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Ex communi periculo, fraternitas = From common peril, brotherhood

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2011 Class 1 Winner !!

Please feel free to submit inputs anytime. A formal request for inputs is typically sent out a couple of weeks in advance of the deadline for the next issue.

NEW FORMAT!

To take advantage of the information available on the Internet and the NC Subvets website, many links have been included throughout the newsletter. Just click on the provided buttons to navigate to the associated web page.

[BUTTON](#)

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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[NC Subvets Website](#)



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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 - THIRD QUARTER

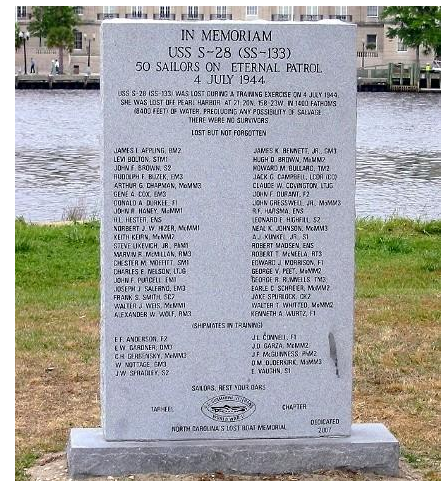
JULY

USS S-28 (SS-133)

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 50 crew members. She was 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 in the area where she had been operating. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.



U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II assigned USS S-28 (SS-133) to the State of North Carolina



The official memorial to the S-28 is located in Riverside Park, adjacent to the Battleship USS North Carolina (BB 55) in Wilmington, NC. It was dedicated by the NC Subvets in May 2007.



S-28 WEB LINKS

Click on each of the **BUTTONS** below to navigate to the S-28 information available on the Internet

[S-28 / WWII Submarines Memorial](#)

[S-28 WWII Tonnage](#)

[S-28 Wikipedia Article](#)

[S- Boat Information](#)

[On Eternal Patrol](#)

LOST SUBMARINES – THIRD QUARTER (cont.)

JULY (cont.)

USS Robalo (SS-273)

Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 84 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Three men survived and swam ashore, then imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk.



USS Grunion (SS-216)

Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Her loss remains a mystery.



AUGUST

USS Bullhead (SS-332)

Lost on August 6, 1945 with the loss of 84 crew members in the Lombok Strait while on her 3rd war patrol when sunk by a depth charge dropped by a Japanese Army plane. Bullhead was the last submarine lost during WWII.



USS Flier (SS-250)

Lost on August 13, 1944, with the loss of 80 crew members while on her 2nd war patrol. Flier was transiting on the surface when she was rocked by a massive explosion (probably a mine) and sank within less than a minute. 13 survivors, some injured, made it into the water and swam to shore. 8 survived and 6 days later friendly natives guided them to a Coast Watcher and they were evacuated by the USS Redfin.



USS S-39 (SS-144)

Lost on August 14, 1942 after grounding on a reef off Rossel Island (Yela), New Guinea while on her 5th war patrol. The entire crew was able to get off and rescued by the HMAS Katoomba.



USS Harder (SS-257)

Lost on August 24, 1944 with the loss of 84 crew members from a depth charge attack by a minesweeper near Bataan while on her 6th war patrol. Harder had won a Presidential Unit Citation for her first 5 war patrols and CDR Dealey was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously. Harder is tied for 9th in the number of enemy ships sunk.



USS Cochino (SS-345)

Lost on August 26, 1949 after being jolted by a violent polar gale off Norway caused an electrical fire and battery explosion that generated hydrogen and chlorine gasses. In extremely bad weather, men of Cochino and Tusk (SS-426) fought to save the submarine for 14 hours. After a 2nd battery explosion, Abandon Ship was ordered and Cochino sank. Tusk's crew rescued all of Cochino's men except for one civilian engineer. Six sailors from Tusk were lost during the rescue.



USS Pompano (SS-181)

Lost on August 29, 1943 with the loss of 76 men while on her 7th war patrol. Before being lost, she sank two enemy cargo ships. The exact cause of her loss remains unknown, but she probably fell victim to a mine.



LOST SUBMARINES – THIRD QUARTER (cont.)

SEPTEMBER

USS S-5 (SS-110)

Lost on September 1, 1920 when a practice dive went wrong and she sank bow-first, with her stem showing above the water. In a dramatic adventure, her exhausted crew was rescued during the next few days. Salvage attempts were unsuccessful. S-5 settled to the bottom and was abandoned.



USS Grayling (SS-209)

Lost on September 9, 1943 with the loss of 76 men near the Tablas Strait. Grayling was on her 8th war patrol and sank two ships before being lost. Her loss may have been operational or by an unrecorded attack.



USS S-51 (SS-162)

Lost on September 25, 1925 with the loss of 32 men when it was sunk after collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island.



USS Cisco (SS-290)

Lost on September 28, 1943 on her first war patrol with the loss of 76 men in the Sulu Sea west of Mindinao possibly sunk by Japanese bombs and depth charges.



For much more information, click the [Lost Boats](#) Button on the [USSVI Website](#) Home Page.

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

USSVI MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

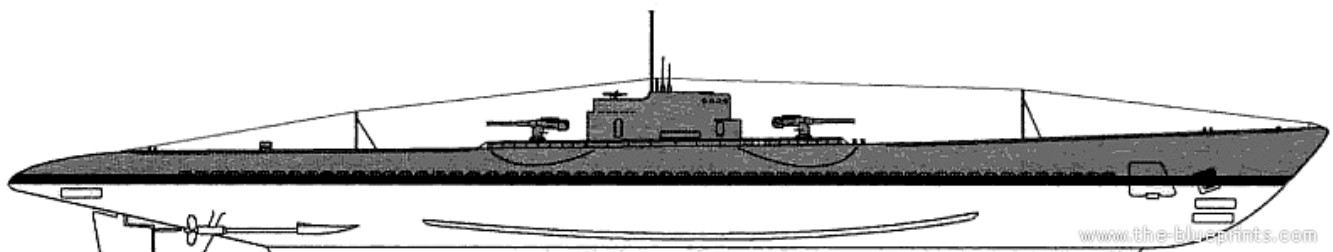
MEMBERSHIP RULES: Dues are due by December 31st of each year for National and Base.

BASE ANNUAL DUES: \$15.00 (nominally, contact your base treasurer for more information)

NATIONAL DUES: Non-Life Member dues are 5 Years = \$90, 3 Years = \$55, or 1 Year = \$20

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

NOTE: Contact information for each USSVI base in North Carolina is listed later in this newsletter



TARHEEL BASE

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Article submitted by newsletter editor and COB, Jerry "Patch" Paciorek

Our Base Commander, Gordon Banks, is currently undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkins T-Cell Lymphoma. His prognosis is good. However, as part of, or side effect of his treatment, there will be a 100 day - no visitor period - starting in September. Gordon recently stated he will miss all the Subvets during the following months and will not be able to attend the National Convention, our October base meeting or our annual December Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner. He also asked that we do not send him emails, as wouldn't be able to respond.



Gordon Banks
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

Our entire base felt the recent loss of Pauline Stank after she put up such a long, hard battle for her life at Duke Hospital and mourned with our shipmate, Ed Stank, for the loss of his beloved wife.

Please remember Gordon Banks and Ed Stank in your thoughts and prayers.

USSVI National Election: If not done already, PLEASE VOTE! At last check, our base only had 41 of 133 primary base members who had completed their ballot. We can do so much better!

As the 4th Quarter is approaching, we have some business to do:

- It is time to start paying our dues for next year. If you are an annual member, the total is \$35 per year, which includes National dues. If you are a life member, it's only \$15 per year. Please write your checks and mail them to our base treasurer.

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- Our election of base officers: Nominations will close in October and then balloting will take place. So far we know that Bill "Butterbean" Dixon will be running for Base Commander and John Cunningham for Vice Commander. Bill Lowe and Dave Campbell are willing to continue in their current positions of Base Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Next Meeting:

[Map and Directions](#)

Saturday, 06 October 2012 at 10:00 AM at
American Legion Post 67, 8523 Chapel Hill Road
(NC Hwy 54), Cary, NC

For more information, visit our

[Tarheel Base Web Page](#)

All of our base meeting minutes are posted at

[Tarheel Base Meeting Minutes](#)

Our base is only as good as WE make it!

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USSVI Tarheel Base

WELCOME ABOARD !!

Our Newest Tarheel Base Member



Dick Vopelak
Tarheel Base Member

Dick Vopelak enlisted in the Milwaukee Submarine Reserve Division during '57, followed by Boot Camp and Enlisted Sub School. Received a Naval Academy Fleet Reserve appointment. Commissioned with the Class of '62, the same year Margaret and I were married. After nuclear power training and Officer Sub School, qualified in '65 during 4 patrols onboard USS SAM HOUSTON (SSBN 609) Blue as ADIV Officer in Engineering. Thereafter, Weapons School and orders to USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602) Gold being overhauled at Electric Boat. Completed 3 more patrols after PSA as AWEPS/WEPS. Left active duty in '69 as a LCDR to pursue a Masters Degree in Management from Rensselaer. Then 27 years in management with the Babcock & Wilcox Corp. that included assignments in several eastern locations. Four children, 2 boys, 2 girls and 7 grandchildren. Married now in our 50th year, we retired to Cary in '98 to keep two Raleigh granddaughters out of daycare. Hobbies include model and computer building as well as family genealogy. Joined USSVI on June 21, 2012.

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.

[Convention Website](#)

Y'all ready for this ???



**Remember to
remain fluid,
because flexible
is too rigid**



HOLLAND CLUB NEWS

“Any Regular Member in good standing who has been designated “Qualified in Submarines” for fifty (50) years or more is eligible to become a member of the Holland Club within the organization.”

Details of the Holland Club are located in Section 4 of the [USSVI Constitution](#)

[Holland Club History](#)

Each of our bases has a list of Holland Club members posted on our website. Click the buttons below to view

[Albemarle Sound](#)

[Coastal Carolina](#)

[Nat Greene](#)

[Carolina-Piedmont](#)

[USS Asheville](#)

[Tarheel](#)



Tarheel Base Chaplain Bill Whelan took this photo of the recent Holland Club presentation to our shipmate, Harold Steed.

Bill “Butterbean” Dixon (left) and Jim Davis (right) joined our chaplain in traveling down to Maxton, NC to meet with Harold, who qualified in 1942 on USS Sturgeon (SS-187) and made four war patrols.

Tarheel Base Holland Club Coordinator, Jim Davis has obtained rocker patches for Tarheel Base Holland Club members that qualified in 1957 or earlier. If you don't receive yours in the next couple of weeks, please let Jim know. The rocker patch is placed above the Holland Club patch as shown to the right.



THE BATTERY WELL

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

After 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife came for counseling. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured.

Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched - with a raised eyebrow.

The woman shut up and quietly sat down as though in a daze.

The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?"

"Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays... but on Fridays, I play golf."

NATHANAEL GREENE BASE

COMMANDER'S CORNER

The Nathanael Greene Base has been very busy for the last few Months. Charles Cross has been voted in as the new Vice Commander. We have members that are busy setting up the December Pearl Harbor Dinner in Clemmons, NC at the Village Inn on December the 8th.

On May 5, Nathanael Greene Base hosted the Memorial Services for Howie Rice, a WWII Veteran, on Eternal Patrol. 19 members from Nat Greene, Tarheel and Carolina Piedmont attended the service at Liberty Baptist Church in Walkertown, NC.

Nathanael Greene Base has taken on the Joshua's Angels of the Carolinas Recreational Horseback riding Organization for handicapped and disabled children as a Kaps 4 Kids project. We have built Dutch doors for the barn. We built a 44 foot access ramp at the corral in order for the children to get up on the horses. We have built several gates for the corral and barn area. We will be enclosing an area at the new building and barn in September.

On June 23, Nathanael Greene Base participated in a fundraiser event in Dobson at the Fed Sak General Store, owned by a Nat Greene Member Larry Gordan, for Joshua's Angels. 10 Nat Greene Members were present to help with giving out hats, certificates and pictures of submarines to 14 kids of the program.

On June 30, the Nathanael Greene Base was part of the Grand Marshall event for the Troutman annual 4th of July Parade along with other NC Sub Vets totaling 33. The wives were treated to a ride on the Torpedo Float. We then participated in the Faith 4th of July parade on July 1.

The Nathanael Greene Base is looking forward to manning the Registration Desk on Wednesday at the National Convention in Norfolk VA.

We have several upcoming events for Kaps 4 Kids and static display.

For information on the next base meeting or past meeting minutes, click on these buttons:

[Nat Greene Base Web Page](#)

[Nat Greene Base Meeting Minutes](#)

Jim Myers



By Jack Davis

[Broadside Website](#)



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COASTAL CAROLINA BASE



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Coastal Carolina has a committee in the process of reviewing the Base By-Laws to make sure they conform to the current USSVI rules and regulations and to make changes to them to reflect changes in the Base business. We had 4 members make an initial entry into the Southport 4th of July parade which was well received. We had 5 members take part in the Knights of Columbus Flag Day ceremony at the New Hanover County Courthouse. The Base was invited to an event at the Battleship Memorial in Wilmington. This was part of the Second Saturday program of events set up by the Department of Cultural Resources as a free or low cost event for the public at all State Historic Sites. Coastal had 4 members bring out videos, Powerpoint presentations, books and artifacts to explain to the visitors the experience of submarine duty, and we had a recruiting table of USSVI information for any submarine veterans who came. The Memorial plans on hosting this event next year and Coastal has been invited back, we extend an early invitation to all our other bases to join us!

For information on the next base meeting or past meeting minutes, click on these buttons:

[Coastal Carolina Base Web Page](#)

[Coastal Carolina Base Meeting Minutes](#)

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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.

- Deep Six (Float Test)** Euphemism for throwing something overboard. Testing the buoyant qualities of unwanted material while at sea. Whether it passes the test or not, it is outta here.
- Knuckle-dragger** Any sailor whose job requires more brawn than brains.
- Squared Away** Originating in the days of sail, refers to putting a ship before the wind (getting way on the ship). Today, it refers a ship that's organized or ready for something, looks good, maneuvers smartly, or to a sailor who is capable and smart in appearance.
- ZULU Time** Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Used in radio traffic when the origin of a dispatch is expressed in GMT, i.e. "1700 ZULU"

ALBEMARLE SOUND BASE



Barry Danforth
USSVI Albemarle Sound Base
Commander

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Since the last *ALL CLEAR*, I can't report on any events occurring here in the Northeastern section of the state that affected Albemarle Sound Base. We do not meet during the months of July and August. Our next meeting will be the first Saturday of the month, September 1, 10:00 AM at the US Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association Club here in Elizabeth City. Right now, we're gearing up for the USSVI National Convention in Norfolk.

For more base information, click on this button:

[Albemarle Sound Base Web Page](#)

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USS ASHEVILLE BASE

COMMANDER'S CORNER



Eugene Ipox
USSVI USS Asheville
Base Commander

The biggest thing to report is that the USS Asheville Base is growing at a rate of one (1) New or Renewed USSVI member per meeting. Our base is a very diverse group of people. We have SubLant to SubPac, Diesel to Nuclear, Coner to Nuc, Qualified and even Non-Qualified shipmates. We would like to invite any and all USSVI personnel, and anyone interested in the USSVI, to drop by and break bread with us or even just to say hi. We should have our NEW Base patch ready for sale in September.

For more base information, click on this button:

[USS Asheville Base Web Page](#)

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CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE / NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

I suspect that by the time you read this the polls for the national election are either closed or about to be closed. I would like to thank those who voted. For those that did, please do not complain.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank Dick Kanning for his seven plus years as our District Commander. He has done a great job for our district and now he will be our Regional Director. We want to wish him good luck on his new position. I am sure we will be well represented at the National level.

It is also time for our National Convention in Norfolk. I look forward to seeing our members that are attending this year. I am sure we will all have a good time. If you are looking down the road, the convention next year will be in Rochester, MN. Don't worry; it will not be cold there when the convention is going on.

The annual Kings Bay WWII Memorial service is just around the corner. Information has been put out and should also be in this newsletter. This is a worthwhile event to attend. And you never know who you might run into down there as members come from all over the country. NC Subvets is normally well represented as well. Always an enjoyable time there.

It will not be long and the annual Pearl Harbor will be here. This year it is being hosted by the Nat Greene Base in the Greensboro area. Detailed information regarding this dinner should be coming out shortly. This is one of the NC Subvets special events of the year. I am sure that Jim Myers and his crew will live up to the standard set in the past for this event. We look forward to it (except it will be winter).

I would like to ask all of you (which most are doing anyway) to say a special prayer for the Tarheel Base Commander, Gordon Banks, as he continues his medical procedures. He can use all the prayers that we can muster up for him. We also want to wish him the best and good luck on this journey. We look forward to having him back at 100% at our various events.

I ask each of you to be careful in your various travels as we need each of you as members of our wonderful organization. May God bless you and may God bless America.

For information on the next base meeting or past meeting minutes, click on these buttons:

[Carolina-Piedmont Base Web Page](#)

[Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting Minutes](#)

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FLASH TRAFFIC

I'm happy and proud to announce the confirmation of Ray Fritz as the incoming USSVI chaplain. Ray has done an impressive job with the Carolina-Piedmont Base and I'm confident his dedication and expertise will be a welcome asset. D.E. Kanning, SED1 Cdr

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Shipmates,

The apostle John wrote:

3 John 1:4 *I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.*

TOLERANCE and DIVERSITY

It is my joy and privilege to be chaplain of the Carolina-Piedmont Base USSVI. The base is made up of a wonderful group of people who are involved in some pretty extraordinary things with children, veterans, and community. Our women, the Subvettes, what can I say ... they are the **best!** Our members may not agree on everything but we do agree on the things of first importance.

The buzzwords in our culture today are diversity and tolerance. However, what does that mean in reality? The Merriam-Webster dictionary describes them:

Tolerance: sympathy or indulgence for beliefs or practices differing from or conflicting with one's own

Diversity: the condition of having or being composed of differing elements: variety; especially: the inclusion of different types of people (as people of different races or cultures) in a group or organization

I am an evangelical Christian and these two issues are of utmost importance to me. Christ's message is a message of peace, peace with God first which allows for peace with one another. That does not mean that we will always agree on everything. On some things we may vehemently disagree, but let's agree to disagree and get on with the business at hand. Jesus said this when asked which is the great commandment:

Matthew 22:34-40 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Don't you just love lawyers! *(With apologies to any lawyers who may be reading this)* Jesus told the lawyer two things:

First, *You shall love the Lord your God*

Second, *You shall love your neighbor as yourself*

Sadly, history has recorded those times when those who called themselves followers of Christ did some pretty abominable acts of violence in the name of the Prince of Peace. I cannot judge their hearts, that is God's business, but whether they were sincere or not, I believe they were sincerely wrong! On the other hand, I also believe that history clearly shows that the things done in the name of Christ for good far outweigh those things which have been for evil. Let's just be honest in these things.

Diversity: In our home anyone is welcome to our table, even those whom I may consider to be my mortal enemy in the faith. I have no desire and no directive from heaven to do them harm in any way or manner although I will oppose them. I do have a right to defend my faith and to defend what I believe to be true.



Chaplain Ray Fritz
USSVI Carolina-Piedmont Base

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER (cont.)

Diversity is a wonderful thing when it happens spontaneously. No law can be enacted that will change that. Love is a verb – to love someone, even those we disagree with, is a choice, not a feeling. That means that I choose to love you even though I may dislike your position on moral and ethical issues or whatever other issues we may have.

Our family is a multi-national family today. We now have Hispanic, Black, and Philippine in our family. We are a diverse and wonderful blend of colors when we all get together. I'm the one without any color! It reminds me of a reunion that I am looking forward to on some future date:

Revelation 5:9-12 *And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,¹² saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"*

Talk about diversity! Wow! Followers of Christ from all over the world will be there rejoicing and worshipping God together.

Another reunion is coming up very quickly. The USSVI Convention is in September. Those who attend will reconnect with shipmates from the past. It will be a wonderful time with lots of sea stories and catching up on how each other is doing.

We hope to see some of you there. I know many of my shipmates from the USS Skate and the USS Grant will be there. Some I have not seen for many years.

God bless you until we meet again,

Chaplain Ray Fritz

Carolina Piedmont Base USSVI



PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2012 EVENT SCHEDULE		
DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION
September 29 th	Saturday	Third Annual MMIA Golf Classic
October 27 th	Saturday	Walk Now for Autism Speaks
Oct 31 st - Nov 4 th	Many	Kings Bay Memorial Service
November 10 th	Saturday	Veterans Day Parade in Lexington
November 11 th	Sunday	Veterans Day Parade in Asheboro
December 8 th	Saturday	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner

Information updated when available on our website at <http://ncsubvets.org/>

NC Subvets Website

PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)

2012 Burnsville Memorial



The NC Subvets have been meeting annually at the Burnsville Memorial since we dedicated it as the North Carolina's Submarine Memorial in 2003 (with the exception of 2004). This year on May 18 and 19, we had 34 Subvets, many of which were accompanied by their wives or guests, and was one of the largest groups since 2003. The bases represented were the Charleston Base, Carolina-Piedmont Base (host base), Nat Greene Base, Tarheel Base, and the soon to be USS Asheville Base.

For more details and photos, click on the following button:

[Burnsville 2012](#)

2012 Thomasville Memorial Day Parade

Over the years, there has always been a good crowd of parade spectators, but this year's crowd was the best yet. We had 18 Subvets from the Nat Greene and Tarheel Bases in the parade along with a WWII Merchant Marine sailor and a WWII Navy surface ship sailor.

For more details and photos, click on the following button:

[Thomasville 2012](#)



2012 Joshua's Angels Fundraiser

There were 10 Nat Greene Base members participating in a fundraising event for "The Joshua's Angel Center" located outside of Booneville, NC on June 23. This event has been the Nat Greene Base's civic project for the past year as well as providing recipients for the USSVI's Kaps-4-Kids program.

For more details and photos, click on the following button:

[Joshua's Angels 2012](#)



2012 Troutman Independence Celebration Parade

The NC Subvets were the Grand Marshalls for the 8th Annual Troutman Independence Day Celebration Parade on June 30. There were 33 members from 4 of the 6 NC Subvet Bases represented: Carolina-Piedmont, Nat Greene, Tarheel, and the newest base, USS Asheville. We enjoyed the company of 6 WWII Subvets, along with 12 wives and 3 children.

For more details and photos, click on the following button:

[Troutman 2012](#)



PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)



2012 Faith 4th of July Parade

We had a good turnout of 21 members from the Carolina-Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases including 3 WWII Subvets and 3 wives at this year's parade. The number of spectators was unbelievable as the photos show despite the extremely hot weather - the largest crowd yet compared to previous parades which always were well attended.

For more details and photos, click on the following button:

Faith 2012

2012 Camp Corral

This is the second year that the Carolina-Piedmont Base has coordinated visits to Camp Corral as part of their Kaps-4-Kids program. Members of the Nat Greene Base have also been involved. The Golden Corral Restaurant Chain sponsors a summer camp for dependent children from all the Armed Services of current service members fighting or has fought in Iraq or Afghanistan. They hold three (3) one-week summer camp sessions at Camp Millstone, which is a 4H Camp located outside of Ellerbe, NC. We made the visit to each session on Wednesday evening 7/18, 7/25, and 8/1.

For more details and photos, click on the following button:

Camp Corral 2012



2012 Camp Carefree

Since 1986, Camp Carefree has provided a FREE, one week camping experience for kids with chronic illnesses. The Nathanael Greene Base was honored to display our MK-14 Torpedo and our model submarine at Camp Carefree on August 9 for the summer camp for children with muscular dystrophy in Stokesdale, NC.

For more details and photos, click on the following button:

Camp Carefree 2012



2012 Old Soldier's Parade

There were 18 Subvets and 3 wives that participated in Newton's Old Soldier's Parade on August 16. The Carolina-Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases were represented. The numbers of spectators this year were the largest number yet and with the best weather to date.

For more details and photos, click on the following button:

Newton 2012



FROM YOUR SOUTHEAST REGION DISTRICT 1 (SED1) COMMANDER



VOTE, VOTE, VOTE! As a member of USSVI and SED1 and SE Region, each one of us has the responsibility of taking interest in the well-being and functions of OUR organization. This year, national elections and several proposed amendments are on the ballot. It is paramount that each member VOTE. Of particular interest is the selection of NSVC. Bill Andrea, our present SERD, is vying for that position and I wholeheartedly support him. I have no competition to be your next SERD. BUT I sure need Bill to be the next SERD, as we are on the same wavelength and share common goals and modus operandi. I need your vote to make this a reality!

NEW SED1 CDR: Steve Bell is your next SED1 CDR. He'll be formally sworn in during the 2012 Convention. I can only hope you share the same rapport with him that I believe I've had over the past 7 plus years. Considering at the start of my tenure, there was but 1 base in NC with approximately 100 members. Now there are 6 bases with membership approaching 400. Also, the formation of NC Subvets is a unique but very active and successful endeavor.

Norfolk 2012: Just 3 short weeks and the festivities begin. With the generosity of NC Subvets and Jim Myers cooperation our Mark-14 parade float will be there in full dress. But another example of NC Subvets spirit, is the generosity of its members providing fuel money for Jim's efforts. Some volunteers will be needed to "undress" the trailer of a night and redress it in the AM. Just for sanity's sake and preservation of our banners. John Kennedy informed me that there will be a Hampton Roads Base member at the registration desk to assist out volunteers as I'm sure there will be numerous requests for venue changes, etc.

On the idea of volunteers, my wife Marge made a couple of theme blanket comforters for raffle, with the proceeds going to our Charitable Foundation. We could use some assistance selling raffle tickets there. The blankets will be on display near the registration table. No training needed, cash only at 6 for \$5 and 12 for \$10. Stop by and give a hand.

Keep up all the work you have done and continue to excel at. Camaraderie comes no higher than having fun with your Subvet Shipmates!

Yours in Service,

Dick

SOUTHEAST REGION DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

Dick Kanning

dkanning@windstream.net

Happy Birthday to Three of Our Bases!

Base	Chartered On	Now Celebrating
Nathanael Greene	August 21, 2010	2 Years
Ablemarle Sound	September 8, 2008	4 Years
Tarheel	September 27, 1997	15 Years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Robert Andrews	William Culver	Mike Hubbell	Dick Lewis	Clif Snow
Al Blake	Robert Dabbs	Clarence Huffman	Joe Martin	Larry Travis
Gregg Bockover	Joel Daughtridge	Elvie Jackson	Bill Morris, Jr.	Frans Van Baars
Mike Burkholder	Paul Greene	Shane Jones	Michael Novak	Al Westberry
John Clark	Kurt Greiner	Clarence Jordan	Donald Page	Ken Yates
Spence Combos	Greg Hand	Colin Kagel	Mike Runkle	Vincent Zolkowski
Greg Crystal	Tom Holland	George Knouff	Gerald Schemanski	

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Torrance Adams	Andrew Brown	Wolfgang Friedrich	Tom Kelly	Jay Pritchett
Al Ashdown, Sr.	Bob Bunney Steve	Bill Grogan	Ken Lamine	John Sloan
Art Barker	Clay	Robert E. Hopkins	Robert Liland	Steve Sutton
Steve Bell	Dave Campbell	Robert Huie	Dale Patterson	Paul Trexler
Roger Bjerke	Jack Crosson	Terry Jones	Scott Powell	Ed Valentine
Al Bremer	John Ellinwood			

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Michael Adams	Charlie Dye	Henry Hagwood	Dale Moses	Darryl Smith
Al Allen	Jerry Emerson	John Herina	Charles Nelson	Wayne Smith
Clarence Allen	Ed Erb, Jr.	Jeff Joyner	John Norosky	Harold Steed
George Bass	Ernest Evans	Tim Kesling	Ephraim Pressley, III	Thomas Stribling
Thomas Clayton	John Gary	Arnold Kirk	Steven Rodgers	Mike Toomey
Steve Croom	Robert Gill	James Martel	John Rupertus	John Wardean

FROM THE FLEET - LATEST ON OUR NORTH CAROLINA BOATS

USS Asheville (SSN 758)

[USS Asheville on Facebook](#)

September 28th will be the 13th anniversary of PCU ASHEVILLE (SSN-758) being commissioned as USS ASHEVILLE (SSN-758) at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Newport News, VA.

USS Asheville (SSN-758) Availability Solicitation
was recently posted
Location: SUPSHIP San Diego

[Availability Details](#)



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MORE FROM THE FLEET

USS North Carolina (SSN 777)

[USS North Carolina on Facebook](#)

USS North Carolina Returns from Her Maiden Western Pacific Deployment

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Ronald Gutridge, COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii - Family and friends gathered on the submarine piers to give a warm aloha arrival to the crew of the Virginia-class submarine, USS North Carolina (SSN 777), as she returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing her maiden Western Pacific (WESTPAC) deployment, June 1.

With a crew of 141 Sailors, North Carolina sailed more than 35,000 miles during her deployment, making port calls in Yokosuka and Sasebo, Japan, Guam, and Subic Bay, Philippines.

"The deployment was an overwhelming success and I couldn't be happier with what the crew accomplished," said Cmdr. Richard Rhinehart, North Carolina commanding officer, "We completed all assigned tasking supporting 7th Fleet theater priorities while representing the Navy and the Submarine Force in several multinational exercises and foreign port visits."

This was the first overseas deployment for more than a third of the crew. Submarine qualifications were completed by 21 Sailors and three officers whom are now authorized to wear the Submarine Warfare insignia known to submariners as "dolphins".

"The experience gained by Sailors on their first deployment will be invaluable as some will transfer to other assignments in the fleet while others will use their experience on board as the North Carolina enters a training and readiness period in anticipation of her next deployment," said Rhinehart.

Electrician's Mate (SS) Anthony Thompson describes his first deployment as something he will never forget.

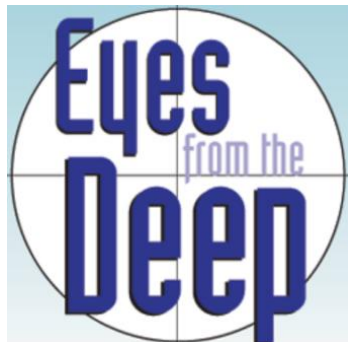
"This was a great deployment for me because I really increased my submarine knowledge and became submarine qualified," said Thompson. "I also enjoyed traveling all over the world and seeing some great places during our port visits. I am really looking forward to our next deployment."

Commissioned May 2008, North Carolina is the fourth ship of the Navy to carry the name North Carolina. She was built by General Dynamics Electric Boat Division in Groton, Conn., and Newport News Shipbuilding in Newport News, Va., and joined the fleet in December 2006.

The state-of-the-art submarine is capable of supporting a multitude of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, naval special warfare involving special operations forces, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.

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[Photo Gallery](#)



Submarine Hazing Centered on Homosexuality

Published June 23, 2012

NORFOLK, VA: A Navy hazing case that led to the firing of the top enlisted officer aboard a nuclear submarine was sparked by gay jokes about a sailor who said another man tried to rape him while in a foreign port, according to an investigative report obtained by The Associated Press.

[Read the Article](#)

MORE FROM THE FLEET

USS Charlotte (SSN 766)

USS Charlotte on Facebook

No news is good news when you're running silent

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Photo Gallery

USSVI NEWS

USSVI News articles are sent to your base's Point of Contact (POC) for email distribution and are available on the USSVI website using this buttons:

SubVet News

Flash Traffic

Veteran News

Charitable Fund

Some of the more interesting USSVI News articles are included below:

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NEWS-12: Submarines And The Master Geek

Submitted by: Office on 5/29/2012

May 27, 2012: The U.S. Navy has created a new job category, Information Systems Technician Submarines, and graduated its first class of 16 sailors from the 19 week training course. Before this the growing numbers of PCs on a sub were taken care of by sailors recognized as super geeks and able to do the work in their spare time. But gradually the job became larger and harder. It was finally realized how absurd it was to take care of such a crucial job on an ad hoc basis.

Open the link to read the rest of the story... <http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htcbtsp/articles/20120527.aspx>

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NEWS-01: Requesting a copy of Your Military Service Record (DD Form 214 & SF-180)

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 6/18/2012

Military personnel records can be used for proving military service, or as a valuable tool in genealogical research.

Most veterans and their next-of-kin can obtain free copies of their DD Form 214 (Report of Separation) and other military and medical records several ways.

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

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NEWS-01: Navy recognizes first woman officer to serve on sub and earn 'dolphin pin'

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 6/23/2012

A Navy lieutenant from Wisconsin on Friday (June 22) became the first woman to serve on a Navy submarine and earn her "dolphin pin," a designation of her qualifications to work aboard subs.

Supply Officer Lt. Britta Christianson was awarded her dolphin pin during a ceremony Friday afternoon at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Washington, where she was stationed on the USS Ohio. She spent more than a year in training, which included a six-month deployment on the sub.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/jun/22/navy-recognizes-first-woman-officer-to-serve-on-su/>

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-01: How to locate someone who is or was in the Navy
Submitted by: Office on 6/21/2012

The Navy does not keep track of anyone once they've left the Navy. Individuals may serve an initial obligation of a certain number of years and then be discharged, or they may remain for more than one tour and then be discharged, or they may remain until eligible to transfer to the Fleet Reserve or to retire. To locate retirees, limited service is available through the World Wide Locator (address above). Correspondence will be forwarded, if possible, to the retiree since individuals' addresses are not releasable by law under the Privacy Act. Also, many times the address is not known.

For those individuals who left the Navy prior to being eligible for retirement or transfer to the Fleet Reserve, there is no formal way of trying to locate them. You may try the last place they called home and see if there are any records with either that local government or in the local newspaper's files, or you may just place an advertisement in any of the many veterans' organizations magazines.

http://www.navy.mil/navydata/nav_legacy.asp?id=168

NEWS-01: For our WWII Shipmates
Submitted by: Steve Bell on 6/25/2012

My name is Zack Mason and I am a graduate student at East Carolina University in the Maritime Studies program. I am in the planning stages of writing a thesis on submariners of the Second World War. I am contacting you because I have had some trouble getting in touch with veterans of this conflict.

If you know of any men who served during World War Two and who might like to share their stories with me, would you mind passing along my contact information to them or passing along their contact information to me?

I can be contacted through this email address, masonz11@students.ecu.edu, or via phone at 410 916 7603.

Thank you for your time, Zack Mason

NEWS-02: 60 Years Of Stuff We Can't Talk About
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 6/25/2012

June 25, 2012: This year marks the 60th anniversary of the construction of the first nuclear powered sub, the USS Nautilus. Completed in 1955, the Nautilus served until 1980, at which point it became a museum ship. Since the Nautilus over 400 nuclear subs have been built, most of them (254) Russian. As was their custom, the Russians went for quantity rather than quality. As a result of this, some 80 percent of those Russian boats have since been retired. Not only did Russian subs wear out quickly, but they were not able to get to sea as often as their Western counterparts. When they did get to sea they had more problems with radiation and reactor reliability.

Go to the link for the rest of the story... <http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htsub/articles/20120625.aspx>

NEWS-05: Is the Clamagore history?
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 6/27/2012

Patriots Point is in a tight spot.

The naval museum's second-most popular ship is in bad shape, and they don't have the money to repair it.

So the Cold-War-era submarine Clamagore could end up on eternal patrol sometime in the next year.

That means gone forever. And that's a shame.

Click the link for the story...

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20120620/PC16/120629948/hicks-column-is-the-clamagore-history>

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-01: NEW YORK CITY'S VETERANS DAY PARADE, NOVEMBER 11, 2012

Submitted by: James A Fox on 7/1/2012

Shipmates:

We (USSVI) have been invited back to New York City again this year for the Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2012. The NYC Veterans Day Parade is the largest Veterans Day Parade in the nation. The sole purpose of the NYC Veterans Day Parade is to honor the service of our Veterans and to salute our currently serving military.

This year's theme is "UNITED WE STAND", reminding the public to stand behind America's veterans, as well as reflecting on the founding principles of our nation.

Last year, they expected in excess of 20,000 participants and over 600,000 parade spectators along the parade route. Those numbers were FAR exceeded. The event is televised also, so millions more will view it.

Last year was our first year of participating, and we had a small number of participants (10) and one submarine float. Five different bases were represented and all had a great time. I would like to see many times that amount participating this year. They can handle as many as want to show up. This includes floats.

Please get back to me if you are interested in participating this year. It is a great opportunity to show the rest of the world we are proud Submariners and great advertising for USSVI. I will be handling the application and registration process again this year, and the sooner I can find out approximately how many shipmates and floats will be participating, the better the parade committee can plan their logistics (parking, staging, etc).

Thanking you in advance, and looking forward to seeing you in NYC on Veterans Day.

Bill Andrea
ESRD

NEWS-02: Paul Wittmer's SVWWII website homeport change

Submitted by: Bill Lee on 7/3/2012

As of Jun 1 1, 2012, the Web Site, with all contents (www.subvetpaul.com) has been donated to Charles Hinman of the Bowfin Museum in Hawaii.

Contents to be transferred to: www.silentservice.us

Please visit that web site. Design and management will be by Charles Hinman.

Contact him at: charleshinman@hawaii.rr.com

<http://www.silentservice.us/>

FLASH-01: Help save our Heritage!

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 7/8/2012

The USS Clamagore (SS 343), the last Guppy III submarine, is destined for the scrap heap.

Clamagore, still serving as part of the Patriots Point museum in Mount Pleasant, SC, needs a multi-million dollar overhaul. Unfortunately, neither the museum, nor the state of South Carolina has the money to fund the refurbishment.

And, if we, the past and present submariners of the world don't save Clamagore, she will be sold to the highest bidder for scrap. None of us wants to see that.

The USS Clamagore Veterans Association has established this website to help raise enough money to keep Clamagore out of the smelter's pot.

To help, click the link for the rest of the story...

<http://www.savetheclamagore.com/>

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-01: 2013 USSVI Calendar "The Victors" available to order
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 7/17/2012

This calendar honors the World War II U.S. submariners and their boats.

In World War II American submarines spent 31,571 days on patrol in the Pacific, attacking 4,112 Japanese controlled merchant ships with 14,748 torpedoes, which resulted in the sinking of 1,152.5 vessels, totaling 4,859,634 gross tons, or an average of 329.5 tons for every torpedo expended.

The loss dates for all U.S. submarines sunk or destroyed are listed in addition to other historic dates in both U.S. Submarine Veteran and U.S. Navy submarine history.

Individual calendars are \$ 9.95 + 2.00 shipping.

Order yours today by credit card at <http://ussvinationalstorekeeper.com/>

or by sending your check or money order made payable to USSVI to Barry Commons, USSVI National Storekeeper, 2603 Main St. PMB 293 • Oakley, CA 94561.

If the base member indicates his base name when he orders online, his base will get \$1.00 credit per calendar ordered towards future Base SK purchases.

https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Organization_2013_Calendar_Info.pdf

THE SUB NET

Items on the Internet of Interest to Submariners – Just click the buttons below

Submarine Hero
Samuel David Dealey

Take a Ride Aboard
USS Mississippi!

Scrap Yard
Submarines

Quietest Submarine
in the World

Submarines and
Simulations

Submarine Book
Reviews

Alternative Fueled
Submarines

Submarine Poetry

The Mess Cook

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Submariners

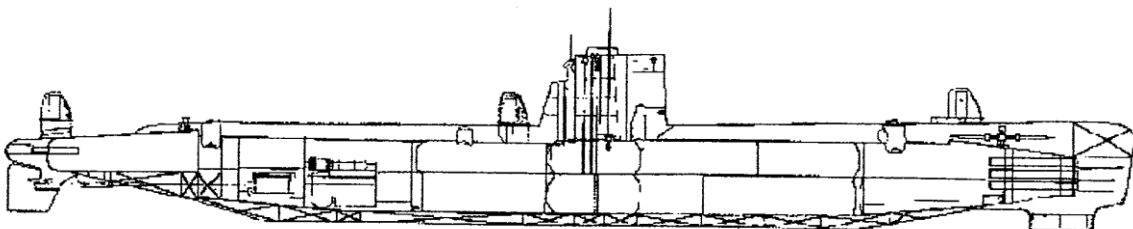
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Sub CO: Power of
Leadership Language

Sunken German U-Boat
Off Massachusetts Coast

Great WWII Sub Video
by the Navy in 1946



WORLD WAR II SUBMARINE VETERANS FADE INTO HISTORY, INTENTIONALLY

From <http://www.oralhistoryproject.com/>

For many World War II submarine veterans the end of an era will occur in September 2012 when the United States Submarine Veterans of World War II will end its charter and vanish into the waters of history.

The organization had its earliest beginnings in 1955 when founding member Bud Trimble and other submarine veterans organized a national convention in Atlantic City in September of 1955.

The group then incorporated in 1956 in New Jersey and after multiple attempts received its federal charter in 1981 during the Reagan administration.

During World War II, submarines comprised less than two percent of U.S. Navy forces, but have been credited with downing 55 percent of all Japanese ships sunk. During the war 52 submarines were lost at sea as well as 374 officers and 3,131 enlisted men.

Although the USSV WW-II served its members well, Robertson said it was its initial purpose to serve men who had fought within a window of history that had ultimately led to its demise.

“The organization was distinct. But that distinction, from that time on, made us a dying organization,” he said.

Although the group will cease to exist in September, Robertson said another group will forward its legacy.

United States Submarine Veterans Inc., of which Robertson is also a member, another submarine veteran’s group incorporated in 1964, welcomes members from the World War II group and seeks to perpetuate the memory of all who have served America in the silent service.

The loss of subs during World War II and the combat mortality rate associated with the service was a deciding factor in the formation and perpetuation of USSV WW-II and is outlined in a section of the group’s original motto which reads, “To perpetuate the memory of those shipmates who voluntarily gave their lives in submarine warfare; to further promote and keep alive the spirit and unity that existed among submarine crewmen during WW II.”

In many ways retired Navy Commander Robbie Robertson epitomizes the spirit of the men who served on submarines during the war as well as the men who founded veteran groups.

Robertson was among the earliest of veterans to join the group, being assigned membership No. 408.

Enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1943 as World War II cut a violent swath of darkness and devastation across the globe, Robertson volunteered for submarine service from boot camp.

He said for himself, and for many who joined the submarine service during the war, there was an air of danger and adventure that accompanied the service, and like many veterans of the submarine service, Robertson experienced his share of combat and experiences with the dangers involved in serving in submarines.

During the war, Robertson was assigned to the U.S.S. Tirante, and served under Medal of Honor recipient George L. Street III during the actions that awarded Street the medal.

“He said his crew had earned the medal,” Robertson said. “But he carried it around for us.”

The Tirante and its crew, like many submersible war vessels of the era, prowled the waters of the Pacific ocean and the coasts of Japan and Korea among other dangerous waters engaging in multiple victorious sea battles.

Robertson said these experiences were reflective of the perils of the submarine service and therefore the pride many in the USSV WW-II felt.

Robertson, who has served as treasurer for the Seattle Base USSV WW-II, and remained a life-long member of the group said he felt the organization had served its purpose and offered many members, not only a sense of fellowship and camaraderie, but also other benefits through its existence.

Although founding members of the USSVI included members of the World War II group, the two groups never merged. Robertson said there were various reasons for this including charter status limiting the number of veterans that did not serve during World War II, but also a sense of identity held within the name and purpose of the World War II group.

WWII SUBVETS FADE INTO HISTORY, INTENTIONALLY (cont.)

Fred Borgmann, National Office Manager for the USSVI, said the World War II organization continued to see a decline in membership through age and death, but said the USSVI continues to see a rise in membership in submarine veterans as the World War II group sees its inevitable decline.

He said the USSVI was proud to perpetuate the memory of World War II vets as well as all who had proudly served America on such vessels.

Borgmann, who served in the submarine service during the Cold War, said as a member of the USSVI and a submarine veteran himself, he was among many submariners who carried the spirit of the original group forward through association with World War II veterans during his own service.

“There were still a lot of veterans of World War II around who mentored us and passed on their standards and their discipline,” he said.

Borgmann said the original organization had captured a particular time and place in American history, and that initial exclusiveness had limited the time the group would exist, but the USSVI had envisioned a group that would forever remember and serve all submarine veterans.

Borgmann said there had been occasional tensions between the two groups, but, to his experience, the groups had more often found common ground in service to their country.

“I have never personally seen any friction,” he said. “Both groups feel they did their duty.”

Borgmann said membership had continued to increase in the USSVI and encouraged members from the World War II group to join the USSVI.

“They are all welcome,” Borgmann said.

USS FLASHER (SS-249) PULLS INTO MOORESVILLE, NC



On June 9, 2012, USSVI-Nathanael Greene Base Commissioning Commander John Rupertus and Nathanael Greene Base Chaplain Jim Schenk, presented a 54-inch long scale model of the USS FLASHER (SS-249) to Richard's Coffee Shop & Living Military Museum at 165 North Main Street, Mooresville, NC. The Submarine Force is well-represented at this venue and if you have not been there yet, plan a visit soon. If you go on a Thursday morning, there is free coffee for all Veterans, and Vets from WWII forward are represented. On Saturday mornings, from 0900 to 1200 there is a live stringed-instrument jam going on by Vets of all ages and all military services. The music is mostly Blue Grass, Gospel, Old Country and some Folk. Jim Schenk is one of the musicians usually there on Saturday mornings. Jim is also the officially-designated model-repairer of the ships and planes on display, fabricating and assembling all needed and missing parts in his shop at home. FLASHER is one of the most decorated submarines, and tonnage-leaders, from WWII, and the Sail/Bridge from this prestigious boat is installed near the Thames River's Submarine Veterans' Memorial Bridge, I-95, in Groton, Connecticut, representing the U.S. Submarine Memorial East, and is honorably maintained by USSVI-Groton Base.

USSVI CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

This foundation is the charitable arm of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. and was formed to further the creed of USSVI by assuming the responsibility of some of our USSVI activities which are charitable in nature.

The USSV Charitable Foundation (USSVCF) is administered by a Board of Directors made up of non-paid elected and appointed members. Expenses incurred by the Charitable Foundation are minimal and consist of expenses such as postage, certificates, website fees, stationary supplies, and informative brochures.

For more information, visit the USSVI Charitable Foundation webpage:

[Charitable Foundation](#)



USSVI CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (C&B) SCHOOL OF THE BOAT

The current version of the USSVI Constitution and Bylaws can be found by navigating the USSVI website as follows:

1. Go to the USSVI Home Page (<http://www.ussvi.org/home.asp>)
2. Click on the **Documents** button located on the left hand side
3. Click on the **Organization** button located on the left hand side
4. Select the 2010_USSVI_Constitution.pdf link to view the constitution
5. Select the 2010_Bylaws_Revised.pdf link to view the bylaws

[USSVI Constitution](#)

[USSVI Bylaws](#)

NAUTILUS-SFL&M PERMANENT PAVER WALKWAY

From: Tommy Robinson (ss_ssn_ssbm@wavecable.com)

Shipmates and Friends,

NAAI Life Member John Almon reports the Submarine Force Museum and HS Nautilus are creating a commemorative PERMANENT PAVER WALKWAY at the Museum. Become a permanent part of the Museum by purchasing a brick paver in honor or memory of a special person(s). This enduring legacy is a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one or honor someone special with a meaningful gift. Additional information and order form is attached (to the original email – click button below).

Fraternally,

Tommy Robinson, '63 - '67
NAAI-Association Secretary
360-871-6899 (message)

[Information and
Order Form](#)

DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE PEARL HARBOR DINNER?

The upcoming Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner on Saturday, December 8 will be held in Clemmons, NC at the Village Inn (<http://www.thevillageinn.com/>)

Please let Jim Myers (sublobo@triad.rr.com) know if you will be attending and if you will be getting a room for Friday, or Saturday, or both nights.



North Carolina Department of Administration

Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor
Moses Carey, Jr., Secretary

Timothy E. Wipperman
Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs

June 15, 2012

Memorandum

To: All Veterans Service Officers
All Veterans Organizations

Wayne Peedin

FROM: Wayne Peedin, Assistant Director
N.C. Division of Veterans Affairs

SUBJECT: Notation of "veteran" status on N.C. Driver's License

1. **House Bill H159/Session Law 2011-35, passed in the long session of the General Assembly last year has been amended. House Bill H-159 was the bill to have the notation "veteran" status on North Carolina Driver's License.**
2. **Senate Bill 895 was passed this week by both the house and senate to delay the implementation of notation of "veteran" status on N.C. Driver's License. There is no date to implement veteran status found; only when the next generation system is in place. Below is excerpt or synopsis from this bill.**

"Adjusts date to have notation of 'veteran' status on NC Driver's License to coincide with the date of implementation of state's next generation secure Driver's License system. Legislator leading bill said 'allows the state to save funds by ensuring all changes occur at same time.'

NOTE: original bill, H 159/Session Law 2011-35, stated in the bill that the notation would coincide with new DL system; systems implementation date has been adapted due to vendor progress on the contract. Last recorded vote had over 106 in the affirmative (of 120)"

3. **Please share this with your veterans and if possible inform all local news media so veterans will be informed.**
4. **I will keep you informed of any changes and when the notation of "veteran" status will be placed on NC Driver's License.**

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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		
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