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**Ex communi periculo, fraternitas** = From common peril, brotherhood

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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 - THIRD QUARTER

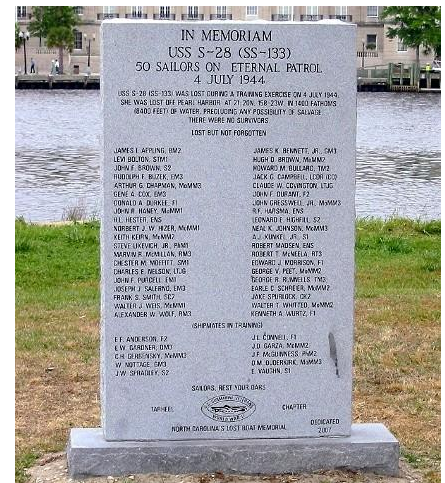
## JULY

### USS S-28 (SS-133)

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 50 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found in the area where she had been operating. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.



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



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



## JULY (cont.)

### USS Robalo (SS-273)

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



### USS Grunion (SS-216)

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



## LOST SUBMARINES – THIRD QUARTER (cont.)

### AUGUST

#### USS Bullhead (SS-332)

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



#### USS Flier (SS-250)

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



#### USS S-39 (SS-144)

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



#### USS Harder (SS-257)

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



#### USS Cochino (SS-345)

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



#### USS Pompano (SS-181)

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



### SEPTEMBER

#### USS S-5 (SS-110)

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



#### USS Grayling (SS-209)

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



## LOST SUBMARINES – THIRD QUARTER (cont.)

### SEPTEMBER (cont.)

USS S-51 (SS-162)

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



USS Cisco (SS-290)

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



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



## USSVI 2013 National Convention

Hosted by the Minneapolis/St. Paul  
base with support from  
Rochester, MN

### AUG 25 - SEPT 2, 2013



Click on the graphic above to go to the convention website

**The registration form is included in this newsletter on page 27 of this newsletter**

**Reminder!** The National Convention is next month. If you are going, you need to get your hotel reservations and registration in. The registration goes up by \$10 per person on 1 August, which is just around the corner. So get them in if you are going.

### 2013 KINGS BAY WWII SUBVETS MEMORIAL SERVICE

All associated information for this upcoming event are contained on pages 28-31 of this newsletter

# Happy Birthday to Three of Our Bases!

Base	Chartered On	Now Celebrating
Nathanael Greene	August 21, 2010	3 Years
Albemarle Sound	September 8, 2008	5 Years
Tarheel	September 27, 1997	16 Years

# TARHEEL BASE

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well fellow Tarheel base members, it's actually JULY!

USSVI National meeting in August, a few of us are going.

We have started making some plans for our December Pearl Harbor meeting/dinner. The date will be on Pearl Harbor Day, Saturday, 7 December at 1900 @ the University Club, at NCSU in Raleigh.

I would like to thank the Tarheel Base members that have taken the time to come out to our local base meetings.

We have had some very good speakers this year. Thanks to Gordon who is running this mission. We have Submarine Capt. Gary Davis coming in August. We are looking for a speaker for October.

Tarheel Base would like to congratulate the Coastal Carolina Base on their successful 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade with their new float. Well done guys!



Bill "Butterbean" Dixon  
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

### Next Meeting:

Saturday, 03 August 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](#)

From tubes aft,

Butterbean

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## WELCOME ABOARD !!

### Our Newest Tarheel Base Member

<u>Name</u>	<u>Qualified</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Lives in</u>
Pat Agnew	1984	SSN-671	Angier, NC

# Congratulations!!

### USSVI 2013 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER High School Senior Group

Robert E. Fennell Memorial Scholarship Award \$1000.00  
Shelby R. Hopkins, Granddaughter of  
Shipmate Robert F. "Hoppy" Hopkins Sr. of Nat Greene Base

### SCHOLARSHIP FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Robert Everhard, grandson of Tarheel Base member  
Bob Werner, maintained his scholastic and civic  
requirements and retains his scholarship for another year.

# NATHANAEL GREENE BASE AND NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

The Nathanael Greene Base has been busy with collecting items needed by the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal organization. Our last meeting we brought in soap dishes, plastic shoe containers, shower kits, etc.

We have started our end of the two year period election for officers by selecting an election Chairman and election master. Election to be completed at the November meeting with the new officers sworn in at the Pearl Harbor Dinner.

Our Kaps 4 Kids program is doing well. We have been to the Red Ribbon opening of Joshua's Angel Center of the Carolinas and will be going to Camp Carefree. We just went to Camp Corral for the Piedmont Carolina Base K4K program.

As North Carolina Sub Vet Commander, I wish to express my Pride in an organization that takes care of its own. We have just completed a donation for a Shipmate in Need and the total was more than I had anticipated. Bravo Zulu to all the Bases. We have several upcoming events that you can see on the website [www.ncsubvets.org](http://www.ncsubvets.org).

I understand that you can't attend every event we have, all I ask is try to attend as many as you can.

Our Tarheel Base will be hosting this year's Pearl Harbor Dinner on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. The Tarheel Base will also be hosting the 2014 SER Convention.

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



James R. Myers III  
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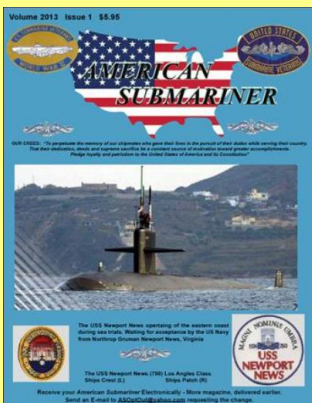
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[www.USSVI.org](http://www.USSVI.org)

and go to [USSVI Magazine](#)

on the left column, then click

[Current Issue](#)

## VIDEO RECOMMENDATION

**Submarine: Hidden Hunters** is all about the newest subs starting with the Virginia Class. Much video below decks in today's nuclear attack and ballistic missile subs. Also included is video of today's Sub School. A lot more demanding than I recall either enlisted or officer.

This can be purchased on Amazon for a reasonable price and is available on Netflix.

Dick Vopelak

## CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE AND SED1 DISTRICT COMMANDER

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

The summer months are now here. Time for hot weather, thunderstorms, and vacations.

The annual Burnsville WWII Memorial Service this year was another splendid one. I am sure those that attended will attest that this again was a fun weekend. Was everything perfect, I doubt it, but being good submariners that we are, we still had a great time. There are possible changes coming for next year. Stay tuned, should they happen, we will let you know.

It is also time to start finalizing your plans for the National Convention. That of course applies to those that are attending. You need to get your registration in and make your accommodation reservations, be that the hotel or a camping spot. Don't let that slip up on you and be late and miss out. There are about 130 signed up now and very few from our state. I do want to remind each of you that if you have a topic for the agenda at the Annual Business Meeting, you must first have your base vote on this before you can bring it before the floor. So if there is such a topic, please follow the proper procedures.

I suspect that by the time this newsletter is released, the voting for the District Commander will be complete. I would like to thank those that voted for me. And even if you wrote in someone, I thank you for your participation. I am hoping to serve one more term as your District Commander. So far it has been quite a year (actually a little less than a year) for me. I seem to be on the road to somewhere regarding the duties I have in this position.

I had the privilege of being inducted into the Holland Club this year. Guess that means I am getting old. In any case, since I am a dual member of the Groton Base, I had the opportunity to go through their ceremony this June. I was really impressed with their ceremony for inducting Holland Club members. It was something really special. If you have never been to one of theirs and have the opportunity, I highly recommend it. And better yet, if you have the opportunity to be inducted into the Holland Club in Groton, by all means,

take advantage of that. I promise that you will regret doing that. This year they were forced, due to events beyond their control, to move from Dealey Center to the Nautilus pier. Since we had great weather, it was even better than before. They plan to continue at the Submarine Museum and on the pier next to the Nautilus. Just a great event.

I have this bad habit of putting out the information as I get it to your Base Commander and I assume it is passed on (I know it is as I see Patch put it out). That kind of takes away my thunder for my newsletter input. Consequently, I have very little to provide to you in here. Besides, I need to save some of it for the District Soundings.

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.

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

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## COASTAL CAROLINA BASE



Charlie Backes  
USSVI Coastal Carolina  
Base Commander



We are very excited about our 15+ foot long submarine float and have enjoyed a great deal of positive feedback.

Much planning, effort and MONEY went into obtaining the submarine from a company in High Point, NC. They worked with our team to come up with the desired dimensions and size etc. Once we received notice it was completed we had to move it to Wilmington. A member had an enclosed car transport that he loaned to the team. One member reported that moving the enclosed trailer was like pulling a house down the road and all for a 50 pound model.

Once in Wilmington, the team had to come up with solutions to two more big problems: how to coat (protect) the Styrofoam from damage and how to display it so people could see it during a parade. The team came up with the LineX paint as a solution to the protection problem. LineX is hard, durable and available. It seems to be the perfect coating for our model. The LineX coating added about 150# to the submarine. After many suggestions, the solution for a display stand was settled on and fabricated. The submarine was mounted on the display stand and attached to the trailer that would be used for the parade. During this time one of our members loaned us his trailer. This was a generous offer since we have had the trailer for several months now.

While all this work was being planned and carried out, designs were settled on for the banners that we would use to decorate the sides of the float. We had two pairs of banners made: one to identify us with our base patch and the other to remember the S28 submarine that was lost many years ago. Besides the banners made to identify ourselves, we came up with some bunting, and flags to display on the float.

We will be storing the submarine in Carolina Beach between parades. There are at least two parades that I am aware of that we will be using the float. If other opportunities present themselves to us we may use it then.

We are also excited about the golf tournament we are sponsoring on September 28<sup>th</sup> at Echo Farms.

If any person reading the newsletter is interested in supporting us in this manner or wants more information please navigate to our NC Subvets website

[Charity Golf Tournament](#)

Submarines at the Battleship was held on July 13. The event was hosted by the Battleship Memorial as part of the Second Saturday series. This Saturday event focused on the submarine service with the tie being the SSN-777. We had the CCB float on site. It started at approximately 8:00 when the doors opened and ended around 4:00. The memorial provided a sandwich lunch for participants. This was the second year we are participated in this event. This year we had 4 of the SSN-777 former crew as a mini reunion for themselves and to support the event. Coastal Carolina Base members offered them rooms to help defray costs. They went home on Sunday. We saw this as a great opportunity to make a lasting connection with the current North Carolina crew and to get them hooked on coming to the State for all of their future reunions.

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

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## USS ASHEVILLE BASE



Eugene Ipox  
USSVI USS Asheville  
Base Commander

### "From the Mountains to the Sea"

This last quarter was very eye opening for the USS Asheville Base. The officers of the base were sworn into office for a year's term at the Burnsville Meeting of the NC Subvets, completing the first year of the base's commissioning. Milton R. Stark, ICC(SS), Qualified in 1963 on the USS Blackfin (SS-322) and Jerome B. Hoffart, Sr, TM3(SS), Qualified in 1963 onboard USS Redfish (SS-395) became "Holland Club" members this year, the ceremony was held at the WWII Burnsville Memorial.

The members of the base attended a meeting of the Asheville Sea Cadets, some of the topics covered; how things have changed from the Korean War, Vietnam War, Cold War and through the Gulf War.



USS Asheville Base Commander Gene Ipox (left of center) presented Holland Club Awards to Milt Stark (center) and Jerry Hoffart (second from left) with help from USS Asheville Base Vice Commander Art Barker (far left)

The cadets asked questions ranging from how long the longest time was submerged, the ports we pulled into, what is a "Shellback" to what are the ratings aboard a submarine. The base has been asked to assist in the cadets training by covering various topics as well as Q&A from the cadets.

The USS Asheville Base, newly formed "Honor Guard" trained with the Asheville Sea Cadets to give a second look at the Honor Guard, corrective criticism was given and received with respect by both parties. The final exam for the USS Asheville Base "Honor Guard" was held on Memorial Day, May 27, 2013 presenting the colors at the "Asheville Tourists" baseball game, the Honor Guard were received with great enthusiasm by all that attended. After the presentation the Honor Guard received an open invitation to please return to present colors more often.



## MORE FROM THE USS ASHEVILLE BASE



Back Row (Left to Right): Jim Seacord 1yr, Robert Heim 1yr, Don Brewer 1yr, Joe Schmidt 1yr. Front Row (Left to Right): Tim Kast 5yr, Eugene (Pox) Ipox Jr. 1yr.



Jerry Hoffart, Sr. 5yr (left)  
Eugene (Pox) Ipox Jr. (right)



R.T. Moore 10yr (left)  
Eugene (Pox) Ipox Jr. (right)

During the June meeting (base 1 year anniversary), members of the base received the longevity pins, 7 members received the 1 year pin, 2 received the 1 year pin 2 years late (Better late than never), 1 member received a 15 year pin (Base Secretary, Robert T. Moore). All the members are also plank owners of the USS Asheville Base.

Last but not least, if you find yourself in the Asheville area during a meeting time please drop by and brake bread with a shipmate.

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

Pox

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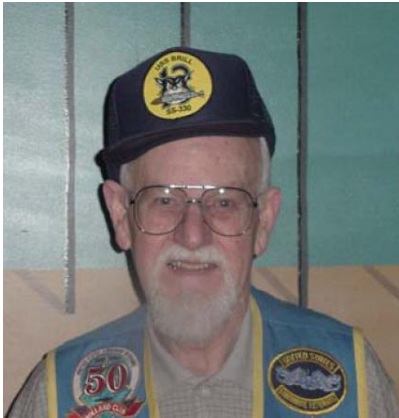
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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain Bill Whelan  
USSVI Tarheel Base

### NOBODY WANTS TO DIE!

Your Chaplain is not a morbid person.

However, he does have a good enough reason for exploring that part of life in this Column.

That he just returned from another memorial service -- he prefers to call it a celebration of life -- is perhaps reason enough for this exploration.

As he likes to do, he starts most of his written thoughts with a scriptural quote. This time it's from 1 Corinthians 15:42 and goes something like this: "This is how it will be when the dead are raised to life." The exact wording varies with the translation used.

Sometimes it helps to view troublesome questions through the eyes of others.

Your Chaplain recently read an unusual portrayal of death by the American author, educator, and clergyman Henry van Dyke (1852-1933). It goes like this:

"I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and heads for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch until at last she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says, 'There! She's gone!' Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all.

She is just as large in mast, hull, and spar as she was when she left my side and just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her.

And just at the moment when that someone at my side says, 'There she goes!' other eyes are watching her approach and other voices are ready to take up the joyous shout, 'Here she comes!'"

If you have any difficulty visualizing the just-described scene, try substituting a submarine for that sailing vessel. Or, better yet, substitute the submariners' families uttering both the usually sad "There, she's gone!" and the joyous "Here she comes!"

Ever notice how everybody wants to go to Heaven, but hardly anybody wants to die?

Frankly, your Chaplain favors the expression "On Eternal Patrol," as so often used by submariners to express that experience that will face each one of us some day.

Chaplain Bill  
Tarheel Base, USSVI

### 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 in this newsletter

## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2013 EVENT SCHEDULE		
DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION
August 15 <sup>rd</sup> (Corrected)	Thursday	Old Soldiers Parade in Newton
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	NC Subvets Third Qtr Meeting in Elizabeth City
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
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner in Raleigh

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

NC Subvets Website

### 2013 Burnsville Meeting

May 17-18: Carolina Piedmont Base once again did an outstanding job hosting the tenth Annual NC Subvets Burnsville Meeting. There was a good turnout of NC Subvets from the Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, Tarheel, and USS Asheville Bases. Also attending were two guests, Paul Viering SED2 Commander and Lamarr Seader from the Drum Base.

For more details, click on the button:

Burnsville



### 2013 Thomasville Memorial Day Parade

May 27: We had 14 Subvets from the Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases participating in this year's parade. The crowds were smaller as well as the number of units in the parade.

For more details, click on the button:

Thomasville Parade

### 2013 Troutman Independence Celebration Parade

June 29: We had an exceptional turnout of NC Subvets for this year's parade with 30 in attendance. Bases represented were the Carolina-Piedmont, Nat Greene, Silent Service Motorcycle Club (Carolina Chapter), Tarheel, and USS Asheville Bases. In addition to the Mk-14 Torpedo Float and Parade Submarine, we also had 3 motorcycles in our group.

For more details, click on the button:

Troutman Parade



## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)

### Faith Fourth 2013 Parade

July 4: We had a great turnout of NC Subvets for this year's parade with 22 in attendance considering the weather with considerable showers in the area. Several of the showers with heavy rain at times occurred while we were waiting at the Lowes' Parking Lot before moving to the parade's staging area.

For more details, click on the button:

[Faith Parade](#)



### 2013 Southport Fourth of July Parade

July 4: Our second trip in one of the largest 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades in North Carolina was a great success. The seed was planted two years ago when a member brought up the idea of Coastal Carolina Base having a submarine float. The idea took root this past winter and we set as our goal the parade in Southport, NC this year.

For more details, click on the button:

[Southport Parade](#)

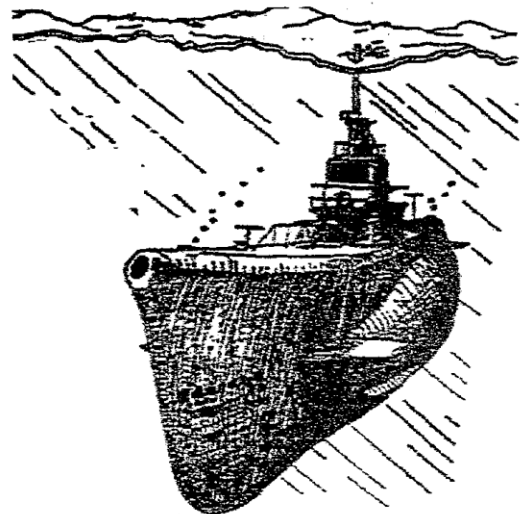
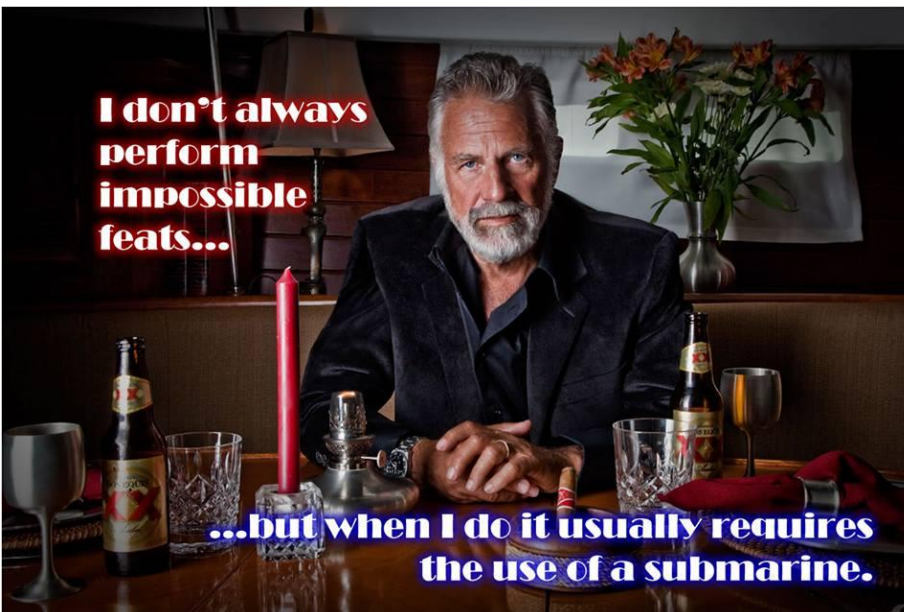


### Joshua's Angel Center Opens in Boonville

NC Subvets helped with the donations needed to help make the center operational, which will provide free horse rides to for children with disabilities and their parents on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays by appointment.

For more details, click on the button:

[Joshua's Angel Ctr](#)



## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)

**Eagle Scout Presentation:** Tarheel Base Treasurer and Eagle Scout Coordinator, Dave Campbell left our last base meeting a little early for the presentation of the Eagle Award for three boys from Troop 258. It was held at 1400 hours on June 1 at the Pine Forest Methodist Church in Rosewood, NC. A town just north of Goldsboro. The ceremony was held in the sanctuary of the church and was well attend with 50% of pews filled with guest and family. Dave was the last presenter and spoke for about 10 minutes on the similarities of the journey to earning the Eagle Badge and Earning the "Dolphins" of a Qualified Submariner.

The scouts awarded the Eagle Badge were: Daniel Robert Alley, Joshua Kyle Clark, and Austin Lee Hope. Mrs. Laura Alley was the parent requesting the USSVI make the presentation of our recognition certificated and patch. Laura's father was a submariner.

## NAVY MAY LET WOMEN SERVE ON MORE SUBMARINES

Jennifer McDermott, TheDay.com, June 18

The Navy will decide by March 2015 whether women will be allowed to serve on more classes of submarines.

The Navy announced in January that female officers would begin reporting to Virginia-class attack submarines in fiscal year 2015, and, as the next step, enlisted women would be considered for sub duty.

On Tuesday, the Department of Defense released its plans for allowing women to serve in positions throughout the military that currently are closed to them. The Navy's plan explains the timeline for opening all occupations to women and nearly all of the closed positions, including several aboard submarines.

Female officers can serve on each type of submarine: fast-attack, ballistic-missile and guided-missile. The Navy is now considering whether they will be assigned to Los Angeles and Seawolf-class fast-attack submarines, in addition to Virginia class, according to the plan.

The Naval Submarine Base in Groton is home to both Los Angeles and Virginia-class submarines.

The first two Virginia-class submarines where women will serve will be selected in the third quarter of this year, and female officers will report aboard in January 2015.

Enlisted jobs on submarines currently are closed to women, but the plan states that the Navy is studying whether to assign women to these jobs on submarine classes besides the Virginia class and will decide by March 2015.

Vice Adm. Michael J. Connor, commander of the submarine force, created a task force of senior officers in May to figure out how to bring enlisted women aboard submarines. Rear Adm. Kenneth Perry, commander of Submarine Group Two, is leading the group. A comprehensive "Plan of Actions and Milestones" is due by January 2014.

A new ballistic-missile submarine, which Electric Boat is currently designing, will accommodate officers and enlisted sailors of both genders, according to the Navy. EB will figure out how to do so during the ship's detailed arrangement phase, which will begin next year and continue through 2020.

The fifth block of Virginia-class submarines, which includes 12 boats starting in fiscal 2019, also will be gender-neutral, the Navy said.

The Navy lifted its ban on women serving aboard submarines in 2010 and started assigning female officers first to the larger, ballistic-missile and guided-missile submarines. In January, then-Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta and Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, rescinded the 1994 Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule, which barred women from combat jobs.

Each service and the U.S. Special Operations Command must fully implement its plan by Jan. 1, 2016.

## 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](#)

## CALL FOR HOLLAND CLUB ASSISTANCE

Shipmates: Our Holland club's entire membership consists of only USSVI members. As a free standing group, no funding is provided from national. If you ask as to why a budget item is not included to cover the expenses for this group of “Senior Submariners”, it would be a problem asking our junior members to support us. I'm proud that I've dodged the bullet enough to be able to be a HC member, but as a National organization to limit and/or restrict funding for only certain members and not all.

It costs approximately \$7.xx for materials and postage for each new Inductee not including the costs that pop up each year while honoring these old warriors. (If that doesn't gain some respect, stop reading, as you have ice in your veins)

Set aside the kidding and realize that just a week ago the entire funds in the HC kitty were \$165.xx, the lowest it has ever been! In the past, our Bases have been asked to donate \$1.xx per HC member in their Base.

In the past, this has been sufficient to meet expenses but lately the donations have fallen off.

Present HC chairman, Bud Atkins, who served 39 years and joined USSVI in 1964, does an admirable job; all volunteer, but needs your help.

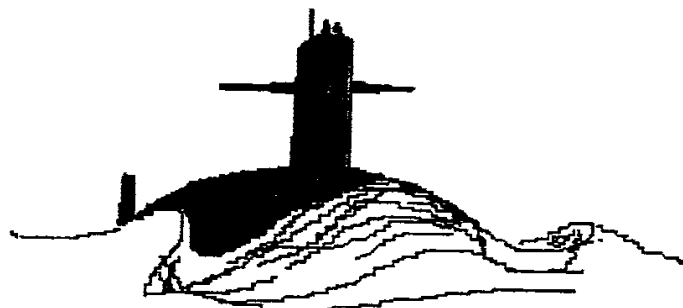
I ask each Base and Holland Club member to support the Holland Club and make a well needed donation to and for the Holland Club.

Donations should be marked for the Holland Club and be sent to: Fred Borgman, our Office manager, at:

USSVI  
P.O. Box 3870  
Silverdale WA 98363-3870

Thanks for your participation and help!

D.E. Kanning, SERD





## FROM YOUR REGION DIRECTOR

**ANNUAL AWARDS:** The nominations are in, the voting completed and the winner's names have been submitted for making up the respective Awards. Steve Bell was the vote collector for the Meritorious and I had the duty of collecting for the Golden and Silver, as well as vote in the Bastura selection and Negri nominations.

Seems easy till you have to do it. The caliber of the nominations keeps getting better, which makes it harder for those voting. It gets harder when we both had to almost beg for some of the DC's to vote. Through perseverance, we were successful. Great seeing some NC SubVets and NC Bases nominated! The message I want to impose is now is the time to look for the aspiring candidates, not next May. Start a simple diary of items and acts that will serve as a refresher when the time comes to nominate a worthy shipmate or deserving Base.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** As a RD, one of my duties is to look at all the scholarship nominees, grade them in eight selective and competitive categories and assign an overall score. I am but one of 5 persons who have this task and we can't share our voting scores or rankings purely by the way the system is established. Time consuming? YES. Deserving of undivided attention to detail? Absolutely! As it should be! The results were recently announced. Congrats to Shelby Hopkins, granddaughter of RF "Hoppy" Hopkins of the Nat Greene Base. Robert Everhard, grandson of Tarheel Base member Bob Werner, maintained his scholastic and civic requirements and retains his scholarship for another year. Be Proud, Sponsors!

It is really heartwarming to see all the activities in the NC SubVets realm: Parades, KapSS for KidSS presentations, Camp Corral visits, and the volunteer efforts of many. The recent presentation by the NC SubVets to the daughter of a submariner lost on the WWII Pompano, which made the US Navy news, is tremendous. The Coastal Carolina Base provided hospitality and services to four SSN-777 plank owners over the July 13 weekend at the Battleship, giving presentations to the visitors in Submarine recognition. I could go on and on, BUT: Your efforts and participation are well received and appreciated!

**GROTON BASE:** Yes, there was an inquiry into some financial and legal matters at the Groton Base. Yes, I was an integral part, as I was one of three persons selected by our Nat'l CDR to be a part of the Investigation/Discipline Committee. Yes, I've been mum in any disclosure, much to the chagrin of many. That is how it should be. We, the three of us, were bound by our own self-established standards of conduct and stuck to our objective and ethical approach. Was it easy? NO! Was it fun? NO! It cannot be fun when you are presented in a hostile manner and perceived to be on a witch hunt. We did our interviews (10) and left and then had to collectively consolidate our conclusions. No finding or fault was finally accepted until all three of us were in unison in what was submitted, but also as how it was submitted. NO one in National, or Region or District or any Base or individual was privy neither to what we concluded nor given any opportunity to sway our findings and final report. I remain firm in my contributions. I respect the opinions of others, when presented in a professional and objective manner. I remain somewhat of awe by some of the negative, comments and accusations I have been subjected to.

In closing, I ask to let us put this issue pass and allow the programs and procedures and assistance do their part in correcting the anomalies so discovered.

Dick

## SUB CO TALKS WATCHBILL CHANGES, PORT VISITS [EXCERPT]

Jacqueline Klimas, Navy Times, Jul 12

**ABOARD THE ATTACK SUBMARINE NORFOLK** - For decades, submariners have lived in flux, shifting between 18-hour days on deployment and 24-hour days in port.

That may soon change because of guidance issued to the sub fleet that allows, but doesn't require, submariners to stand longer watches. Boats now can try an eight-hours-on, 16-hours-off watchbill that matches a 24-hour day.

One Los Angeles-class attack sub, the Scranton, has already done so with positive results. Another, the Norfolk, may give the new watchbill a shot on its next deployment, expected to begin late this year or early next.

## 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: Associate members process reminder  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 4/27/2013

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Shipmates,

Back on Nov 3rd 2012 I sent out a Flash traffic POC concerning the New associate member process due to the 2012 Constitution change. I am now resending it as reminder so we can keep this process running smoothly. This will also go out as an E-gram to all Base Commanders and Base membership Chairman. See below:

Associate Members:

1. As a reminder due to changes in the C&B's NEW Associate Members can no longer be Life Members of USSVI or a Base. Old Associate members are grandfathered in.
2. For a NON Family member Associate members you must E-mail or snail mail to the NJVC a letter of recommendation of why this Non family member Associate supports or has interest in USSVI as per our Constitution Article VII Membership, Section 5 Associates Member, C&D before you send in his/her application and dues money to the National Office.
- C. A Regular Member may also sponsor one additional non-family related U.S. Military service member, Active or Veteran, for Associate Membership, who has demonstrated a strong interest and support of the US Submarine Service by their deeds or actions, subject to prior approval by the National Membership Chair. If separated from service, it must have been under honorable circumstances.
- D. Some examples of interest and support: Submarine Book author, Sub Tender service, Intel Rider, Museum submarine docent, Submarine Historian or provides some other demonstrated service to advance the US Submarine force, subject to prior approval by the National Membership Chair.
3. All Associate Member Application either by mail or online will be rejected if they do not have a SPONSOR on the application.
4. Any Non Life Associate Member without a SPONSOR on the first week of February of each year will be removed from USSVI for violation of the USSVI C&B's. The NJVC will provide this information to the Bases in a timely manner so the Bases can make corrections before the February dead line.
5. A son or daughter of a SVWWII may become an Associate Member of USSVI even if the SVWWII is not a member of USSVI. If he or she served in the military they must have had an Honorable Discharge. This is another example for D.

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FLASH-01: 2013 Mid-Term Minutes up on the USSVI Website  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 4/30/2013

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Shipmates,

The 2013 Mid-Term minutes have been published and are up on the USSVI Website. See link below

[https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online\\_Minutes\\_2013\\_Board\\_of\\_Directors\\_MidTerm\\_Meeting.pdf](https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Minutes_2013_Board_of_Directors_MidTerm_Meeting.pdf)

That's [www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org), then Documents in the green buttons on the left of the page, than minutes in the blue buttons. Click on 2013 Mid-term minutes.pdf.

Pride Runs Deep,  
Al Singleman, Jr. NJVC

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-01: K4K Wristbands & K4K Temporary Tattoos  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 7/16/2013

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Shipmates,

K4K Wristbands & K4K Temporary Tattoos

We now have two new items available for our Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program!

They can be ordered, along with other K4K items, from our USSVI National Storekeeper at this link:

[http://store.ussvinationalstorekeeper.com/merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=CTGY&Store\\_Code=USSVINSK&Category\\_Code=k4k](http://store.ussvinationalstorekeeper.com/merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=CTGY&Store_Code=USSVINSK&Category_Code=k4k)

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NEWS-02: Book on the History of USS Drum SS-228  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 7/16/2013

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Shipmates,

I have written a book about the history of the USS Drum SS-228 and the restoration history.

Titled: The Three Lives of the USS Drum

The history of the Drum from keel laying to present, soft back 242 pages with 140 pages full color photos of the restoration. Available on Amazon.com for \$38.95 Thanks Tom Bowser Base Commander Mobile Bay Base

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NEWS-03: 2013 USSVI National Convention  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 7/16/2013

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Shipmates,

Time is closing in our 2013 National Convention in Rochester, MN.

The dates are Aug 25-Sept 2, 2013.

You can go to <http://www.ussvi-2013convention.com/site> to get information, registration form, plan of day for each day and other important facts about this year's convention.

Hope to see you there and I know we will have a great time.

Pride Runs Deep,  
Al Singleman, Jr NJVC

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NEWS-01: New Base in Florida (Naples Base)  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 7/17/2013

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Shipmates,

I am proud to announce the formation of the Naples Base, located in Naples FL, in SED5. Spearheaded by SED5 Bill Andrea, the Base had its founding meeting on

24 June 2013.

Elections were held on 24 June.

Base CDR & POC is John Dykhuis  
837 Nyasa Ave.  
Ft. Myers FL 33913  
1-239-691-3006

Pride Runs Deep,  
Dick Kanning SERD

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## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-04: Submarine Videos on YouTube.com  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 7/16/2013

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Shipmates,

I got the following links in an e-mail from the WRD. I took a look at some of the videos last night and I thought they would be great to show at base meetings or to put out to your members to enjoy.

Cold War Regulus Missile Submarines [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nsj8lmUUcZ8&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nsj8lmUUcZ8&feature=player_embedded)

Diesel Boat Retrospective (16 minutes) <http://youtu.be/2F9ThfoLH6c>

Navy 1955 Training Film: The Submarine Part I  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=o9xSsy4ivV8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=o9xSsy4ivV8)

Navy 1955 Training Film: The Submarine Part II  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7ixYuCOBUk&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7ixYuCOBUk&feature=player_embedded)

Air Independent Propulsion for Submarines (29 minutes)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tze6zgrJKM&feature=youtu.be>

The Submariners – DOD film 1967 (28 minutes) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WYQsQi0Lyg>

Cold War Submarines by Capt James Patton, USN Ret (1:43 minutes)  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubR4uWcNhRk&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubR4uWcNhRk&feature=player_embedded)

Rare WWII submarine footage <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8DxhS8wpoI>

USS Virginia <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-JP-ytvCRuk>

SEALS on the boats <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=clKzysTWO1A>

Pride Runs Deep,  
Al Singleman, Jr. NJVC

*This is the Captain...if the XO's door is not returned....  
people are going to be losing sleep !*

**Artwork provided by**

**Jim Schenk  
Chaplain  
Nat Greene Base**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Robert Andrews	Robert Dabbs	Elvie Jackson	Gene Loeffler	Larry Travis
Gregg Bockover	Joel Daughtridge	Shane Jones	Donald Page	Waverly Traylor
Mike Burkholder	Craig Gorham	Clarence Jordan	Mike Runkle	Frans Van Baars
John Clark	Greg Hand	Colin Kagel	Gerald Schemanski	Al Westberry
Spencer Combos	Tom Holland	George Knouff	Clif Snow	Ken Yates
Greg Crystal	Mike Hubbell	Dick Lewis	Henry Thrul	Vincent Zolkowski
William Culver	Clarence Huffman	Tola Lewis, Jr.		

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Torrance Adams	Dave Campbell	Jerome Hoffart	Robert Liland	Stan Schulz
Al Ashdown, Sr.	Steve Clay	Robert E. Hopkins	Dale Patterson	John Sloan
Art Barker	Jack Crosson	Robert Huie	Scott Powell	Steve Sutton
Steve Bell	Barry Danforth	Harold Johnston	Jay Pritchett	Paul Trexler
Roger Bjerke	Jim Effinger	Terry Jones	Donald Purbaugh	Ed Valentine
Al Bremer	John Ellinwood	Tom Kelly	William Santoni	Donald Whitehead
Andrew Brown	Wolfgang Friedrich	Ken Lamine	Joe Schmidt	Harry Zimmerman
Bob Bunney	Bill Grogan			

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

## 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

Or you can click on these links:

[USSVI Constitution](#)

[USSVI Bylaws](#)

### DID YOU KNOW?

The USSVI Bylaws, in Article V, contain the duties of the National Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, National Secretary and Treasurer, Regional Directors, District Commanders, and Appointed Officers.

## THE SUB NET

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

Here's the link to the related EB News newsletter:

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary memorial of the loss of the USS Thresher SSN-593 was held April 10, 2013.

USS Thresher  
Memorial Newsletter

Sunken USS R-12  
Movie Bid

USS Boise Sailor's  
Body Recovered

Big, Bigger, Biggest:  
Submarine

Dolphins Swim with  
USS Minnesota

Dolphins Discover  
Rare Old Torpedo

Russian Nuclear Subs  
to Southern Seas

Enlisted Female  
Integration on Subs

Armed Forces Chef  
of the Year

We Are Americans

Submarine Collector

The Goat on the Boat

Submarine Surfaces  
in the Arctic Ocean

Polaris Submarines  
41 for Freedom Part 1

Polaris Submarines  
41 for Freedom Part 2

American SSN  
Fleet Shrinks

## 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.

- 1MC** The basic one-way communications system on a vessel. Reaches all spaces on a ship. Used for general announcements, and to transmit general alarm system signals. Control stations are located on the bridge, quarterdeck, and control.
- A-Gang** Auxiliary Division (Engineering Department). These personnel operate and maintain the ship's auxiliary equipment (air conditioning systems, distilling units, air compressors)
- Head** The bathroom aboard a Navy ship. Comes from days of sailing ships when the place for the crew to relieve themselves was all the way forward on either side of the bowsprit, the integral part of the hull to which the figurehead was fastened.
- Navy Shower** A water-saving evolution in which one attempts to get reasonably clean while using as little water as possible. Basically, you wet yourself down, turn off the shower, lather up, then turn the shower back on to rinse off.

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

### Asheville Visits Subic During Western Pacific Deployment

Lt. Cmdr. Lara Bollinger, Menafn.com, June 12

SUBIC BAY, Republic of the Philippines – The Los Angeles class submarine USS Asheville (SSN 758) arrived at Subic Bay June 8 for a visit, as part of its deployment to the Western Pacific.

With a crew of approximately 150, Asheville will conduct a multitude of missions and showcase the latest capabilities of the submarine fleet.

"I am very proud of my talented crew aboard Asheville," said Cmdr. Douglas Bradley, Asheville's commanding officer. "They have worked extremely hard to prepare for maritime security operations in the Western Pacific. This port visit to the Republic of the Philippines highlights our nations' commitment to regional security partnerships with our Pacific allies, while providing a great cultural experience for my crew."

Measuring more than 360 feet long and weighing more than 6900 tons when submerged, Asheville is one of the most advanced submarines in the world. The submarine is capable of supporting a multitude of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, naval special warfare involving special operations forces, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

"The crew has been working extremely hard to get the Asheville ready for deployment," said Chief of the Boat Roger Skeens. "This port visit to Subic Bay will allow for much deserved rest and liberty for our men."

For many of the crew members, this is their first time visiting Subic Bay.

"I am excited to pull into Subic Bay, represent the United States, and experience the culture of the Philippines," said Hospital Corpsman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Andrew Blalock, Asheville's Sailor of the Year.

Asheville's Filipino American crew members, like Fire Control Technician Seaman Ryan Santos, will have the opportunity to explore their homeland and reconnect with their local relatives.

"I am excited to come back home to the Philippines to reconnect with my heritage, and visit my family while I am here," said Santos.

Asheville is the 47<sup>th</sup> submarine of its class, and its capabilities include the submarine advanced combat control system, advanced rapid commercial off the shelf insertion sonar system, and superior electronic support measures capability. In addition to these tactical advances, retractable bow plans and a hardened sail provide the capability of operating in any of the world's oceans, including the Arctic Basin.

Home ported in San Diego, Calif., Asheville is part of Submarine Squadron Eleven.

### **Another Year of Service Soon to be Completed**

USS Asheville (SSN-758) was commissioned at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Newport News, VA on September 28, 1991.

### 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](#)

## ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES

### Chuck Evans – Tarheel Base Member



SCAMP sailor Charles (Chuck) Martin Evans, Sr. of Cary, peacefully departed to be with his Lord and Savior at 5:15 AM on May 25, 2013 after fighting a courageous battle with cancer. It is fitting that a 20 year career Navy Veteran (a Chief Hospital Corpsman who spent tours in Korea with a Marine Raider Regiment and then 16 years on Submarines earning his Dolphins and even becoming Chief of the Boat) would pass away on Memorial Day Weekend. He will be missed but is in a much better place.



[Chuck's Obituary](#)

Nine SubVets helped tend lines as SCAMP sailor Chuck Evans sailed on his Eternal Patrol from St. Michael's Catholic Church in Cary. Attending the services were Charlie Backes (of Coastal Carolina Base), Spencer Combos, Bill (Butterbean) Dixon, Bob Govern, Duane Gow, M.B. Hudson, Gary Lew, Bill Lowe, and your Chaplain.

Chuck's oar is at rest.

Chaplain Bill

### Eugene P. Wilkinson, Who Steered First Nuclear Submarine, Dies at 94

Paul Vitello - New York Times, July 15, 2013

Vice Adm. Eugene P. Wilkinson, who commanded the Nautilus - the United States Navy's first nuclear-powered submarine and the first machine to harness atomic fission for propulsion rather than weaponry - died in Del Mar, CA. He was 94. His family confirmed the death.

[New York Times Article](#)

## CEREMONY HONORS MEMORY OF LOST SUBMARINE VETERAN

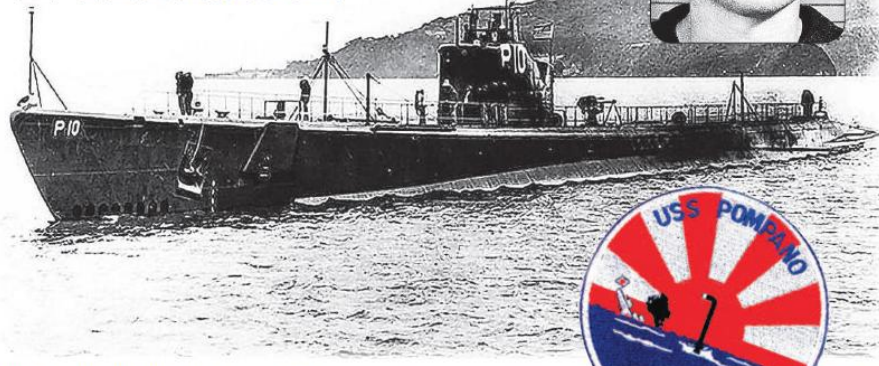
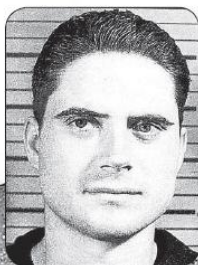
After the Troutman Parade on June 29, 13 NC Subvets from the Nat Greene Base, Carolina Piedmont Base, Silent Service Motor Cycle Club (Carolina Chapter) and the USS Asheville Base presented a book of remembrance to Robert Bissell's daughter Eileen Torrence. Robert was lost on USS Pompano (SS-181) during WWII. The article below provides the details on how this all came about. Of note, her husband John is also a WWII veteran who was a combat pilot in the US Marines flying Corsairs.



Not shown in the group picture are Jim Myers and Chuck Jenson. Complete news article on the next page.



# 'ON ETERNAL PATROL'



## Veteran

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On that day three years ago, the three men stopped at the McDowell Chamber's Visitors center to inquire about how to get to Burnsville and the memorial. Torrence, who is a Chamber volunteer, happened to be working that day. She did not know about the memorial. But she noticed their commemorative shirts and vests and said that she was the daughter of a submarine veteran who died in World War II.

Torrence was very young when her father went off to serve his country, and she does not have many memories of him. The Submarine Veterans of North Carolina were moved by that and decided to put together a book of remembrance for not only Torrence but her sister Janet Hanson, who lives in San Diego, Calif.

The book contains articles and photographs compiled about Robert Dudley Bissell and the USS Pompano. A native of Minneapolis, Minn., Bissell was a seaman first class aboard the Pompano, which operated out of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii during the war. After the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, the Pompano was sent on its first war patrol and was ordered to reconnoiter the Marshall Islands. The sub went out on more war patrols in the Japanese home waters and off the Marshall Islands. The underwater vessel and its crew sank or damaged numerous Japanese ships in the Pacific Theater of the war, according to the remembrance book.

On Aug. 20, 1943, the Pompano left Midway Island bound for the Japanese islands of Hokkaido and Honshu. The submarine was never heard from again and

was presumed lost by the Navy. It is believed that the Pompano and its crew were sunk when it either hit a Japanese mine floating on the water or was struck with depth charges. It could have been sunk by a Japanese air attack.

In any case, Torrence's father never came home, not even in a coffin. He and the rest of the Pompano's crew are presumed to be resting at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. They are "on eternal patrol," as the submarine veterans say.

During World War II, a total of 52 U.S. submarines were lost. When the Submarine Veterans of World War II was started, they assigned a lost sub to each state. The USS Pompano was assigned to Kentucky. Today, a memorial to this lost ship and its crew stands in Frankfort, Ky. California and New York got two submarines each.

Every year, the U.S. Submarine Veterans holds ceremonies to remember those who have perished beneath the waves and who are "on eternal patrol."

"This means that your father will be honored every year," reads a letter from the association to Torrence and her sister Janet. "He will always be our hero for giving up his life so that we can all enjoy ours."

On Saturday, the U.S. Submarine Veterans of North Carolina participated in the Independence Celebration Parade in Troutman and then made their way to Marion so they could present the book of remembrance to Torrence. She was joined by her husband, John Torrence, who is a distinguished Marine fighter pilot from World War II. Her sister in San Diego will receive a similar book of remembrance.

"I just think it's wonderful," she said Thursday. "A lot of things have come up."

"Your father was special," said Clark to the daughter of a lost submariner.

TOP: Robert Dudley Bissell, who served aboard the USS Pompano.

WIKIPEDIA.COM  
This is a photo of the USS Pompano.

NAVYSOURCE.ORG  
INSET: This is the patch for the USS Pompano. All submarines have one.

## Ceremony honors memory of lost submarine veteran

BY MIKE CONLEY  
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Veterans of the submarine service paid tribute Saturday to one of their own who gave the ultimate sacrifice 70 years ago during World War II.

At a special ceremony Saturday afternoon, the U.S. Submarine Veterans of North Carolina presented Eileen Torrence of the North Cove community with a book of remembrance containing old photographs, historical information and written tributes about her late father, Robert D. Bissell. She was also given a special plaque from the Submarine Veterans of North Carolina.

Saturday's ceremony was held at the McDowell County Chamber of Commerce's Visitors Center. It came complete with a traveling replica of a torpedo and a submarine. Veterans on motorcycles were there too in a caravan.

The purpose of the presentation



MIKE CONLEY/MCDOWELL NEWS

On Saturday, the U.S. Submarine Veterans of North Carolina presented a book of remembrance and a plaque to Eileen Torrence in memory of her late father Robert Bissell. The presentation was made at the McDowell Chamber of Commerce's Visitors Center, where Torrence is a volunteer. Pictured (from left) are Joe Clark, World War II submarine veteran; Eileen Torrence; her husband John Torrence; and Edward Galaviz, submarine veteran from the Korean War and Cold War eras.

and the ceremony was to honor the memory of her father.

"Bless his soul, he was a real hero and a hero to all veterans everywhere," said 88-year-old Joe Clark, a Greensboro resident and a member of the Submarine Veterans. He too served aboard a submarine during World War II.

But unlike Bissell, Clark survived the treacherous waters of the Pacific Ocean. Bissell and the other crewmen of the USS Pompano perished when their submarine sank off the coast of Honshu, Japan in September 1943. They were all lost at sea.

Saturday's ceremony came about

almost by accident. One day about three years ago, Clark and two other submarine veterans, Edward Galaviz and Tom Ritchey, were all traveling through McDowell County. They were looking for a memorial to submarine veterans which is located in nearby Burnsville. The privately-built memorial was constructed by a fellow veteran who wanted to honor his comrades. Since then, the new owner of the property has decided the place to the U.S. Submarine Veterans of North Carolina.

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Article can be found online in the June 20, 2013 issue of the

McDowell News

## NAVY DEVELOPS TORPEDO KILLING TORPEDO

USNI News Editor, News.usni.org, June 20

The Navy has taken its first steps to develop a weapon designed to intercept and destroy guided enemy torpedoes immune to U.S. countermeasures, Naval Sea Systems Command officials told USNI News on Wednesday.

The Surface Ship Torpedo Defense (SSTD) program under development to protect high dollar surface warships - like the Navy's Nimitz-class (CVN-71) nuclear aircraft carriers - from Soviet developed torpedoes specifically designed to attack large ships like aircraft carriers and large civilian oil tankers.

The tests - conducted in May onboard the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) - pair a Torpedo Warning System (TWS) towed behind the ship with a highly maneuverable Countermeasure Anti-Torpedo (CAT) that seeks and destroys the incoming enemy weapon. The CAT is currently being developed by the Pennsylvania State University Applied Research Laboratory.

The torpedo warning system is towed behind the ship. When the TWS detects an enemy weapon an operator on the ship decides whether or not to launch the CAT, NAVSEA told USNI News.

Development of the SSTD helps cover a serious threat to major U.S. ships from Soviet-designed torpedoes initially developed in the 1960s, naval analyst Norman Friedman told USNI News.

"Torpedoes are an often-unappreciated threat to surface ships," he said.

"The usual countermeasures are noisemakers intended to decoy an approaching homing torpedo. Unfortunately the Russians use wake-following torpedoes that do not respond to the usual countermeasures at all."

The Russian Type-53 torpedo includes sensors that detect the churn made by ships underway. Once the torpedo senses the chopped water it will follow a ship in an S-pattern between the wakes until it finds its targets.

"Anyone who buys Russian Kilo-class submarines - almost anyone the U.S. would come into conflict with - uses torpedoes which do not respond to U.S. torpedo countermeasures," Friedman said.

Russia has heavily exported the Kilo diesel/electric submarine to Southeast Asia and the attack boat is a mainstay of navies in Vietnam, India and China.

The Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy fields 12 Kilos with Soviet-era Type 53-65 wake homing torpedoes with a range of 11.8 miles, according to the soon to be released 16th edition of the Naval Institute Guide to Combat Fleets of the World.

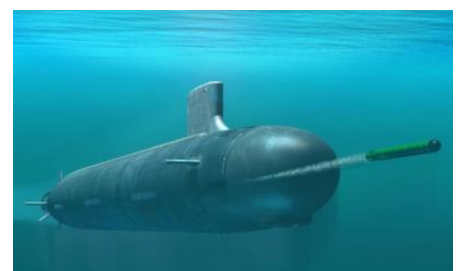
The Type 53-65 torpedoes, in wide use around the world, were developed in the mid 1960s and were the first Russian mass produced torpedo to include the wake homing technology, according to Jane's Weapons: Naval.

As conflicts in the South China Sea intensify and the Pentagon shifts more forces to the Pacific, submarines have been high on the wish lists for countries in the region.

In 2007, a PLAN Song-class submarine surfaced near now-decommissioned USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63), raising questions how effective the Navy was at defending its carrier fleet.

Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Jonathan Greenert, has called for increased research and development into anti-torpedo torpedoes since he took the top Navy job in 2011.

NAVSEA has more testing for the SSTD system scheduled for this year and plans to have the CAT and TWS reach so-called initial operational capability by 2019 and Fleet wide adoption of the system by 2035.





# 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 NEW</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)**



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**RE: 2013 SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WWII MEMORIAL REGISTRATION**

Dear WWII Submarine Veterans, Submarine Service Veterans, Family and Friends,

We are extremely pleased to enclose the registration forms for the 2013 World War II Memorial Ceremony Week which will begin on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2013.

This year the Memorial Service itself is on Friday morning November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am. You will find all the details on the enclosed registration forms which are being sent you by the Museum on behalf of the St. Marys Submarine Museum, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Naval Base and the Kings Bay Chapter of Submarine Veterans.

If we can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the museum by phone or email, or anyone else listed below. We look forward to welcoming you back to Camden County in November!

Hope to see you this fall!



Keith F. Post, Executive Director

**2013 Memorial Registration Information and Points of Contact**

St Marys Submarine Museum	912-882-2782	<a href="mailto:gift_shop@tds.net">gift_shop@tds.net</a>
Museum Executive Director	Keith Post	<a href="mailto:submus@tds.net">submus@tds.net</a>
SUBASE Command Master Chief	Randy Huckaba	<a href="mailto:randy.huckaba@navy.mil">randy.huckaba@navy.mil</a>
USSVI Kings Bay Chapter Base Commander	Sean Farrell 912-409-9054	<a href="mailto:subvetskbay@yahoo.com">subvetskbay@yahoo.com</a>

**St. Marys Area Accommodations**

Gateway Inn & Suites (On Base TVQ)	912-573-4871	<a href="http://www.dodlodging.net">www.dodlodging.net</a>
Eagle Hammock RV Park (On Base)	912-673-1161	<a href="mailto:eaglehammock@tds.net">eaglehammock@tds.net</a>
	800-818-1815	
Navy Lodge Kings Bay (On Base)	912-882-6868	800-NAVY-INN
Cumberland Inn & Suites (Host Hotel)	912-882-6250	<a href="http://www.cumberlandislandinn.com">www.cumberlandislandinn.com</a>
	800-768-6250	
Riverview Hotel	912-882-3242	<a href="http://www.rivervlewhotelstmarys.com">www.rivervlewhotelstmarys.com</a>

**Bed and Breakfast Lodging and Kingsland Hotels listed on the next page!**

### **St. Marys Bed and Breakfasts**

* Emma's Bed and Breakfast	(912) 882-4199
* The Spencer House	(912) 882-1872
The Goodbread House	(912) 882-7490

Note \* - Members and supporters of the St. Marys Submarine Museum

### **Kingsland Hotels**

Best Western Plus	(912) 882-8200
Comfort Inn	(912) 729-6979
Comfort Suites	(912) 576-7555
Country Hearth Inn	(912) 576-7958
Country Inn & Suites	(912) 576-1616
Days Inn	(912) 729-7666
Econo Lodge	(912) 673-7336
Fairfield Inn & Suites	(912) 576-1010
Hampton Inn	(912) 729-1900
Hawthorn Suites	(912) 882-4170
Hometown Suites	(912) 882-3004
Jameson Inn	(912) 729-9600
La Quinta Inn & Suites	(912) 882-8010
Magnolia Inn	(912) 576-4777
MicrotelInn & Suites	(912) 729-1555
Red Roof Inn	(912) 729-1130
Sleep Inn & Suites	(912) 673-7116
Springfield Inn & Suites	(912) 729-3000



# 2013 WWII SUBMARINE VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE

**WEDNESDAY, October 30th – SUNDAY, November 3rd, 2013**

This is a Combined Pre-Registration Form & Subbase Privacy Act Release Form (PARF) for the 2013 WWII Memorial Service, Dinners, SSBN Tours & Subbase Access. This form in NO way guarantees an SSBN tour or access to Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base. **PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO ENTER THE SUBBASE AT ALL TIMES.** *All quests* must be United States Citizens.

## Veteran and Guest Information

Veteran/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ( Home / Work / Cell ) DofB Mo/Dy/Yr \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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

Military Retired? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ USSVI Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Holland Club Mber? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Military Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Boat "SS" Qualified On: USS \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

USSVI Positions Held: \_\_\_\_\_

WWII Veterans - Pearl Harbor Survivor: \_\_\_\_\_ WWII POW: \_\_\_\_\_ WWII Sub CO: \_\_\_\_\_

WWII National Positions Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Names: (1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

(5) \_\_\_\_\_

Note - PLEASE list all Guests attending with you - Use use additional sheet if necessary

WWII SUBMARINE VETERANS MEMORIAL REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, October 30th – SUNDAY, November 4<sup>TH</sup>

This section is for WWII Submarine "War Patrol" Veterans Only: This year we again honor our WWII War Patrol Veterans. Your Registration Fees and Meals are complementary. All you are responsible for is your hotel expenses and transportation.

WWII VETERAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all events that you will be attending so we have an accurate head count:

\_\_\_\_\_ BBQ      \_\_\_\_\_ Steak Night      \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Ceremony      \_\_\_\_\_ Eagles

This section is for other Submarine Veterans and All Other Guests:

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$17 EACH**

Number of Guests: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17 x Person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, October 31st – BBQ Dinner:

Local Officials Meet and Greet Evening @ Cumberland Inn & Suites # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 x Person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, November 1st – Steak Night:

Come Join Us @ The Goat Locker on Base for Steak Night # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 x Person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, November 2nd – Order of Eagles – Low Country Boil –

Always a Good Time with the Eagles \$ FREE - Donations Are Accepted

St. Marys Submarine Museum Membership:

Circle: NEW / RENEW Check One: INDIVIDUAL \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to St. Marys Submarine Museum :

Please help support the Capital Campaign for a New Museum Building \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Submarine Tour Information\*

Please make checks payable to and mail completed forms to:

Please place #'s 1 thru 5 in order of preference for tour time

St. Marys Submarine Museum

Wednesday AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM \_\_\_\_\_

ATTN: 2013 WWII Memorial

Thursday AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM \_\_\_\_\_

102 St. Marys Street West

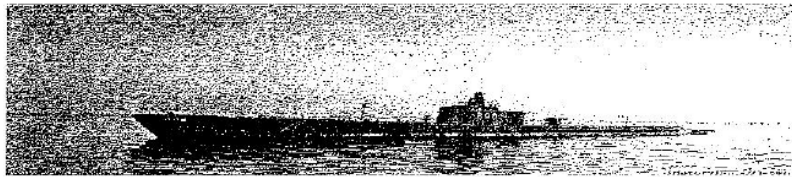
Friday (Ceremony) PM \_\_\_\_\_

St. Marys, GA 31558

Individual Tour times will be in respective packets upon picking up Registration Packet at Museum or Host Hotel upon arrival.

**\*Please note that ALL boat tours are subject to change/cancellation at any point. Registration does NOT guarantee any tours.**

# US.SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WWII



## 2014 CALENDAR

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone(    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

(bulk) UPS \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **Sons and Daughters of Sub Vets and wives of WWII**  
 (To Perpetuate the Memory of those Submariners Who lost their lives during World War II)

### 2014 CALENDAR PRICING

QUANTITY	COST PER CALENDAR
1-24 . . . . .	\$8.00 each
25-49 . . . . .	\$7.00 each
50-99 . . . . .	\$6.50 each
100-174 . . . . .	\$6.00 each
175 or more. . . . .	\$5.50 each

### 2014 SHIPPING COST

QUANTITY	COST	QUANTITY	COST
1.....	\$3.20	21-24.....	\$22.50
2.....	\$3.85	25-40.....	\$23.50
3.....	\$7.00	41-50.....	\$24.50
4-5.....	\$9.50	51-60.....	\$26.50
6-8.....	\$12.25	61-80.....	\$30.50
9-10.....	\$11.50	81-100.....	\$35.50
11-12....	\$12.50	101-120....	\$40.50
13-16....	\$18.75	121-140....	\$46.50
17-20....	\$20.75	141-175....	\$54.50

Calendar Chairman: Harold E. Alvey Phone 715-848-0384  
 Co-Chairman & Address: Robert L. DeVore, Jr. P. O. Box 785 Mt. Washington, KY 40047  
 Email [superdevore7@reagon.com](mailto:superdevore7@reagon.com) Phone 502- 619-8877

CALENDARS TOTAL NO: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLUS SHIPPING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_