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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.

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



## LOST SUBMARINES - SECOND QUARTER

### APRIL

#### USS Pickerel (SS-177)

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



#### USS Snook (SS-279)

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



#### USS Thresher (SSN-593)

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



#### USS Gudgeon (SS-211)

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



#### USS Grenadier (SS-210)

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



### MAY

#### USS Lagarto (SS-371)

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



#### USS Scorpion (SSN-589)

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

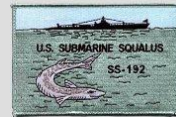


## LOST SUBMARINES - SECOND QUARTER (cont.)

### MAY (cont.)

#### USS Squalus (SS-192)

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



#### USS Stickleback (SS-415)

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



### JUNE

#### USS Herring (SS-233)

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



#### USS R-12 (SS-89)

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



#### USS Golet (SS-361)

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



#### USS Bonefish (SS-223)

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



#### USS S-27 (SS-132)

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



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

## LOST SUBMARINES - SECOND QUARTER (cont.)

### JUNE (cont.)

#### USS 0-9 (SS-70)

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



#### USS Runner (SS-275)

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



### REMEMBER THE S-28 LOST ON JULY 4, 1944

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

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

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

### 2013 KINGS BAY WWII SUBVETS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Below is an excerpt from an email from Keith Post, St. Marys Sub Museum, with dates of event.

The Kings Bay Memorial will be Wed-Sat, 30 Oct to 2 Nov, with the on base Memorial Service on Friday, 1 Nov. The Eagles Low Country Boil should be on Saturday, 2 Nov. The Cumberland Island Inn will be the host motel (same motel as last several years, 2710 Osborne Rd, Saint Marys GA 31558, ph 912-882-6259)

The official notification with registration form will sent out from the Museum sometime in the late spring or early summer.

### SOUTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR AWARD

At the recent SER meet, SED1 was the recipient of the SE Region Director Award.

"For the Districts and Bases impressive and continual support of patriotic and humanitarian projects, active Base and District functions, and well deserved recognition, SED1 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year is this year's recipient! Bravo Zulu to AI

D.E. Kanning  
Director, Southeast Region



# TARHEEL BASE

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

I realize it's early BUT I want to bring to our attention the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner. The date will be on Pearl Harbor Day, Saturday, 7 December, at 1900 @ the University Club, at NC State University in Raleigh. Gordon Banks has already scheduled the club. Much more on this later. Please put this on your calendars!!

We have had several parades and Eternal Patrol commitments so far this year. Thank you, and well done to the Subvets that make the effort to attend these missions.

Thanks to all the members that make the Tarheel base meetings run so smoothly.

The guest speaker for our next Tarheel Base meeting will be RADM Glass.



Bill "Butterbean" Dixon  
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

### Next Meeting:

Saturday, 01 June 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](#)

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## WELCOME ABOARD !!

### Our Newest Tarheel Base Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Qualified</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Lives in</u>
Keith Bender	1968	USS Nathan Hale (SSBN-623)	Cary, NC
Gerald "Buck" Buchanan	1991	USS Nevada (SSBN-733)	Morrisville, NC
Gregory Liss	1990	USS Sculpin (SSN-590)	Cary, NC
Tom McFadden	1986	USS Louisville (SSN-724)	Apex, NC
Joe Pulwaski	1971	USS Sunfish (SSN-649)	Raleigh, NC
Harry Zimmerman	1969	USS Andrew Jackson (SSBN-619)	Raleigh, NC

## 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](#)

### Congratulations to this year's new Holland Club members!

Name	Qual Boat	Primary Base
Steve Bell	SS-377	Carolina-Piedmont
Howard Dachs	SS-407	Carolina-Piedmont
Donald Duncan	SS-408	Carolina-Piedmont
Robert Howell	SS-576	Carolina-Piedmont
David Peck, Jr.	SSBN-617	Carolina-Piedmont
Michael Toomey, Jr.	SS-405	Carolina-Piedmont
Delbert Ennis	SSBN-609	Nat Greene
Carroll Gunter	SS-319	Nat Greene
Larry Hauser	SS-272	Nat Greene
Colin Kagel	SSN-575	Nat Greene
Gary Vernon	SS-475	Nat Greene
Robert Andrews	SSN-589	Seattle
Bill Abbruzzese	SS-485	Tarheel
Gordon Banks	SS-272	Tarheel
Earl Buffaloe	SS-484	Tarheel
John Clark	SS-324	Tarheel
Joel Daughtridge	SS-403	Tarheel
Bill Grogan	SS-418	Tarheel
Jerry "Spots" Leppart	SS-405	Tarheel
John Link	SS-478	Tarheel
Clif Snow	SS-399	Tarheel
Herman Strickland	SS-348	Tarheel
Frans Van Baars	SSBN-630	Tarheel
Fenton Wells	SS-522	Tarheel
Jerome B. Hoffart, Sr	SS-395	USS Asheville
Milton Stark	SS-322	USS Asheville
William Lewis, Jr.	SS-272	USS Virginia



# NATHANAEL GREENE BASE AND NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

The Nathanael Greene Base has already inducted five members into the Holland Club. Carroll Gunter, Larry Hauser, Gary Vernon, Delbert Ennis (Maryland) and Colin Kagel (Connecticut). They were inducted at our January meeting.

Our Kaps 4 Kids Chairman Mike Runkle has contacted the Camp Carefree organization and we are slated to do several visits to different Disability organizations at the Camp. We also will probably be going to the Person County. Mike has also been in touch with the Children's Home owner.

We have started a donation program for each meeting where the members bring in items for different organizations. We brought in non-perishables and can goods for a new organization in Winston Salem call Veterans Helping Veterans Heal. Dale Patterson and myself delivered the goods on March 29<sup>th</sup> at their weekly veterans coffee and snack visit. Various members are looking into different programs to work with and will be reporting next meeting.

We gave up our Boat Sponsorship of the USS Asheville to the Asheville Base. We now have the USS Key West as our boat sponsorship boat.

The Nathanael Greene Base has donated to both the Thresher and Scorpion Memorials.

Our next meeting is May 4<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion in Winston and we have planned a cookout for the members.

As the North Carolina Subvets Commander, I have visited four of the six bases leaving only the Piedmont and Asheville Bases to visit. I had the privilege to administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Coastal Carolina Base officers at the second quarter NC Subvets meeting held on the Battleship. It is great to see this base growing with leaps and bound.

I have just learned from Steve Bell and Bill Dixon that the Tarheel Base will be hosting the SER Convention in 2014. I am asking all of the other 5 bases to pitch in and help them with this commitment.

Please consider participating in any of the upcoming NC Subvet events that can be found on our website, [www.ncsubvets.org](http://www.ncsubvets.org). I especially bring your attention to the Annual Pearl Harbor Dinner in December which is our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter meeting. This is not a meeting per se, but a good time for visiting other base members and camaraderie. This year it is on Pearl Harbor Day, Saturday, DECEMBER 7. The Tarheel Base will be hosting this year in Raleigh, more info later.

As I have said before my door is always open, email or call me with any problems or questions and I will do my best to help or answer.

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



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## CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE AND SED1 DISTRICT COMMANDER

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

Our Regional Convention in Charleston was really a good one. Don't take my word for it, just ask those that attended. Thom and Linda Beach did a wonderful job. It appears that next year's convention will be in our home state, but much more to be put out later on that by those responsible.

Our district was again fortunate enough to win the Regional Director's District Award. The reason for that is the efforts put on by all those within the District. Each base within the District contributed to us winning this again. I thank all of you for your efforts. I am just the one who gets to accept such awards.

The Burnsville annual event is now just around the corner. Still time to get your reservations and registrations submitted. This is always a wonderful weekend in the mountains. So if you plan on attending, get your registration submitted.

The National Convention is rapidly approaching. This year it will be in Rochester, MN. It will be the last week of August, so you probably will not need any foul weather clothes. No national elections and/or amendments to deal with this year. However, the District Commander elections are during the odd year. I will be running this year (I think I am losing my mind) and do ask for support from each one of you. I don't think I have fouled it up yet, so need more time for that.

The National Mid-Term was held last month (March) in Dallas, TX. I have very little information on that currently, but expect it to be published soon. Once it is out, we will make sure the information gets out to all of you.

I would like to thank each of the bases that help support the Thresher Memorial Ceremony this year. Hopefully we will not run into that type of situation very often. From all reports I have received, the ceremony went very well.

Our parade season is getting into full swing now. Those are always enjoyable and also do well for helping get the word out about the Submarine Veterans. Plan on attending one this year if you have never participated in one. You will be in for a treat.

I wish each of you an enjoyable summer. Please be careful, we need and want each of you at our various meetings and events. God bless and take care.

**EXTRA!** One of the pleasures of being the District Commander is when you get to be the one who gets to receive the award for others. Our district, once again, was awarded the Regional Directors District Award during the convention this week. This is NOT my award, but it is your award. We receive this because of all the various work that each of the bases within the district accomplish. It makes me proud to serve you.

I thank each of you for your contribution not only to us being able to get the award, but more importantly, the efforts you do for the betterment of USSVI in general.



Steve Bell  
USSVI Carolina-Piedmont  
Base Commander,  
and  
USSVI SED1 Commander

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Steve



Commissioned May 19, 2007  
**Carolina Piedmont Base is now  
6-Years Old**

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## 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



# COASTAL CAROLINA BASE



Charlie Backes  
USSVI Coastal Carolina  
Base Commander

After the parade at the Azalea Festival in Wilmington many of the submarine veterans gathered in the wardroom of the Battleship North Carolina for a district meeting. Jim Myers of the Nathaniel Greene Base, who is the NC Subvets Commander, installed the officers of the USSVI Coastal Carolina Base. These officers are:

Base Commander	Charlie Backes
Vice Commander	Jerry Hawks
Secretary	Bill Underwood
Treasurer	Barry Turano

Several key business items were dispensed with:

- The base authorized donating \$100 to the float drivers for float expenses.
- Base Treasurer Barry Turano updated all of us on the new float that we have purchased. He described the process of procuring the float, moving it home, and future actions needed to get the float presentation worthy. Funds were authorized to get the float coated to prevent damage. A plan for other actions needed will be presented later.
- Bernie McGuire detailed the plan for our golf tournament. It will be held on September 28, 2013 at Echo Farms. More details on this as the event gets closer. There is a lot of work that needs to be done to make it a success.

On Saturday, April 20, the base commander along with the district and regional commanders attended the banquet of the BB55 Club. The BB55 Club is made up of past members of the USS North Carolina BB55. The NC Subvets were invited because there is now an active USS North Carolina SSN 777. Regional Commander Dick Kanning along with District Commander Terry Bell want to foster a good relationship with the BB55 club to benefit of both organizations.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2013 starting at 7 PM at the Baptist Center. All are welcome to attend.

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](#)

Charlie Backes

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**Congratulations to the newly elected base officers!**

# USS ASHEVILLE BASE



Eugene Ipox  
USSVI USS Asheville  
Base Commander

The USS Asheville Base went through several changes 2012, from the formation of the base to changes to the Base Constitution and Bylaws in six months. The crew of the base is looking forward to new things in 2013.

The membership of the base has risen just under 300% in six months and we have donated to several USSVI and NC Subvets' requests for help.

We participated in several parades, Eagle Scott Presentation and the Asheville "Sea Cadets." This coming year we will be working with the locale NJROTCs in teaching and passing on the proud heritage of the Submarine Force. The Base has formed the USS Asheville Base Honor Guard and will be presenting the Colors at the local Asheville Tourists game on Memorial Day.

During the annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner hosted by the Nat Greene Base, one member went beyond the call to duty with donating a set of wooden wall dolphins to be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the Nat Greene Base Kaps 4 Kids for that I would like to extend a personal "BZ" to Joe Schmidt, the USS Asheville Base Treasurer.

As Commander of the USS Asheville Base I first wish to thank all those that stepped up to get the base underway and secondly to all our members for their support and participation in our Base activities.

I would like to thank Dick Kanning and Steve Bell as well as all the NC Subvets' bases and members for helping the USS Asheville Base formation and commissioning. To all USSVI members, veterans, spouses and dependents, if you are in the area during the time of meeting please feel free to stop by and meet the USS Asheville Base members.

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**USS Asheville Base will soon be one year old**



## THE BATTERY WELL

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



Helmsman with an attitude



For reasons he never quite understood, the Ensign's first tour was a little "rocky."



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on the left column, then click

**Current Issue**

## SHIP'S LIBRARY RECOMMENDATION

A new book titled "Operation Storm" by John Geoghegan, recounts the Japanese effort on submarines equipped with dive bomber planes. Thankfully, only two of the planned 18 mega subs managed to make it to sea. The review that I read of this book looks quite interesting.

Gene Rutter

## 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.

**Ahoy!**

This old traditional greeting for hailing other vessels was originally a Viking battle cry.

**Chewing the Fat**

"God made the vittles but the devil made the cook," was a popular saying used by seafaring men in the 19<sup>th</sup> century when salted beef was staple diet aboard ship.

This tough cured beef, suitable only for long voyages when nothing else was cheap or would keep as well (remember, there was no refrigeration), required prolonged chewing to make it edible. Men often chewed one chunk for hours, just as it were chewing gum and referred to this practice as "chewing the fat."

**Galley**

The galley is the kitchen of the ship. The best explanation as to its origin is that it is a corruption of "gallery". Ancient sailors cooked their meals on a brick or stone gallery laid amidships.

## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2013 EVENT SCHEDULE		
DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION
May 17 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	Fri - Sat	Annual Burnsville Meeting [Event details on pages 32-33]
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Memorial Day Parade in Thomasville
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Independence Celebration Parade in Troutman
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Fourth of July Parade in Faith
August 22 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday	Old Soldiers Parade in Newton
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> - Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Many	Kings Bay WWII Subvets Memorial Service
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Veterans Day Parade in Asheboro

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

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



### Charlotte's St. Patrick's Day Parade

On Saturday, March 16, the NC Subvets participated in Charlotte's 2013 St. Patrick's Day Parade with members from the Nat Greene, USS Asheville, Carolina Piedmont, and Tarheel Bases, along with Lucky the Leprechaun and his buddy bear riding the parade submarine. There were the most spectators at any of the parades we have been in to date.

For more details, click on the button:

[Charlotte Parade](#)

### Nags Head St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, March 17, the NC Subvets participated for the second time in the St. Patrick's Day Parade at Nags Head. Members from the Albemarle Sound Base; Jeff Cross from the Hampton Roads Base; Don Small and Jerry Emerson from Tarheel Base; and as well as Ray Moore, Mike Runkle, Jim Myers and Chuck Jensen from the Nat Greene Base were in the parade plus Lucky the Leprechaun riding the parade submarine.

For more details, click on the button:

[Nags Head Parade](#)



### Azalea Festival Parade and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter NC Subvets Meeting



Miss Wilmington & the NC Subvets

Best weather yet for all of these parades that we have participated in to date. There were 17 Subvets from the Coastal Carolina, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases at this year's parade. Good crowds as usual.

The quarterly meeting was held in the wardroom on the Battleship North Carolina with additional Tarheel Base members who came for the meeting only.

For more details, click on the button:

[Wilmington](#)

## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)

### Tarheel Base April Service Project

On Saturday April 20, a volunteer work party of six Tarheel Subvets performed a mulching task at Cary's Fred G. Bond Metro Park in support of the Town of Cary Adopt-A-Spot Project. Ongoing support of this project provides a couple of prominently located USSVI signs, one near the boat house entrance and one near the main area of the Ropes Course.

For more details, click on the button:

[Service Project](#)



## CAMP CORRAL OPPORTUNITY

As you may (or may not) know, Carolina Piedmont Base has been doing the Camp Corral visit for the last three years. Camp Corral is a week long summer camp for children of wounded, disabled or fallen military families. It is for children 8-15 years old, free to the family (the family just has to get them there and back home). We have had the honor to take one evening and give them an hour or so lecture on the "Submarine Story." That can be anything you want. In any case, it is a wonderful opportunity to be with some children, spread our story, and fill your hearts with some satisfaction.

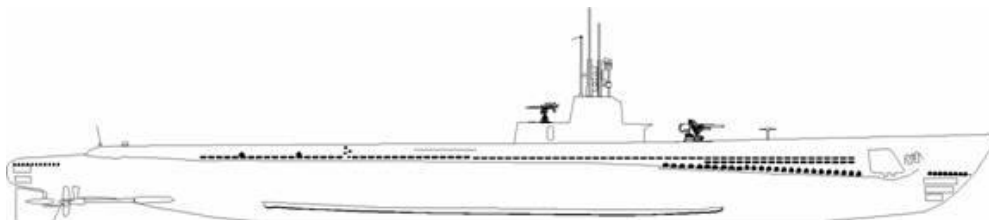
This year, it appears to me that this program has been greatly expanded (maybe I was just unaware in the past). But there are opportunities for each of our bases. Tarheel and Albemarle can either combine their effort or just one base take it (details below) and USS Asheville can have the one out their way. We at Carolina Piedmont plan to do the same one we have done in the past (except it appears we only have one week instead of three now).

The opportunity for Tarheel / Albemarle Bases is at the 4H camp in Columbia, NC during the week of 23-28 June (same time as the Carolina Piedmont effort at 4H camp in Ellerbe, NC). Address of the camp is 100 N. Clover Way. Phone number is 252-797-4800. The opportunity for USS Asheville Base is at the 4H camp in Swannanoa, NC during the week of 4-9 August. Address is 170 Woodland Drive. Phone number is 828-686-3196. If you have trouble with obtaining contact there, you can try Golden Corral at 1-855-605-1267.

Again, this is a wonderful opportunity for your base to help give some children an uplift. It also goes along with our creed (depending on your approach of course). I can tell you that those of us at Carolina Piedmont Base that have participated in this have really felt rewarded by it. Even if it is a little hard (travel and such), but well worth the effort.

Thank you all for your consideration in this project. Please contact your base commander if you wish to participate.

Steve Bell  
Commander, Carolina Piedmont Base  
Commander, District One, Southeast Region





## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain Timothy Kast  
USSVI USS Asheville Base

*...because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion,  
walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*

1 Peter 5:8

Military families all across the nation have recently come to know this passage. Military deployments, tough enough as they already stand, are facing new pressures in and out of the work place. Where do you go when things get to be “too much”, who do you talk to when difficulties arise within families back home?

The mainstream media has even stepped out from the shadows and has seemed to take an active interest in discrediting the military, their achievements, and the military code of justice. There is legislation afoot that could prohibit a veteran from his Second amendment rights if he or she has ever accepted treatment for post traumatic stress disorder. These things are like rust; they never sleep. In order to better understand your role as part of Uncle Sam's fighting men and women, you should readily perceive that you can't face these threats alone. Belief in God has always set the military apart from a good many folk who probably have not felt the sting of combat or who are strangers to a long patrol or tour away from home. These deployments mold these families into a mental, emotional and even physical toughness that cannot be acquired through less demanding means.

*“Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight”*

Psalm 144

My good friend James D. “Patches” Watson , a plankowner of SEAL Team Two, once told me, “There are no atheists in combat...” Chief Watson knows whereof he speaks; three tours in Vietnam in the Mekong Delta in the Late Sixties and early Seventies forged an iron will and a strong spirit. He has detailed his exploits in notable volumes as *Point Man*, *Walking Point*, and others.

Many of the facets of modern society are quick to omit references to God and country and yet that is exactly where men and women of strength and distinction turn in times of grave danger. A good number of our cadre in the Silent Service are folks who have founded a family while in the military. They have ties to keep them going while their service to their country takes them too far and distant waters. That little nucleus of love back home is what exemplifies our love of country and our worship of God. Those children, that wife, girlfriend, mother or father are what make up that tenuous hold we all share in our love for our homeland.

The worship of God is special for this country. Why does everyone in the world want to be like us? It is because our God prepares us to be the best that we can be. That esprit de corps is what helps men and women in America's military rise to the top like good cream.

The Silent Service in particular relies on the cohesiveness that dependence on a Supreme Being brings to the ship. Another nucleus, this time the ship on which you serve, is kept civil by the mores and regulations that govern just men and women. The long hours, the vulnerability of the submarine in combat, and the dedication of like-minded men and women contribute to a United States Ship operating like a well-oiled machine. God and country becomes a mantra that nearly everyone aboard a combat patrol learns to live by. It isn't just some phrase on a church fan from back home in Mobile, it is the way people in the military relate to each other. This is even part of Naval Tradition dating back to the “tall ships”.

Many folks talk of carrying a picture perfect mind's eye view of their hometown with them on a long cruise. You know, the way your town looks on a Sunday morning, right at daybreak before there is any traffic on the roads. There is kind of a hush in the air as the sunlight filters in all quiet and stealthy. It's humbling, isn't it? Look and see, next patrol, if in your mind's eye view there isn't a church steeple or two in your town; with the cross of Christ standing tall above the whole land.

*“If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there.*

*If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;*

*Even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me.”*

Psalm 139

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

David Bell	David Creekmore	Rudy Hernandez	James McClain	Don Small
George Birmingham	Bill Edwards	Don Huston	Joseph Peek	Herman Strickland
John Blom	Ed Galaviz	Arv Klemp	Steve Ricard	Tom Tidd
James Burwell	Robert Harris	John Link	Jim Schenk	Chuck Troyon
Dick Cimino	Arvie Helle	Bruce Lobach	Paul Simerly	James Wolski

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Theodore Barber, Jr.	Bill Elmore	Timothy Kast	Calvin Reese	John Trubee
Bob Bickford	Sean Filipowski	Bill King	Thomas Richey	Joel Tuchfeld
Robert Boyd	Roy Hall	Robert Love	Kenneth Sigworth	Gary Vernon
Guy Bringley	Glenn Harris	Tom Lufkin	Scott Spinka	Daniel Wall
Tom Coffman	Don Haseley	Larry Lynch	Linwood Sutton	Jay Wellwood
John Dainotto	George Hecker	Joe Morgan	Bud Tolbert	Herman Ziegler
Jim Davison	Chuck Jensen			

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Gordon Banks	Don Duncan	James Gradeless	Howard Nudi	Walt Sealy
Keith Bender	Rodger Ellingwood	John Hanek	Rudy Ogas	Robert Sloop
Jack Canady	Fred Forst	William Holzendorf	John Pearce	Joel Sparnon
Steve Costantini	Jim George	M.B. Hudson	Don Queen	Johnny Turner
Jeff Cox	Duke Gow	Tom Krpata		

## PERPETUATING THE MEMORY OF OUR SHIPMATES



Tarheel Base Subvets Bill Lowe and Bill Whelan were at Durant Road Middle School in Raleigh on Monday morning, 15 April 2013 to participate in a program with more than 50 enthusiastic eighth graders studying about World War II and the post-war years. Lowe and Whelan were guests of the school at an honors luncheon after the presentation.

From left to right: Luke Miles (Durant Middle School Teacher of the Year and Social Studies Teacher), Bill Lowe and Bill Whelan, and Durant School Eighth Grader Kyle May.

Chaplain Bill

## 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-01: Unlocking the secrets of the CSS Hunley

Submitted by: Office on 2/8/2013

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HANDS CLAD IN BLUE LATEX GLOVES, Paul Mardikian gently lifts the artifact that may unlock the 149-year-old mystery of the Civil War submarine H.L. Hunley

Go to the link for the story... [http://scliving.coop/sclife/features/13-02-01/Deep\\_secrets.aspx#.UQvMUvL4J8F](http://scliving.coop/sclife/features/13-02-01/Deep_secrets.aspx#.UQvMUvL4J8F)

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NEWS-02: SubVet National Memorial Plaque in Washington DC - Feb 2012 [Corrected]

Submitted by: Office on 2/8/2013

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The National Office acknowledges with appreciation the following bases and members who have contributed to the National Memorial Plaque fund in addition to donations received at the National Convention in Springfield and Norfolk.

Base Donations have been received from Carolina Piedmont Base, USS Chicago Base, Seattle Base, Seadragon Base, West Tennessee Base, Northern Virginia Base and Barbel Base.

Individual member donations received to date from Ullis Herkel, Dan Odenweller, Daryl Brock, Gil Shaddock, Pat Householder, Jim Harper, Ron Kimmel, John Savory, Doug Smay, Ken Fleming, Columba O'Gorman, Tim Floersch, Tom Fortunado, Fred Briggs, Robert Weston, David Aunkst, Steve Christensen, Ron Norford, Alan Skille, Ladean Van Leeuwen, Bob Medearis, Jerry Beckley, Johnny Pederson, Bill Buckingham, John Baccus, Doug Nunnery, Leroy Vick, Ben Brackin and Lamarr Seader.

Thank you all for your support to establish a memorial plaque to all our fellow submariners at the "Quarterdeck of the Navy"

To contribute to this project, send your tax deductible gift to USSVCF, PO Box 3870, Silverdale WA 98383 marked for (WDC Plaque)

For more info on this Memorial Plaque, go to <http://tinyurl.com/Memorial-Plaque>

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NEWS-02: San Diego Base builds a Parade float

Submitted by: Office on 3/12/2013

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San Diego Base Progress Pictures on their 1/22 scale Los Angeles Class submarine float project.

The submarine is 18 inches in diameter and a little over 16 feet long.

Well Done, Shipmates!

<http://www.ussvisandiego.org/PhotoLogs/FloatProject2013.htm>

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-03: Diesel Submariners take note  
Submitted by: Office on 2/9/2013

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From Tom Barnes of SSMC:

FOR ALL that served in the Diesel Submarine Service as I did, this is a very important ruling.

I have been denied any form of disability due to Agent Orange exposure while at sea during West Pac, but this ruling shows we were exposed to something just as bad. If you have any symptoms (as I do) print this report and take it to your VA rep.

Please pass to all Vietnam Veterans.

Service connection for bladder cancer, as due to Agent Orange exposure and/or diesel fuel exposure, is granted.

See the attached citation below.

<http://www.va.gov/vetapp07/files2/0717857.txt>

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NEWS-01: USSVI NATIONAL STOREKEEPER PHONE NUMBER  
Submitted by: James A Fox on 3/5/2013

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The USSVI National Storekeeper has changed its phone number from 855-758-7784 to 925-679-1744.

The toll free number was cancelled to reduce the operating expenses for the NSK. Lower overhead allows the NSK to offer its products at competitive prices.

You may call or email the NSK at [nsk.ussvi@yahoo.com](mailto:nsk.ussvi@yahoo.com). We are constantly improving our site with new and better items. Visit us at [ussvinationalstorekeeper.com](http://ussvinationalstorekeeper.com) or by going to the [ussvi.org](http://ussvi.org) site and clicking the storekeeper tab.

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

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NEWS-01: Cincinnati getting Cold War relic - sail from namesake sub  
Submitted by: Office on 3/14/2013

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A Navy spokesman said the sail – the tower and wings that jut from the top – of the decommissioned Cold War nuclear-powered submarine USS Cincinnati will be ready for pickup in October.

For the rest of the story...

[http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20130312/NEWS/301290001?nclick\\_check=1](http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20130312/NEWS/301290001?nclick_check=1)

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-02: New POC Manager

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 3/15/2013

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Shipmates,

During the Mid-Term meeting of March 12<sup>th</sup> the E-Board voted to have the NJVC become the National POC Manager to improve the communications between the E-Board and the membership. We the E-Board of USSVI would like to thank Jim Fox for all he has done for USSVI while serving as National POC Manager. BZ Jim!

As of today please send any POC messages to be sent out to Al Singleman at [al@ssbn657.com](mailto:al@ssbn657.com)

Pride Runs Deep,  
Al Singleman, Jr. NJVC & National POC Manager

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FLASH-01: U.S.S. Minnesota (SSN-783) Commissioning

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 3/25/2013

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Shipmates,

"The USS MINNESOTA (SSN 783) is scheduled for commissioning in ceremonies scheduled for 07 Sep 2013 in Norfolk VA.

As with previous Submarine Commissionings, per discussions with COMSUBLANT Staff and the representative at the Newport News Shipyard, Groton Base Commander John Carcioppolo will be the designated point of contact for all members of SUBVETS and SUBVETS WWII for tickets.

For all Base Commanders please provide this information to your members, and collect all the information for those interested in attending the commissioning. Complete the attached spread sheet with information for each of your members wanting tickets, and return it to John Carcioppolo. It is preferred that the Base Commanders collect this information and submit it one time, but individual requests for tickets from members will be accepted as well.

The cutoff dates for requests for tickets is Tuesday 28 May.

The list will be consolidated and submitted to COMSUBLANT/NEWPORT NEWS SHIPYARD by John Carcioppolo. The tickets will then be sent out to all who requested tickets in the July/August time frame.

If you have any questions please contact John Carcioppolo at either [commander@subvetsgroton.org](mailto:commander@subvetsgroton.org) or (860) 514 - 7064.

Please ensure that this notice receives widest distribution including to those without email and all SUBVETS WWII."

Thank you,  
John Carcioppolo

Please use the link included in the POC to get to the form. If you cannot go to the link, go to the USSVI website, click on documents, than forms and the Excel sheet is on the top of the list.

Pride Runs Deep,  
Al Singleman, Jr. POC Manager  
[http://ussvi.org/Documents/Online\\_Forms\\_Minnesota\\_Commissioning\\_Invites\\_form.xls](http://ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Forms_Minnesota_Commissioning_Invites_form.xls)

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-01: CPO Rank 120<sup>th</sup> Birthday!  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 4/1/2013

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Shipmates,

Today April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 is the 120<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the CPO rank established this day in 1893. Many thanks to all of our members who have served, or are serving as Chief Petty Officers. As the Duke once said while playing a Submarine Captain in Operation Pacific, "the Chiefs have been taken care of this man's Navy for a long time." Thank you for your service as a Chief Petty Officer, and for your support to OUR Navy, and Happy Birthday.

You guys and gals who are Chiefs, Senior Chiefs, and Master Chief's have done an outstanding job over these 120 years. BZ to all.

Pride Runs Deep,

Al Singleman, Jr POC Manager

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FLASH-01: Dedication to Tim VeArd by NC T. Michael Bircumshaw  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 4/8/2013

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### A FINAL DEDICATION

He was my friend, my shipmate, and a dedicated contributor, whose actions and pure generosity will forever impact the administrative heart of USSVI. Tim VeArd was a young man whom I first met nearly fifty years ago aboard the USS Robert E Lee SSBN-601. To the best of my memory our first contact was when he walked up with a piping book and Qual Card in hand asking about getting signed off on the primary Reactor Plant, or some other Nuke system that I could sign for.

By the time I left the 601 he was a highly qualified and dedicated NAVET. At some point in time we became closer and I began to call him, "Little Brother". I admit that we lost contact as I moved on in '67, but that is the military way. It is also the military way that sometimes you meet up again, and that happened sometime in 2005 when I picked up the job as Editor of the American Submariner and Tim became the Chief Technology Officer for USSVI.

Tim had gone from being a highly qualified Navigation Technician to the apex of his career in virtually all things involving data and systems that I struggled to understand and operate in accordance with the magazine and later on as NJVC and the national membership chairman. Without Tim's systems and the incredible data base that he and Pat Householder strung together, my job of NJVC would have been severely restricted and limited in so many ways.

Tim was married to Lynda for 40 some years and they raised a family of two, Tim and Cherie, plus a sort of adopted son by marriage (it's a long story), Tim II.

Although Tim and Lynda were on the East Coast and I was at the other end of the country, we did see each other at conventions and at 601 reunions where we rebuilt our friendship to some extent and reminded ourselves of past days.

Tim was the major contributor to the success of the USSVI data system, and he did it all "gratis". We attempted to thank him in words and by bestowing USSVI's highest honor, the "Joe Negri" award, upon him a few years back. He also earned a well-deserved "Robert Link" award. But it was never really enough, it was simply the best that we had, sort of like what Tim did for us, he gave us the best that he had.

And then there is the less than pleasant news, Tim is gone. He was taken by cancer many years before he should have left us and his beloved family. In his memory we have established a "Tim VeArd Scholarship Fund".

There is some consolation in having Tim's family volunteer to carry on in the maintenance and development of the USSVI data base for which we are forever grateful.

In looking for some way to honor Tim and his memory I have designated him as the USSVI "CTO Emeritus". His name and that title will be forever inscribed in all American Submariner magazines to come. It is a very small way to remember and to thank a dedicated and devoted shipmate for his unflinching efforts to serve us all.

Condolences may be sent to Tim's wife, Lynda VeArd, daughter Cherie and son Tim at 2240 Lakes Of Melbourne Dr., Melbourne, FL 32904-9171

Fraternally,  
Michael  
T Michael Bircumshaw

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-01: A Motion on the word Sub-ma-rin-er  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 4/13/2013

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Shipmates,

A few weeks ago I made the following motion on the E-Bod BBS:

It is time USSVI has an official pronunciation of the word submariner. For US Submariners it should be sub-ma-rin-er not our British friends sub-mariner. I would like to clear this up once and for all. I therefore make the Motion: That the USSVI Official pronunciation of the word submariner be sub-ma-rin-er as we all served on a sub-ma-rine.

After some debate and discussion the E-Bod voted 6 to 4 in favor of the motion.

Why did I do it? Since 1900 thru the late 1990's we submariners of the US Navy's Silent Service have been called and known as sub-ma-rin-ers, not sub-mariners (which is the Queen's English and the Royal Navy's pronunciation of the word). Admiral Nimitz used Sub-ma-rin-er, Admiral Lockwood used Sub-ma-rin-er, Navy training films use Sub-ma-rin-er, Admiral Dykers used Sub-ma-rin-er in the Silent Service TV series, and it is part of our history, heritage and US Navy Submarine Tradition. In the past few years Sub-mariner has creped into the picture due to the history channel and other submarine programs produced overseas and done with a British point of view. The Royal Navy always looked down on their submariners from the start with distain because they were dirty and did not follow their gentlemanly rules of naval warfare, ergo their term sub-mariner. US Sub-ma-rin-ers are not sub standard mariner's, our early submarines were looked upon as a great opportunity for young officers to get their first commands and we are the finest, best trained and proudest sub-ma-rin-ers in the world.

This is not a waste of E-Board time, but it is a statement of who we are, what we should be called and a way to show Pride does Run Deep. We need to stand up and fight the political correctness of our time, because if we do not, 20 years from now a submarine school class will be calling themselves Sub-mariners. Do you want that?

We are the premier Submarine Veteran's Organization and we must protect that word sub-ma-rin-er, and past it on to future generations of submariners who have yet to serve. I think it is part of our Creed and the phrase, Pride Runs Deep.

My intent of the motion is not to force any member to use sub-ma-rin-er, but to educate each other on the why we should use the pronunciation of sub-ma-rin-er, educate the public in the proper term for a US Submariner and pass it on to future generations of US Navy Submariners. If we do not, WHO Will?

Pride Runs Deep,  
Al Singleman, Jr. NJVC

### 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](#)

## THE SUB NET

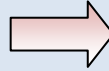
Items on the Internet of Interest to Submariners – Just click the buttons below

History of the Chief  
Petty Officer Grade

One Minute Video:  
Silent Service

Electric Boat  
Production Record

**Navy "All Hands" Magazine Now Online**



All Hands

The Navy relaunched its flagship magazine, "All Hands Magazine," for Sailors and their families as an online publication at the new All Hands Magazine website at [www.ah.mil](http://www.ah.mil).

The new online version features stories, photos and videos about topics that are relevant to Sailors and their families. For almost 90 years, the print version of All Hands Magazine greeted Sailors everywhere.

The magazine's editors are counting on reader contributions from across the fleet. Readers can visit [www.ah.mil](http://www.ah.mil) for details on how to contribute.

### Did you know that bubbleheads are innovative?

A submariner, Captain Francis Low was responsible for initially suggesting that a bomber should be able to fly off a carrier and was the inspiration for the Doolittle's Raid in World War II. This link is to the Jonna Doolittle Hoppes "Jimmy Doolittle Raid" presentation at Historic Flight Foundation

Jimmy Doolittle Raid

### SUBVET VEST EMBROIDERY DEAL

One of our shipmates has a commercial embroidery shop in Cary.

Tom McFadden would like to offer any of our Subvets free embroidery on their Subvet vests. He will take care of any text, but not to include any images or patches – as those need to be specially digitized and there is a third party cost involved. He has the in-house capabilities to create any text files.

So... here's the deal... any of our Subvets who go into the store, ask for David, who runs the store for me, and tell him you are with "Tarheel Subvets" and what you want on the vest (text only, and what font and color they want). David will write down the order and take care of it. He will let them know and call them when the order can be picked up. We will normally have an order ready in a few days.

Royal Embroidery & More  
263 Towerview Court  
Cary, NC 27513  
919-461-8998



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

Tom McFadden  
Perfect Promotions & More, Inc.  
919-303-1739  
[tom@perfect-promos.com](mailto:tom@perfect-promos.com)



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



*(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kyle Carlstrom/Released)*

### **Submarine USS Asheville Departs for Six-Month Deployment** Navy.mil, March 27

SAN DIEGO (March 26, 2013) Cmdr. Douglas Bradley, commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Asheville (SSN 758), stands on the conning tower as the boat departs for a scheduled six-month deployment... to the western Pacific region in support of the Chief of Naval Operations' Maritime Strategy, which includes maritime security, forward presence, sea control, and power projection. Asheville was commissioned September 28, 1991 and is named after Asheville, North Carolina. Displacing more than 6,900 tons, Asheville has a crew of nearly 140 Sailors and is one of six Los Angeles-Class, fast-attack submarines homeported in San Diego.

The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine's deployment is in support of the Chief of Naval Operations' Maritime Strategy.

Asheville's missions will focus on maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts, which help establish conditions for regional stability. The deployment is part of an on-going rotation of deployed forces to support maritime security operations and operations in international waters around the globe, working with other coalition maritime forces.

During the past few months, Asheville has conducted several training exercises off the coast of California and is fully prepared to deploy.

"I'm very proud of my crew aboard Asheville," said Cmdr. Douglas Bradley, commanding officer of USS Asheville. "They have worked extremely hard to ensure our ship is ready to execute all tasking and missions during the deployment. I have a talented and dedicated crew and we all look forward to the challenges of the deployment."

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### **USS Charlotte Departs for Western Pacific Deployment**

COMSUBPAC Public Affairs, April 2

(PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii) – Goodbyes were heard from family and friends at the submarine piers on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Charlotte (SSN 766) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam April 2 for a scheduled six-month deployment to the Western Pacific region.

Charlotte's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Andrew Miller, commented that the submarine and her crew are ready for the deployment. While deployed to the 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of operations, the submarine will conduct peacetime missions while providing forward presence to the operational commander.

"We have materially prepared the ship, certified our crew and prepared our families for deployed operations in the 7th Fleet," said Miller.

Miller said of the 130 enlisted and 16 officers aboard, more than one third of the crew will be going on their very first deployment.

The submarine's priority will be to safely and effectively execute the tasking provided by the operational commander. While on deployment, the crew intends to conduct training and qualify new Sailors in attaining their submarine warfare qualification designation or "dolphins."

Miller said his crew is very excited to deploy and conduct operations they have been preparing for. After months of rigorous training and maintenance periods, they are ready to apply their knowledge and exercise their skills to effectively operate the submarine while deployed.

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"I am very proud of the crew and the improved performance of the ship over the last several months," said Miller. "Their hard work along with the sacrifice of Charlotte's families has resulted in a highly capable team that is ready to conduct forward - deployed operations in support of national security and theater security cooperation objectives."

Culinary Specialist Seaman Junnel Sapida said he is excited about his first deployment.

"I feel good about my first-time deployment. I'm looking forward to going on our mission, hitting some good ports and feeling the whole experience." said Sapida.

Commissioned in September 1994, Charlotte is the fourth ship of the United States Navy to be named for Charlotte, N.C. She is a Los Angeles-class nuclear attack submarine that is 360-feet long and displaces 6,900 tons. She can be fitted with Mk-48 torpedoes and Tomahawk missiles.

### **Charlotte Boy Scouts Connect with Submarine Crew**

The Charlotte Observer, March 22

Boy Scout Troop 1, Charlotte's "Pioneer Troop," is using letters, emails and photographs to build a strong relationship with the U.S. Naval submarine that bears the city's name.

The troop, based at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church on Park Road, first began its relationship with the USS Charlotte submarine in 2005.

Roger Ball, a professional photographer and former assistant scoutmaster of Troop 1, said Boy Scout troops often visit military installations.

"Knowing that the Norfolk Naval Yards were close by, I looked into a possible tour of it. In researching this, I came across a mention about the USS Charlotte (SSN-766) Submarine coming to the Naval Yards to have a DMP (Depot Modernization Period) where it would remain in dry dock for two years as it was up-fitted or modernized," said Ball.

"I asked the troop if they would be interested in touring the base and possibly touring the sub if that could be arranged," he said. "They were."

The boys came up with the idea of making a presentation to the crew, so Ball offered to supply some skyline prints of Charlotte that could be hung in the sub or at their base. After Ball contacted the mayor's office for a contact on the ship, they supported the effort as with a signed letter from then-Mayor Pat McCrory.

After two years of emails to the boat's commander, arranging a tour seemed almost impossible. But then the troop got a lucky break in January of 2007, when an opportune meeting occurred between two Scoutmasters and a group of Navy brass at a UNC game.

They exchanged contact information and after the troop sent several emails to the admirals explaining the presentation, they put in a good word on the boys' behalf.

The troop was told to be ready to come on short notice, as there'd only be a small window of time between the ship's DMP, sea trials and then its return to Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

They got the call at the beginning of September 2007 and on Sept. 22, the 16 young men of Troop 1 were escorted aboard the USS Charlotte. The boys met with then-Commander, Bobby Parnell, in the officers' stateroom and presented him and the crew with the two framed skyline prints of Charlotte, along with the letter from the mayor.

The boys in return, received a plaque as well as a tour of the sub, including the missile room, bunk areas, cafeteria and the high-tech control room. They saw the torpedoes and the periscope, and even listened to the sounds of schools of fish and whales at the sonar station.

Matthew Crotty, who has been in the Boy Scouts for about seven years and who was one of the group who toured the vessel, said he was 14 years old at the time and the idea of seeing a SSN sub up close was a dream.

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"I felt very honored to be granted access to such an expensive and important piece of our nation's arsenal," said Crotty. Bishop Saunders, who is now 17 years old and a junior at Myers Park High School, was 11 when he toured the sub.

"What [young] kid wouldn't be so excited to visit such a mighty force in the military," Saunders said.

Since the tour in 2007, the troop has remained in contact with the various commanders of the ship through emails and written correspondence, even exchanging emails while the sub was on duty in the Pacific Ocean.

Commander Richard Young said in a letter to the troop in April, "The support from your troop and the Mecklenburg County Council serves as a humble reminder to me and my crew that [the] USS Charlotte is lucky to represent the great community of Charlotte, North Carolina."

In 2011, the troop sent updated skyline prints to replace the 2007 set since the Charlotte skyline had changed. This time, Mayor Anthony Foxx wrote an official letter that accompanied them.

One of these prints was a sunset shot taken the evening of April 28, 2011, the night of the NFL draft, when the uptown towers were lit in Carolina Panther blue, and the Panthers chose Cam Newton as their No. 1 pick. The troop decided to ask Panthers coach Ron Rivera if he'd autograph the print. He did, and gave the troop a special Panther Challenge Token. The relationship with the USS Charlotte has given the Scouts an opportunity to practice writing and communication skills. Several Scouts corresponded with the USS Charlotte's executive officer as part of requirements to earn an Eagle-required Communications Merit Badge.

Ball said he believes this relationship has had the elements necessary for obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

"This journey is a great example of using the resources available to reach a worthy goal, that good communication (both visual and written) is important in attaining those goals and that organization, patience and perseverance may be necessary along the way," said Ball.

For the boys, the meaning goes further.

"This relationship can open our eyes to real world circumstances overseas and is an opportunity not worth wasting to learn about other people's lives fighting for our country each and every day," Saunders said.

Crotty echoes that sentiment, "I feel that the relationship with the troop shows the crew that they have not and will never be forgotten. The incoming youth at Troop 1 will always be enthralled by the story of how the troop has a relationship with a ... submarine."

## SUBMARINE WWII VETERAN CELEBRATES 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

- Received from Fred Woodley: Interesting story. That's one "Old Chief"
- <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2013/apr/08/yournews-war-veteran-celebrates-100th-birthday-316/>

### Chief Charley Tom Odom

The Smoky Mountain Submarine Veterans and other organizations celebrated the 100th birthday of Chief Charley Tom Odom. Odom was born April 18, 1913 in Memphis, Tenn. As a young man during the depression dropping out of school he worked as a grease monkey to help support his family. At twenty years of age, Odom enlisted in the Navy.

He attended Machinist Mate schools and was assigned to the USS S-1, an old WW1 submarine. He served under Lieutenant Junior Grade Hyman Rickover who would one day become the "Father of the Nuclear Navy." Odom separated from the Navy in 1940 working as a railroad roundhouse foreman and earning his Chief Engineer Merchant Marine license.

He married a nursing graduate from the University of Tennessee Memphis and Red Cross Army Reserve. At the start of WWII Odom declined an offer to be a Merchant Marine Lieutenant on the Murmansk run to re-enlist in the Navy. Charlie put the USS Billfish SS-286 into commission overseeing construction of the diesels to be installed on the submarine. Odom at 29 years of age was referred to as "The Old Chief" by a crew of officers and enlisted men who averaged 21 years of age.

## MORE ON 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

Odom earned a Navy Citation for extraordinary service as the Chief Engineman of the USS Billfish for his actions that contributed in the survival of the submarine. The second war patrol of the USS Billfish is documented in Don Keith's book "War Beneath the Waves". He went on to serve on a number of submarines and after the war taught at the US Navy Submarine School.

In 1956 Odom retired from the Navy. With a degree from the University of Tennessee Knoxville he taught Air Conditioning and Refrigeration at Fulton Comprehensive High School until he retired again in 1976.

Odom went on mission to South America helping to build a school in one country and a church in another at the age of 83. Before he became a resident of the Ben Atchley Veterans home a couple of years ago he swam six days a week, went ball room dancing and drove himself everywhere and after more than twenty years of Spanish lessons started to teach a class.

At his party Odom was presented a number of honors and gifts. Tennessee State representative Roger Kane presented a proclamation honoring Odom's service and a Centenarian Certificate from the State of Tennessee. Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett presented him a Proclamation declaring April 8 Charley Odom day. The Knoxville Fleet Reserve Association presented Charley a flag in a shadow box that was flown over the USS Missouri, the USS Nevada, and the USS bowfin one day each in Charley's name.

Odom's Masonic lodge presented a certificate of appreciation and the Smoky Mountain Submarine Veterans presented Charley with a quilt from "Quilts of Valor" decorated with the ships patches of the submarines he served on and logos of the submarine veterans organizations he belonged to.

This story is contributed by a member of the Knoxville community and is neither endorsed nor affiliated with Knoxville News Sentinel.

## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE USS BONEFISH FIRE

Wikipedia - On 24 April 1988, USS Bonefish (SS-582) was exercising with the guided missile frigate Carr 160 mi (260 km) off the coast of Florida. While the sub was submerged, seawater began leaking onto cables and electrical buses in a battery supply cableway. Electrical arcing between cables caused an explosion which flashed into a fire within minutes, with temperatures in the battery spaces reaching 1,200° Fahrenheit. The heat was so intense that it melted crew members' shoe soles in the spaces above. Bonefish was surfaced and its crew ordered to abandon ship.



Eighty-nine crew members were rescued by whaleboat and helicopter crews from Carr and the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy. One Search and Rescue Swimmer from HS-7, Anti-Submarine Warfare Operator Third Class (AW3) Larry Grossman spent over three hours in the ocean and was credited with saving 19 lives. He later received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for Heroism. With the fire extinguished, Bonefish was subsequently towed into Charleston, South Carolina by salvage and rescue ship Hoist. Three sailors - Lieutenant Ray Everts, Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Bob Bordelon, and Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Marshal T. Lindgren - were killed.

The damage to Bonefish was deemed too extensive to warrant repair, and a decision was made to decommission her and dispose of her via scrapping.

Bonefish was decommissioned on 28 September 1988. She was struck from the Naval Vessel Registry on 28 February 1989 and disposed of by scrapping on 17 August, 1989.

## ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES

### George A. Gressman

Our shipmate, George A. Gressman, 95, a Submarine Veteran of WWII and a Tarheel Base member who lived off Creedmoor Road in Raleigh, NC departed on his eternal patrol on Wednesday, 27 Feb 13. He wished not to have any services. His body was to be cremated, and then his ashes will be taken back out to sea by a submarine from Norfolk, VA at a later date.

George was born on 06/23/17.

George qualified in submarines in 1940 onboard USS R-14 (SS-91). He also served on USS S-24 (SS-129), USS O-9 (SS-70), USS Spearfish (SS-190), and USS Sea Dog (SS-401). He served on active duty 1939 - 1946, achieving the rank of MOMM1(SS).

George's oar is at rest.

George's daughter, Susan K. Lynch and her husband Brian, who live in Raleigh, joined us for breakfast with us at the Golden Corral in Cary on Saturday, 9 March 2013 and were presented with our traditional Book of Remembrance and WWII bronze marker. 38 Subvets also attended this breakfast.

The message below, although addressed to your Chaplain, is intended for all North Carolina Subvets:

"Dear Chaplain Bill: We do not have the words to say how much Brian and I appreciate your invitation to breakfast. It is an event Brian and I will always remember.

"The last few months have been very difficult. Meeting you and all the Subvets could not have come at a better time.

"You all are a wonderful group and we are grateful for your service and your friendship.

"Thank you again for the Book of Remembrance and plaque...two very special gifts.

"Most sincerely.

"Susan & Brian Lynch"

### William G. (Bill) Morris

Our shipmate, William G. (Bill) Morris, 86, of Mooresville, NC, sailed away peacefully on his Eternal Patrol on 14 March 2013 at his home.

Bill, who was born on 7/12/1926, held USSVWWII card 9705, served as Gunners Mate Third Class aboard submarines USS BILLFISH (SS-286) and USS DIABLO (SS-479). He was also a member of the Tarheel and Nathanael Greene Bases of USSVI.

Bill's wife passed away on 18 January 2008.

His next-of-kin is Thomas Morris, who can be reached by phone at (919) 710-5080.

Bill Whelan presented a Book of Memories and the Bronze Marker to Bill's family.

Bill was a graduate of Statesville High School and Virginia Tech University, with a degree in Forestry. Bill was a forester with Duke Power Company and retired in 1985. He was a member of the North Carolina Society of Forestry.

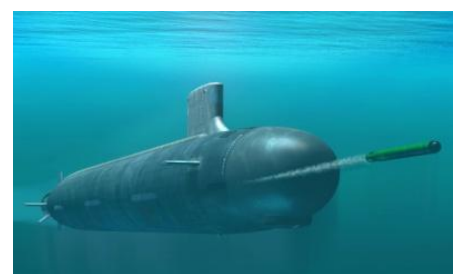
He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War, and was proud to serve on a submarine.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting, smoking his pipe, and was proud to be a "Hokie" from Virginia Tech.



**Did you know ???**

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



## USS SILVERSIDES ON CNN'S LIST OF TOP 5 'BOATELS' IN THE WORLD

Michigan Live, March 13 <http://www.silversidesmuseum.org/>

MUSKEGON, MI -- The U.S.S. Silversides, a World War II submarine that sits in the Muskegon Channel, has recently been featured as one of the top five "boatels" in the world by "MainSail," a monthly sailing show on CNN.

A boatel is a cross between a boat and a hotel, according to a story posted CNN's website.

"Catering for those who seek the romance of the high-seas without sacrificing the creature-comforts of dry land, an increasing number of enterprising hoteliers are converting historic vessels into over-night stays," reads the story, written by Sheena McKenzie.

The story bills the U.S.S. Silversides as a way for history buffs to "experience life as a World War II sailor – without the combat." It also highlights the submarine's distinction as the third most prolific U.S. submarine during the war after it sank 23 Japanese ships.

Accompanying attractions and activities include a visit to the adjacent U.S.S. Silversides Submarine Museum and a remote operating vehicle (ROV) class, in which participants can build their own underwater robots, the article said.

Denise Herzhaft, business manager of the U.S.S. Silversides Submarine Museum, said the organization was excited to be included on the list.

"We are delighted," she said.

Herzhaft said the submarine is a huge draw to the site and attracts Boy and Girl Scout troops, 4-H groups, church groups, reunions and veterans groups. All 72 beds are booked almost every Friday and Saturday throughout the year and during the summer, the Silversides is also occupied on weekdays, she said.

"We are open all year long," Herzhaft said. "It's been this way since the late '80s."

Overnight stays include a guided historical and mechanical tour of the submarine as well as workshops like knot-tying and Morse code, she said.

Rates are \$35 a night Friday through Sunday and \$30 Monday through Thursday. The Silversides is also starting to take reservations for 2014, although rates will increase by \$2.50 next year, Herzhaft said.

Groups need a minimum of 20 people to make a reservation. For more information, contact the museum at (231) 755-1230.

Also included in the list were boatels from New York, the Netherlands, Long Beach, Calif., and London.

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

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 C&B 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](#)

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# USSVI 2013 NATIONAL CONVENTION

## August 25 - September 1, 2013

### Kahler Grand Hotel Rochester MN 55902



### 2013 Convention Registration Form

Name (To be used on badge): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date	Event	Cost	Qty	Total
	2013 Convention Registration (per person) <b>(add \$10.00 per person after 1, August, 2013)</b>	\$25.00		
<b>Mon. 8/26</b>	<b>National Eagle Center &amp; Mississippi River (Lake Pepin) Tour &amp; Dinner Cruise }1500-2100} <b>NEW</b></b>	\$65.00		
Tues. 8/27	Annual Golf Tournament (0700) Soldiers Field Golf Course	\$50.00		
0700-1400	Trout Fishing/Picnic Lunch on Trout Run Creek <i>individual angler/equipment included or Accompanied by wife/lunch included</i>	<b>\$75.00</b> <b>\$115.00</b>		
	Mall of America Tour (0730-1630)	\$30.00		
	Treasure Island Casino Tour (1500-2100)	\$20.00		
	A Little Touch of Minnesota (1800-200)	\$5.00		
Wed. 8/28	Mall of America Tour (0730-1630)	\$30.00		
	National Eagle Center & Larks Toys & Carousel/Lunch at Historic Nelson Cheese & Mississippi Valley Tour (0900-1500)	\$55.00		
	Historic Lanesboro & Four Daughters Winery Tour with Lunch (0900-1500)	\$50.00		
	Welcome Aboard Oktoberfest Celebration (1730-2100)	\$30.00		
Thurs. 8/29	Holland Club Breakfast (0700-0830)	\$15.00		
	Amish Country Tour with Lunch on an Amish Farm (0900-1400)	\$50.00		
	Spam Museum & Salem Glen Winery & Lunch at Garten Marketplatz (0900-1400)	\$50.00		
Fri. 8/30	Men's Luncheon (1200-1400)	\$25.00		
	Ladies Luncheon (1200-1400)	\$25.00		
	National Eagle Center & Mississippi River (Lake Pepin) Tour & Dinner Cruise (1500-2100)	\$65.00		
	Treasure Island Casino Tour (1500-2100)	\$20.00		
Sat. 8/31	USSVI Convention Awards Banquet (1730-2300)/Entertainment Meals: Prime Rib: _____ Pork Loin: _____ Cornish Game Hen: _____ Egg Plant Parmesan: _____	\$40.00		
<b>RAFFLE</b>	<b>Win one of two 4 (FOUR) NIGHT STAYS AT THE KAHLER GRAND HOTEL Approx. \$450.00 Value</b> <b>Drawing July 01, 2013 Winner to be Notified by: July 15, 2013</b> <b>TO BE USED FOR THE 2013 CONVENTION</b>	\$5.00ea. 6 for \$25.00		
	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>			
	<b>LESS DOWN PAYMENT (minimum amount = registration fee)</b>			
	<b>REMAINDER DUE BY 1 JULY, 2013</b>			

**NOTE: ATTENDANCE AT ANY USSVI SPONSORED ACTIVITY REQUIRES PAID REGISTRATION WITH THE CONVENTION**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2013**

Payment by check or money order made payable to:  
USSVI 2013 Convention P. O. Box 91 Crosslake, Minnesota 56442  
Website: <http://ussvi-2013convention.com/site>

**D.C (Andy) Anderson Chairman email: [acelect@emily.net](mailto:acelect@emily.net)**

## 2013 BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

We invite you all to come to the Burnsville 2013 event on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of May. The 17<sup>th</sup> is mostly just a day of getting together and enjoying the evening together. There will be plenty of snacks and drinks available at no additional cost to you and some Karaoke to top off the evening. The 18<sup>th</sup> will be an NC Subvets meeting, followed by lunch wherever you care to go. Many of us go to the Western Sizzlin a couple miles down the road from the hotels. It is also on the way to the memorial. We will have our Memorial Service at 1400. Most of you know where that is, but if this is a first time for you, you can ride with someone or just follow, your choice. The evening is a dinner put on by the main hotel (Skyline Village Inn) followed by Karaoke for your evening entertainment. Our reports back from various attendees said the entire weekend was well worth it. So make your plans early to come join us that weekend. The registration form on the follow page of this newsletter.

The room prices vary somewhat. Single rooms with balcony are \$85 a night, without balcony are \$69. Double rooms are \$99 with balcony and \$85 without balcony. Of course this cost is without tax. Verify your cost when you make your room reservation. This cost will apply to both hotels. Make your reservations at 704-517-6374 (Skyline Village Inn). If this hotel cannot accommodate you, he will take care of your reservations at the overflow hotel and let you know. Please make your reservations prior to 4 May 2012. We have a cutoff date of 3 May so we can all plan accordingly.

Fill out the registration sheet and send it to: Steve Bell, 138 Burton Hills Circle, Gastonia, NC 28054. Make your check payable to Carolina Piedmont Base – USSVI.

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

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY, MAY 17

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

#### SATURDAY MAY 18

1000	NC Subvets Meeting (Swearing in of Carolina-Piedmont Base Officers)
1130 (approx)	Lunch at Western Sizzlin (on your own)(for those that want to eat there)
1400	Memorial Service on Moonshine Mountain
1800	Catered meal @ Skyline Village Inn (downstairs)
1900 (approx)	Karaoke for the evening (upstairs)

- We will caravan (or try to) to Moonshine Mountain from Western Sizzlin after lunch.
- Hospitality Room will be open during the day Saturday. After the service, there may be a showing of the latest Bilge Rat Productions Show.
- Evening meal is a buffet style meal prepared at the hotel.





# 2013 NC SUBVETS BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

17-18 May 2013

## Pre-Registration Form – Cutoff Date 3 May 2013

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

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

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

Base \_\_\_\_\_

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

Emergency Contact/Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

		<u>NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Registration/Catered Meal, Saturday May 18	Per Person	\$25 X _____	= _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reservations: Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of the individual (828-765-6276 or 704-517-6374). A special rate of approximately \$85.00 (plus tax) for most rooms (if you are doubling up with someone, there is an extra \$10 charge) is available for U.S. Subvets per night. Double rooms are \$99 and singles are \$69 (plus tax of course). This hotel has only 16 rooms but has made a deal with a hotel (Big Lynn Gap Motel) approximately 2 miles away for overflow at the same rate. Skyline Hotel will arrange for either hotel as appropriate. **DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL RATE IS 3 MAY 2013.** Check out the website at [www.skylinevillageinn.com](http://www.skylinevillageinn.com).