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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.

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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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# LOST SUBMARINES - FOURTH QUARTER

## OCTOBER

### USS Seawolf (SS-197)

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



### USS S-44 (SS-155)

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



### USS Wahoo (SS-238)

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



### USS Dorado (SS-248)

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



### USS Escolar (SS-294)

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



### USS Shark II (SS-314)

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



### USS Darter (SS-227)

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



### USS Tang (SS-306)

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



### USS O-5 (SS-66)

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



## LOST SUBMARINES - FOURTH QUARTER (cont.)

### NOVEMBER

USS Albacore (SS-218)

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



USS Growler (SS-215)

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



USS Scamp (SS-277)

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



USS Corvina (SS-226)

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



USS Sculpin (SS-191)

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



### DECEMBER

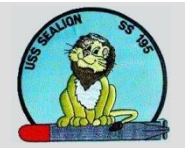
USS Capelin (SS-289)

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



USS Sealion (SS-195)

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



USS F-1 / Carp (SS-20)

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



USS S-4 (SS-109)

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



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

## END OF AN ERA - SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WWII DISBANDS

NEWS-02: Submitted by: Pat Householder on 9/19/2012

The National SVWWII organization, established in 1955 to honor WWII Subvets and remember the submarine men lost in WWII, formally closed its national administration at the joint USSVI-SVWWII Convention in Norfolk this year.

"There are memorials all over this country they've built," said retired Vice Adm. Al Konetzni, who has long been close with the World War II veterans even though he is not of that era. "These guys started in 1955 doing this for their buddies, so they would not be forgotten. It's a wonderful story of self-image. They said, 'Hey, we're going to do it, and we will do it.'"

Walter "Gus" Kraus, final President of SVWWII said the WWII sub veterans considered themselves a unique group and that uniqueness forged a strong bond. The end of the organization, he said, also represents the "end of an era where we were able to get together and blow our own horn, remembering the circumstances under which we fought."

"They will never be forgotten, ever, ever, ever," said Konetzni, a former deputy commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command and the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. "They gave us our traditions and our spirit. They were our leaders."

Of the remaining 2,146 WWII members, due to the passage of time and the ravages of age, only 62 were able to attend the closing ceremony.

1,102 of these WWII men are also members of USSVI.

Each of the SVWWII Chapters has the option to continue meeting as a local 'sub club' and all World War II Submariners are always welcome to attend USSVI meetings in their area.

### EDITOR'S ADDITION

My wife and I attend our first Submarine Veteran National Convention this year in Norfolk and were thrilled to be there. The highlight had to be the closing ceremony for the Submarine Veterans of WWII. We were very touched by what we saw and we could feel the overwhelming pride in the Subvets of WWII and their organization.

It was our first opportunity to hear retired Vice Adm. Al Konetzni speak, who we came to know as "Big Al the Submariners' Pal." We were excited to hear from Australian Naval Attaché, Commander Matthew Ritchie, who came up to express gratitude from "Down Under" of the sacrifice and successes our shipmates made in WWII to save Australia from the Japanese forces.

Walter "Gus" Kraus, the last SVWWII National President, did well to close out the activities of their organization. He told the members in attendance, "We will always be Submarine Veterans of WWII."

After the convention, I found more information on the Internet:

[Fox News: WWII Subvets Forced to Disband](#)

[WWII Subvets Fade Into History ... Intentionally](#)

### CELEBRATION OF A 71-YEAR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Everett and Margaret Morgan

September 7, 2012

Everett is a member of the Tarheel, Coastal Carolina, and SVWWII Bases

## PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

This year's dinner will be held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Village Inn located off of I-40 at Exit 184 in Clemmons, NC. All the details and the registration form are available on this newsletter's last page.

Please let Jim Myers know (336-595-8616 / [sublobo@triad.rr.com](mailto:sublobo@triad.rr.com)) if you will be attending and if you will be getting a room for Friday, or Saturday, or both nights.

## THE BEGINNING AND THE END



This is a photo of Jim Myers (left) and Wild Bill Tilton (right) at the USSVI / SVWWII 2012 National Convention.

Jim now knows what he'll look like when he grows up.

## VETERANS DAY MEAL DEALS

### Golden Corral



2012 Military Appreciation Monday  
"Thank You" Dinner  
Monday, November 12!  
4 PM - 9 PM

[goldencorral.com/military](http://goldencorral.com/military)

### Applebee's

VETERANS *and* ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY  
ENJOY A FREE  
Applebee's *Signature Entrée*  
**VETERANS DAY**  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

Visit the associated  
Applebee's Web page  
for more information

[Applebees Veterans Day Menu](#)

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



**Merry Christmas**

## USSVI / SVWWII 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Congratulations to the members of the North Carolina Submarine Veterans. We did very well as a unit at our National Convention this year again. I am very proud to be associated with this fine group. We, as NC Subvets, had the following awards presented within our group:

### Robert Link Awards:

- Jim Myers (Nat Greene Base)
- Raymond Moore (Nat Greene Base)
- Jerry Leppart (Tarheel Base)
- Butterbean Dixon (Tarheel Base)
- Steve Bell (Carolina-Piedmont Base)

### Golden Anchor Award:

- Coastal Carolina Base

### Southeast Regional Newsletter of the Year:

- *ALL CLEAR* (Tarheel Base)
- *Piedmont Periscope* (Carolina-Piedmont Base)

### USSVI National Newsletter of the Year:

- *ALL CLEAR* (Tarheel Base)

A Well Done to all!

NC Subvets can stand up and be proud again.

Also at the convention Dick Kanning took the position of the Southeast Region Director and I relieved Dick as our District Commander.

Steve Bell  
Commander, Carolina-Piedmont Base, USSVI  
State Commander, NC Subvets  
District 1 Commander, Southeast Region

## USSVI MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

**MEMBERSHIP RULES:** Dues are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year for National and Base.

**BASE ANNUAL DUES:** \$15 (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

This is my last column as your Commander. I am VERY proud to have served you as Commander and I hope I have met any expectations you have had. This is not a really demanding position, but it is an ever present one in the mind. It never stops reminding you that you have "just one more" task to do....which always turns out to be far more than one. Diligence definitely is the key to moderate success for the Base Commander.

That brings a number of thoughts to my mind, all of them kind of tumbling around, incomplete but very real nevertheless. I've said before how glad I am that I joined the Tarheel Base as soon as I moved back to Cary, after 46 years away, in 2006. I was immediately struck by the variety of men in our Base - all kinds of backgrounds and work experience, some still working for a living, some retired and some more like half-and-half.

But ALL of you are a pleasure to talk with, hear your stories, gripes and commentary on life in general. Without being a part of Tarheel Base, I simply would not be running in the same circle as you....and I would be missing something that I recognize as important to me, in a very personal way.

The glue that makes the Subvets important to us is the love and respect we have for the Navy in general and the Submarine Service in particular. Yes, we know many ways that the military can, and has, disappointed people in the past, but at our age we also have the long view of things. We know that the powers-that-be do care and do their best to deliver on behalf of the Force and the men and equipment that make it up. I would say we have developed a huge RESPECT for the Navy and the Submarine Force and our respect is quite operational in our heads. That's the bottom line of our glue which keeps us together.

I won't apologize, but I will say that I am disappointed that cancer intruded in my life and stopped my attendance at Base meetings in the last half of 2012. I thank all officers and others who just kept doing their assignments. I certainly thank Butterbean for his picking up the Commander's slack without missing a beat. Since no other candidate for Base Commander has appeared over the horizon, it is obvious that Bean will become our next Base Commander in a landslide. Perhaps this unexpected experience in the slot now has worked to the advantage of the Base and Bean. Congratulations, Bean.

So those are the disparate thoughts that are scampering around in my head right now. I am impressed how all the characters in our Base come together easily and accomplish so much. IT WORKS and that is significant. My part has been small. Your part, added together, has been huge and effective. I salute you. Here is the first toast to our success in 2013.

### Next Meeting:

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner ... and then  
Saturday, 02 February 2013 at 10:00 AM at  
American Legion Post 67, 8523 Chapel Hill Road  
(NC Hwy 54), Cary, NC

[Map and Directions](#)

For more information, visit our

[Tarheel Base Web Page](#)

All base meeting minutes are posted at

[Tarheel Base Meeting Minutes](#)

In the 'Phin,

Gordon



Gordon Banks  
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

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## 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](#)

[Carolina-Piedmont](#)

[Nat Greene](#)

[Tarheel](#)

[USS Asheville](#)

A Holland Club rocker patch is available for USSVI Subvets who have been qualified in Submarines for 55 year or longer. This patch is worn directly above the Holland Club Patch (see right) and is available in 5 year increments for years 55, 60, 65, 70, and 75.

If you qualified in 1957 or earlier, you are eligible for a patch. Patches have been purchased for primary Tarheel Base members who have already been inducted into Holland Club.

Some patches have already been issued to members who attended recent base meetings. Since it is near the end of the year, some of you will become eligible for a patch in 2013. With this in mind, Jim Davis will be issuing patches representing your status as of 2013 (qual year 1958 or earlier). For 2013 the years qualified/ qualification year are as follows: 55-1958, 60-1953, 65-1948, 70-1943, 75-1938. If you have already received a patch and are eligible for a new year level, you will receive a new patch. Jim will use the qualification year listed in the USSVI Website Database to determine which patch to issue.

Since I don't see many of you at Base Meetings I must resort to the US Postal Service for distribution. If you would like a patch, please send a stamped, self addressed envelope to me and I will mail you the appropriate patch. I will also be happy to receive your 2013 \$1.00 annual contribution to the Holland Club Fund.

Mailing address: Jim Davis  
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For clarification: Tarheel Base is supplying Holland Club Rocker Patches for members who have Tarheel Base as their Primary Base. Nat Green Base has already distributed patches to its primary members. It is assumed that the other Bases are doing the same.



## WELCOME ABOARD !!

### Our Newest Tarheel Base Members

**Martin Kirwan** of Bahama, NC served in the Navy 1942-1945, Qualified Submarines in 1943 on USS Gunnel (SS-253) and also served as Relief Crew. Be sure to say “hello” to Marty the Mariner when you see him next.

**Joseph Goarck** of Rocky Mount, NC served in the Navy 1954-1977, Qualified Submarines in 1964 on USS Tecumseh (SSBN-628). He also served onboard AD-18, SS-365, AD-26 before retiring as HMCS(SS). He joined our base after we met him at the National Convention in September.

# NATHANAEL GREENE BASE

NC Subvets Website

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

The Nathanael Greene Base has finalized the set-up and hotel for the 2012 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner. Detailed information and the registration form are included later in this newsletter and on the NC Subvets website (link above). If you are planning on coming, **please get your registration form in to Chuck Jensen ASAP**. We really need a fairly good head count. We have a 4 striper quest speaker, raffle and 50/50 combined. There will be the normal door prizes.

The Silent Service Motorcycle Club will have a fundraiser motorcycle ride October 20<sup>th</sup> for Joshua's Angels Center of the Carolinas along with Nathanael Greene Base. This will be at the Fed Sak General Store Dobson NC. See flier and info on the NC Subvets website.

The USSVI National Convention was will represented with North Carolina Subvets. The Nathanael Greene Base came away with two Robert Link Awards.

Our Kaps 4 Kids Chairman has come up with two great events that we attended. One was Camp Carefree which is a camp that has various organizations come in on different weeks. We were there with the Muscular Dystrophy Organization and had a good time with a lot of kids. The second was Person County Homes Picnic with about 300 people present and 50 hats, certificates and pictures were handed out.

Nathanael Greene Base is All Ahead Full on four engines. To you nukes, I believe that is Flank on that thing you call a reactor.

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

## S-28 MEMORIAL PLAQUE NOW ON DISPLAY

To locate the S-28 Plaque now in place on the memorial wall at the National Museum of the Pacific War Fredericksburg, TX use the website link provided below.

It is listed about 2/3 down on the "S" locator as USS SS-133 S-28.

[Pacific War Museum](#)



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



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# COASTAL CAROLINA BASE



Terry Kuhn  
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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Coastal Carolina Base had a good summer. We hosted the Azalea Parade attendance and District meeting in April. We had our first participation in the Southport 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. We plan on participating next year and the base members voted to construct a float to use. We also were asked to join the Second Saturday schedule of events at the Battleship Memorial. This is a statewide series of events held at North Carolina Historic Sites during the summer months. We had 4 members bring videos, uniform items, books and pictures to talk to the public about submarine duty.

The base formed a committee to review and update our Constitution and By-Laws which were then voted on.

We are also investigating several possible fund raising ideas for next year.

Our next meeting is Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at the Golden Corral on New Center Drive in Wilmington.

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](#)

Terry

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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.

- Boot** Rookie or newbie, as in 'boot Ensign.' Originated in the habit of referring to a new man as 'bootcamp,' rather than by name.
- Gundeck** To mark a maintenance or PMS check as complete without doing the work, especially when intentionally falsifying logs or records, filling in the blanks before an inspection.
- Port and Starboard** Watch schedule where one stands the same number of hours on watch and off watch. Also referred to as Port and Stupid.
- Sewer Pipe** A submarine.

## CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE, NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER AND SED1 DISTRICT COMMANDER

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

This is my last newsletter article as your NC Subvets State Commander. I have been honored and very fortunate to have had this position for almost the last three years. Unfortunately for me, I feel as if I did not complete all of my goals. However, I think this organization is moving forward. I will turn the position over to Jim Myers, Nat Greene Base Commander, at the end of the year. I ask all of you to give him your full support during his term. I thank all of you for your support during my time as State Commander.

I am sure all of you have heard this, and sure it does not apply to all. But it is that time of year for those who owe dues, whether it is National, Base, or both, to send it in to your base. We really do not want to lose any of you. The sooner you send them in, the easier it is for those that have to deal with the administrative matters associated with dues.

This newsletter will be out a little earlier than normal. The reason is the information enclosed for the annual Pearl Harbor Banquet being hosted by the Nat Greene Base this year. I encourage each of you to consider attending.

We still have a couple of parades left this year. The next one is in Lexington (a new one for us) on 10 November. This is followed the next day by the annual parade on Veterans Day in Asheboro. Parades around Veterans Day just seem to be appropriate. Come out and join us for a parade.

I encourage each of you to try to recruit one new member during the next year. It matter not if they become a member of one of our bases (even though that would be nice). We are all responsible for obtaining new members for our organization. I know most of us know a submariner somewhere that is not a member of USSVI. The more members we have, the better all of us are. Yes, it increases revenues, but more importantly, it gives us more manpower to accomplish the goals of each base. So please try to get at least one, but more will be gladly accepted.

I hope to see many of you in Kings Bay this year. This is one of those events that really fulfills our creed in many aspects. It is always nice to see old shipmates, meet some new ones, and just have some good food as well.

Again, I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Commander for the last three years. To me, it does not seem that it has been that long, but I have enjoyed it. However, that does not mean you have gotten rid of me. I know most of you know, but at the convention, I relieved Dick Kanning as the District Commander. So I will still be around.



Steve Bell  
USSVI Carolina-Piedmont  
Base Commander,  
USSVI NC Subvets  
State Commander,  
and  
USSVI SED1 Commander

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## STEVE BELL'S COMMANDER'S CORNER (Cont.)

Speaking of Dick, I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for being our District Commander for some seven plus years. He did a fine job for us all. And that does not mean we will not see or hear from him anymore as he is now our Regional Director. Congratulations to Dick for moving up to that position. One of the things that keeps this fine organization moving, whether it is base, the state, district, region, or national, is the folks that are willing to step up and take on the jobs. We can always use those kinds of people.



The various holidays are just around the corner. I would ask that each of you be cautious if you travel during any of the holidays as we need each of you as members of our wonderful organization. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

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](#)

Steve

### A BIT OF HISTORY

Joseph Kelly Ritter has the distinction of both being a plank owner in the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII and the 1<sup>st</sup> president of the Tarheel Chapter. The National Office of USSV-WWII officially disbanded at the joint USSV-WWII and USSVI National Convention held this past September. The Tarheel Chapter closed down back in August 1, 2010.

He joined the Navy in October 1941, qualified in submarines in 1943, and was discharged in October 1947. During this period he served on the USS Kingfish (SS234) from 1942 through 1943 making 5 war patrols. He then served in SubDiv 162 located in Fremantle, Australia as a relief crew member. He went back to sea on the USS Sea Dog (SS-401) serving from 1944 through 1945 making 3 war patrols. He then served on the USS Proteus (AS-19) also in 1945. His last boat was the USS Grouper (SS-214) which he served on from 1946 to 1947 operating out of New London, CT.



He was recalled back in the Navy during the Korean War and was a crew member onboard the USS Calvert (APA-32) from 1950 through 1952.



## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2012 EVENT SCHEDULE		
DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Motorcycle Bike Ride / Fundraiser
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Walk Now for Autism Speaks
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Tarheel Base Service Project in Cary
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> - Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Many	Kings Bay Memorial Service
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Veterans Day Flag Raising Ceremony in Apex
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Veterans Day Parade in Lexington
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Veterans Day Parade in Asheboro
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner

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

[NC Subvets Website](http://ncsubvets.org/)

### Carolina-Piedmont Halfway Night



This Submarine Veterans' Variety Show for Assisted Living Venues was performed August 18, 2012 at The Laurels in Pineville, NC. The folks really enjoyed our coming out to entertain them. We write the skits and make all of the props, and our traveling troupe has played the show to half-a-dozen different audiences since last Spring, including the VA Hospitals in Salisbury, NC and Columbia, SC. We are having fun and bringing smiles to people.

For more details, click on the following button:

[Video List](#)

## THE BATTERY WELL

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

I purchased two of the DBF coffee mugs at the last Subvet meeting and when I got home I couldn't wait to try them. I brewed a fresh pot of my best beans and waited.

When the brewing stopped, I poured a nice cup of black and bitter, assumed the PO Curl, fell into my favorite chair and took my first swig ... It was awful ... tasted like the stuff they try to pass off as coffee at Mickey D's, 7-11, or Waffle House.

Went back to the galley and checked to see what went wrong ... Checked the pot, the water, the beans, the filter ... Everything appeared to be in order.

Pondered the problem for a couple of days and it finally hit me ... Off to my workshop with mugs in hand. After fumbling around for a few minutes I had the cure in my grubby hands.

I filled each mug with hydraulics oil I had drained from the old John Deere a few weeks earlier ... Then I dumped it and gave each mug a quick rinse with diesel fuel and headed back to the house, poured a fresh cup and ... Eureka!!!! Just like the good old days.

Love the mugs,  
E Buffaloe EN2(SS)

## VETERAN OF THE DAY IN WALT DISNEY WORLD

Remarks from David Nelson (Nat Greene Base) of Maple Grove, MN

Last month my wife and I were visiting Walt Disney World in Orlando for our anniversary and when we were waiting for our tour to begin, a cast member (that's what Disney calls their employees) approached me and asked if I was a veteran, as I was wearing my Nathanael Greene ball cap. I told him that I was and he asked if I would like to participate in the flag retreat ceremony that evening. I told him I would be honored to. No big deal (or so I thought). He told me to report back to the flag pole in town square 4:30 that afternoon. To make a long story short, I found out that I had been selected as the veteran of the day for Walt Disney World. The flag retreat ceremony was awesome! They had a band playing patriotic songs, I marched with the color guard for the flag retreat and had my name and service information broadcast throughout the park. They had official photographers there and the whole nine yards. We even got front row seats for the parade that evening. The rest of the day Sandi and I were treated like royalty. It was quite the ceremony to say the least and it really brought a lump to my throat and a tear to my eyes. It is really special how Disney honors veterans not only through their hiring policies but by doing something like the flag retreat ceremony every day.



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jack Anulies	Joe Clark	Kerry Gentry	R.J. "Shorty" Lebonville	Joe Ritter
Ronald Apgar	Paul Crossland	Larry Hauser	Hugh Mccracken	C.W. Senn
Jim Balderas	Hershel Davis	Kenny Hicks	Al McGuire	George Shepard
Ken Boyer	Barbara Dixon	David Holm	Andrew Miller	Charles Stevenson
Kris Bridges	Ricky Donohue	Eddie Howze	Donald Moyer	Tony Valovich
William Brown	Joseph Finotti	Ted Hurley	Howard Murray	Bob Wyatt
George Cataldo	Nelson Gainey, Jr	Raymond Kilduff	Paul Myers	

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Andy Andrews	Billy DeShong	Ron Hatley	Bill Lowe	Paul Stinson
Bill Baldwin	Butterbean Dixon	Greg Hice	Mike McGuffee	Carl Walker
Marvin Beaver	Edward Dunton	Jerome Hoffart, Jr.	James McKowan	John Wallace
Tom Carr	Mike Egan	Scott Hughes	David Nelson	John Weaver
Charles Cross	Hal Exum	Tom Hulme	David Peck, Jr.	Raymond Zieverink
R.B. Denson	Ray Hagwood, Jr.	Charles Larson	Winborne Springs	

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Benedict	Gerald Domahowski	J.B. Helms, Jr.	Edward Lloyd	Bill Schneider
Charles Breese	Charles Dorman	Bobby Hepler	Everett Morgan	Glen Snyder
Ron Busila	Bruce Fensley	Paul Hiser	Dave Morris	Jim Stanford
Robert Capra	Ray Fritz	Doc Hopkins	Jeff Nieberding	Thomas Vandenheuvel
Frank Caulfield	James Hanks	Richard Kreh, Sr.	Alvin Powell	O. Fenton Wells
Greg Claypool	Robert Heim	Gary Lew	John Robbins	

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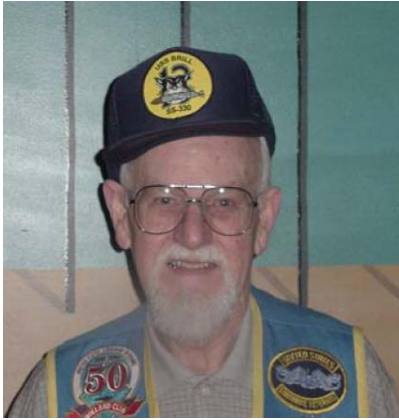
## THANK YOU, TARHEEL BASE!!

I would like to thank the members of the Tarheel Base for the generous donation to the USSVI Scholarship Fund in memory of my wife Joyce. She enjoyed attending Subvet activities and conventions. It was thoughtful and very much appreciated.

Thank you, Bob Werner



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain Bill Whelan  
USSVI Tarheel Base

### WHAT "DAILY BREAD" DO WE PRAY FOR?

Prayer plays an active part in your chaplain's life. It has played that role for many, many years.

We recall one night in particular. We were standing the 2400 - 0400 watch in BRILL's forward torpedo room. BRILL was running surfaced, charging batteries. The lights were dim. One of our shipmates had been moved from the crew's quarters in the after battery to the top bunk in the after port corner of the forward torpedo room. He was one sick sailor and we were one praying sailor. We've never prayed so hard in all our life. We don't remember what we prayed, all we remember is that it took a couple days, but our shipmate survived. It was the Lord's will.

But let's update to today. Let's think about Matthew 6:9-13, known traditionally as the Lord's Prayer (more realistically, the Disciples' Prayer). It's one of those prayers most of us can recite by heart, usually in King James English: "Our Father, who art in heaven..." Remember?

So often we recite those words divorced from the context in which they were given. The disciples had asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. Maybe they'd observed their teacher going off by himself to pray and wondered what made his prayer life so compelling. Then again, maybe they just felt the gap in their own experience.

Isn't it interesting that the first request in this prayer is for bread? After the words of praise comes the request for daily bread. Believe it or not, the ordinary, everyday all-too-human stuff of our lives is to be included in our prayers: the insurance payment that's coming due, the car that's becoming increasingly unreliable, and so forth.

To pray about these matters doesn't mean merely sitting around, with hands folded, waiting for the divine lottery check to appear. But over and over again, believers testify that, when they invite God into the daily details of their everyday lives, things just naturally tend to get better: an unexpected door opens, they find strength they didn't know they had, or a new possibility emerges. Because they have turned over their needs to God, they've been able to give up the useless worries and anxiety that do nothing but get in the way.

So, as we pray today (or tonight), we would urge you to pray for your whole life: pray for healing for those who suffer; prayer for peace for those in conflict; and pray for freedom for those bound by outer walls or inner demons.

While we're at it, let's not forget to take a bit of time to pray for our own daily bread.

Bless you.

Chaplain Bill



**"We will always be  
Submarine Veterans  
of WWII."**

Walter "Gus" Kraus  
Final SVWWII National President



### USS North Carolina (SSN 777)

USS North Carolina on Facebook

#### Medal of Honor Recipient Visits USS North Carolina

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Steven Khor, October 6, 2012

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NNS) -- Retired U.S. Army colonel, Vietnam War veteran and Medal of Honor recipient, Jack Howard Jacobs, and a group of distinguished guests who are in Hawaii for the National Medal of Honor Convention, visited the Virginia-class submarine USS North Carolina (SSN 777) for a tour Oct. 5 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"It's was an absolute honor to be able to show a true American hero around the boat, and talk to him about what the submarine force does and how we contribute to our country's missions." said Cmdr. Richard G. Rinehart, USS North Carolina commanding officer. "The crew came together. They understood the importance of this opportunity to show this group around, and they enjoyed the chance to show them a little about the submarine force and what we do."

During the tour, the crew of North Carolina explained the difference between Virginia-class submarines and other submarines, submerging and surfacing systems, and basic day-to-day operations on board.

"Coming aboard a ship with the capability of the North Carolina is awe inspiring to me," said Jacobs. "It's hard to believe that only 150 Sailors can control this kind of firepower, and the projection of power around the globe. We are all very lucky to have the North Carolina on our side."

During a battle on March 9, 1968, with the Viet Cong in Kien Phong Province in the Republic of Vietnam, Jacobs, then a 1st Lieutenant, assumed command of an allied company when his command group including his commanding officer took heavy casualties. He ordered a withdrawal from their exposed position and established a defensive perimeter. His Medal of Honor citation goes on to state, "Despite profuse bleeding from head wounds which impaired his vision, Capt. Jacobs, with complete disregard for his safety, returned under intense fire to evacuate a seriously wounded advisor to the safety of a wooded area where he administered lifesaving first aid. He then returned through heavy automatic weapons fire to evacuate the wounded company commander.

Capt. Jacobs made repeated trips across the fire-swept open rice paddies evacuating wounded and their weapons. On three separate occasions, Capt. Jacobs contacted and drove off Viet Cong squads who were searching for allied wounded and weapons, single-handedly killing three and wounding several others. His gallant actions and extraordinary heroism saved the lives of one U.S. advisor and 13 allied soldiers. Through his effort the allied company was restored to an effective fighting unit and prevented defeat of the friendly forces by a strong and determined enemy."

In addition to the Medal of Honor, Jacobs also received two Silver Stars, three Bronze Stars, and two Purple Hearts.

Jacobs, a military analyst with the cable news and information channel, MSNBC, continues to maintain involvement in several military-related organizations.

He is the vice chairman of the Medal of Honor Foundation, a member of the board of trustees for the National World War II Museum and holds the McDermott Chair of Politics at the U.S. Military Academy.

Following the tour, Jacobs spoke about the crew.

"To see a ship where everyone is a well-oiled part of a very sophisticated machine and to recognize that they all work together in such a integrated and sophisticated way gives me a great deal of confidence," said Jacobs.

Measuring 377 feet long and weighing 7,800 tons when submerged, North Carolina is one of the Navy's next generation attack submarines.

North Carolina is capable of supporting a multitude of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-ship warfare, special warfare delivery and support, mine delivery and mine mapping. With enhanced communications connectivity, the submarine will also provide important battle group and joint task force support, with full integration into carrier battle group operations.

[Wikimedia Commons](#)

[Photo Gallery](#)

## MORE FROM THE FLEET

### USS Charlotte (SSN 766) Holds Change of Command

[USS Charlotte on Facebook](#)

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Steven Khor, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, October 6, 2012

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NNS) -- A time-honored change of command ceremony was held aboard the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Charlotte (SSN 766) at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Oct. 5.

Cmdr. Richard Young, commanding officer of Charlotte was relieved by Cmdr. Andrew T. Miller.

Guest speaker Capt. James C. Childs, Commander of Submarine Squadron One, and Young's former commanding officer and mentor, praised Young for his exceptional performance while in command of Charlotte.

"Cmdr. Young has demonstrated he has a great deal of technical expertise, self-sufficiency, ingenuity, mental toughness, creativity and skill," said Childs. "More importantly, he has imparted these traits to his crew - any captain's ultimate goal."

Following his remarks, Young was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his exceptional performance as commanding officer from April 2010 to Oct. 2012.

Young said he was honored to have the opportunity to command Charlotte and acknowledged that the majority of the submarine's success during his time as commanding officer was because of the crew and their hard work.

"The one word I think of to describe this entire crew is commitment," said Young to his assembled crew. "You know what it means to get the job done, and I am extremely proud of how you did that time and time again without complaint."

As Miller assumed command of Charlotte he addressed the crew about the future.

"My message to the men of Charlotte is: be ready," said Miller. "The nation is counting on us to be men of integrity and courage, ready to defend freedom at home and abroad."

Young's personal awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards) as well as numerous unit awards.

Young will report for duty to the office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington D.C. for work on current manpower allocation.

[Wikimedia Commons](#)

[Photo Gallery](#)

## KITTERY MOVING CLOSER TO CREATING USS THRESHER MEMORIAL

Portsmouth Patch, October 4, 2012

On April 10, 2013, the Town of Kittery, Maine will honor the sacrifice and the memory of the 129 Navy personnel and civilians who perished on the USS Thresher 50 years ago.

According to the USS Thresher Memorial web site, "Plans are well underway to dedicate a memorial to the sailors and civilians lost in the worst submarine disaster in U.S. history with over \$56,000 cash and in-kind commitments raised toward the initial \$72,000 cost."

When finished, memorial organizers say there will be a 129-foot flagpole at Kittery Memorial Circle, showcased by top-mounted lights 24 hours a day. They say it will also rise from a rounded black granite base surrounded by landscaping ornamentation for a stately tribute, powerful in its simplicity.

## USS THRESHER MEMORIAL (Cont.)

"The flagpole height will serve as a permanent reminder of the 129 men who perished that morning, ensuring they will never be forgotten in the town where Thresher was built and homeported," reads the web site.

Currently, the Town of Kittery and the Maine Department of Transportation are planning road, sidewalk, and bridge improvements in the immediate area including a storm water management rain garden that will create an open line of sight between Memorial Circle and the project's proposed Circle of Honor adjacent to Kittery Town Hall, according to the web site.

The USS Thresher was constructed at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine before it embarked on maiden voyage on April 10, 1963. Somewhere off of Cape Cod, Mass., the vessel took on water and sank, making it one of the worst submarine tragedies in U.S. Naval history. Every Memorial Day, a special ceremony is held at the Albacore Park in Portsmouth to honor all of the submariners who lost their lives, including the men who perished on the USS Thresher.

Support for the project is also gaining some momentum at Portsmouth City Hall after the City Council unanimously approved a resolution to support the memorial. Councilors referred the request from the USS Thresher Memorial group to the city's Veterans Reorganization Committee for further review.

## USSVI NEWS

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[SubVet News](#)

[Flash Traffic](#)

[Veteran News](#)

[Charitable Fund](#)

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

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NEWS-01: USS Perch: SOF Submarine  
Submitted by: Office on 8/17/2012

During World War II, it did not take mission planners in the Pacific theater of operations long to discover that special operations and submarines were made for each other.

Go to the link for the story...

<http://www.defensemedianetwork.com/stories/uss-perch-sof-submarine/>

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NEWS-01: Step Aboard The Navy's \$2.4 Billion Virginia-Class Nuclear Submarine  
Submitted by: Office on 8/31/2012

The USS Virginia-class submarines are the United State's newest and most advanced submarine.

The first Virginia slipped beneath the waves just eight years ago and only nine vessels have been completed.

They take more than five years to build and run about \$2.4 billion apiece.

Here, we look at the Virginia class of submarines from stern to bow, finding out what makes these ships unique.

We'll start in the engine room, move our way over the reactor, through the barracks to the command center and down into the torpedo room.

Read more at:

<http://www.businessinsider.com/here-is-why-the-navy-is-betting-it-all-on-the-high-tech-virginia-class-submarine-2012-7?op=1#ixzz24gr2IWui>

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-01: National Election Results  
Submitted by: Office on 9/9/2012

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As announced at the annual business meeting in Norfolk Today (ABM) -

2012-2014 National Officers  
Commander: Michael Bircumshaw  
Sr Vice Commander: Carl Schmidt  
Jr Vice Commander: Al Singleman, Jr  
Secretary: Tom Conlon  
Treasurer Richard McPherson

2012-2014 Region Directors  
Northeast Director: Michael Naughton  
Southeast Director: Dick Kanning  
Central Director: Wayne Standerfer  
Western Director: John Mansfield

2012-2013 District Commander of the year: Vic Van Horn  
2012-2014 Immediate Past Natl Cdr: Patrick Householder

All the proposed amendments were Accepted.

2013 Convention: Rochester MN  
2014 Convention: Burlingame CA (SFO Area)

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NEWS-01: Finding shipmates...  
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 9/14/2012

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Are your Base members interested in relocating their shipmates from a boat you served aboard?

This linked video will show you how to use the USSVI resources to explore our database of American submariners.  
We don't have 100% of all submariners recorded, but we do have over 72,000, including roughly 22,000 on their final patrol.

Video Link below

<http://youtu.be/fFbGFJmOapk>

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NEWS-02: Work Begins to Repair Fire-Damaged USS Miami  
Submitted by: Office on 9/15/2012

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Both U.S. submarine builders have teamed up to rebuild the nuclear-powered attack submarine Miami and return the 22-year-old undersea craft to service.

On Friday, the team of General Dynamics Electric Boat and Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII) was awarded a \$94 million cost-plus-fixed-fee contract with an option worth another \$6 million for advanced planning and material efforts for repairs to the submarine.

Go to the link for the story...

<http://www.defensenews.com/article/20120914/DEFREG02/309140006>

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-01: USSVI on Facebook  
Submitted by: Office on 9/19/2012

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For several years USSVI has had a FACEBOOK presence for the USSVI Virtual Museum and the USSVI Submarine Veterans National Office.

If you're a FACEBOOK user, visit and "Like" our pages. Tell your sub-buddies as well. There are some really great pictures in the photo albums there.

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NEWS-01: Fewer submarines to call Groton home  
Submitted by: Office on 9/26/2012

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The Navy plans to keep fewer submarines in Groton as the military shifts its focus toward Asia and sends its newest, most capable ships and aircraft to the western Pacific, the Navy's top admiral said Tuesday.

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

<http://www.theday.com/article/20120926/NWS09/309269928/1017>

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NEWS-01: U.S. Navy Defends Boomer Submarine Replacement Plans  
Submitted by: Office on 9/28/2012

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By Michael Fabey, Aviation Week, Sept 28, 2012

A top U.S. Navy official is defending the service's plans to replace its Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine fleet, saying the Navy has the right design and boat numbers to the mission for decades to come.

"We conducted a detailed analysis of many force structure options," says Rear Adm. Barry Bruner, Navy undersea warfare director, in a recent blog. "A force of 12 Ohio Replacement nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines (SSBN) with 16 missile tubes satisfies national strategic deterrent requirements at the most affordable cost. Twelve Ohio Replacement SSBNs meet at-sea strategic patrol requirements and sustain this requirement while some of the SSBNs are unavailable due to planned maintenance."

Bruner says, "Reduced-force options [that] we considered failed to meet the current at-sea and nuclear employment requirements, increased risk for force survivability, and limited the flexibility in response to an uncertain strategic future. A 12-ship, 16-missile-tube SSBN force has sufficient, not excessive, flexibility and capacity."

He acknowledges that because ship construction of the Ohio Replacement shifted to 2021 from 2019, there will be fewer than 12 SSBNs from 2029 to 2042 as the Ohio-class retires and Ohio replacement ships join the fleet.

Addressing recent critics of the shortfalls, he says, "During this time frame no major SSBN overhauls are planned, and a force of 10 SSBNs will support current at sea presence requirements."

However, he says, "This provides a low margin to compensate for unforeseen issues that may result in reduced SSBN availability. The reduced SSBN availability during this time frame reinforces the importance of remaining on schedule with the Ohio Replacement program to meet future strategic commitments. As the Ohio Replacement ships begin their mid-life overhauls in 2049, 12 SSBNs will be required to offset ships conducting planned maintenance."

He also says the Navy and Pentagon are keeping a lid on proposed costs. "The Department of Defense sessive cost goal of \$4.9 billion per hull (calendar year 2010) as an average cost for hulls 2-12. To date, the Navy has reduced costs by reducing specifications to the minimum necessary to meet national strategic deterrent requirements, implementing modular construction design, reusing the Trident II D5 Strategic Weapons System, and reusing Virginia- and Ohio-class components where feasible. The Virginia-class construction program, through aggressive management and collaboration between government and industry, has developed into a model ship building program, continually coming in under budget and ahead of schedule. Ohio Replacement design and construction will build on this success."

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-02: 2013 USSVI Calendar "The Victors":  
Submitted by: Pat Householder - Calendar Manager on 9/28/2012

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This 2013 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.

[https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online\\_Organization\\_2013\\_Calendar\\_Info.pdf](https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Organization_2013_Calendar_Info.pdf)

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NEWS-04: Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum  
Submitted by: Office on 9/30/2012

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The Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum, a popular tourist spot in South Carolina's Charleston Harbor, is facing the same challenge as other U.S. Navy ship museums: keeping retired, once-storied warships afloat.

Go to the link for the story...

<http://news.yahoo.com/preserving-old-ships-dear-u-veterans-costly-museums-120730655.html>

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NEWS-01: Ex-USS Memphis Sub to be used for spare parts in USS Miami repair  
Submitted by: Office on 10/3/2012

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U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney says the Navy will use a submarine that was recently taken out of commission for spare parts as it repairs a fire-damaged sub at a Maine shipyard.

Go to the link for the story...

<http://www.pressherald.com/news/Sub-to-be-used-for-spare-parts-in-USS-Miami-repair.html>

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NEWS-01: Museum Ships: Fading Away Expensively  
Submitted by: Office on 10/7/2012

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October 7, 2012: There is a growing crisis in dealing with the growing cost of maintaining old warships maintained as museums and tourist attractions. Most of these vessels are in the water and literally rusting away. Many are now in need of major refurbishment, which can cost over \$100 million for a carrier or battleship. Even smaller ships (cruisers, destroyers and submarines) can require over \$20 million to put back into shape to just sit in the water, receive visitors and not sink or fall apart the next time a major storm hits. Most of the largest of these museum ships are American, largely because the U.S. has had the largest fleet in the world for nearly a century.

Go to the link for the story...

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htmorl/articles/20121007.aspx>

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NEWS-03: Submarine Force Makes the Case for a New Sub  
Submitted by: Office on 10/9/2012

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The leaders of the submarine force talk amongst themselves about the importance of building a new class of ballistic-missile submarines, but now they are making a more public case.

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

Nearly all of the senior officers attending a classified conference on undersea warfare technology at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton last week spoke about how critical it is to replace the aging Ohio-class boats, Rear Adm. Barry Bruner said Wednesday.

Go to the link for the story...

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2012/10/04/submarine-force-makes-case-for-new-sub.html?ESRC=navy.nl>

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NEWS-02: USSVI Memorial Plaque progress at the Navy Memorial in Washington DC

Submitted by: Office on 10/5/2012

As part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of USSVI initiative, the American Submariners of USSVI will place a Memorial Plaque on the historic Commemorative Plaque Wall at the prestigious U.S. Navy Memorial and Navy Heritage Center on Pennsylvania Ave in Washington, DC.

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.

The plaque is a 14 inch by 14 inch aluminum plaque with the graphics photo etched on to the plaque so it will last over 200 years.

This project was announced at the 2011 convention and we have gathered in donations approaching \$6,000 to date of the \$10,000 needed.

Thanks to all who have contributed to date, and a special recognition is due the Seadragon Base and Seattle Base for contributions in excess of \$500.00 ea, and to Ron Kimmel (Blueback), John Savory, Doug Smay (Doug Smay), Ken Fleming (Reading), Ed Corrao (Tang) and Tim Floersch & Pat Householder (Seattle) & Colly O'Gorman (Scamp) for contributions in excess of \$125.00 ea.

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.

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

Updated link: <http://ussvi.wordpress.com/2011/11/22/national-memorial-plaque-in-washington-dc/>

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NEWS-04: EB group's job is envisioning what submarines will do in the future

Submitted by: Office on 10/10/2012

Nearly everyone at Electric Boat is focused on current submarine programs. Three people are not.

They are the concept formulation group, or in EB lingo, CONFORM. Their sole job is to figure out how today's submarines can be made to do more and how future submarines should be made for what they may be called on to do.

Go to the link for the story...

<http://www.theday.com/article/20121010/NWS09/310109920/-1/nws>



## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-05: 50<sup>th</sup> USS Thresher Memorial Service Invitation to all USSVI Members  
Submitted by: James A Fox on 10/10/2012

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On April 6, 2013, United States Submarine Veterans Thresher Base along with the Commander, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard will jointly host the 50th Annual USS Thresher Memorial Service, honoring the memories of the 129 men lost aboard USS Thresher on April 10, 1963.

The service will be held at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard starting at 1300.

Our invited keynote speaker is the Navy's most senior submariner, Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations.

A reception area will be up adjacent to the memorial service area, featuring the USS Thresher family storyboards. The post-service reception is open to all and will include light refreshments.

Join us in celebrating the lives of the men lost by showing your gratitude and support to the family members they left behind simply by showing up in uniform and taking time to meet the family members.

Many of the children of the men lost were too young to remember their fathers, and they have a strong desire to learn and connect with them. If you knew one of the men lost, you have the unique ability to provide them with a direct connection to their fathers, sharing information they will treasure for the rest of their lives and pass on to subsequent generations.

Some of the children will be attending our service for the first time, a number of which have never been aboard a submarine. As a submarine veteran, you can provide the family members with an increased understanding of what their father experienced while serving aboard a submarine.

The event will be open to those who have received and RSVP'd to a formal invitation, and by those who possess a current military ID (active duty and retired). If you do not have a current military ID and would like to be added to the invitation and PNS gate security access list, please email Kevin Galeaz at [thresherbase@comcast.net](mailto:thresherbase@comcast.net) with your address, and with the names and addresses of those that will attend along with you to permit PNS access security vetting. Those without email access can leave me a detailed phone message at 603-232-6201.

If you are unable to be with us in person, please consider contributing to the pre-service slide and video presentation with an email or video message from your Base to the family and former crew members in attendance. The memorial service will be filmed and transmitted via satellite over the internet by the Defense Video & Imagery Distribution System on the website: <http://www.dvidshub.net/>. I encourage your Base to consider viewing the event live as a group, joining with us to perpetuate the memories of the men lost aboard USS Thresher (SSN-593) on April 10, 1963.

Fraternally,

Kevin Galeaz

USSVI Thresher Base Commander

[ThresherBase@comcast.net](mailto:ThresherBase@comcast.net)

<http://www.thresherbase.org/>

603.785.6464

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FLASH-01: Navy Birthday Information - 13 October 1775

Submitted by: Office on 10/11/2012

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The Chief of Naval Operations has stated that the Navy Birthday is one of the two Navy-wide dates to be celebrated annually. This page provides historical information on the birth and early years of the Navy, including bibliographies, lists of the ships, and information on the first officers of the Continental Navy, as well as texts of original documents relating to Congress and the Continental Navy, 1775-1783.

Go to link for the story...

<http://www.history.navy.mil/birthday.htm>

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-01: New Sub-Hunting Capabilities Challenge U.S. Undersea Dominance  
Submitted by: Office on 10/11/2012

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Emerging foreign capabilities to hunt and defeat stealthy submarines will force the Navy to find new ways to maintain dominance in the undersea warfighting arena, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert writes in new internal guidance.

In a September 26 memo to his Strategic Studies Group, Greenert says revolutionary warfighting concepts must be developed to preserve the Navy's undersea edge in the coming years despite an array of rising challenges. The undersea environment "is the one domain in which the United States has clear maritime superiority but this superiority will not go unchallenged," he writes.

Go to the link for the story...

[http://messdeck.com/Forum/forum\\_posts.asp?TID=25215&title=cno-new-subhunting-capabilities-challenge-us](http://messdeck.com/Forum/forum_posts.asp?TID=25215&title=cno-new-subhunting-capabilities-challenge-us)

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NEWS-02: 2012-13 Scholarship Program  
Submitted by: Paul Orstad - Scholarship Chairman on 10/11/2012

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Information for Base Commanders and Applicants for the 2012 - 2013 SubVet Scholarship Program.

It is posted at [www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org) under the CHARITABLE FUND button, SCHOLARSHIPS, APPLICATION button.

Below is a direct link to the Scholarship Manual.

[https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Charitable\\_CFDocuments\\_2012\\_2013\\_SubVets\\_Scholarship\\_Manual.pdf](https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Charitable_CFDocuments_2012_2013_SubVets_Scholarship_Manual.pdf)

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NEWS-03: Old Boats Never Die, They Get Recycled  
Submitted by: Office on 10/12/2012

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While the U.S. Navy is willing to spend over half a billion dollars to repair fire damage inside the USS Miami (a Los Angeles class SSN or nuclear attack submarine), it is seeking ways to keep those costs down. One good idea is to salvage components from the recently (last year) decommissioned USS Memphis. This boat entered service in 1977, 13 years before the Miami. While the Memphis was one of the "original" 31 Los Angeles boats, and the Miami is one of the third generation (Improved Los Angeles) designs, both share many common components, especially in the forward part of the boat where Miami suffered most of its damage.

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

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htsub/articles/20121012.aspx>

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NEWS-04: Covert Submarine Operations  
Submitted by: Office on 10/12/2012

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In October 2012, the Cold War Gallery at the Washington Navy Yard, part of the National Museum of the United States Navy, will open to the public, including a section on Covert Submarine Operations.

For more than 45 years, the Navy played a vital, pivotal role in containing and defeating the very real threat of Soviet military power and Communist ideology. Few episodes in the Navy's history were as momentous as the Cold War, America's longest war. From 1945 to 1991, American Sailors braved combat and the dangers of service at sea to protect the United States from powerful adversaries armed with nuclear and conventional weapons.

Go to the link below for a online tour of the Navy Museum's Cold War Gallery relating to Covert Submarine Operations.

[http://usnavymuseum.org/Ex2\\_CovertSubOps.asp](http://usnavymuseum.org/Ex2_CovertSubOps.asp)

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-06: ALL HANDS - VERY IMPORTANT!!!

Submitted by: James A Fox on 10/12/2012

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If you have family or friends on active duty, 1<sup>st</sup> thank them for their service and then get this information to them via email, phone, etc.

Announcement: The November general election is less than 30 days away.

To register, request a ballot, and vote absentee go to [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov) to complete your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). It takes less than 10 minutes to complete using the online registration and absentee ballot assistant. Help spread the word!

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NEWS-01: USSVI Scholarship Applications for 2013 year

Submitted by: James A Fox on 10/12/2012

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The USSVI "Sub Vet" Scholarship Board is pleased to announce they are now accepting requests for USSVI Scholarship Applications by three ways:

1. Send an email or snail mail to the National Scholarship Chairman at Paul Wm. Orstad, 30 Surrey Lane, Norwich, CT 06360-6541. Email is [hogan343@aol.com](mailto:hogan343@aol.com).

2. Call and request one by phone at 1-860-334-6457, or 3. Go to web page and on left side click on "Charitable Fund" in Blue, Then Click on "Scholarships" on top left side, Then Click on "Application" on top left side. Then Click on the application, cover letter and hint sheets. DON'T click on Manual as you will be confused. If not sure please call the Scholarship Chair who will gladly help you out to get your application.

Paul Orstad  
NSC

## THE SUB NET

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

<a href="#">Royal Navy Lacking Submarines Sailors</a>	<a href="#">Silent Running Wash. Free Beacon</a>	<a href="#">Cheating to Save the Nukes</a>
<a href="#">Strategy Page.com Submarines Articles</a>	<a href="#">Submarine Museums</a>	<a href="#">Subvette Ladies Auxiliary</a>
<a href="#">Submarine Pictures on flickr.com</a>	<a href="#">Hydrogen-Peroxide as Submarine-Fuel?</a>	<a href="#">The American Legion Hallowed Waters</a>
<a href="#">History and Parts of the Submarine</a>	<a href="#">Submarine Poem for Christmas</a>	<a href="#">Wear Your Medals on Veterans Day</a>
<a href="#">For I Am a Submariner</a>	<a href="#">Submarines in the Cold War</a>	<a href="#">navybuddies.com</a>

## MY RICKOVER ENCOUNTER

The Sand Lance had five reactor operators that qualified RO initially: Jim St. John, Charlie Backes, Newell Crary, Bruce Ward, and John Walsh. As part of the initial engineering testing that goes with a new submarine each shift had to have their qualified reactor operator and shifts perform a fast scram recovery. For you forward types this involved an emergency shutdown of the nuclear reactor and a subsequent fast startup. For all submarines built during this timeframe, Admiral Rickover personally observed these fast scram recoveries. This is about my turn in the barrel, so to speak.

Three of the RO's were selected to perform the fast scram recovery while we were at sea. The admiral had come on board with all his accompanying fanfare and needs. A time was selected and the RO's taken to Machinery Room #2 to await their turn. I do not remember which position I was in, but I do know I was not the first.

I am sure many of you remember how large Maneuvering was (or wasn't) especially the engineering types. When my turn came up, they called me into the Maneuvering Room. Maneuvering normally held four watch standers: The Engineering Officer of the Watch (EOOW), the reactor operator (RO), the electrical plant operator (EO), and the steam plant operator (Throttleman). When I got to Maneuvering there must have been twelve people in the space normally used by four. I managed to squeeze in the room and relieved the watch. Admiral Rickover was in the chair normally used by the EOOW and the EOOW was standing. Also, this was not just the RO that was tested, but the whole shift. So all four watch stations were being relieved. When things settled down a little, someone in Machinery #2 opened the scram breaker for a partial scram, which allowed us to do a fast scram recovery.

When the reactor is shutdown, one of the first things each watch station is required to do is to reduce electrical loads to minimize the heat taken from the reactor and keep it as hot as possible. If the reactor gets below a certain point, the RO is required to do a full scram and we all are in deep dodo. Part of this rig for reduced electrical in the engine room is to shut off the vent fan supplying the Maneuvering Room with cool air. The temperature goes from 72 degrees to 98 degree in about five minutes.

Here we are with the reactor shutdown, the boat rigged for reduced electrical, and a nervous reactor operator (me) asking permission to restart the reactor. This permission is granted by the EOOW and a fast scram recovery is started by ME. A normal reactor startup is not all that eventful; but with Admiral Rickover at my right elbow and not enough room to breathe, things got a little tense. My job was to withdraw the control rods in a manner that led to a controlled, critical reactor and to do a plant heat up within limits. I was doing this when I started "bumping" rods out to control the conditions. Someone, namely Admiral Rickover, did not like the way I was bumping rods and he yelled "You're breaking the machine." I got control of myself and the plant and completed the startup back to initial condition with  $T_{AVE}$  (read T average) in the green band, the turbines on line and making a 1/3 bell. At that point I was relieved, in more than one way, and got the hell out of Maneuvering.

I think I have told that story about a hundred times over the years about how I got yelled at by Admiral Rickover.

Charlie Backes

Coastal Carolina Base Vice Commander

USS Sand Lance 1970-1972

## LODGING AVAILABLE FOR THE ARMY / NAVY FOOTBALL GAME

Game in Philadelphia, PA

Saturday, December 8, 2012

Kickoff at 1500

More game information available at [Army / Navy Game](#)

The Thomas Bond House Bed and Breakfast have two rooms remaining for Saturday night and seven rooms available for Sunday night.

Website: [www.thomasbondhousebandb.com](http://www.thomasbondhousebandb.com)

e-mail: [info@thomasbondhousebandb.com](mailto:info@thomasbondhousebandb.com)

Phone: (215) 923-8523

Enjoy the company of Navy and Army guests in town for the Army/Navy game. Partake of a military style hot breakfast prepared by the inn managers.

Jerry and Peggy Emerson  
Tarheel 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

FLASH-01: Newly Revised Constitution and Bylaws are now posted online  
Submitted by: Tom Conlon on 9/26/2012

The newly revised C&B are on the USSVI website. They include changes made by the PA's in the latest (2012) election cycle. The changes to the documents are highlighted in red."

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 2012\_USSVI\_Constitution\_Revised\_September\_9\_2012.pdf link to view the constitution
5. Select the 2012\_USSVI\_Bylaws\_Revised\_September\_9\_2012.pdf link to view the bylaws

[USSVI Constitution](#)

[USSVI Bylaws](#)



**USSVI 2013 National Convention**  
**Hosted by the Minneapolis/St. Paul**  
**base with support from**  
**Rochester, MN**  
**AUG 25 - SEPT 2, 2013**

The convention will be held at the Kahler Grand Hotel, which is located a stone's throw away from the World Famous Mayo Clinic. The Boat Reunions are currently scheduled to be at the Kahler Inn and Suite Hotel. The Rochester Marriot, Kahler Inn, and Suite Hotel are set up as alternate berthing for riders and hot rackers.

[2013 Convention Website](#)

## ELECTION OF TARHEEL BASE OFFICERS

The 2012 Election of Tarheel Base Officers will be conducted by individual ballots. Candidates for the elected offices are listed below. Please mark an "X" for your choice in the space provided in front of the candidate's name. Although nomination of Officers was closed on October 6<sup>th</sup>, write in votes will be considered. Enter or sign your name in the designated space at the bottom of the Ballot. Those Tarheel Base members receiving this Ballot by email should forward the completed Ballot to the Election Master, Jim Davis, at the following email address: [davis.jp@att.net](mailto:davis.jp@att.net). Those Tarheel Base members receiving this Ballot by US Postal Service should return the completed Ballot by US Postal Service to: Jim Davis, 512 Lyndenbury Drive, Apex, NC 27502. For Any questions concerning this process, call Jim Davis at 919-744-0462.

If you are a member in good standing of Tarheel Base you are entitled to a vote in this election. It does not matter whether Tarheel Base is your Primary Base or Secondary Base.

Ballots are due to the Election Master **on or before October 31, 2012.**

### Ballot for Election of Tarheel Base Officers - 2013

\_\_\_\_\_ Commander: William "Butterbean" Dixon

\_\_\_\_\_ Vice Commander: John Cunningham

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: William E. Lowe

\_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer: David B. Campbell

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Member Name	Date
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Mail to:

Jim Davis  
512 Lyndenbury Drive  
Apex, NC 27502



## 2012 PEARL HARBOR DINNER INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

This year's dinner will be held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Village Inn located off of I-40 at Exit 184 in Clemmons, NC. The hours for hospitality room on Friday are 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm and on Saturday 10:00 am to 11:00 pm, closing during the dinner period. We will move to the banquet room at 5:30 pm with the buffet starting at 6:30 pm. There will be a cash bar available from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the banquet room. Beverages from our hospitality room must be consumed in the hospitality room to be in compliance with the Inn's liquor license.

The menu for the buffet is Braised Beef Tips Burgundy, Herb Roasted Chicken, Fresh Garden Greens with Dressings, Oven-Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Chef's Seasonal Vegetable, Rolls, and Assorted Dessert Table. Coffee (regular and decaf) and Iced Tea are included with the meal.

A block of rooms at the Village Inn have been reserved until November 7<sup>th</sup> for the price of \$68.00 + tax per night for those needing lodging. Any room reservations after November 7<sup>th</sup> will still be at the block room rate if room vacancies are available. The Inn's check-in time is 3:00 pm and the check-out time is 11:00 am. You can contact the Inn at 1-800-554-6416 and when making your room registration let them know you are a Subvet. More information about the Inn is available on their website [www.thevillageinn.com](http://www.thevillageinn.com).

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(Submit this section of the form with your payment)

### Dinner Registration Form

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

Number attending including yourself: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost is \$30.00 / person

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ with your check payable to USSVI-Nat Greene Base

Mail your registration form and payment to: Chuck Jensen  
4925 Warfield Drive  
Greensboro, NC 27406

Dinner registrations must be received by Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> as we must give the Inn and firm number of attendees for the dinner.