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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.

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**All clear: a signal, usually a siren, indicating that the danger is over**

## LOST SUBMARINES - FIRST QUARTER

### JANUARY

USS Scorpion (SS-278)

Lost on January 5, 1944 with the loss of 77 officers and men in the East China Sea, on her 4<sup>th</sup> war patrol. It is assumed she was sunk by a mine.



USS Argonaut (SS-166)

Lost on January 10, 1943 with the loss of 105 officers and men off Rabaul, on her 3<sup>rd</sup> war patrol. While attacking a convoy, she torpedoed a Japanese destroyer who along with 2 other destroyers depth charged her. As she tried to surface, the destroyers sunk her by gun fire.



USS Swordfish (SS-193)

Lost on January 12, 1945 with the loss of 83 officers and men somewhere near Okinawa, on her 13<sup>th</sup> war patrol. Probably was lost to a mine.



USS S-36 (SS-141)

Lost on January 20, 1942 with no loss of life on her 2<sup>nd</sup> war patrol. She ran hard aground on a reef and radioed for help. The entire crew was rescued by a Dutch ship after they scuttled her.



USS S-26 (SS-131)

Lost on January 24, 1942 with the loss of 46 officers and men in the Gulf of Panama, on her 2<sup>nd</sup> war patrol. She was rammed by the USS Sturdy (PC-460) and sunk within seconds. The CO, XO and one lookout on the bridge, were the only survivors.



### FEBRUARY

USS Barbel (SS-316)

Lost on February 4, 1945 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 3<sup>rd</sup> war patrol. Based on Japanese records, she was bombed near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage. The day before, she reported she survived 3 depth charge attacks.



USS Shark I (SS-174)

Lost on February 11, 1942 with the loss of 59 officers and men on her 1st war patrol. Shark was the 1<sup>st</sup> US submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific. She was most likely sunk by depth charges.



USS Amberjack (SS-219)

Lost on February 16, 1943 with the loss of 72 officers and men on her 3<sup>rd</sup> war patrol. Off Rabaul, she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane, attacked by a torpedo boat and then depth charged by a subchaser.



USS Grayback (SS-208)

Lost on February 27, 1944 with the loss of 80 officers and men on her 10<sup>th</sup> war patrol. She appears to have been caught on the surface in the East China Sea by a Japanese carrier plane whose bombs made a direct hit. During this patrol she sank 4 ships totaling 21,594 tons and was tied for 11<sup>th</sup> in the number of ships sunk.



## LOST SUBMARINES - FIRST QUARTER (cont.)

### FEBRUARY (cont.)

#### USS Trout (SS-202)

Lost on February 29, 1944 with the loss of 79 officers and men on her 11<sup>th</sup> war patrol. She was sunk by escorts in the middle of the Philippines Basin after sinking a passenger-cargoman and damaging another in a convoy. She carried out several notable special missions, including carrying over two tons of gold bullion out of Corregidor in February 1942.



### MARCH

#### USS Perch (SS-176)

Lost on March 3, 1942 near Java with no immediate loss of life, while on her 1<sup>st</sup> war patrol. She survived 2 severe depth chargings in less than 200 feet of water by 3 Japanese destroyers. The crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 61 officers and men taken prisoner, 53 survived the war.



#### USS Grampus (SS-207)

Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 72 officers and men, on her 6<sup>th</sup> war patrol. She was lost in Vella Gulf, sunk after engaging 2 Japanese Destroyers.



#### USS H-1 (SS-28)

Lost on March 12, 1920 with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. Vestal (AR-4) pulled H-1 off the rocks in the morning of 24 March, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water. She was originally named the USS Seawolf before becoming H-1.



#### USS Triton (SS-201)

Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men. She was sunk north of the Admiralty Islands during a fight with 3 Japanese Destroyers. Triton was the 1<sup>st</sup> boat to engage the enemy in December 1941 off Wake Island, sinking 9 ships, 1 submarine and a destroyer.



#### USS Kete (SS-369)

Lost on March 20, 1945 with the loss of 87 officers and men at the end of her 2<sup>nd</sup> war patrol. Probably sunk near Okinawa, by a Japanese submarine that itself was subsequently lost.



#### USS F-4 (SS-23)

Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men. She foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu when acid corrosion of the lead lining of the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. F-4 was the first commissioned submarine of the U.S. Navy to be lost at sea. She was raised in August 1915.



#### USS Tullibee (SS-284)

Lost on March 26, 1944 with the loss of 79 officers and men, on her 4<sup>th</sup> war patrol. It's believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.



#### USS Trigger (SS-237)

Lost on March 26, 1945 with the loss of 91 officers and men, on her 12<sup>th</sup> war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft. Trigger ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in total tonnage sunk and tied for 8<sup>th</sup> in number of ships sunk.



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# 2011 KINGS BAY WWII SUBVETS MEMORIAL SERVICE

## A WWII SUBVET'S PERSPECTIVE

By George Bass

On November 3, 4 and 5<sup>th</sup>, Lois and I were at the Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA. This is located in the town of Saint Mary's, Georgia about thirty five miles north of Jacksonville, Florida. This is the east coast submarine base for the larger of the nuclear submarines - the boomers! From here they depart on their undersea patrol and remain submerged until they return. Patrols usually last 60 days, but could be longer depending on the circumstances.

Each year this Naval Submarine Base puts on a Memorial Service where they honor all World War Two submarine veterans - living and those on Eternal Patrol. The ceremony is very impressive and does justice to the living and especially those on Eternal Patrol.

Last year in attendance were 65 WWII submarine veterans. While this year there were 45 in attendance. A few had health problems and could not attend and the others got their orders to go on Eternal Patrol. Many were accompanied by a son or daughter.

Looking at the nuclear submarine navy to me is looking at a 1930 Model T and a 2011 Cadillac. WWII submarines - at their best were 311 feet long and had an 18 foot beam. The boomer submarine is 560 feet long (almost two football fields), with a beam of 45 feet and a height of four stores (44 feet). We had one deck and they have four - we had very little fresh water and they pump fresh water overboard as they make too much. We got a short shower, if we were lucky, about every three weeks.

They can bathe as often as desired. They wear fresh clothing every day while our clothing had to stand up by themselves before we changed. Everything on our diesel boat was coated with diesel fumes. You dipped oil off your coffee before drinking or if you needed a laxative you just consumed coffee and oil! A diesel boat submariner never got away from the smell of diesel. It was like you used a diesel based cologne - nuclear boats only have a fresh oxygen smell - no stink. I don't know how they stand it!

Oh yes, they also have all the oxygen they can breathe, while we diesel boat sailors often got to where even a match would not burn for the lack of oxygen. We could go about 17 hours, with using CO<sub>2</sub> absorbent and bleeding oxygen into the boat from the few oxygen tanks we carried. If you have not been there you can't realize how weak you get when you cannot get a decent breath of oxygen into your lungs. A very simple task becomes a climb up Mount Everest.

A nuclear submarine has a machine that takes in salt water and produces fresh water and oxygen - as much as they want! Diesel boats could not take anything out of salt water - not even the smell of diesel fumes!

Lois and I were berthed in a suite at the Gateway Hotel, which is on the submarine base. It was a deluxe suite, complete with kitchen, living room, bedroom, bath, plenty of closets, drawers and all the other things that make a trip enjoyable. Might add that the price was \$50.00 a day - no taxes!

For breakfast we ate at the Base Galley - breakfast cost us \$4.60 for two. Folks, you could not have gone to the best of best cafeterias and found more food or nicer furnishing. The decor was first class, the server's attitude towards us was outstanding and I can't begin to tell you about all the extras. We were served on china platters, excellent silver and no paper or plastic cups anywhere. We also ate Saturday Brunch there at the cost of \$4.20 a person. Our group almost cleaned out the dessert case.

A number of our friends, who are submariners also attended. Hop and Carol Hopkins, Luke and Linda Riley, Charlie Cross and his son, Jeff, David and Henri Dalke and quite a few of my shipmates from the Nathaniel Greene Submarine Base in North Carolina.



## MORE KINGS BAY PERSPECTIVE

We were given three banquet dinners. One night a barbecue dinner; the following night a steak dinner and the next night a "low country boil." The barbecue dinner was held at the Cumberland Inn & Suites and was put on by the hosts. The steak dinner was at the Chief Petty Officer's Club (Goat Locker) and the steaks covered the plate. The Low Country Boil was put on by the Eagles. It was at their Club House in Saint Mary's. Shrimp, corn on the cob, potatoes, rhubarb, carrots, onions and other items are steamed and then brought into the Club House where a large galvanized trough is set up and it's all dumped into the trough. Yep - we did eat alike pigs as it was goooooo!

At the steak dinner, I sat across from two WWII sailors who came from Alabama. In the talking, it got around to what boats (submarine) did you ride? The one sitting across from me said, the Boarfish. Well ... I was 16 when I was in the commissioning crew of the USS Boarfish SS-327 and made the first two war patrols on her. This was the second submarine sailor that I have met that also served on the Boarfish since I left her in 1945. The other one was Basil Simms and he and I met in Jacksonville in the 70's for lunch. Shortly thereafter Basil went on Eternal Patrol. What a nice small world this turned out to be.



The Nuclear Submarine Navy gives the WWII submarine veterans the credit for setting the work standards, the crew loyalty, the "can do" attitude, which they have carried over to the nuclear submarine navy. To the nuclear submarine Navy the WWII submarine sailor is a real hero. Thus - they honor them every year and will continue as long as there is a US Submarine Navy.

We were given a luncheon after the Memorial Service and a tour of the Nuclear Submarine Training Center. Watching the diving trainer go up and down was giving some a queasy stomach. In WWII a torpedo was 21 inches in diameter. A boomer missile is well over six feet in diameter and the WWII torpedo had a warhead of 600 pounds of torpex. Just one boomer missile carries more explosive power than all the explosives used in WWII, including the two atomic bombs. And these nukes carry 24 of them!

Do not ever get the crew of a boomer submarine mad at you!!!! They are out there 24/7 every day of the year protecting your freedom.

At the Memorial Service, we had several guest speakers. The Camden County High School sang the National Anthem, God Bless America and God Bless the USA. Most of the audience was singing along with them. The Reading of the Boats, where the names of all 52 submarines sunk during WWII were called and the tolling of the bell after each name. It was also told when and where each submarine was sunk (if known).

A large wreath was placed at the Memorial site, a gun salute and the playing of Taps. The program ended with the High School singing the Navy Hymn.

During the service, the WWII Submarine Vets sat in the front rows. Some needed assistance to stand, some were on oxygen and some could not stand but all were in their splendid "submarine vest" decorated with many patches and names of submarines served on. Look around and you could see a patch for every submarine event that ever happen depicted. It was a real history lesson to a student of history concerning WWII.

I was certainly impressed. The time spent to make this happening go over in the excellent manner, the friendship, the light up look in the eyes when they shook hands with a WWII submarine vet. The fact that a WWII vet did not pay for any of the banquets or lunch served. I had to pay \$70.00 for all the events for Lois and she was respected as much as I at every event.

One other thing - security. The security of this nuclear submarine base was tight and I mean tight. We had filled out forms months ago so that a background check could be done. Once we were cleared we had to have a photo ID each time we moved into the Base. Large barriers were placed as well as heavy cables so that no vehicle could run into the base. In addition large metal plates were imbedded in the roads so that with one push of a button not even a tank could get through. Security was impressive and we were impressed.

It was just an outstanding event and we will be there next year (good Lord willing).

George Bass EMCS(SS)

Nathanael Greene Base Member

Qualified 1944 on USS Boarfish (SS-327)

**For more pictures and information, navigate to <http://ncsubvets.org/kingsbay2011.html>**

## 2011 PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DINNER

Our annual event was held on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at the NC State University Club in Raleigh, NC. We enjoyed a wonderful evening of remembrance and camaraderie with 80 attendees. Well done to Gordon Banks and the Tarheel Base for arranging this year's dinner. The location was excellent as well as the great meal provided.

On display and mentioned were the numerous national awards won by Tarheel Base, Carolina-Piedmont Base and members of both Bases.

The S-28 ship's flag was obtained and displayed by Bill Whelan. He also displayed a large flag with submarine dolphins on it.

Scott Powell setup and presented the POW/MIA Table.

Dick Kanning presented 3 Southeast District One Commander's Awards this year to:

1. Individual – Jerry Leppart for his determination and success of our DMV license plate.
2. Individual – Jim Myers for his long time efforts on and for the Mk-14 torpedo and associated trailer.
3. Base/Group – Subvettes of the Carolina-Piedmont Base for their civic and patriotic activities and donations.



Pat Collins' daughter Cynthia Brown and her two children were guests of the Nat Greene Base at the dinner. The family was presented with a "shadow box" containing mementoes of Pat's Navy career. Pat recently died; his daughter Cynthia drove him to these Dinners for several years.

Bill Andre, the South East Regional Director was our special guest this year. This was the first time that the NC Subvets have been visited by a regional director. He swore in the new base offices for the Nat Greene and Tarheel Bases.

Jim Myers presented a belt buckle with special meaning to George Bass, WWII veteran.

And the star of the whole show, the Tolling of the Boats Ceremony itself! It is always meaningful. Wayne Powell had placed the 52 submarine silhouettes and candles on tables. During the ceremony, each candle was blown out its submarine name was called.



Door Prizes were made interesting by Jim Myers; not an easy task. Thanks to you who donated items.

The 50/50 Raffle was handled by Henry Hagwood with his usual charm and efficiency. Jerry "Patch" Paciorek was the winner.

For more pictures from this event, navigate to <http://ncsubvets.org/phr2011.html>



# PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DINNER - A WWII SUBVET'S PERSPECTIVE

By George Bass

On 3 December, Lois and I attended the 2011 Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Dinner in Raleigh, NC. This is an annual dinner where submarine veterans hold a Memorial Service and pay tribute to the 52 submarines and the men lost during World War Two.

Prior to the dinner, Lois and I were joined by Charlie and Carolyn Cross at North Carolina State University. Here Samantha, Lois' granddaughter, is Assistant to the Head of the Veterinary Administration. We call her Sam, and she gave us a conducted tour of the vet facilities. Wow - did we ever learn things. Did not know that bone marrow transfers were being done on small animals. Small animals have the same problems we people have. We even were conducted into the ICU where several animals were being watched constantly - 24/7 just as we folks. We saw the greyhound whom they gave the name "The Chicken" being treated for cancer. He was not up and about and we all wished him a good recovery.

You could search everywhere and would not find any building; home; palace or whatever cleaner than these facilities were. We were simply amazed at the cleanliness of this facility. I've never seen a human hospital this clean and neat.

We bid Sam goodbye and we would see Sam later. It was a very short drive to our Hotel, where we were able to get a couple of hours of rest - we thought. The Submarine Veterans had a hospitality room complete with good beverages and snacks. We just had to go there, sip something good while snacking and telling our sea stories. Many of our submarine veteran friends joined us there. The ladies were sitting in a talking circle and the men were trying to outdo each other in sea stories. The beverages and snacks were flowing as we relived our past. Isn't it great to be among your kind, sharing past experienced, enjoying old friendship and making new friends. Submariners have always been a crew of togetherness - you did it to not only be a shipmate but to survive.

Lois and I had invited her two granddaughters (Sam and Laura), David, Laura's husband and a high school family friend of Sam and Laura-Navid to also join us for dinner. Our group of six sat at sort of the head table with two other submariners, Gordon and Tom. Gordon is the person that put the entire program together and it was a smooth running program. Gordon deserves a big "Atta Boy" button.

The meeting was called to order, the invocation was given and also the Pledge of Allegiance. The various 2011 USSVI (United States Submarine Veterans Inc.) awards were given out and there were many of them.

The POW/MIA Table was explained by Scott Powell. Scoot did an elegant job and was almost able to control his emotions. You see, his father-in-law was a POW during WWII and had just passed away. There is always a POW/MIA table set at our official functions.

There were remarks and observations by various officers followed by the installation of the new officers for the Tarheel Base and the Nathanael Base.

The dinner - a great prime rib dinner fitting for a submariner. Complete with all the trimmings including an open bar that was kept quite busy throughout the evening.

Now comes the part of the program that we are here for - the Tolling of Lost Boats Ceremony.

On every table there are cut out submarine forms with the name of a lost submarine on it. There is also a candle by the submarine form.

All lights are extinguished and the candles are lit. Once completed the LOST BOATS are called out one by one. After the boat name is called, the bell is tolled once and the candle for that boat is blown out. This is a solemn ceremony for submarine veterans as they honor over 3,500 of their shipmates who lost their lives during WWII.

Bill Whelan, a submarine veteran of WWII is the Chaplain that said most appropriate prayers whenever asked. Bill just has the knack to say prayers in a proper manner, with a clear, sincere voice.

After all this Jim Myers began giving out the door prizes and he had a big amount of them. I won three submarine books, Laura won a neat scarf and Lois won a hand painted picture of a submarine that will sure look nice in our home.

Just before the dinner Jim Myers got up and began a speech about his best shipmate who recently went on Eternal Patrol. Jim Harbin was this sailors name and Jim (Myers) had assembled a belt buckle that he had made for Harbin but now would not be able to do so. Myers said he had given it deep thought and he only knew one person to give the "Jim Harbin" belt buckle to - George Bass. I accepted the handsome belt buckle but did not make a speech. Something was bothering me and here is what it was in an email I sent to Jim Myers the following day.

## PEARL HARBOR PERSPECTIVE (Cont.)

*"I was surprised to be presented with the "Jim Harbin" belt buckle. Jim, what you did not know and I felt I would become too emotional to tell to those in the audience - Jim and I were close shipmates. He and I were on the USS Plaice SS390 in 1945 and 1946 and possibly some of 1947.*

*We both slept in the After Torpedo Room and pulled liberties together. Jim made Quarter Master 1st class and I made Electricians Mate 2nd class. The After Torpedo Room on the Plaice was called "Boys Town." We had an elected mayor, sheriff, secretary, treasurer and two aldermen. Jim and I were the two aldermen.*

*The members of Boys Town were a close knit group. We have lost Gunner Bailey (mayor); Norm Lomax (Sheriff); Joe Crowley (Treasurer); Lester Beeson (Secretary) our COB Zack Popa (A great big Greek) and our Commanding Officer, Captain Dabney. Plus numerous other crew members have crossed the "bar" - met the "pilot" and gone on Eternal Patrol.*

*Jim Harbin and I attended Plaice reunions. However, the Plaice quit having reunions as there were not have enough members left to warrant having one. We had twelve at the last one I attended.*

*So Jim - the "Jim Harbin" belt buckle means a lot to me. I know you had no idea about me knowing Jim Harbin. I'll keep the belt buckle close to me and again I thank you for selecting me to be the holder of this special belt buckle."*

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## ELECTION FOR TARHEEL BASE OFFICERS OF 2012

From Jim Davis, Tarheel Base Election Master

Voting for the Tarheel Base Officers of 2012 is complete. I would like to thank those of you who cast your ballots for the Tarheel Base Officers for the coming year 2012.

There were 61 ballots received. All ballots received unanimously cast votes in favor of the listed candidates. There were no write-ins nor were there any votes against.

The following Officers have been elected and confirmed for the coming year 2012

- Commander: O. Gordon Banks
- Secretary: William E. Lowe
- Vice Commander: Harold W. Dixon, Jr.
- Treasurer: David B Campbell

## HOLLAND CLUB NEWS



From left to right: Bill Wood, Ted Hurley, Dick Kanning, and Jim Davis.

Jim Davis, Tarheel Base Holland Club Coordinator, inducted Tarheel Base members Bill Wood, Ted Hurley, and Dick Kanning into the Holland Club at the Tarheel Base meeting on February 4.

Jim stated the Tarheel Base now has a total of 82 Holland Club members.



## TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Sitting down to write these few words to you, I immediately thought of two things: our December Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner and our February Base Meeting. Both were high quality events that left me personally "cranked" and ready for more.

I reviewed the Pearl Harbor Dinner in detail in an email to Tarheel Base shortly afterward. Let me just say that the overall feeling in the room was something we want to continue creating. Low key, relaxed, enjoying life, yes, because that's the way we are. The Lost Boats Ceremony itself was done with power and yet with laudable humility, recognizing that we are the direct beneficiaries of the magnificent work of our brothers who preceded us. I always feel that there is a special hand on my shoulder. Honestly, I felt privileged to read that very simple script. Then we ended with Jim "Aw, Shucks" Myers handling the door prizes so well that you felt it was a comedy routine. (Is there no end to the books to be given away? This part of the program is when I realize how many are downsizing to smaller living spaces!)



Gordon Banks  
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander



Our Tarheel Base Meeting just held was different in one significant respect. I was informed only two days prior to the meeting that our scheduled speaker could not attend because of a death in the family. Rather than attempt to replace the speaker (probably an unrewarding attempt at that point) or simply delete the speaker slot, I decided to squeeze the lemon and make lemonade. I asked those in attendance for funny personal stories from their Navy careers.

And the stories came instantly and they were funny. Ask someone about the Ensign who almost fainted when they dropped anchor for a drill and a sailor in working uniform came out of the hawse pipe, hit the water and his red blood and guts went everywhere....it was only a uniform filled with the innards of watermelons! And I'll be honest that I would have croaked on the spot if I had reached into the back of a drawer in Control and an unseen hand had gripped me forcefully from beyond the back of the drawer. I might have died on the spot! My thanks and congratulations to everyone who delivered a story. The entire audience knew they were hearing humor at its best.

When we end one year so very well and then pull off a wonderful first meeting to begin the next year....I can only say that WE, all of us, are on a well deserved roll. We'll continue to help our fellow submariners, do good works in the community and have excellent meetings.

You can help immensely; you can have an impact, by merely attending a meeting, even occasionally.

**Next Tarheel Base Meeting information is posted online at <http://www.ncsubvets.org/tarheel.html>**

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

In the 'Phin,

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## NATHANAEEL GREENE BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hope everybody had happy holidays. Another year has come and gone. Just about all of us will make a New Year's Resolution. Resolutions are commitments that we make to one or more personal goals, projects or the reforming of a habit. The most popular resolutions are; spend more time with family and friends, quit smoking, lose weight, get out of debt. One of my resolutions for this year is to recruit more members and retain the ones we have. Recruitment is our future, retention is yesterday and today. There are several methods to find new members, simplest is by wearing your Sub Vet hat.

Another resolution is to increase attendance at our bi-monthly meetings, V-Cdr, Jim Myers, has been coordinating the smacks. We also have an occasional "guest speakers", and I like to ask a "Qual question".

We are looking forward to hosting this year's Pearl Harbor Dinner on 8 December 2012 at The Village Inn in Clemmons. I will put out more information this summer. The crew of the USS NATHANAEEL GREENE SSBN 636 will be holding their reunion this May in Greensboro.

As to the parades, we are being asked to participate by the organizers. The big ones; St.Pats (Raleigh), Azelia (Wilmington), Memorial Day (Thomasville), Independence Day (Troutman & Faith), Old Soldiers (Newton) Veterans Day (Asheboro, Winston-Salem & High Point). There are many more parades we can participate in and if you think of any, contact Chuck Jensen and/or Jim Myers.

**Next Nat Greene Base Meeting information is posted online at <http://www.ncsubvets.org/ngreene.html>**

**Nat Greene Base Meeting Minutes are posted online at <http://www.ncsubvets.org/ngreeneminutes.html>**

Have good healthy New Year

Zero Bubble

John F. Rupertus



John F. Rupertus  
USSVI Nathanael Greene  
Base Commander

## KAPS 4 KIDS EVENT

Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> was a great and beautiful day for the KAPS 4 KIDS presentations conducted at Joshua's Angel Center of the Carolinas Fund Raising Benefit in Booneville, NC.

Five Nat Greene Base members and three wives (Ray Moore, Dale Patterson, Mike Runkle with his wife Shelia, Jim Schenk with his wife Ruth Ann and Jim Myers with his wife Libby) were in attendance. Also present was Dale Moses from the Carolina-Piedmont Base and Joe Peek from the Tarheel Base. Dale and Joe rode in on their motorcycles as part of the Wings of Glory Christian Bikers Ministry who were hosting a Benefit Ride and Poker Run to raise money for the Joshua's Angel Center of the Carolinas.

Our parade submarine was on display, which created interest about submarines in general.

There was a Gospel Group Faith Times Three that sang for about 3 hours. Libby Myers is the vocalist for this group.

Plenty of food was on hand for all of the attendees to enjoy. Ball caps, certificates and pictures of submarines were presented to the handicap children as part of the KAPS 4 KIDS program by Jim Myers and Mike Runkle.

You can go to the following link <http://elkintribune.com/bookmark/16149274> to read the article about this event written in Elkin Tribune along with additional pictures.



## NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

I hope that each and every one of you had a wonderful Christmas and that your New Year has started off on the right path for you. I will again be the North Carolina Subvets Commander for another year. This will be my third year in that position. I am filling in for others who happen to have other commitments and were skeptical that they could provide the service in this position that is felt necessary. But I promise you that you will have a new Commander next year. At that point we should be able to move back into our normal rotation and each base should be able to hold the position for one year and pass it on to the next. In any case, I still consider it an honor to be able to have this position.

By the time you read this, our 2012 membership renewals drives should be over. I suspect it will be too late and if a membership was dropped, then that individual will have to join back up just as if he were starting over. For those that paid on time, I thank you. For those that were late, I wish you would reconsider and join back with us. For the future, those that are not Life Members, you know that this occurs annually, so please help us out and pay your dues when your base calls for it.

The 2012 parade seasons will be upon us before you know it. These are fun events (each one of them) to participate in. The crowds treat us very nicely and just being around fellow submarines sailors and listening to the various sea stories is enjoyable. As I write this, I know that the Tarheel Base will be hosting the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh on March 17. This will be followed by the Albemarle Base hosting the same at Nags Head on March 18. Nags Head is new for us and we look forward to that. On April 14, Coastal Carolina will be hosting the Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington. Keep in tune with your base for more details on each of these. And, of course, there will be many others throughout the year and your base will be receiving information on each of them for you.

**NC Subvets received an appreciation card from VFW Post 11173, Walnut Cove, NC for the use of our torpedo float in the Walnut Cove Christmas Parade.**

Our annual trip to the mountains, more commonly known as the Burnsville Event will be held the weekend of 18-20 May. We look forward to seeing you there.

As you well know, the even number years within USSVI are elections years for National Offices and possible Constitution and By-Law changes. As I write this, I am not fully sure of who will be running for what and even if there are proposed changes to the C&B. However, I know we will have the five National offices to vote on (just have no idea who might be running for what just yet). I encourage each of you to vote late this year when the time comes. Each person running will have their biography in the American Submariner for you to read. Also any C&B changes will be in there. So when that hits the street, please take the time to read over those that concern you (positions and/or C&B changes) and vote when the time comes. It will be electronic voting done from the USSVI website (instructions will be issued), it only takes a couple of minutes, and is very painless. So please take that short amount of time for your organization.

I look forward to seeing each of you at either all or some of our events throughout the year. Come out and join us sometime and have some fun with the rest of us. And by all means, be safe is whatever you do. I wish all of you a happy and healthy year.

Steve

Next Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting information is posted online at <http://www.ncsubvets.org/cpiedmont.html>

Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting Minutes are posted online at <http://ncsubvets.org/cpiedmontminutes.html>



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



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain Jim Schenk  
USSVI Nathanael Greene Base

BROTHERS – We once more approach springtime with sublime apprehension of another beautiful summer, and the utter enjoyment of the Lord's miraculous handiwork unfolding before us, as it has many times in the past. All things that breathe are the Lord's, and all of those things will one day bow down, without exception, to His glorious name.

I remember my first dive on that old "diesel boat," southbound, out past Long Island Sound, on the way to the Springboard Op. area. I sincerely asked Jesus to protect our boat and all the other sailors in the entire Navy that day. He was gracious and granted me that "first-time-at-sea-prayer," and I served up prayers of praise later, after we had again surfaced. I now made a solemn oath to take time to pray for all my brothers on every dive and surface that followed over the next four years aboard two more boats. Two of the boats had no Sunday Services, but the last Fast Attack did, and it was comforting to know that I had like-minded brothers-in-arms that wanted to glorify His name on a regular basis.

We made our patrols in northern waters and suffered the same fates as many of my fellow veterans did in the Cold War. It was acute tension to know that we would pass under ice too thick for any emergency surfacing operation, but I know that it was not only my sole prayers that protected us then, but that more than one "fox-hole" prayer echoed up to augment the sincere pleas for safe passage made by the true Christian, God-loving men that were aboard.

It was great to be young, ten-feet tall and bullet-proof in those days. The crews of my first two boats attempted to lead me astray into the "devil-may-care" life of drinking and carrying-on. The temptation was great and the peer pressure of my "Dolphin-wearing" brothers was attempting to erode my faith in Jesus. It was such a relief-valve to earn the Dolphins on that diesel boat, and to be able to wear them on successive duty stations, and evermore, with never an "expiration date." With the exception of my daughter's birth, the gratitude of finally earning my Dolphins was one of the most strident prayers of praise during my entire life.

After checking aboard on two of the boats, mess-cooking was my forte. I, of course, vociferously but politely, objected, having checked aboard as a rated Third-Class Petty Officer, but to no avail. I was determined to do my duty as assigned, no matter the personal feelings. I remember praying for the meals to cover for the multitude of young men that would not be seen saying Grace over their victuals. There was one time that we were going to run out of salad at Second Call. My prayer went up, and to show that the Lord has a sense of humor, one of my fellow mess-cooks just them blurted out when the second sitting were about to eat, "the person who finds the toe-nail in their salad will win another nice prize." We did not run out of salad at that meal.

As you know and believe, our Lord has looked down with special favor upon fellow submariners for the past 112 years of our Force's existence. The first time I heard the Submariner's stanza of "Eternal Father," was another proud moment, in that someone had succeeded in including our specialized service into the Navy Hymn, which if you ask me even today, I will respond that it is my all-time favorite hymn and stanza. Yes, spring will turn to summer, and we will be out from under the frigid clasp of winter that we now endure, and enjoying again the pleasures of outdoor activity. The Lord has always been with you, and will forever be with you 'till the end of time; and it will ever be my prayer that he will look out for Submariners everywhere, both Veterans and active duty personnel. Thank you Jesus for being there, and for loving us all.

Please do not forget to say a prayer "out-loud" today for our Vets, and all of the U.S. servicemen and women deployed around the world. They have filled our shoes well.

Have a blessed day.

Chaplain Jim.



## COASTAL CAROLINA BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER



Terry Kuhn  
USSVI Coastal Carolina  
Base Commander

Coastal Carolina Base has been growing steadily in the past year. We now have 48 members. Some of our upcoming events will be the Azalea Parade and Regional Meeting in April and possibly the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Southport. There is a lot of interest in the members to add more to the schedule and more of them are jumping in as officers and to help plan. We are looking forward to a busy and prosperous year ahead.

Azalea Festival Parade and meeting information will be updated on our NC Subvets website <http://ncsubvets.org/>

**Next Coastal Carolina Base Meeting information is posted online at**

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

**Coastal Carolina Base Meeting Minutes are posted online at**

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

## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2012 PARADE SCHEDULE		
DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	St Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	St Patrick's Day Parade in Kill Devil Hills (Nag Head)
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Memorial Day Parade in Thomasville
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Independence Celebration Parade in Troutman
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Fourth of July Parade in Faith
August 23 <sup>d</sup>	Thursday	Old Soldiers Parade in Newton
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Veterans Day Parade in Asheboro

Updated information will be made available on our website at <http://ncsubvets.org/>

### 2011 Asheboro Veterans Day Parade

We had 20 Subvets from the Carolina-Piedmont, Nat Greene, and the Tarheel Bases along with Mike Runkle's 2 grandkids and Ma Bell at this year's parade.

The weather was sunny but cool for this year's parade. The number of spectators was as always large and supportive of all the parade participants. We received a lot of applause as we passed by with our submarine and torpedo.

The NC Subvet won third place in this year's parade. This makes about three years straight that we have won first, second or third in this parade. The NC Subvets have supported this effort and should be very proud of their efforts in disseminating the USSVI program to the various community functions.



## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (Cont.)

### 2011 High Point Veterans Day Parade

This year's parade was held on Sunday afternoon on November 13<sup>th</sup>. There were 14 Nat Greene Base members participating including 3 of our WWII Subvets. Jim Myers had 2 of his grandchildren there and they rode on the Mk-14 Torpedo Float. As you can see in one of the pictures, we now have a Santa Clause to go along with Uncle Sam and Lucky the Leprechaun. So we are ready for any future Christmas Parades. The number of spectators was sparse compared to those at Asheboro's parade held on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. For more pictures, navigate to <http://ncsubvets.org/highpoint2011.html>.



### Tarheel Base Community Service - November 2011

On the morning of Saturday, November 12 a team of ten Tarheel Base Submarine Veterans participated in the inaugural Adopt-A-Spot service project at Fred G Bond Metro Park in Cary. The initial project was scrubbing the hulls of the Park's fleet of paddle boats in preparation for their seasonal layup. While this proved to be a challenging task, the team rose to the occasion completing the work nearly an hour ahead of schedule demonstrating Submariner team work and camaraderie.

Over one million people visit Bond Park every year; park visitors will read our USSVI signs as they stroll about the park and realize that Submariners continue to serve! For more pictures and information, navigate to <http://ncsubvets.org/bondpark2011.html>



### Tarheel Base Community Service - January 2012

On Saturday, January 28 we had our second Town of Cary Adopt-A-Spot Project at Fred G Bond Metro Park to spread mulch at the Bond Park Ropes Course. We had a great day! Great weather, camaraderie, and exercise! We worked together with a Boy Scout group. We now have an Adopt-A-Spot recognition sign located at the entrance to the Ropes Course. An identical sign is prominently located at the entrance to the boat house.

For more pictures and information, navigate to <http://ncsubvets.org/bondpark120128.html>



## THANK GOD THAT I'M A SUBVET'S WIFE

By Irma Goodenow

Now as I laid me down to sleep  
I tossed and turned and counted sheep;  
I prayed about the things in life.  
Thanked God I'm a SubVet's wife.

If not for him I'd not be here  
to make new friends from far and near;  
This sailor man he changed my life;  
Thank God I'm a SubVet's wife.

Tis Silent Service they are known  
A special bond that's all their own;  
They tell their tales and sometimes jive.  
Thank God I'm a SubVet's wife.

Now when they heard the klaxon's dive  
their job was not from nine to five;  
For each of us they gambled life.  
Thank God I'm a SubVet's wife.

Let's not forget when we take roll  
those gallant men still on patrol;  
And those who've since departed life  
they too once had a SubVet's wife.

And then I turned and watch Him sleep  
"Dear Lord" I prayed "My Sub-Vet keep";  
We've been a pair through love and strife,  
Thank God I'm a SubVet's wife.

Amen



## REMEMBERING OLLIE THOMPSON

Here's a picture of the new plaque requested by Terry Thompson to memorialize Ollie Thompson. It will be mounted on the Torpedo Float just under the dolphins on the bow.

The picture was sent to Terry, Ollie's wife, for approval and below is her response.

Jim Myers



----- Original Message -----

From: Theresa Thompson

Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2012 7:25 PM

Subject: Plaque

I have not been able to think of sufficient words to tell you how much the family and myself appreciate what you have done. I was completely shocked by your email because my daughter-in-law never mentioned she was in touch with you. The plaque is absolutely beautiful. As she already mentioned, Oliver was a woodworker like his dad before him and he would freak out if I ever mentioned painting anything. He believed beautiful wood should always be natural. The Subvets were his pride and joy and he never quit promoting and praising them to everyone who would listen. He was extremely appreciative of everything that involved submarines. He would be popping with pride knowing you all have honored him this way. Thanks again from all of us. Next week we would have been married 58 years.

Hope the past year has been kind to you and yours and may this year be even better. Hello to all the submariners in the group and thank you for honoring Oliver in this way.

Love you and God bless.

Terry

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

William Abbruzzese	James Dunn	Jerry "Spots" Leppart	David Thommarson
Hal Bazzle	Richard Graves	John Matthis	Jim Wallace
Harper Brame	Fred Hengeveld	Jerry "Patch" Paciorek	William Wood
Jim Davis	Dick Kanning	Milton Stark	Bob Werner

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Earl Buffaloe	Robert Green	Gene Rutter	Donald Wells
Roy Duke	Jim Myers	Bill Scism	Don Wilson
Dan Eddinger	Arthur Rawson	Joseph Sendek	Edward Wilson
Bob Govern	George Roderick	George Treusch	

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



**NATIONAL CONVENTION AWARDS:** NC SubVets were exceptionally blessed this year:

- SE Region District of the Year
- COMSUBLANT recognition for the SOY program
- 2 First Place Newsletter Awards (Tarheel's *ALL CLEAR* and Carolina-Piedmont's *PIEDMONT PERISCOPE*)
- Robert Link Award to Jack Jeffries, Carolina-Piedmont Base
- Robert Link Award to Bill Whelan, Tarheel Base
- Robert Link Award to Carolina-Piedmont Base
- Meritorious Award to Steve Bell, Carolina-Piedmont Base
- Golden Anchor Award to Carolina-Piedmont Base
- Joe Negri Award to Dick Kanning SED1 Commander

This is quite an accomplishment, especially considering the competition and the similar size to many districts but a lot smaller than some. Just goes to show that good work gets its just award.

**2012 AWARDS:** The time is NOW! USSVI Award nominations are now being accepted and will be until 30 April 2012. Many members are worthy of any of the several awards available. Don't sell your shipmates short by not giving proper recognition. As in the past, I'll help anyone in submitting same. Our awards manual allows anyone to submit a nomination.

**USSVI CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:** Brotherhood Fund, Library Fund, memorials and Ceremonies and Scholarship Fund. All handled by volunteers (SubVets); NO overhead; NO salaries to a manager or custodian AND: all donations are tax deductible! Think of that! A lot better than the costs and salaries paid to the Red Cross or UNICEF and no fancy offices, AND the monies are distributed to our members or family members.

Over 80 Scholarships were awarded last year. Three to grandchildren of Tarheel Base members for college.

I recently had the opportunity to apply for a donation/loan for a fellow SED1 shipmate who is going through some rough times from a severe medical setback. In less than 2 weeks, I received a check. It made for a wonderful Christmas gift.

This is what our Charitable Foundation can do, and does. Consider that when your Base is looking for a way to not spend money, but contribute to a worthy cause(s).

**USSVI Scholarships:** The cut-off date for application is 15 April. Don't deny your college bound child / grandchild the opportunity to get a nice stipend!

**HOLLAND CLUB:** with USSVI Holland Club Inductions being done on a yearly basis, vice individually or monthly, I advise you to ensure all your HC candidates are so identified. National NEEDS to know who to provide the appropriate items for presentation in a timely manner. On that subject, I will provide to you HC Challenge Coins, but only if I know your needs. I'm not competing with our Nat'l SK, but my cost is cheap, in comparison.

**TAXES:** USSVI has achieved "War Veterans" Status. As such, we are a tax exempt organization, over and above a non-profit veterans (social) organization. More important is that each Base also is now a tax exempt entity and donations to your base or a base project are tax exempt!

This does not come easy, and must be determined yearly. The biggest peril in maintaining this status is Associate Members.



## MORE FROM YOUR SED1 COMMANDER

If your Base has Associate members, they must:

- Have an active member sponsor
- NOT sponsor another associate
- In the event the Sponsor becomes a non-active member, the Associate member must acquire another sponsor, or be dropped
- An active member may sponsor ONLY ONE Associate.

**NATIONAL ELECTIONS:** Yup, it's that time again. All offices including Regional Directors are open to qualified candidates, as well as proposed amendments to our C&B .may be submitted. Be active, and look! Something wrong? Submit a PA. Know of a good candidate who meets the requirements and would accept if nominated/elected, submit them for ballot placement.

I have been nominated for SERD, which I just agreed to fill, if elected. That brings up the SED1 CDR position. I'm proud to announce that Steve Bell, present Carolina-Piedmont Base CDR and NC SubVets CDR has agreed to and has been appointed as my relief. Steve and I have already begun a timely and detailed transition. We're breaking the norm, as it seems a lot of such appointments are "I had it - You've got it!" style. Steve would not accept such and I surely would NOT! We've got the best District in the Region and I feel the best in USSVI and we both want to continue to set the standards!

Steve and I both anticipate your support.

### **2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION: Norfolk, VA - 2-8 SEP 2012**

Hosted by the Hampton Roads Base with "help" of the NC SubVets This is a somewhat misnomer, as anyone in SED1, namely the USS Virginia Base, is more than welcome to help.

Convention Chair John Kennedy, a "take by the horns" or "push, pull or get out of the way" Dynamo has a super staff all diligently working to ensure that this convention will be the best. Way back when the convention was awarded to HR Base, I've had the pleasure to assist. Shipmates, this convention is on our turf, the first in 8 years to be on the east coast, AND in a Submarine based area.

I recently sent out a Watchbill to all Base POCs. This is OUR opportunity to help, by manning the Registration Table... Pretty easy with the way it's set up. Tarheel, Nathanael Greene and Carolina-Piedmont Bases have spoken for set days (Tues., Wed., and Thur.), but that leaves a lot of openings.

Great venues, good tours, outstanding events (Tolling of the Boats and a casino night for starters) and great accommodations. Boat reunions in the Sheraton, directly across the street from the host hotel, the Waterfront Marriott.

It will be the last joint USSVI/USSVWWII convention and also the last National Convention for the WWII folks, as they are closing shop.

The host hotel is already over 50% filled.

I beckon you to look at the convention website (see below) for all the details.

Yours in Service,  
Dick

**USSVI 2012 National Convention / SVWWII 2012 National Convention**

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

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

### USS Asheville (SSN 758)

USS Asheville Returns from Deployment

By Commander, Submarine Squadron 11 Public Affairs, Dec 17, 2011

POINT LOMA, Calif. (NNS) -- USS Asheville (SSN 758) returned to Naval Base Point Loma, Calif., Dec. 16, following a four-month deployment in support of combating transnational organized operations in the U.S. Fourth Fleet area of responsibility.

The deployment supported U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command campaign strategy and the maritime strategy, which includes maritime security, forward presence, sea control, and power projection. Asheville traversed more than 20,000 nautical miles throughout the deployment.

While operating in the SOUTHCOM area of responsibility, which includes the Caribbean, Central and South America, Asheville participated in missions to counter the growing connection among narcotics groups, illicit trafficking networks, and hybrid criminal-terrorist-insurgent organizations. The submarine also conducted two port visits to Panama, furthering relations with U.S. partners in Central America.

"The linkages between drugs, drug money and the rise of transnational criminal organizations directly undermine regional security and threaten the vital economic development on which all regional partners depend," said Rear Adm. Kurt Tidd, commander, U.S. 4th Fleet. "Asheville brings the unique capabilities of a submarine to help counter these non-traditional security threats."

Cmdr. Jerry Miranda, USS Asheville commanding officer, said he is very proud of his crew and its accomplishments.

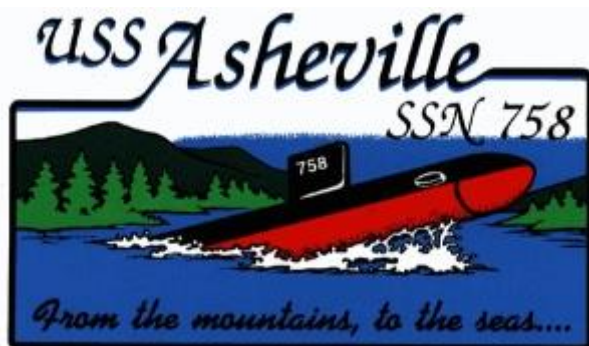
"It is certainly a privilege to be entrusted to command such a capable warship on another deployment. Asheville performed superbly in many facets of submarine operations," Cmdr. Miranda said. "In addition to the ship's operational successes, 28 Sailors were advanced in rank, and 18 more earned their submarine warfare qualification; an incredible feat for any command.

"I cannot possibly convey the gratitude I feel for the support the crew received from the family and friends of USS Asheville during this long stretch from home. The sacrifices each family member made to allow us to remain deployed and excel are greatly appreciated," Miranda said.

Asheville, the Navy's 30th Los Angeles-class, fast-attack submarine, was commissioned Sept. 28, 1991. Displacing more than 6,900 tons, Asheville is home to nearly 140 Sailors and is based out of Naval Base Point Loma, San Diego.

U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet supports U.S. Southern Command's joint and combined full-spectrum military operations by providing principally sea-based, forward presence to ensure freedom of maneuver in the maritime domain, to foster and sustain cooperative relationships with international partners and to fully exploit the sea as maneuver space in order to enhance regional security and promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the Caribbean, Central and South American regions.

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



## MORE FROM THE FLEET

### USS Charlotte (SSN 766)

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (Nov. 1, 2011) – Capt. Stanley Robertson, Commander Submarine Squadron One, (Left) presents Cmdr. Richard Young, commanding officer, USS Charlotte (SSN 766) and Master Chief Electronics Technician (SS) Scott Rossiter, chief of the boat, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Nov, 1 for meritorious service from Dec. 5, 2010 to May 25, 2011. The crew of the Los Angeles-class submarine skillfully conducted operations of great importance to national security by safely operating in a demanding and challenging undersea environment while accomplishing critical, fleet, theater and national objectives during this time.



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

### USS North Carolina (SSN 777)

#### North Carolina Visits Yokosuka During Western Pacific Deployment

Amphibious Squadron 5 Public Affairs, December 21

YOKOSUKA, Japan - The Virginia-class fast attack submarine USS North Carolina (SSN 777) arrived at Fleet Activities Yokosuka Dec. 21 for a visit as part of her maiden deployment to the Western Pacific.

With a crew of 133, North Carolina will conduct a multitude of missions and showcase the latest capabilities of the submarine force.

"North Carolina is proud to be here in the Western Pacific, making good on our country's commitment to enhance security, stability, and prosperity in the region," said Cmdr. Richard Rhinehart, North Carolina's commanding officer.

North Carolina is the fourth submarine in the Virginia class, the Navy's newest class of submarine and the first ship designed for the post Cold-war environment. She is designed to operate with stealth, agility and endurance in the world's littoral regions, as well as the deep oceans. Designed to accomplish a wide variety of missions as required by her operational commanders, her crew recently completed a rigorous training and evaluation cycle to prepare for the full range of possible tasking in the region.

"Our crew has put in a lot of long days preparing to bring our boat from Pearl Harbor to the Western Pacific, and do the work our Nation requires of us," said master chief Jon Consford, chief of the boat. "All the training and preparation have already paid off during recent successful operations in transit. Now we're all looking forward to some well-deserved time during North Carolina's first ever visit to Japan."

For many of the crew members, this is not only their first deployment but also their first time visiting Japan.

"I'm definitely excited about getting to visit Japan," said electronics technician 3rd class (submarine service) Jerry Weaver III. "I'm looking forward to maybe visiting Tokyo and enjoying some authentic sushi."

Measuring more than 350 feet long and weighing more than 7,800 tons when submerged, North Carolina is one of the stealthiest, most technologically advanced submarines in the world. She brings to the region the capability to conduct the full spectrum of potential submarine missions including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, naval special warfare involving Special Forces, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, and mine warfare.

North Carolina is homeported in Pearl Harbor, HI and was commissioned in 2008. This is the boat's first deployment, having recently completed a period of extensive follow-on testing and evaluation of her cutting edge sonar, navigation and fire control systems.

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## USSVI NEWS

USS BATFISH (SSN 681) to be Inducted into the Submarine Hall Of Fame  
Submitted by: James A Fox on 2/9/2012

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For the past ten years a post-cold war submarine has been selected for induction into the Submarine 'Hall of Fame' at the Submarine Learning Facility on Naval Station Norfolk. Previously recognized submarines include USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571), USS ALBACORE (SS 569), USS GROWLER (SS 577) and USS TRITON (SSGN 586).

This year USS BATFISH (SSN 681) will be recognized for her contribution to the end of the cold war. In 1978 BATFISH trailed a Soviet ballistic missile submarine for 50 days, undetected. This top secret mission, code named Operation Evening Star, was declassified for the submarine centennial in

2000 and was the subject of a Smithsonian magazine article and included in the exhibit at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC.

Former BATFISH crewmembers - from this mission as well as prior and later - are invited to attend the SubVets memorial on 24 May at the Submarine Learning Center during which BATFISH will be recognized and inducted into the Submarine 'Hall of Fame.'

Contact STSCS(SS) Robert Blythe at (757) 445-7894 or by e-mail at [robert.t.blythe@navy.mil](mailto:robert.t.blythe@navy.mil) for additional details and base access.

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Your 2012 Meritorious Award Nominations requested  
Submitted by: Office on 2/13/2012

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This Award is presented to the Member or Base that most exemplifies the Motto, "Pride Runs Deep," who, by the efforts and involvement of a Member or Base, participates in local veterans affairs, parades, school activities, and presentations to Civic, legislative, Veterans, patriotic and other organizations, which promote the concept of Honor, Duty, Pride, and shows the history and lore of the US Navy Submarine Force to the general public and community at large.

Some examples may be Library displays, Community Bulletin Boards, Schools, and items that appear in print and/or electronic media, Press Releases, Public/Community Service Announcements, etc,

This Award may be presented to a Base, Group, or an individual member of USSVI.

A Nomination may be made by any Member and submitted to the Awards Chairman John Stanford at [Jstan131@comcast.net](mailto:Jstan131@comcast.net)

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Your 2012 Joe Negri Shipmate of the Year Nominations Requested  
Submitted by: Office on 2/13/2012

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The "Joe Negri" Award is awarded to a individual Member who, by his personal individual efforts and participation during the preceding years contributed the most to the advancement and embodiment of the USSVI Creed and Agenda, and by his dedicated service and support to our USSVI organization and his fellow Submarine Veteran Brothers exemplifies the meaning and spirit of the word, "Shipmate."

Any member may submit a nomination for this award. Your nomination and justification should be sent to John Stanford at [jstan131@comcast.net](mailto:jstan131@comcast.net)



## USSVI NEWS (Cont.)

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Your Nomination for the 2012 Silver Anchor Award is requested  
Submitted by: Office on 2/13/2012

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The Silver Anchor Award is presented to a USSVI Member in recognition of efforts to support one of the primary objectives of our Creed to provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment.

This Award recognizes the member's volunteer support for meetings, projects and events, including work to recruit new Members and to retain the current membership of the base.

This Award will be presented to individual USSVI Members only.

All Members may submit nominations, which should be sent to John Stanford, National Awards Chairman at [istan131@comcast.net](mailto:istan131@comcast.net)

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3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Nominations for 2012 National and Region Election  
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 1/7/2012

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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 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 by email at [householderp@comcast.net](mailto:householderp@comcast.net) or by mail at 25003 SE 146th St, Issaquah WA 98027.

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USS Wyoming makes history  
Submitted by: Office on 1/12/2012

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USS Wyoming welcomed aboard Lt. Kelly M. Chufo, Ensign Marquette J. Ried and Ensign Karen R. Achtyl to become the first mixed-gender crew in the submarine force.

## USSVI NEWS (Cont.)

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50<sup>th</sup> USS Thresher Memorial Service 2013  
Submitted by: James A Fox on 1/10/2012

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Shipmates;

I have received a letter from Victoria Sallade, granddaughter of Charles Wiggins, who served on the USS Thresher with the following request.

She has made it a goal to assist in contacting all of the families of the 129 men on board along with all the Former Crew prior to the 50<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service in 2013. Right now she has contact information for a little over half.

Her request is for the widest distribution of this information so she can complete her list and invite all to the Memorial service.

Victoria Sallade  
22 North Central Avenue  
Sicklerville, NJ 08081  
609-519-1707  
[Bobjs36@aol.com](mailto:Bobjs36@aol.com)

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Volunteers to "Turn and Burn" on Razorback!  
Submitted by: Shane Foraker on 1/11/2012

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Razorback in North Little Rock has a great cadre of volunteers, and can always use more.

The crew association will have their annual "sleep aboard" work party 16-20 April.

All racks open except CO stateroom.

The Galley works and we'll probably have a couple meals there as well as movie call.

Contact Shane Foraker at [dasboot394@gmail.com](mailto:dasboot394@gmail.com) for more details.

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U.S. Navy Breaks the Wrong Record  
Submitted by: Office on 1/12/2012

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The U.S. Navy broke a record in 2011, as it relieved (removed from their job) 35 senior commanders.

Worse yet, 27 of them were commanding or executive officers on ships. This was higher than the previous record year, 2003, when 23 were relieved.

To read more, go to the link....

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htlead/articles/20120111.aspx>

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HOLLAND CLUB "ROCKER ARM"  
Submitted by: Gil Shaddock on 1/15/2012

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"Holland Club "Rocker Arm" patches denoting "55 Years Qualified", "60 Years Qualified", "65 Years Qualified", "70 Years Qualified" and "75 Years Qualified" are available from the National Storekeeper. These patches can be sewn above the 50 Year Holland Club Patch."

Thanks,  
Gil Shaddock  
Holland Club Vice Chairman



## USSVI NEWS (Cont.)

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The 688 returns to LA.

Submitted by: T. Michael Bircumshaw on 1/14/2012

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Shipmates,

I just received a call from Mr. Grant Ivey of the Navy League and was delighted to hear that the sail of the USS Los Angeles SSN-688 is safely stored (in 3 pieces) at the Port of Los Angeles and waiting to be installed in a magnificent naval display that will be center-pieced by the USS Iowa BB-Target, the bow of the USS Texas BB-Targetalso, and other unspecified naval ships and parts in the Port of Los Angeles. The program is hopefully slated to be completed within the next year, depending on the various government entities who are involved in the process.

Who Knew?

I was sure that we had lost the 688 to the torch.. apparently not so.. The sail was trucked down from Bremerton on three trucks with the Planes on one vehicle and the remainder of the sail in two even halves.. Somewhere down the line there will be a need for a couple of good old Navy welders to break out the fire sticks and put it all back together.

I will attempt to get an article into the upcoming American Submariner with photos and more details.

Happy new year.. Welcome 688 Boat!

Best,  
Michael

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Spy Drone and Missile Sub Are on Military's Budget-Cutting List

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 1/27/2012

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(Exerpts) "Mr. Panetta said the Navy would delay its long-range plans to build a new nuclear-powered missile submarine by two years to ease the current budget pressures and help start the program on a more solid footing.

Pentagon officials have said that the new missile submarines would eventually replace the aging Ohio-class subs, which carry nuclear missiles and could cost \$5 billion each. Pentagon officials said they also would delay construction of one Virginia-class attack submarine, two coastal combat ships and a large amphibious ship to reduce short-term costs.

Most of the ship construction is done by General Dynamics and Huntington Ingalls Industries, which was spun off by Northrop Grumman last year. Lockheed and a unit of an Australian company build the coastal ships.

Still, the Pentagon said it also planned to redesign the Virginia-class subs, which are smaller than the Ohio-class subs and protect other warships, to carry more cruise missiles and upgrade radars on both airplanes and ships."

To read the entire article, visit this link...

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/27/business/military-contractors-brace-for-cutbacks.html>



## USSVI NEWS (Cont.)

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USS Requin needs some love...

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 1/28/2012

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Rust threatens to mothball Science Center's USS Requin submarine in Pittsburgh PA.

Lee Bookwalter knows it takes a special type of person to serve aboard a submarine.

The Navy veteran spent five years aboard the USS Pargo in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

"It's very difficult to explain to somebody who's never been on a submarine what the camaraderie is like," said Bookwalter, 58, of Plum. He is a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania chapter of U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc., known as the Requin Base.

Now the organization's namesake is in need of repair -- maybe up to \$2 million worth.

Bookwalter said fixing the problem is of utmost importance to local submarine veterans. The Requin Base holds a ceremony each Memorial Day weekend, during which members toll a bell for each boat lost during service.

"(The Requin is) basically our namesake," Bookwalter said. "It's gone a long way in helping veterans find us."

Huey Dietrich, commander of Requin Base, called the submarine a "living monument."

"It is the centerpiece of Pittsburgh," he said. "People in Pittsburgh love it."

Read more: Rust threatens to mothball Science Center's Requin submarine - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review at [http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/s\\_778864.html#ixzz1knvRrw1u](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/s_778864.html#ixzz1knvRrw1u)

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Pentagon Unveils New Plan for Conventional Submarine-Based Ballistic Missiles

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 1/31/2012

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WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Defense Department plans to develop a new conventional ballistic missile for fielding on attack submarines, according to major budget decisions announced on Thursday at the Pentagon (see GSN, Dec. 23, 2011).

"The Navy will invest in a design that will allow new Virginia-class submarines to be modified to carry more cruise missiles and develop an undersea conventional prompt strike option," Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said at a press conference.

Go to the link for the rest of the story...

<http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/pentagon-unveils-new-plan-conventional-submarine-based-ballistic-miss>

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2012 Award Nominations requested

Submitted by: John Stanford - Awards Chairman on 1/31/2012

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The Purpose of the Awards Recognition program is to recognize those members who have performed above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of USSVI and in living up to the intent and purposes of our national creed.

THE USSVI AWARDS MANUAL is for members and bases to use to submit nominees for the 2012 USSVI Award Program. Award Nominations may be submitted starting now through April 30, 2012.

The Golden Anchor and Newsletter award criteria sections have changed from last year.

All Award nominations (with exception of Newsletter Award) must be received by the National Awards Chairman by April 30, 2012.

May 15 2012 is the deadline for submission of Newsletters for Newsletter of the Year Award.

[http://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Awards\\_Manuals\\_2012\\_USSVI\\_Awards\\_Manual.PDF](http://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Awards_Manuals_2012_USSVI_Awards_Manual.PDF)

## USSVI NEWS (Cont.)

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CHARITABLE: Announcing the Theodore "Ted" Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 2/14/2012

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Long time USSVI member Theodore Charles "Ted" Taylor departed this life on Eternal Patrol, September 4, 2011 at home in Renton, WA, with no regrets or dreams unfulfilled.

Ted joined the Navy in 1946 and became qualified in submarines aboard the USS Carbonero in 1948. He also served aboard USS Cusk (1947), USS Tiru (1948-49), USS Cabezon (1950), USS Entemedor (1950-51), USS Flying Fish (1952-53), USS Sarda (1953-56), USS Amberjack (1956), USS Jack (1957-58), USS Compass Island (1958), USS Observation Island (1958) and USS Abraham Lincoln (1960-63).

Ted was a Electronics Technician Senior Chief(SS) when he left the Navy in 1966.

Always ready to help others, Ted spent countless volunteer hours at the Seattle Veterans Administration hospital offering comfort and cheer to the hospitalized veterans there.

Following Ted's passing in 2011, because of his lifelong commitment to helping others, his wife Loma determined to honor his memory by setting up this memorial scholarship to be given in his name, and a \$5,000.00 gift was made on behalf of Eleanor Van Slyke in appreciation for all the help Ted and Loma provided in helping to manage her affairs for almost 40 years.

Ted was well known and loved throughout USSVI and SVWWII, and his friends and shipmates are invited to contribute to this scholarship to be awarded in the name of "Taylor the Sailor" (as Ted referred to himself) so that his name is not forgotten and good works in his name are continued on.

If you can, please send your gift to USSVCF and mark your contribution for the Ted Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund, PO Box 3870, Silverdale WA 98383.

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CHARITABLE: 2012 2011 Scholarship Fund Donations Received now posted.

Submitted by: Paul Orstad - Scholarship Chairman on 1/8/2012

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The scholarship donation that have been received from September to December is now posted on the USSVI web page under Charitable Fund then click on CF Donations then look for @2011 to 2012 donation which should be the top. If there is any errors please contact the Scholarship Chairman for correction to be made. The Donation list will be updated every two months.

Thank you for all your donations.

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CHARITABLE: USS Ethan Allen Association dives deep and gives big!

Submitted by: Pat Householder IPNC on 1/12/2012

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At the Ethan Allen Association October, 2011 reunion in Branson MO, the membership voted to make a \$2,000.00 donation to USSV Charitable Foundation, \$1000 ea to the Scholarship Fund and to the Kaps 4 Kids program.

The lead ship and one of five in the "Ethan Allen" class, she served from 1961-1983. On 6 May 1962, Ethan Allen launched a nuclear-armed Polaris missile that detonated at 11,000 feet (3.4 km) over the South Pacific. That test (Frigate Bird), part of Operation Dominic I, was the only complete operational test of an American strategic missile. The warhead hit "right in the pickle barrel."

On Jan 9, 2012 at Deterrent Park at Bangor WA Sub Base, Ethan Allen Plankowner Dennis "Andy" Anderson presented their check to Patrick Householder, IPNC, and Fred Borgmann, National Office Executive.

On behalf the 13,700+ members of USSVI, we thank George C Connor, President, and the Ethan Allen Association membership for their kind and generous gift and we will see that it is properly put to good use.

## THE SUB NET

Items on the Internet of Interest to Submariners

<b>Submarine Force Year in Review for 2011</b> <a href="http://youtu.be/491vj0W82-Y">http://youtu.be/491vj0W82-Y</a>	<b>Submarine Sailors of the Cold War</b> <a href="http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/bestoftv/2011/11/09/vif-silent-service-warriors.cnn">http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/bestoftv/2011/11/09/vif-silent-service-warriors.cnn</a>
<b>USS Drum SS-228 Mobile, AL</b> <a href="http://www.drum228.org/restoration.html">http://www.drum228.org/restoration.html</a>	<b>Submarine Sailor dot com</b> <a href="http://www.submarinesailor.com">www.submarinesailor.com</a>
<b>Navy Traditions and Customs</b> <a href="http://www.history.navy.mil/trivia/trivia01.htm">http://www.history.navy.mil/trivia/trivia01.htm</a>	<b>Origin of the U.S. Navy Submarine Insignia</b> <a href="http://www.northofseveycorners.com/history/dolphst.htm">http://www.northofseveycorners.com/history/dolphst.htm</a>
<b>Today in U.S. Submarine History - Index</b> <a href="http://www.esyle.com/coblincs/tdish/index.htm">http://www.esyle.com/coblincs/tdish/index.htm</a>	<b>The USS Scorpion Buried at Sea</b> <a href="http://www.historynet.com/the-uss-scorpion-buried-at-sea.htm">http://www.historynet.com/the-uss-scorpion-buried-at-sea.htm</a>
<b>A Little Know Veteran Benefit - "Aid and Attendance"</b> <a href="http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/pension/vetpen.htm#7">http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/pension/vetpen.htm#7</a>	<b>Replacing Lost Military Medals and Decorations</b> <a href="http://themilitarywallet.com/replace-military-medals-awards-decorations/">http://themilitarywallet.com/replace-military-medals-awards-decorations/</a>
<b>December 2011 DFAS Newsletter</b> <a href="http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/newsevents/newsletter.html">http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/newsevents/newsletter.html</a>	<b>Declassified U.S. Nuclear Test Film #43</b> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5orHjD5FWc8&amp;feature=related">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5orHjD5FWc8&amp;feature=related</a>
<b>Confederate Submarine Finally Revealed After Being Buried At Sea for 150 Years</b> <a href="http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2085991/Pictured-time-Civil-War-Confederate-submarine-finally-revealed-buried-sea-150-years.html">http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2085991/Pictured-time-Civil-War-Confederate-submarine-finally-revealed-buried-sea-150-years.html</a>	
<b>On the Shoulders of Giants: Innovation and Courage: The Legacy of World War II Submarine Veterans</b> <a href="http://www.militaryhistoryonline.com/wwii/articles/shouldersofgiants.aspx">http://www.militaryhistoryonline.com/wwii/articles/shouldersofgiants.aspx</a>	
<b>True Stories of Navy Enlisted Submariners on Patrol in the Pacific During World War II</b> <a href="http://www.sljackson.com/submarine_book.php">http://www.sljackson.com/submarine_book.php</a>	
<b>Letterman's Top Ten Reasons I'm Proud to be in the US Navy – Submarine Style</b> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4a3q9ZrsBek&amp;feature=share">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4a3q9ZrsBek&amp;feature=share</a>	
<b>In the Beginning ... God Created the Submariner</b> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/v/Z9Eo6INrPW4&amp;hl=en_US&amp;feature=player_embedded&amp;version=3">http://www.youtube.com/v/Z9Eo6INrPW4&amp;hl=en_US&amp;feature=player_embedded&amp;version=3</a>	

## UNIQUE LANGUAGE OF SUBMARINERS

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

<b>Boat</b>	A submarine (not a ship, because "ships carry boats")
<b>Crow</b>	The rate insignia of a USN Petty Officer (E-4 through E-6), so-called because of the eagle surmounting the rate chevrons.
<b>Poopie Suit</b>	Blue coveralls worn by sub crews.
<b>Snipe</b>	Crew members in the engineering rates; someone who works in the engineering spaces and seldom is seen topside when underway.
<b>Wardroom</b>	(1) A compartment aboard ship where the officers eat. May also be used for meetings, briefings, etc. (2) The complement of officers aboard ship.

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

## WELCOME ABOARD !!

### Our Newest Tarheel Base Members

**Scott Spinka** of Pittsboro, NC qualified on the USS Robert E. Lee (SSBN-601) in 1964 and also served on SSN-578, SSBN-630, SSN-670 before leaving the Navy in 1970 as an IC1(SS).

**David H. Bell** of Roxboro, NC qualified on the USS George Bancroft (SSBN-643) in 1983 and also served on AS-34, SSBN-623, SSBN/SSN-624, SSBN-658 before retiring in 1998 as an ET1(SS).



## 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>

**There are men working in the sail!**  
**Do not raise, lower, rotate, or radiate; from any mast or antenna ...**  
**There are men working in the sail!**

## ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES

### Frank Charles Lupo , LT



Frank was a Tarheel Base member and is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, Jeanne Parsons Lupo. He is also survived by his daughter, Susan Elizabeth Lupo and her husband, Andrew DuVal Taylor, Jr., and their family. He died on December 25, 2011 at Asbury Care Center in Charlotte, NC after a long illness. He was eighty-nine years old.

Frank was born on March 12, 1922, the son of the late Frank Coke Lupo and Clara McCarthy Lupo. He was a native of Columbia, SC.

Frank graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1943 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. While at USC, he joined the Naval ROTC Unit and immediately after graduation, entered the US Navy submarine training school at the Naval Submarine Base in New London, Connecticut as an Ensign. He served four years during World War II in the South Pacific aboard the USS Piranha, a Balao class submarine. During that time, he rose to the rank of First Lieutenant. Frank did not consider his service during World War II an obligation; rather he believed it was his duty and an honor.

Frank will be fondly remembered by his family and those who knew him as an energetic, funny and generous man, who expected the best from everyone, but who gave even more.

A Funeral Service celebrating Frank's life was held at Myers Park United Methodist Church in the Francis Chapel, on December 29, 2011.

# 2012 NC SUBVETS BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

18-19 May 2012

Pre-Registration Form – Cutoff Date 4 May 2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration / Catered Meal, Saturday May 19      Per Person \$30 X 

NO.		TOTAL
	_____	= \$ _____

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

**2012 NC Subvets Burnsville Memorial Service 18-19 May 2012**

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

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

Registration / Catered Meal, Saturday May 19      Per Person \$30 X 

NO.		TOTAL
	_____	= \$ _____

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

Phone: 1-828-765-9394 or 704-517-6374 (preferable)

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

Reservations: Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of the individual (828-765-6276 or 704-517-6374). A special rate of approximately \$85.00 (plus tax) for most rooms (if you are doubling up with someone, there is an extra \$10 charge) is available for U.S. Subvets per night. Double rooms are \$99 and singles are \$69 (plus tax of course). This hotel has only 16 rooms but has made a deal with a hotel (Big Lynn Gap Motel) approximately 2 miles away for overflow at the same rate. Skyline Hotel will arrange for either hotel as appropriate. **DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL RATE IS 4 MAY 2012.** Check out the website at

[www.skylinevillageinn.com](http://www.skylinevillageinn.com)



## 2012 NC SUBVETS BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

We invite you all to come to the Burnsville 2012 event on 18 and 19 May. The 18<sup>th</sup> is mostly just a day of getting together and enjoying the evening together. There will be plenty of snacks and drinks available at no additional cost to you. The 19<sup>th</sup> will be an NC Subvets meeting, followed by lunch wherever you care to go. Many of us will go to the Western Sizzlin a couple miles down the road from the hotels. It is also on the way to the memorial. We will have our Memorial Service at 1400. Most of you know where that is, but if this is a first time for you, you can ride with someone or just follow, your choice. The evening is a dinner put on by the main hotel (Skyline Village Inn) and we are trying to get a band in for your evening entertainment. Those that attended last year enjoyed it. How well you may ask. To the best I can remember, once the band started, nobody left until they were through for the evening. And our reports back from various attendees said the entire weekend was well worth it. So make your plans early to come join us that weekend.

Come on out and enjoy the weekend with us. I doubt you will regret it. If you are just coming up for the service, we welcome you too. We look forward to seeing you in the mountains in May.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY MAY 18

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

#### SATURDAY MAY 19

1000 NC Subvet Meeting (swearing in of Carolina-Piedmont officers)  
1130 (approx) Lunch at Western Sizzlin (on your own)(for those that want to eat there)  
1400 Memorial Service on Moonshine Mountain  
1800 Catered Meal @ Skyline Village Inn (downstairs)  
1900 (approx) Band Entertainment for the evening (downstairs)

- We will caravan (or try to) to the Memorial Site from Western Sizzlin after lunch
- Hospitality Room will be open during the day Saturday
- Evening meal is a buffet style meal prepared at the hotel

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

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



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*Jim McGlamery, State Cdr – [jimss143@att.net](mailto:jimss143@att.net)*

*Jim Hunnicutt, AlaFlo Chap Pres – [mcpo.ss@peoplepc.com](mailto: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](mailto: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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.







**United States Submarine Veterans Inc.  
U.S. Submarine Veterans, World War II  
2012 National Convention**



**September 2 – 9, 2012  
Norfolk Waterside Marriott  
Norfolk, VA**

Name (to be used on name badge, Include SVWWII/USSVI Officer Title): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Qual Boat: \_\_\_\_\_ Hull Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Qual Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter the number of individuals in your party that will require wheelchair/ADA accessibility.

Date	Event	Cost	Qty	Total
	2012 Convention Registration (per person) <b>NOTE: Registration Fees will not be refunded for any reason after 1 August 2012</b>	\$25.00		
Mon 9/3	Early Bird Social (No-Host Bar and Snacks)(1600-1800) Fleet Night (Snacks)	\$10.00 NC		
Tue 9/4	PBC Darryl Moyers Memorial Golf Tournament (0800) Sewells Point Golf Course Norfolk and Navy Base Tour with Ice Cream Snack (1300-1630) Submarine/Submarine Learning Facility Tours (Boat/Facility Availability, Times and Trans Cost) Welcome Aboard Party (1800-200) Sheraton Hotel	\$50.00 \$35.00 TBD \$5.00		
Wed 9/5	Holland Club Breakfast (0800-1000) Norfolk and Navy Base Tour w/Ice Cream Snack (0900-1230) Submarine/Submarine Learning Facility Tours (Boat/Facility Availability, Times and Trans Cost) Nauticus/Battleship Wisconsin, Norfolk and Navy Base Tour w/Lunch (0900-1600) Mariners Museum, Fort Monroe and Casemate Museum Tour w/Lunch (0900-1600) SVWWII/USSVI Widows Luncheon (1200-1400) Williamsburg Tour w/Dinner in a Colonial Tavern (1400-2200) Casino Night (1900-2200)	\$25.00 \$35.00 TBD \$55.00 \$60.00 \$25.00 \$90.00 \$20.00		
Thu 9/6	Colonial Williamsburg and Williamsburg Winery Tour and Tasting (0830-1600) Jamestown Settlement, Yorktown Victory Center Tour (0830-1600) Riding Virginia Beach Tour, Old Cape Henry Lighthouse, Virginia Aquarium w/Lunch (0900-1330) Submarine/Submarine Learning Facility Tours (Boat/Facility Availability, Times and Trans Cost) SVWWII/USSVI Men's Luncheon (1200-1400) 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual SSMC Motorcycle Ride into the Wind and Back (0900-1500) SVWWII/USSVI Women's Luncheon (1200-1400) Spirit of Norfolk Dinner Cruise (1815-2215)	\$50.00 \$55.00 \$80.00 TBD \$25.00 NC \$25.00 \$66.00		
Fri 9/7	WWII SOS Breakfast (0800-1000)	\$25.00		
Sat 9/8	Annual Submarine Film Festival (1300-1600) SVWWII/USSVI Convention Awards Banquet (1830-2359) Indicate Dinner Choice Chicken Breast _____, Seasonal Catch _____, Bistro Steak _____, Vegetarian _____	\$10.00 \$35.00		
Sun 9/9	"Farewell Until Next Year" Breakfast Social (0800-1000)	\$25.00		
Opportunity Drawing	\$775 Value 6 nights at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott <b>Register before 1 July 2012 – winner will be notified by 15 July 2012</b>	1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20		
<b>Total:</b>				

**NOTE: Attendance at any SVWWII/USSVI sponsored activity requires paid registration with the Convention!**

Payment by check or money order only made payable to:

2012 USSVI Convention  
P.O. Box 64909  
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