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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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56-65 = \$300, 66-75 = \$200, 76 and up = \$100

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



LOST SUBMARINES - SECOND QUARTER

APRIL

USS Pickerel (SS-177)

Lost on April 3, 1943 with the loss of 74 officers and men while on her 7th war patrol. She was lost off Honshu. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined, but her OP area contained numerous minefields.



USS Snook (SS-279)

Lost on April 8, 1945 with the loss of 88 officers and men while on her 9th war patrol. Snook ranks 10th in total Japanese tonnage sunk and is tied for 9th in the number of ships sunk. She was lost near Hainan Island, possibly sunk by a Japanese submarine.



USS Thresher (SSN-593)

Lost on April 10, 1963 with the loss of 112 crew members and 17 civilian technicians during deep-diving exercises. 15 minutes after reaching test depth, she communicated with USS Skylark that she was having problems. Skylark heard noises "like air rushing into an air tank" - then, silence. Rescue ship Recovery (ASR-43) subsequently recovered bits of debris, including gloves and bits of internal insulation. Photographs taken by Trieste proved that the submarine had broken up, taking all hands on board to their deaths in 1,400 fathoms of water, some 220 miles east of Boston.



USS Gudgeon (SS-211)

Lost on April 18, 1944 with the loss of 80 men off Saipan. Winner of 5 Presidential Unit Citations, Gudgeon was on her 12th war patrol and most likely due to a combined air and surface antisubmarine attack. Gudgeon was the first US submarine to go on patrol from Pearl Harbor after the Japanese attack. On her first patrol, she became the first US submarine to sink an enemy warship, picking off the submarine I-173.



USS Grenadier (SS-210)

Lost on April 22, 1943 near Penang, with no immediate loss of life. She was on her 6th war patrol. While stalking a convoy, she was spotted by a plane and dove. While passing 130 feet, the plane dropped a bomb causing severe damage. She was lodged on the bottom 270 feet and the crew spent hours fighting fires and flooding. When she surfaced, she had no propulsion and was attacked by another plane, which her crew shot down. But when enemy ships arrived, the CO abandoned ship and scuttled the boat. Of the 61 crew members taken prisoner, 57 survived the war.



MAY

USS Lagarto (SS-371)

Lost on May 3, 1945 with the loss of 88 men near the Gulf of Siam. On her 2nd war patrol, she is believed to have been lost to a radar equipped minelayer. This minelayer was sunk by the USS Hawkbill two weeks later.



USS Scorpion (SSN-589)

While returning to Norfolk, VA from a Mediterranean deployment, on May 22, 1968 she reported her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Scorpion was never heard from again. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined.

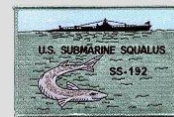


LOST SUBMARINES - SECOND QUARTER (cont.)

MAY (cont.)

USS Squalus (SS-192)

Lost on May 23, 1939 due to a catastrophic valve failure during a test dive off the Isle of Shoals. Partially flooded, the submarine sank to the bottom and came to rest keel down in 240 feet of water. Commander Charles Momsen and Navy divers on the USS Falcon (ASR-2) rescued 33 survivors use the diving bell he invented. 26 men drowned in the after compartments. Later Squalus was raised and recommissioned as the USS Sailfish. In an ironic turn of fate, Sailfish sank the Japanese aircraft carrier carrying surviving crew members from Sculpin, which had located Squalus in 1939. Only one of survived after spending the rest of the war as slave laborers in Japan.



USS Stickleback (SS-415)

Lost on May 30, 1958 when it sank off Hawaii while under tow after collision with USS Silverstein (DE-534). The entire crew was taken off prior to sinking.



JUNE

USS Herring (SS-233)

Lost on June 1, 1944 with the loss of 80 men near Matsuwa Island. Herring was on her 8th war patrol and was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted her and made two direct hits on her conning tower and causing her loss. Before being sunk, she had sank a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery.



USS R-12 (SS-89)

Lost on June 12, 1943 with the loss of 42 men near Key West, FL during a practice torpedo approach. The cause was probably due to flooding through a torpedo tube. The CO and two other men on the bridge survived, as did 18 crew members on liberty at the time of the accident.



USS Golet (SS-361)

Lost on June 14, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. On her 2nd war patrol, Golet was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu.



USS Bonefish (SS-223)

Lost on June 19, 1945 with the loss of 85 men when sunk near Suzu Misaki. Winner of 3 Navy Unit Citations, Bonefish was on her 8th war patrol. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.



USS S-27 (SS-132)

Lost on June 19, 1942 when it grounded off Amchitka Island. She was on the surface in poor visibility, charging batteries and drifted into the shoals. When she could not be freed and started listing, the captain got the entire crew to shore (400 yards away) in relays using a 3-man rubber raft. The entire crew was subsequently rescued.



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

LOST SUBMARINES - SECOND QUARTER (cont.)

JUNE (cont.)

USS 0-9 (SS-70)

Lost on Jun 20, 1941 with the loss of 34 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH.



USS Runner (SS-275)

Lost between June 26th and July 4th 1943 with the loss of 78 men. Runner was on her 3rd war patrol probably due to a mine. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles. This boat's last known ship sunk happened on June 26th, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before July 4th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.



REMEMBER THE S-28 LOST ON JULY 4, 1944

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

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

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

MOVEMENT OF THE S-28 MEMORIAL

In case you didn't know ... The S-28 memorial monument has been moved and a bench was added on April 12th. These now share a site near the water in Riverside Park adjacent to the Battleship USS North Carolina (BB 55) in Wilmington, NC. This new location is an excellent backdrop and a suitable place to sit and take in the full intent of the memorial.

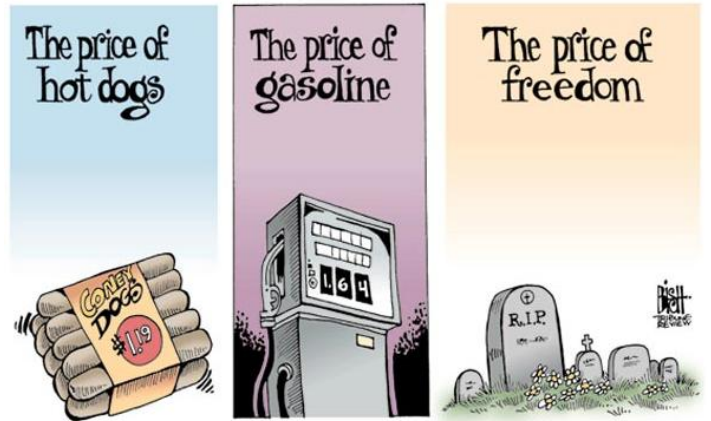
As an interesting bit of "small world" syndrome, the owner/operator of the crane rode the James Marshall. He is friends with one of Coastal Carolina Base members and is interested in joining USSVI.



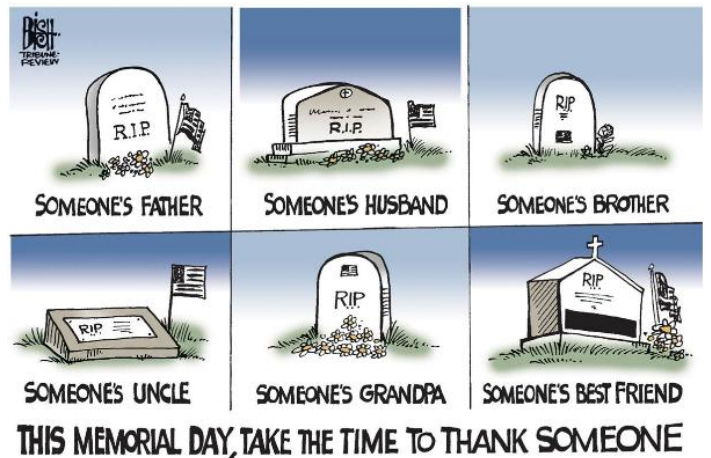
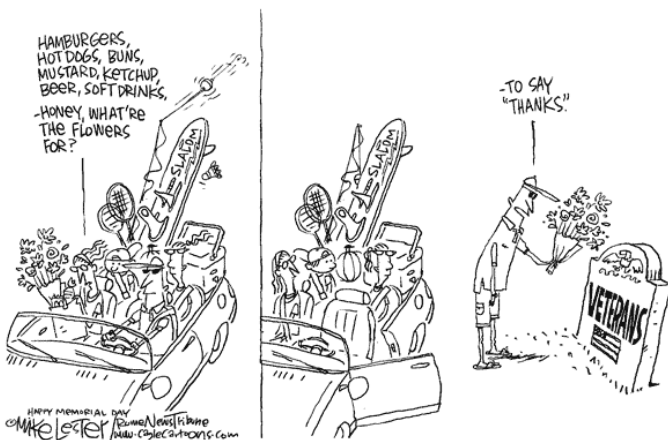
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THINGS TO REMEMBER ON MEMORIAL DAY



The 112th birthday of the submarine force was on April 11, 2012

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TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

I've been thinking of the various activities in which Tarheel Base is involved.

- * **Parades** - I must admit I do only a few per year, but it sure is easy and fun: just show up, climb up on the torpedo float, take a seat, then wave and grin like a monkey for the length of the parade. Onlookers are always impressed by the size of the Mark 14 and by the impressive description it carries. They break into applause right away and you catch a wave here and a nod there or an occasional salute. All the while you smile so big and so long that your face wants to stop and relax. The crowd truly appreciates submariners. It's not you or me they applaud; I believe it is what we do or did. Try going to just one of our parades - you'll love it, I promise.
- * **Cary's Adopt-A-Spot Program** - Spearheaded by Jim Wallace, we help with this four times a year, usually on a Saturday. We have chosen Bond Park & Lake as our "Spot." We muster in work clothes, always with a cap, coat or shirt which carries a submarine logo. Our group has cleaned boat bottoms, spread mulch and painted. We also helped create a unique rock design in the path of a waterway flowing into the lake so that the inflow is cleansed of trash and most sediment. About three hours of activity, then we drove over to the Mellow Mushroom to grab a sandwich and slake our thirst.
- * **Annual Telethon by WUNC-TV** - Tarheel Base provides twenty people to man the phones for three hours taking pledge information. It's easy, a fun group and a free meal.
- * **Military Missions In Action** - This is a non-profit organization founded by a local man. MMIA has refurbished a small home for a disabled veteran so that he has an easier time moving around. Some of our members assisted, headed by Wayne Powell. MMIA occasionally issues a call for help in "packing foot lockers" which go directly to front line troops. We try to answer such calls. Various items are packed, from jerky, baby wipes and phone cards to absorbent socks, sun block and magazines. Our Base takes up an occasional collection to be used for purchases by MMIA.
- * **Miscellaneous ceremonies** and flag raisings at schools and for the Cary HS Naval Junior ROTC unit. - Believe it or not, last year there was a major glitch in the Naval Supply System which resulted in at least twenty cadets having no regulation shoes to wear. Tarheel raised over \$800 virtually in a week, passed it to the unit CO and they were provided with the needed footwear quickly.
- * **SS Singers** - This is a quartet available to sing at meetings, breakfasts and funerals. It's brief entertainment at the first two venues and another way to pay tribute to a veteran during a funeral. Yes, it is a quartet now, but we would be more than pleased to turn it into a quintet or sextet should you step forward to join us.
- * **Base Meetings** - This is pretty obvious, but about 20% of the Base attends. It's a convivial group; we accomplish just a little business, usually hear an interesting speaker and enjoy the company of fellow submariners. Come on in out of the rain!
- * **Base Breakfasts** - A breakfast call is held at the Cary Golden Corral prior to each Base meeting. There's no business, just casual conversation.
- * **Funerals for Submariners** - We have a small cadre of members who do all possible to attend the funerals of any NC submariners. Headed by Chaplain Bill Whelan, sometimes there is direct participation in the funerals. Participate or not, our guys are there to signify respect for a fellow submariner.
- * **Hospital and Assisted Living Visits** - In the course of a year, a number of visits are made to submariners who are hospitalized or in assisted living facilities. Cheerfulness and banter are well received by everyone.
- * **Other Base Meetings** - Some of our members occasionally attend meetings of other Bases. Many members have secondary membership in other Bases.



Gordon Banks
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER (Cont.)

- * **Other Informal Breakfasts** - Whenever Vice Commander Butterbean Dixon feels the urge, he puts out a call for a breakfast gathering. This happens several times a year, purely for submariners' enjoyment and to "show the vest" to the other diners.
- * **Quarterly Meetings** - Open to anyone, there are Quarterly Meetings held in various places in NC. Each is sponsored and carried out by a particular Base. The December Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner now is sponsored in alternate years by Tarheel Base (in Cary/Raleigh area) and Nathanael Greene Base (in Greensboro/ Winston-Salem area). Burnsville, in the NC Mountains, hosts a Quarterly Meeting staged by the Carolina Piedmont Base. The Battleship North Carolina is the site of a Quarterly sponsored by Coastal Carolina. Finally, Elizabeth City is where Albemarle Sound Base oftentimes sponsors a Quarterly Meeting.
- * **USSVI Annual Convention** - We always have a contingent there, wherever it is held. This year, Norfolk, VA should find a fairly large group from Tarheel Base.

All in all, this is a good-sized list of activities; perhaps even impressive. If you have never participated / attended / helped at any of these events, what would it take to get you there? If you have interest, give me a call and I will personally see that you fit in.

Remember, we are all Brothers in the 'Phin,

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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HOLLAND CLUB NEWS

Jim Davis (on the right), Tarheel Base Holland Club Coordinator, inducted Tarheel Base member Ken Stephens into the Holland Club at the base meeting on April 4th.

Ken qualified on the USS Growler (SSG-577) on July 4, 1962, which was quite a patriotic accomplishment!



ALBEMARLE SOUND BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER



Barry Danforth
USSVI Albemarle Sound Base
Commander

Not much to report up here in the NE corner of NC. Things have been relatively quite since the St. Patrick's Day parade out in Kill Devil Hills in March. Our next event will be providing an honor guard for the annual Memorial Day honoring the veterans at West Lawn Cemetery on May 26th.



NATHANAEL GREENE BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

The Nathanael Greene Base is working toward this year's Pearl Harbor Dinner to be held on Saturday, December 8th at the Village Inn in Clemmons, NC. In future *ALL CLEAR* issues, we will be giving better details of our endeavors. We're working on a guest speaker, door prizes, hospitality room, room rates, banquet room, etc, etc. A contract with the Inn has been signed with a few options to work out. Any suggestions to the Base would be very welcome.

Our Kaps 4 Kids project at Joshua's Angel Center of the Carolinas is on going with our Base presently building an access ramp to allow handicap children to get up on horses for recreational riding. The Center is a brand new non-profit organization to give children of the northwestern North Carolina area to go to for fun playing at a handicap oriented play ground and recreational horseback riding. There is an upcoming event on June 23rd to help with fundraising and PR interviews, which the Nat Greene Base will be greatly involved in with the torpedo and sub floats. There will be a motorcycle ride in, food (BBQ), raffles, silent auctions and news media. More details in upcoming emails.

The Nathanael Greene Base will be at the registration desk for the 2012 Convention on Wednesday, September 5th.

In May, the crew of the Nathanael Greene SSBN 636 Reunion was held in Greensboro and the banquet was at the Embassy Inn. This group knows how to do a reunion and needless to say Jack Jeffries was in the middle of it winning the Kentucky Derby pool.

All of our upcoming parades are listed on the website with maps, directions and stage times. If you have not been to one of these, we have a great time with a lot of BS going on with sea stories.

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>

Enjoy your summer and keep all of our fallen comrades in your thoughts.

Jim Myers



James R. Myers III
USSVI Nathanael Greene Base
Commander

COASTAL CAROLINA BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER



Terry Kuhn
USSVI Coastal Carolina Base
Commander

Bill "Butterbean" Dixon sends ... Recruit, Recruit, Recruit !!!

Terry is currently underway on his honeymoon.

Congratulations shipmate!

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>

FLASH TRAFFIC: The new USS Asheville Base is a GO !!!

Homeport: Asheville, NC. Further details to follow when available. WELCOME ABOARD!

NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

As we approach the summer months, I would like to wish each of you a good time this summer. For those of you going on trips, please be careful, we want you back safely. Don't mind you helping the economy some.

It is also rapidly approaching that time of year for USSVI elections. I encourage each of you to vote. Let's have a good showing for North Carolina this year. All the positions and potential changes to our National Constitution and By-Laws will be in the next issue of the American Submariner. That should be out shortly. Please take the time to educate yourself on each individual running for a National office, any changes to our C&B, and whatever else they may have on the ballot. After you read up on all that, that the few minutes it takes to log-in to the USSVI website and vote. It is really easy and quite painless. It is your organization so please take the time to participate in this important event.

Some parades are behind us, but there are still plenty yet to go. Come out and join us at a parade or two this year. Good time for sea stories to flow and it is great to see the crowds. We also have plans for a weekend in Elizabeth City in July hosted by the Albemarle Sound Base and the Pearl Harbor Dinner hosted this year by the Nat Greene Base in Greensboro. Try to plan to attend those events as well. I am sure that our Burnsville event will be one to remember.

Let me take a moment and repeat the famous words that Butterbean is always saying. Recruit! Recruit! Recruit! We are always in need of more members, be they new or old ones returning. Just think what it would do for each of our bases if each one of us recruited just one new member this year. It matters not which base someone you recruit goes to. The object here is to increase the membership of USSVI, our local base, and our North Carolina contingent of members. I am sure many of you know someone that you should be able to talk into at least attending a meeting and see if they think it is worth the time. Give it a try. You just never know what kind of success we might have if you do that.

Speaking of new members, as I write this up, we are in the process of starting up a new base in Western North Carolina (in the mountains if you will). This will be great for our organization if this can come together. We have needed a base out there for quite some time now. Stay tuned on this one as this will really give us good coverage state wide for folks to not only belong to a base within the state, but have one within a reasonable distance for them to participate with. I am excited about this potential here.

For those that did not get the opportunity to attend, the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans that was held at the Charlotte Motor Speedway on 31 March was an absolute wonderful event. Both of our floats were on display there and I don't think too many people attending missed looking at them. There 20 Subvets there and a few of the ladies as well. It was a very worthwhile event. Thanks to those who had the opportunity to attend.

Again let me wish all of you a great summer. I would also like to thank you for the privilege and honor of serving as your North Carolina Subvets Commander this 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>

Happy Birthday Carolina Piedmont Base!

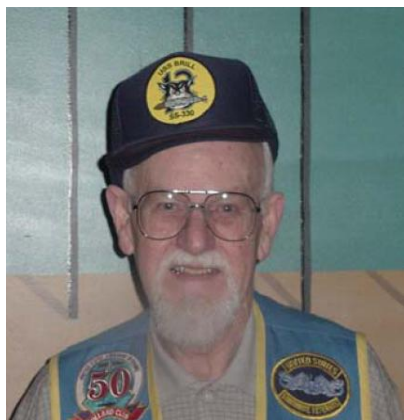
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Carolina Piedmont Base is now 5-Years Old



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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain Bill Whelan
WWII Tarheel Chapter
USSVI Tarheel Base

Don't Wait: Do it Now!

Anyone who has ever done any writing knows that the two most important (and most difficult) parts of writing are the beginning and the ending. What lies between the two is relatively simple. So, if we start with the good book, we should have no problem with this corner. Right?

Isaiah 58:9 appears to be promising, both as a beginning and an ending. As a beginning, it reads: "then you shall call, and the lord will answer."

Yesterday evening, wife Anne reminded me for the umpteenth time, "bill, don't you think you ought to give dick a call?"

At this point I gotta explain about Dick.

Dick is Dick Wells of Uniontown, OH. He's not Richard Wells. Actually, he's Norman Dick Wells but, for some reason, he didn't use his first name. Dick and I go way, way back, nearly 70 years. First, there was torpedo

school at Great Lakes in December 1943. That was followed by Submarine School in New London, the school boat R-13 in Key West, the commissioning crew of the submarine Brill (SS-330), three war patrols with Dick in the after room and me in the forward room, and pulling liberties together in Perth and Subic Bay. In December 1945, I left Dick in Subic Bay for the states and civilian life. Dick followed in April 1946. Despite losing track of each other for a while, we finally connected again and began a series of Brill reunions, Kings Bay memorial meetings, and weekly or monthly phone meetings.

Following Anne's question, I dutifully phoned Dick (incidentally, one of the things I enjoy about phoning Dick is that his area code is 330, Brill's hull number). The voice that answered the phone was not Dick's (or the lord's): it said, "This is Richard, may I help you?" I thought I had reached the wrong number. "May I speak to Dick?" I asked.

I heard "my dad passed away a few minutes ago."

Wow!

Needless to say, then the tears rained (mine). All I managed to blurt out was "Richard, give your mom our love."

That brings us to the ending with Isaiah 58:9: "You shall cry and he will say, 'here I am'."

Dick's gone, but the Lord remains, saying, "Here I am'." Someday, the good Lord willing, Dick and I will pick up where we left off -- yesterday evening.

To tie this in, as you read this, there must be someone somewhere who needs a message from you. Don't wait until tomorrow. Or even later on today. Do it now. I said, "Now!"

Bless you,

Chaplain Bill



Did you know ???

**USSVI was
Chartered on
May 24, 1964**





HOT, STRAIGHT & NORMAL



USSVI 2012 National Convention



Norfolk, Virginia

2-9 September 2012

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

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

Y'all ready for this ???

This year's national convention is rapidly filling up. A lot of people have made hotel reservations, to the point that the required booking numbers are already surpassed.

The problem is a lot of these same people have NOT registered for the convention. Seating and room for the banquet are to be first come, first served. The banquet hall CANNOT accommodate everyone. Probably 900-1000 total.

The message is: GET YOUR Convention Registration sent in NOW!

D.E. Kanning

PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2012 PARADE SCHEDULE		
DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION
May 28 th	Monday	Memorial Day Parade in Thomasville
June 30 th	Saturday	Independence Celebration Parade in Troutman
July 4 th	Wednesday	Fourth of July Parade in Faith
August 23 rd	Thursday	Old Soldiers Parade in Newton
November 11 th	Sunday	Veterans Day Parade in Asheboro

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

PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (Cont.)

UNC-TV Fundraiser

A picture of the group that went to UNC-TV to man the phones for pledges on February 25th. Jim Wallace had his wife there, Scott Powell had his wife and 2 daughters, and John Cunningham had his wife were there, and the rest were "Single Johns" (good old navy term), including - Jerry Leppart, Ray Kilduff, Ed Valentine, Jim Davis, Dave Campbell, Kris Bridges, and Gene Rutter. Duane Gow and MB Hudson had to leave a little early thus are not in the picture. We had lots of fun, many breaks and good food. We need to get more folks involved next time....



Raleigh's St. Patrick's Day Parade

On Saturday, March 17, the NC Subvets participated in the parade in downtown Raleigh with 24 Subvets from the Tarheel and Nat Greene bases, along with lucky the leprechaun riding the parade submarine. The weather could not have been better and the spectators were too numerous to count. Jerry "Spots" Leppart put his NC Subvets license plate to good work and pulled the torpedo float in a parade for the first time. Jim Myers, who normally pulls this float, enjoyed the ride for a change. Chuck Jensen pulled the submarine float and did a great job navigating the streets of Raleigh and leading the Subvets in the parade. For more pictures and information, navigate to <http://ncsubvets.org/ralstpatparade2012.html>



Nags Head's St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, March 18th, the NC Subvets participated for the first time in this parade with 13 Subvets from the Albemarle Sound, Tarheel, and Nat Greene Bases plus Lucky the Leprechaun riding the parade submarine. This was the 23rd St Patrick's Day Parade which is sponsored by Kelly's Outer Banks Restaurant and Tavern having 100+ entries and 8 to 10 thousand spectators. Don Small past WWII State Commander was able to ride the Mk-14 Torpedo Float during the parade. It was a big day for both Don and his family that he was able to participate. For more pictures and information, navigate to <http://ncsubvets.org/nagsstpatparade2012.html>



2012 Vietnam Veterans Homecoming Celebration

On Saturday, March 31st, 20 NC Subvets were at the Charlotte Motor Speedway with our MK-14 torpedo float and parade submarine. Some of the highlights included the U.S. Army parachute team (Golden Knights) parachuting into the speedway, a "missing man formation" flyover by 5 F-15e fighters, POW/MIA table narration, and a wreath laying ceremony. Charlie Daniels and his band were one of several bands that performed during the day. For more pictures and information, navigate to <http://ncsubvets.org/vietnamvets2012.html>



PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (Cont.)



Tarheel Base Community Service - April 2012

On Saturday morning (4/21), six Tarheel Base Submariners continued the construction of a sculptured natural landscape filtration system adjacent to the Boat House at Fred G. Bond Metro Park in Cary. Another group of three Tarheel Subvets worked with a group of Green Hope High School students on Thursday (4/19) on this project. The work on Saturday (4/21) was the fourth Tarheel Base event at Bond Park, completing our commitment to the Adopt-A-Spot program for the year! Thanks to the Working Tarheels that volunteered at Bond Park this past year! For more pictures and information, navigate to <http://ncsubvets.org/bondpark120421.html>

Azalea Festival Parade

There were 15 NC Subvets from the Carolina Piedmont, Coastal Carolina, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases in this year's parade on April 14th. The crowds were as large as always but no elephants in the parade this year. Since we didn't have the Parade Submarine hooked up behind the Mk-14 Torpedo Float it wasn't called a Bar-B-Que cooker like last year by the parade announcer. For more pictures and information, navigate to

<http://ncsubvets.org/nagsstpatparade2012.html>



2012 1st Quarter NC Subvets Meeting

The Coastal Carolina Base hosted this year's 1st Quarter NC Subvets Meeting in conjunction with the Azalea Festival Parade. 20 members, some with wives or guests, from the Carolina Piedmont, Coastal Carolina, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases were in attendance. This picture was taken on the fantail of the Battleship North Carolina for the luncheon and meeting. An excellent lunch was had by all. Steve Bell swore in the 2012 Coastal Carolina Officers present for Dick Kanning. Dick was in Norfolk for the annual Submarine Force Ball. Well done to Terry Kuhn and his base as hosts for this meeting. For more pictures and information, navigate to <http://ncsubvets.org/wilmington2012.html>



Memorial Service for Howie Rice

On Saturday May 5th, a memorial service was conducted in Walkertown. There were 19 NC Subvets from the Carolina Piedmont, Coastal Carolina, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases. This service was similar to the one that was held for Bill Bradburn last year. Chaplains Bill Whelan, Jim Schenk, and Butterbean Dixon along with Jim Myers conducted the service. Barbara Dixon sang a couple of hymns as well as the Tarheel Base's quartet. There were two JROTC Marine Cadets who folded the American Flag that Joe Clark presented to Howie's family. Also a Book of Remembrance compiled by Bill Whelan and a bronze WWII Subvet Grave Marker were also presented to Howie's family. For more pictures and information, navigate to <http://ncsubvets.org/howie.html>



WWII SUBMARINE POEM

The book entitled simply: "Submarine," written in 1953 by Capt. Edward L. Beach. Capt. Beach was a veteran of twelve war patrols during WWII. In it, Capt. Beach has included a poem written by MoMM1/c Constantine Guinness, USN, 1943. It's entitled: "I'm The Galloping Ghost of the Japanese Coast." I've included below, just as written, for your entertainment and enjoyment!

I'm the Galloping Ghost of the Japanese Coast,
You don't hear of me or my crew -
But just ask any man off the coast of Japan
If he knows of the Trigger Maru.

I look sleek and slender alongside my tender
With others like me at my side,
But we'll tell you a story of battle and glory,
As enemy waters we ride.

I've been stuck on a rock, felt the depth-charges' shock
Been north to a place called Attu,
And I've sunk me two freighters atop the equator -
Hot work, but the sea was cold blue.

I've cruised close inshore and carried the war
To the Empire island Honshu;
While they wired Yokhama I could see Fujiyama,
So I stayed - to admire the view.

When we rigged to run silently, deeply I dived,
And within me the heat was terrific -
My men pouring with sweat, silent and yet
Cursed me and the whole damned Pacific.

Then destroyers came sounding and depth-charges pounding;
My submarine crew took the test.
For in that far-off land there are no friends on hand
To answer a call of distress.

I was blasted and shaken - some damage I've taken'
My hull bleeds and pipe lines do, too;
I've come in from out there for machinery repair,
And a rest for me and my crew.

I got by on cool nerve and in silence I served,
Though I took some hard knocks in return -
One propeller shaft sprung and my battery's done -
But the enemy ships I saw burn!

I'm the Galloping Ghost of the Japanese Coast,
You don't hear of me or my crew -
But just ask any man off the coast of Japan
If he knows of the Trigger Maru.

This poem is dedicated to the 374 officers and 3,131 enlisted men who gave their lives in a submarine offensive that finally swept enemy shipping from the Pacific.

If you get the chance, you may want to read this book. It contains much of the fighting exploits of these WWII boats: Trigger, Seawolf, Wahoo, Harder, Archerfish, Tang, Albacor, Cavalla, Batfish, Tirante, and Piper.

FROM YOUR SOUTHEAST REGION DISTRICT 1 (SED1) COMMANDER



SubLant SOY: Thanks to the generosity of SED1 Bases and their members, a record amount of \$\$\$ was provided to the SOY Runners-up. Due to a legal restriction, I was limited in the amount I could award to each, so the excess was given to FORCM Saunders for next year's SOY events. Again the District was thanked and are again in receipt of a plaque from VADM Richardson.

USSVI Awards: The time has passed for submission and I now have the task of voting for Gold, Silver and meritorious awards, as well as am the vote master for the Gold and Silver. As a recipient of the Negri Award, I also will be on that selection committee. I am encouraged by the variety and caliber of those nominations I've seen. BZ to all who took the time and effort to recognize our Super members.

SER Meeting: I recently attended, and chaired the SER meeting in Mobile AL. Well put together and run by Jim Honeycutt and attended by approximately 80 bubbleheads and ladies. Minutes of the meeting are provided on the next two pages. One common thread was the hope that our 2012 convention will outdo 2010 (Cincy) and 2011(Springfield). On that I can and will say ABSOLUTELY YES!

2012 Convention: John Kennedy and his team have not let up and are honing the set plans for excellence. This is exemplified by the co-operation and help that SED1 has stepped up and will man the registration desk for the duration. A Big thanks to our License Plate Czar Jerry Leppart for his success in making this happen. SED1 has purchased full page ad and NC SubVets has purchased a ½ page ad for the booklet. Thanks to all who have financially helped in this. Not totally in the green, yet, but close. The hat will be passed at our annual Burnsville meet.

USSVI Elections: Yup, they're coming! All national Officers and Regional Director positions are up for selection. On that, I'm proud to announce that our present RD, Bill Andrea is running for NSVC and is more than qualified for that position. I am running for his position as SE region Director. Steve Bell has agreed to take my slot as SED1 CDR. WE could not ask for a more qualified or dedicated shipmate. We all ask for your continued support.

This and That: Parades, civic projects, memorial services, donations and camaraderie: That's what makes Bubbleheads and our organization unique! The Welcome Home Vets at the Charlotte (Lowe's) Speedway St. Patrick's parades, Bond Park, UNCTV pledge drive, and all else we do serve as fond reminders of our unity.



Once again, SED1 is the recipient of the SE Region Directors Award. I accepted it at the SER Meeting in Mobile AL. It is for all the dedicated work, drive and support by the members that makes this happen. BZ and THANKS!

SED1 is again, for the 3rd consecutive year, the BEST District in the SE Region. I again got to carry the perpetual trophy home on a plane! This is a tribute to all the Bases and members of SED1.

I close by Thanking You for the continued support you provide me.

Yours in Service,
Dick

MEETING OF THE EASTERN REGION SOUTH USSVI

Held at the Annual SE Regional Convention on Thursday, April 19th at the Downtown Holiday Inn, Mobile, AL.

1. The meeting was brought to order by Dick Kanning, SED1 CDR (Note: SER Director, Bill Andrea, sent his respects but was unable to attend due to prior commitments). Members present included four of the five District Commanders of the Region, in addition to many present and past Base Commanders.
2. There is some confusion about the correct phone numbers to make reservations for the National Convention in Norfolk. Correct phone numbers: Marriott 757-627-4200; Sheraton 757-622-6664.
3. Jim Hunnicutt, in the name of Bill Andrea, presented to SE District of the Year Award to Dick Kanning for SED1's Bases sustained superior performance.
4. Members present unanimously voted to support Bill Andrea for National Senior Vice Commander in this year's election of National Officers. Bill had stated that he would not run for reelection as Regional Commander due to his hat being in the ring for National Vice Commander.
5. Nominations were open for Regional Director. Dick Kanning was nominated; no other nomination was made. By 100% vote, Dick Kanning is the SE Regional Convention candidate for Region Director.
6. Dick Kanning talked about past conventions including problem areas.
7. Dick Kanning talked about proposed amendments in forthcoming elections and encouraged all members to "get out and vote."
8. Discussion about Awards. Consensus that there are far too many awards. Too many awards cheapen the recognition. Recommend that awards be looked at hard and that a paring knife (some said butcher knife) be used to trim down.
9. Discussion on open positions of office. Consensus that there is not a fair and equitable advertisement of open positions.
10. Discussion on requirement for office. Consensus that it is easier to run for President of the United States than for National Office in the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. Recommend a non-partisan committee be established to review requirements for National Office with the aim to relax restraints on requirements. For example: (1) Having a minimum of years in the organization (i.e., 6), rather than being a National Officer as a prerequisite for National Commander. (2) Having a defined number of years in good standing and held a position in a Base (i.e., Commander and/or Vice Commander) as a prerequisite for National Office.
11. Discussion on Associate Members. Consensus that the bubble has been lost on Associate Members – too many. Most members were under the impression that the spirit and intent behind establishment of Associate Members was that Associate Members would be directly related to submarines. For example:
 - a) Sailors, veterans, or civilians who had worked directly and closely with submarines, to include non-submarine sailors and civilians, while assigned to Tenders or Shipyards, who had worked on submarines.
 - b) Foreign National, now living in the USA, who had served in allied Submarine Forces, i.e., a retired British submarine sailor now living in the USA.
 - c) Dependent children who are enthusiastic in the Submarine Force with the possible intent of joining the Navy and possible Submarine Service when of age.
 - d) Although all Submarine Sailors love the ladies, it is felt that wife's have their own organization and that the appropriate organization for ladies to join in the SubVettes and not as an Associate Member of SubVets Inc.

In any event, as a prerequisite of being an Associate Member, that individual must obey our Constitution and By-Laws which included as a building block of this organization, Our Creed: "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates.....Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution."

MEETING OF THE EASTERN REGION SOUTH USSVI (Cont.)

12. Although the national magazine, American Submariner, has evolved over the years, cumulating in the first-rate periodical with superb graphics, that it is today, some individuals feel submitted articles are not given due consideration, and, without feedback when an article is not used, are confusion why the article is rejected. Additionally, it was discussed by some that AS should put more emphasis in submarines and those who man them, rather than the large coverage of kapss 4 kidss. Stories like those presented in Polaris are needed.
13. Location of the 2013 was the last topic discussed. Even though it was not settled, all members present will make the 2013 Regional a discussion of their next Base meeting, and agreed that there will be a 2013 Regional. Regional Commander is requested to 'stay on the case' of all District Commanders to 'stay on the case' of their respective Base Commanders to get this issue resolved.
14. It was emphasized that any and ALL donations for the Drum restoration need to go DIRECTLY to the Drum, and NOT the battleship park, it seems that the park does NOT support the Drum financially. Battleship Park is state run by the state of Alabama; the purpose of the Park is to honor Alabama Veterans. With the Battleship Alabama as the star attraction, the submarine Drum is more of a ship-child.
15. Some present expressed concern over the expenditure of funds for memorials, etc. How is the money distributed and where?
16. A concern was raised regarding the need of a Mid-term meeting by/of the BoD. Monthly meetings are held via Internet chat and discussions. Since the purpose was to visit the site of the next convention, which has come to not happen, why not hold midterms via email and live chats. This will save SSS.
17. A concern was raised regarding the necessity of each base to contribute \$\$\$ for the U.S. Navy memorial in DC. If, as presented, USSVI has over \$1M and no liabilities, why not pay for it from this hoard, rather than burden each Base?

Submitted: J. A. Hunnicutt
Meeting Secretary

D. E. Kanning, SED1 Cdr
Meeting Chairman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

David Bell	Ed Galaviz	Don Huston	Joseph Peek
Dick Cimino	Michael Green	Arvin Klemp	Donald Small
Bill Edwards	Robert Harris	John Link	Herman Strickland

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Roy Hall	Chuck Jensen	Kenneth Sigworth	Bud Tolbert
Glenn Harris	Joe Morgan	Scott Spinka	Larry Travis
Don Haseley	Joseph Ratner	Linwood Sutton	Daniel Wall
George Hecker	Thomas Richey		

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Gordon Banks	Fred Forst	George Gressman	John Pearce
Jack Canady	Duke Gow	M.B. Hudson	Robert Sloop
Jeff Cox			

FROM THE FLEET - LATEST ON OUR NORTH CAROLINA BOATS

USS Asheville (SSN 758)

Submarine USS Asheville Holds Change of Command March 16

by Commander, Submarine Squadron 11 on Friday, March 16, 2012 at 3:28pm

Commander Douglas Bradley relieved Commander Gerald Miranda as Commanding Officer of USS Asheville (SSN 758) during a pier-side ceremony on Naval Base Point Loma March 16.

Congressman Joe Courtney, from Connecticut's 2nd District, was the guest speaker.

Under Miranda's command, Asheville steamed more than 75,000 miles in support of the Chief of Naval Operations' Maritime Strategy and successfully completed a Western Pacific deployment and a Southern Command deployment. Additionally, Asheville conducted special testing for new software for weapons employment, providing rapid feedback and proof of concept to program managers.

Asheville participated in more than a dozen major fleet exercises, hosted over 500 distinguished visitors, midshipmen and community leaders during underway demonstrations. The ship also completed several major maintenance availabilities, including the planning and execution of a two-month dry dock availability.

Asheville's and Cmdr. Miranda's accomplishments were recently recognized when Miranda was named the recipient of the 2011 Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale Award for inspirational leadership and personal example.

"I have to thank the crew for their outstanding dedication and hard work throughout my tenure as Commanding Officer," said Cmdr. Miranda. "We were challenged with a very demanding operational schedule over the past three years, but the crew – to the very junior Sailor – gave me his all. The teamwork and dedication the crew of Asheville demonstrated every day kept me motivated and I could not have been successful without them."

Cmdr. Miranda will next serve as Deputy Commander, Submarine Squadron 11.

Cmdr. Bradley, an Ellicott City, Maryland native, began his Navy career in 1993 when he was commissioned after completing Officer Candidate School following graduation from Virginia Tech. His previous assignments include USS Philadelphia (SSN 690), USS Memphis (SSN 691), USS La Jolla (SSN 701), and USS Florida (SSGN 728) (Gold). He holds a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

<http://www.facebook.com/notes/commander-submarine-squadron-11/submarine-uss-asheville-holds-change-of-command-mar-16/10150604697216837>



Commander Gerald Miranda reports to Captain Rich Correll, Commander, Submarine Squadron 11, that he's been properly relieved as Commanding Officer of USS Asheville (SSN 758) by Commander Douglas Bradley. Commander Miranda will next serve as Deputy Commander, Submarine Squadron 11.

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

MORE FROM THE FLEET

USS North Carolina (SSN 777)

A portion of the CO's message found at the Facebook site noted below:

Greetings, from the western Pacific!

The NORTH CAROLINA has just finished an important milestone in her projected 33-year history: her maiden forward deployed operations in support of national tasking! These last 9-weeks underway, since our departure from Guam, have been some of the most operationally challenging and rewarding that your friends and family aboard have faced – and their performance has been exceptional, across the board!

Congratulations to LT Scott Lord, STS3 (SS) Joseph McCormick and MM2 (SS) Joseph Detrevni for earning their submarine dolphins.

Congratulations to the following sailors who are recognized for Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2012:

Sailor of the Quarter – CS2(SS) Jesus Gonzales

Junior Sailor of the Quarter – ITS2(SS) Brad Foran

Blue Jacket of the Quarter – ET3(SU) Robin Rosales

Congratulations to the following officers for earning well deserved awards from Submarine Squadron THREE for their sustained performance during 2011:

LT Mark Waite – Junior Officer of the Year and Warfighter of the Year

LT Steve Bode – Ship Handler of the Year

And finally, a long overdue congratulations to the following sailors for their recognized sustained superior performance:

Sailor of the Year: EM1(SS) Nathan Glowacki

Junior Sailor of the Year: EM2(SS) Tyler Coleman

Bluejacket of the Year: MM3(SS) Anthony Britton

With the deployment now more than halfway complete I would like to thank each of you for your continued support of the NORTH CAROLINA and her sailors. Although we have a tough job we recognize the equally difficult job each of our family members makes every day while you are apart from your loved ones. Your sacrifices do not go unnoticed.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Rhinehart

Commanding Officer

USS NORTH CAROLINA



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

MORE FROM THE FLEET

USS Charlotte (SSN 766)

A Los Angeles-Class submarine, the fourth ship of the United States Navy to be named for Charlotte, NC. The contract to build her was awarded to Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in Newport News, Virginia on 6 February 1987 and her keel was laid down on 17 August 1990. She was launched on 3 October 1992 sponsored by Mrs. Mary McComack, and commissioned on 16 September 1994, with Commander Michael Matthews in command.

USS Charlotte is a MOSUB (Mother Submarine) for the Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) and is also capable of launching and recovering the Advanced SEAL Delivery System (ASDS).

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Charlotte_%28SSN-766%29



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

USSVI NEWS

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NEWS-01: USS Yakima commissioned
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 4/15/2012

BZ Yakima Base!

YAKIMA, Wash. Let's just get this out of the way right now: The USS Yakima is a boat that won't float. But it is a float. Got it?

On Saturday, the YAKIMA BASE members of U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc. proudly christened the only sub likely to ever bear the city's name during a brief ceremony outside the downtown Howard Johnson Plaza hotel.

The 16-foot Yakima (SSN-509) is modeled after a nuclear fast attack sub and comes complete with rudders, planes and a brass-colored propeller, or screw, powered by a small fan motor.

To read the story, go to this link

<http://www.yakima-herald.com/stories/2012/04/14/submariners-christen-uss-yakima>

To see a TV news report, go to the link below.

<http://www.kndu.com/category/189473/video-center?clipId=6956036&autostart=true>

USSVI NEWS (Cont.)

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NEWS-01: 2012 Election Proposed Amendments

Submitted by: Office on 5/17/2012

Here are the 2012 Election Proposed Amendments that will appear on the USSVI Ballot this year.

https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Elections_2012_Proposed_Amendments.pdf

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NEWS-02: The USS OMAHA Sail Project

Submitted by: Office on 5/17/2012

The Marlin Base in Omaha has partnered with diverse local supporters to bring the sail of the ex USS Omaha to Freedom Park, home of USS Marlin.

Their biggest hurdle to date is raising the funds to transport the sail and other artifacts from the shipyard to Omaha and the park.

The USS Marlin Base requests the help of all Subvets to make this project a reality. They are looking to raise approx \$ 15,000 dollars and the other partners have or are raising another \$ 85,000.

Please send your tax deductible check marked for USS OMAHA SAIL project to USSV Charitable Foundation, PO Box 3870, Silverdale WA 98383.

Thank you for helping us preserve our submarine history.

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NEWS-02: Finding info about any Sub Memorial in the U.S.

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 4/18/2012

This video explains how to find a U.S. Lost Submarine Memorial in the SUBMARINE MEMORIALS section of the USSVI website at www.ussvi.org

<http://youtu.be/gZeRYvtwKew>

A VISIT TO MOORESVILLE, NC

George Bass

Mooreville is about an hour drive from Salisbury and our trip by back roads through the country was very enjoyable. Last Friday (1/7/12) Sybil & Terry Hester; Hop & Carol Hopkins; Charlie & Carolyn Cross; Linda Riley; Lois and I took the trip to Mooreville. Our goal was to reach Richard's Coffee Shop.

We found it and also found out that years ago Richard Warren, a US Army Vietnam combat pilot who flew Huey attack helicopter, or "gunship", with the call sign "Mustang 53" started a little shop named "Pat's Gourmet Coffee Shop." He named it in honor of his wife.

But over time it became more than just a coffee shop, as it became a "Living Military Museum" and the name was changed to honor Richard.

Richard made a point of extending a traditional veteran's greeting of "Welcome Home" to every veteran who came to the shop. Pat's became a gathering place for veterans of all ages and a collection of artifacts, awards, magazine and newspapers slowly accumulated

The State of North Carolina magazine labeled it, "The Most Patriotic Coffee Shop in America."

A VISIT TO MOORESVILLE, NC (Cont.)

It is the only non-profit and living military museum in the United States.

Sadly, in May 2009 Richard died of complications from exposure to Agent Orange. Just months before he passed away he formed a non-profit organization and wanted to name it "Welcome Home Veterans." He wanted his dream to grow and continue to support, serve and honor those who gave so much - the veteran. It is doing that with each passing day.

Many made contributions and the "Welcome Home Veterans" moved to a large facility. However, it has outgrown the building and is presently raising funds to purchase a much larger home for "Welcome Home Veterans." A place five times larger and will allow all of the contributions to be displayed. Believe me they are working hard to get to the level of \$500,000.00 that would be necessary to purchase the building and make the renovations necessary.

When our group walked into the shop it was to me like putting on a pair of shoes that you enjoy wearing. The fit was perfect from the moment we entered. We were greeted by Dennis, an Army veteran. Sitting and standing were other veterans ranging from WWII to Korea to Vietnam and all times in between.

It just felt so good to be there sipping hot coffee and tea and among those who cared. Once we were welcomed by everyone in the coffee shop we signed the registration (Book of Honor) book. Over 10,000 have signed this book so you really had to feel honored.

As we sat on a great sofa, stuffed chairs of all kinds we were made a presentation by Dennis. It is a traditional presentation made to all veterans who signed the Book of Honor. It is a handmade key chain or holder. It consists of a ring with a string of red, white and blue beads and in my case a second string of solid blue beads (representing the US Navy). Charlie and Hop were also awarded the same as were Lois and Carol. In addition they gave Linda one to give to her husband, Luke as he was unable to come with us this trip. Luke is a Navy veteran and actually was Commanding Officer of an American submarine.

Charlie, Hop and I had worn our submarine vests to the coffee shop, which was having an impression on the other veterans present. I hung my key chain on my submarine vest and it will stay there forever.

If you don't know - both Lois and Carol are veterans. Both served in the Waves and Lois is a Korean War veteran as she served during that time period. They too, got the usual veteran welcome.

I must mention that one of the volunteers was the wife of a Marine veteran. She was wearing a Marine jacket and serving coffee and hot tea to us. I can say that this old Navy Chief was actually hugged by a Marine (volunteer).

In words trying to tell how great this event was to all of us is like trying to find words to tell a friend you are sorry for the recent death of their loved one - I can't. We lingered there for a long time as all of us were most comfortable. To look at the photos on the walls, view the items donated, the various pieces of military that were at one time so important in that person's life.

It is not a place of sadness like when you view the Vietnam Wall or watch the ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It is a place of comfort, happy sounds, and cheerful greetings - one where you really feel welcome. There is no false pretense in this building - only honest warmth.

We finally left this place of healing and acceptance of veterans to seek a place to have lunch. We were directed to Isa Belles which was just down the road on the way back to Salisbury. It was supposed to be a Greek restaurant but the menu ranged far away from Greek food. Hot Louisiana dishes; great Southern dishes and even barbecue goat was on the menu.

Each of had had a different dish and all claim their food was most enjoyable. I know the Cajun dish I had was good - and hot! We ate our fill of good foods and had plenty of nice conversations before we reluctantly departed for home.

I can tell you we were really impressed with Richard's Coffee Shop and Isa Belles and the small town of Mooresville with its Main Street and quaint shops.

If you haven't, then you now need to place "Richard's Coffee Shop" in Mooresville, NC on your Bucket List.

THE SUB NET

Items on the Internet of Interest to Submariners

The Silent Service of the US Submarine Fleet

Part 1: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTZ4_Mnx4Vo&feature=related

Part 2: http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=endscreen&NR=1&v=_D1cAKWTNI0

Part 3: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJ4-lxZp7sl>

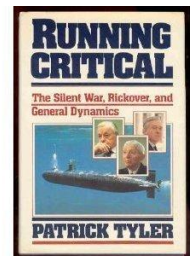
BOOK READING RECOMMENDATIONS

WATERTIGHT: For you who enjoy a good book, you may want to add this one to your library. If it reads anything like the author speaks, it promises to be a good one. Barry Danforth, a Nautilus shipmate, says, this is the nuclear submariners' world from the Rag Hats perspective, and it's approved by the A Ganger's Local 1.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnKhywNQuQE&context=C44b5b10ADvjVQa1PpcFMUeL6q73IYmjD4qkt3Xhaxumyv-iamA>

RUNNING CRITICAL: The Silent War, Rickover, and General Dynamics

Author P. Tyler is very fair to all parties concerned. Excellent historical content, and thoroughness of research is evident in context. Historical accuracy is also excellent. Should be required reading for Political Science students and/or Military History buffs. Content is very educational about mid to late US "cold war" policies.



WELCOME ABOARD !!

Our Newest Tarheel Base Member

Ed Stank of Goose Creek, SC who is a primary member of the Charleston Base. You've read much from him in our email traffic concerning his wife, Pauline. He qualified on USS Shark (SSN-591) in 1967, serving on 4 other boats before retiring as MMCM(SS) IN 1986.



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>



ETERNAL PATROL NOTICE

KARL L. EVANS



"Subs Evans" died peacefully Wednesday, March 7, 2012, in Nashville, after a short illness.

Born April 8, 1926, in Poyen, Arkansas, was the oldest of 11 children born to Karl M. and Ollie Evans.

He graduated high school in Vivian, La. He served 20 years in the Navy on many submarines including the USS Nautilus and finished on the USS Ethan Allen as chief petty officer in 1963. His next endeavor was a supervisor at Electric Boat. Karl was an avid gardener and active in the Sub Vet's Organization.

He is survived by his wife, Helen (Nieto); three daughters and their families, Karlee and Mark Slaper with daughters, Jessica and Lauren, Charlene Christian and daughters, Michelle and Stacey, Sherryl and Larry Smith and their children, Amanda and Chad; and two great-grandchildren, Kali and Myles.

Karl was cremated in Tennessee. His ashes will be buried at sea with full military honors. A memorial will be held at a later time by the family.

His record is now posted online in the Eternal Patrol file on the USSVI website.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE USSVI CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The proposed Amendments to the USSVI Constitution and By-Laws were sent out via email with a 16 page attachment. Please read them over so that you know what is being proposed (it even compares to what it was). These are very important as they will reflect how portions of your organization will be run in the future, if approved by the membership. The reason I send this out to you in advance is that I want you to be an informed voter during the upcoming election. Also, when the next edition of the American Submariner comes out, these will be in there, but just as important will be the biographies of those running for National Office will be there. Look them over and vote the way you feel it should be. We (at my level anyway) do not endorse any individual (but if they are unopposed, then it does not matter) for any office, I leave that to your own discretion. What I do ask you to do is read about the issues / individuals and vote.

The electronic poles are supposed to be open on June 1st on the USSVI website. If you have looked the information over, then voting will only take a few minutes at most. So please do your homework and vote.

Thank you,

Steve Bell
USSVI NC Subvets State Commander
Commander, Carolina Piedmont Base, USSVI

Need another copy of the 16 page attachment (PDF file) containing the proposed Amendments to the USSVI Constitution and By-Laws?

Click [HERE](#)





THE SUBMARINE FORCE

112 YEARS: RUNNING SILENT THROUGH HISTORY, RUNNING DEEP INTO THE FUTURE

11 April 2012

“For 112 years, the broad military advantages created by undersea concealment have resulted in a wide range of undersea platforms and missions that have enhanced our national security. Throughout history, what has remained constant is the bold character of submariners.”

-RADM Frank Caldwell, Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet

Undersea Warfare

- We strongly support our CNO’s tenets of “Warfighting First, Operate Forward and Be Ready” and to maintain dominance in the Undersea Domain.
- The Design for Undersea Warfare calls us to action to provide – “Ready Forces, Effective Employment, and Future Forces.”
- The fundamental purpose of our undersea forces has remained constant: to hide under the seas to the advantage of our nation and its allies, and to impose cost on those who would be our enemies.
- Submarines provide our national decision makers with the full range of decision options – from undetectable clandestine operations to full-on attack.

Our Past Generations of Heroes

- On April 11, 1900, the U.S. Navy purchased what would become the USS HOLLAND - the first U.S. Navy Submarine. Our early years as a force saw brave men diving deeper and going longer. It took decades of fortitude and creativity, but in the late 1930’s and early 1940’s, the first generation of undersea warfare came to a close as the Navy produced fleet boats with the speed, endurance, weapons and payload that would make the submarine a warfighting platform.
- These Fleet Boats came just in time – literally on the dawn of World War II. And once again it was a few bold visionaries who built a submarine force that was to dominate the seas and make a decisive difference in the war. It was this second generation of undersea warriors – our WW II heroes – that set the high standards of performance that still defines our Submarine Force.
- The third generation of undersea warfare was defined by the advent and adaptation of nuclear power – in weapons and propulsion. Again here, we see the unbeatable mix of bold, creative people putting advanced technology to use to secure our nation’s interests. The decisive professionalism and perseverance of the SSBN crews, coupled with an SSN team that constantly threatened the Soviet submarines and the rest of their navy, smothered the Soviet Union, defeating them while avoiding a nuclear world war – the ultimate testimony to the value of deterrence.

A New Security Environment = A New Challenge!

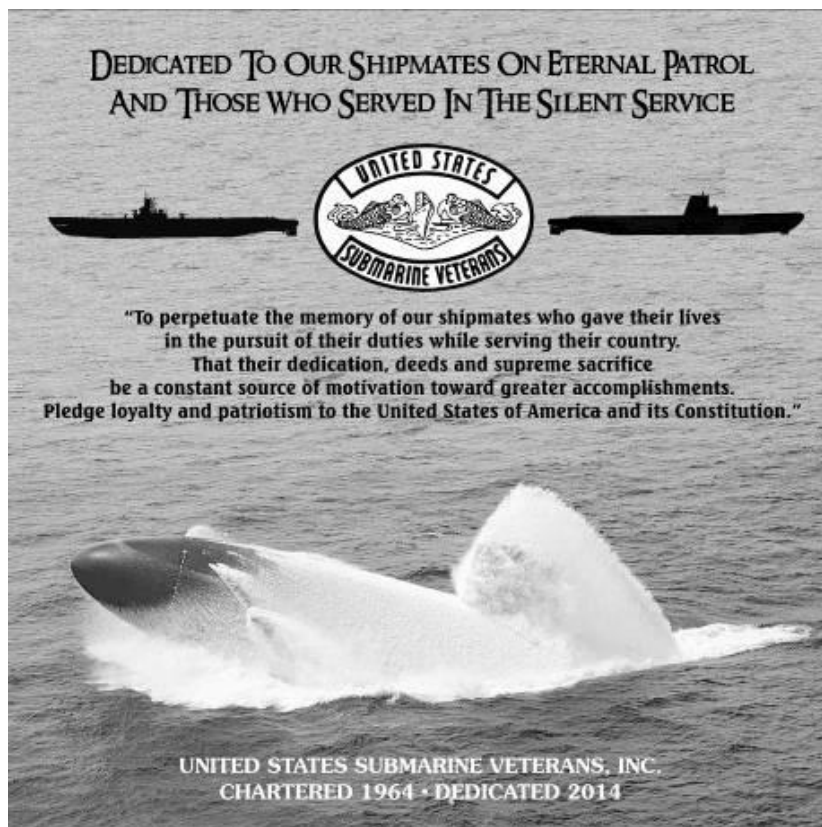
- Generation IV is being defined by more aggressive approaches to area and access denial, made possible by the proliferation of long-range precision sensors and weapons.
- This new generation of undersea warfare will also be characterized by pervasive Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, increased use of unmanned systems, and cyber and other “soft” attacks.
- This new security environment will again require that we undersea warriors dig deep to stay ahead of the threats and preserve our superiority in the undersea domain. WE must continue to define the destiny on and beneath the seas.

“I am incredibly proud of each and every member of the undersea warfare team, including our families who sacrifice along with us. Just as earlier generations did before us, we fourth generation undersea warriors will be ready to surge to any crisis – first to arrive and last to leave. Let it always be a comforting reassurance to our friends and the worst nightmare for our enemies to know that the U.S. Submarine Force is on the job.”

- VADM John Richardson, Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic

CALLING ALL U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS, SHIPMATES, FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

Greetings, Shipmates! We have the opportunity to have all Submarine Veterans recognized in a prominent place on the historic Commemorative Plaque Wall at the U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center on Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington, D.C. Known as the Memorial "Quarterdeck of the Navy", to date over 600 ships, squadrons, Navy veterans and Navy family plaques have been installed on the Wall. They can all be viewed on the web site: www.navymemorial.org.



All **Submarine Veterans and their supporters are urged** to donate to this **tax deductible**, Navy Memorial Plaque project. This is an outstanding way for us to remember our shipmates and be recognized for serving our great country in the Silent Service. Please respond ASAP using the info below so that we might completely fund this project and hold a memorable Dedication Ceremony on the 50th Anniversary of USSVI at the US Navy Memorial in Washington, DC.

This ceremony will be open to all Submariners and their supporters.

Yes! I would like to make a tax deductible contribution towards the plaque to honor all United States Submarine Veterans for their dedication towards keeping America the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Send your tax deductible contribution made payable to USSVCF and marked for 'Navy Plaque Fund' to

**United States Submarine Veterans
PO Box 3870
Silverdale WA 98383**

For more information call 877-542-DIVE or email office@ussvi.org



**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) NOTE: Registration Fees will not be refunded for any reason after 1 August 2012	\$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 st 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 Register before 1 July 2012 – winner will be notified by 15 July 2012	1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20		
Total:				

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
Virginia Beach, VA 23467-4909**

Website: <http://www.ussvi-2012convention.com>

