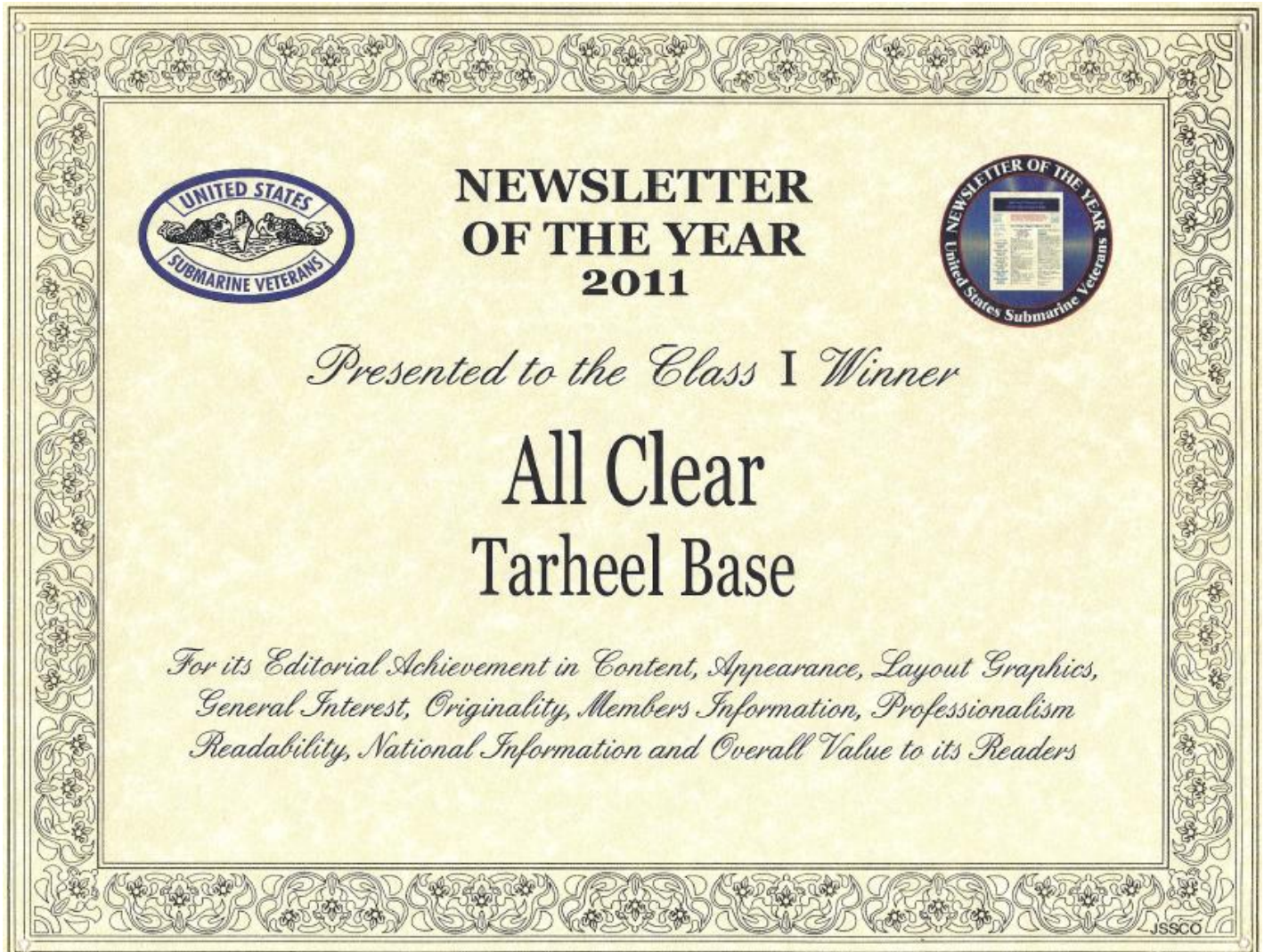
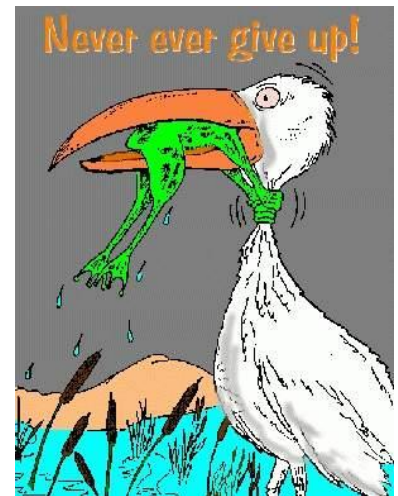
Congratulations to everyone who has contributed to the success of the ALL CLEAR for so many the years. After all, a newsletter is nothing without inputs!

We've enjoyed an incredible run at the past three national conventions. After being recognized as the First Runner Up in 2009 and 2010, the ALL CLEAR was selected as **2011 Newsletter of the Year** in Class I.

Bravo Zulu!

The library of past issues is available at

<http://ncsubvets.org/allclear.html>



SHIFT COLORS

The
Newsletter
for Navy
Retirees

Are you aware that *SHIFT COLORS* has gone online only? Navigate to <http://www.shiftcolors.navy.mil> to review the online version, download the current issue in PDF format, or learn how to sign up to get the newsletter via e-mail.

Fall 2011 Stories:

- Shift Colors Continues Online
- SECNAV Retiree Council Report Released
- MCPON Letter
- Hiring Vets Makes Positive Investment
- Deadline Approaches For Retroactive Stop Loss Pay
- Direct Deposit: Puts Money In Retirees' Hands Sooner
- Who Should I Contact: DFAS, VA or My Branch Of Service?
- TRICARE Begins Home Delivery Education Initiative
- States Show Increase In TRICARE Service Providers
- VA Launches New Homelessness Prevention Initiative
- Permanent Housing Help Coming to Thousands of Homeless Vets
- VA Expands Outreach to Women Veterans
- VA Explains Recent GI Bill Changes to Veterans
- When Your Disability Rating Changes
- New System Reduces Hassle of Getting ID Cards
- Mail-In Procedure for ID Cards
- How to Report a Retiree's Death
- Retiree Need-To-Know Info
- Retiree Checklist - For Survivors
- Retired Activities Office Phone Listing
- Ready Reference Contact Information



U.S. Submarine Veterans Combined Convention WWII Southern Regional & Florida State



USSVI SouthEast Regional



Wednesday April 18th thru Sunday April 22nd 2012

Come join us to help celebrate the
One Hundred Twelfth Anniversary of the Submarine Service

Holiday Inn Historic Downtown

301 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602

1-251-694-0100 or 1-800-692-6662 (toll-free)

(Use only local number [1-251-694-0100] to get SubVets Rate)

Rooms \$90.00 plus tax – Government PerDiem Rates

Limited Free Parking – Parking Garage next door @ \$7 per day

Hotel Restaurant open for Breakfast & Evening Dinner – Continental Breakfast Bar \$7.95

Hospitality Room \$15.00 - Banquet \$30.00

(Hospitality Room includes Free Libations & Assorted Snacks)

Hosted by Alabama State, Submarine Veterans WWII

Jim McGlamery, State Cdr – jimss143@att.net

Jim Hunnicutt, AlaFlo Chap Pres – mcpo.ss@peoplepc.com

Thursday 09:30 AM – Ladies' Business Meetings (USSVI, WWII, Fla St) – Dogwood Room

Thursday 1200 – Ladies' (WWII & USSVI) Luncheon – Dogwood Room

Thursday 09:30 AM – Men's USSVI SE Regional Business Meeting – Lafayette Room

Thursday 1200 – Men's (WWII & USSVI) Luncheon – Hospitality Room

Friday 10:00 AM – Men's WWII SoReg followed by Fl State Business Meetings – Lafayette Room

Saturday 11:00 AM - Memorial Service in Hanger next to DRUM (SS228) at Battleship Park

Saturday 1900 (7:00 PM) Banquet followed by Golden Oldie Dance Music

Banquet will have a Cash Bar starting at 5:30 P.M. followed by Dinner and Dancing

Mail Reservation Form to

Jim Hunnicutt - 11114 Little Creek Ln, Pensacola FL 32506-8261

Make check payable to SubVets Party

Reservations must to be in hand NLT April 1st to guarantee banquette seating

(No refunds for Banquet after April 10th, 2012)

Problems or Questions? Contact Jim Hunnicutt @ 1-850-457-3584 or mcpo.ss@peoplepc.com

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Spouse /Guest: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

(Tel) (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail Address _____

Number for Registration & Hospitality Room: _____ x \$15.00 \$ _____.

Number for Men's Luncheon: _____ x \$15.00 \$ _____.

Number for Ladies' Luncheon: _____ x \$15.00 \$ _____.

Number for Banquet: _____ x \$30.00 \$ _____.

Saturday Night 50/50 Raffle (6 tickets for \$5) How Many: _____ x \$5.00 \$ _____.

Local Chapter/Base _____

Total Remitted: \$ _____.

*Plan of the Day – Mobile, Alabama
U.S. Submarine Veterans Combined Convention
WWII Southern Regional & Florida State
USSVI SouthEast Regional*

Wednesday – April 18th, 2012

----- Guest Start Arriving.
1200 – (Noon) Hospitality Room Opens. Registration Desk Opens
Daily 50/50 to be drawn at 2200 (10 PM)
1700-1945 (5-7:45 PM) SkyView Lounge Managers Reception
w/light appetizers & punch complimentary
2200 – (or later) Hospitality Room Closes.

Thursday – April 19th, 2012

0800 – (or earlier) Hospitality Room Opens.
Daily 50/50 to be drawn at 2200 (10 PM)
0930 – (9:30 AM) Ladies' Business Meetings (USSVI, WWII, Fla St) -
Dogwood Room
0930 – (9:30 AM) Men's USSVI SE Regional Business Meeting - Lafayette Room
1200 – (Noon) Ladies' (WWII & USSVI) Luncheon – Dogwood Room
1200 – (Noon) Men's (WWII & USSVI) Luncheon – Hospitality Room
2200 – (or later) Hospitality Room Closes

Friday – April 20th, 2012

0800 – (or earlier) Hospitality Room Opens.
Daily 50/50 to be drawn at 2200 (10 PM)
1000 – (10:00 AM) Men's WWII SoReg followed by Fl State Business Meeting –
Lafayette Room
2200 – (or later) Hospitality Room Closes

Saturday – April 21st, 2012

0800 – (or earlier) Hospitality Room Opens.
Big 50/50 to be drawn at Banquet
1030 – (10:30 AM) Hospitality Room Closes
1100 – (11:00 AM) Memorial Service at Battleship Park, Mobile
(Provide own transportation)
1200 – (Noon, approx) Hospitality Room Re-Opens.
1630 – (4:30 PM) Hospitality Room LAST CALL!
1645 – (4:45 PM) Hospitality Room Closes
1730 – (5:30 PM) No Host Bar opens in Banquet Room
1900 – (7:00 PM) Dinner Served
?????? Following Dinner – 112th Anniversary of Submarine Service
Draw Big 50/50 followed by Dancing to Golden Oldies Music
?????? Hospitality Room Re-Opens (After Banquet)

Sunday – April 22nd, 2012 – Everyone have a safe trip home