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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 - FOURTH QUARTER

### OCTOBER

#### USS Seawolf (SS-197)

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



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

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



#### USS Wahoo (SS-238)

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



#### USS Dorado (SS-248)

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



#### USS Escolar (SS-294)

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



#### USS Shark II (SS-314)

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



#### USS Darter (SS-227)

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



#### USS Tang (SS-306)

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



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

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



## LOST SUBMARINES - FOURTH QUARTER (cont.)

### NOVEMBER

USS Albacore (SS-218)

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



USS Growler (SS-215)

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



USS Scamp (SS-277)

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



USS Corvina (SS-226)

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



USS Sculpin (SS-191)

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



### DECEMBER

USS Capelin (SS-289)

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



USS Sealion (SS-195)

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



USS F-1 / Carp (SS-20)

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



USS S-4 (SS-109)

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



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

## PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

This year's dinner will be held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the NC State University Club, 4200 Hillsborough Street in Raleigh, NC, which is about a quarter mile from NC State Fairgrounds. All the details and the registration form are available on this newsletter's last page.

## SUBVETS ENJOY REUNION AT KINGS BAY

MC2 Cory Rose and Bill Wesselhoff, The Periscope, Nov 6

"Is what we did important? Will we be remembered?"

Those questions were the theme of guest speaker Capt. Stephen Gillespie at the United States Submarine Force World War II Memorial Service Nov. 1, at the World War II Submarine Veterans Memorial Pavilion, on board Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.

The answer, ultimately, to both is yes, said the deputy commander and chief of staff for Submarine Group Ten.

More than two dozen of the crowd of submarine veterans served during World War II.

Gillespie said he was in awe to be in their company.

A World War II Navy study reports "of the total 288 U.S. submarines deployed, including those stationed in the Atlantic, 52 submarines were lost with 48 lost in the Pacific. American submariners, who comprised only 1.6 percent of the Navy, suffered the highest loss rate in the U.S. Armed Forces, with 22 percent killed."

Nearly 3,500 World War II submarine Sailors are on Eternal Patrol.

But, the report further states "the Japanese Merchant Marine lost 8.1 million tons of vessels during the war, with submarines accounting for 4.9 million tons, or 60 percent, of losses.

Additionally, U.S. submarines sank 700,000 tons of naval ships, about 30 percent of the total lost, including eight aircraft carriers, one battleship and 11 cruisers."

Patrick Ziliacus, an 87-year-old veteran of the USS Spot (SS 413) was one of the World War II submariners in attendance.

"It was a lovely ceremony and this is a beautiful base," said Ziliacus, who is still active as the chairman of the Columbia College Hollywood Film and TV School. "It's always wonderful to come here and see my shipmates."

A USS Spot shipmate, 92-year-old Charles Crews of Conyers, Ga., agreed. "It couldn't have been better," he said. "I really enjoyed the memorial. I hope I make the next one."

About 230 Sub Vets and their family members were in attendance.

Gillespie paid tribute as well to a larger crowd of Cold War-era submariners, as well as today's force, for the sacrifices and hardships they've faced.

Friday's World War II Memorial Service was followed at Trident Training Facility by a lunch, hosted by the TTF Chief Petty Officers Association, and tours.

Friday evening, a steak dinner sponsored by Trident Refit Facility Chief Petty Officer Association was at the Kings Bay Goat Locker.

The Order of the Eagle's hosted a Low Country Boil at the Eagle's Club in St. Marys Saturday, Nov. 2.

The Commanding Officer's Breakfast at the NSB Kings Bay Pirates Cove Galley started events Thursday. Later that day there was a meet-and-greet barbecue sponsored by Naval Submarine Support Center at Cumberland Inn and Suites.

Veterans and families also were able to tour the USS Alaska (SSBN 732) Thursday and Friday.



## NC SUBVETS TAKE PART AT REUNION IN KINGS BAY

Shared by Chuck Jensen, Nathaniel Greene Base Treasurer

This year, we had 13 NC Subvets at the memorial service representing the Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases. Mike Burkholder traveled the farthest, coming from Ft. Wayne, Indiana. George Base and Joe Clark were our WWII Subvets there this year along with 28 other WWII Subvets. A great guest speaker along with the local high school chorus, and the Jacksonville Navy Band provided for a moving memorial service. Some of the WWII boats battle flags once again were flown after being lost for several years with some of the states flags used in their place. There was a big turnout for Steak Night at the CPO Club and also the low country boil held at the local Eagles Club.



For more pictures from the October 30 - November 2 event, click on the button:

[Kings Bay](#)

## USSVI 2013 NATIONAL CONVENTION

### USSVI Newsletter of the Year

- Carolina Piedmont "Piedmont-Periscope"

### Regional Newsletter of the Year

- Tarheel "All Clear" (Class One)
- Carolina-Piedmont "Piedmont Periscope" (Class Two)

### Robert Link Award

- Jerry "Patch" Paciorek, Tarheel Base
- Kenn McDermott - USS Virginia Base
- Dale Moses - Carolina Piedmont Base

### Meritorious Award

- Jack Jeffries – Carolina-Piedmont Base
- NC Subvets (Jim Myers, State Commander)

### Golden Anchor Award (Class Two)

- Carolina-Piedmont

### Subvettes National Award

- Carolina-Piedmont Subvettes (Awarded by the Subvettes)

### District Commander of the Year Award

- Steve Bell, District Commander

A big CONGRATULATIONS to all. I thank all of you at the Bases for your support and efforts and that is the reason I received the DCOY award. WELL DONE to all.

Steve Bell, SED1

Congratulations to all!  
SED1, AGAIN, prevails!

D.E. Kanning, SERD



For a nice summary of comments from some of the convention attendees, click on the button:

[Convention Summary](#)

# TARHEEL BASE

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well base members, Bob Govern and Bill Lowe and myself went to and came home alive from the USSVI National in Minnesota. It was 20 hours driving one way, so you know what I had to endure for this trip. They would not let me get out of the back seat.

Our Pearl Harbor dinner is on schedule. Please sign up we have to turn in the head count for the meals.

If you have not paid you 2014 base dues please send them to our base treasurer. If you wait for the last minute we put a big burden on him to get them in on time. Please help.



Bill "Butterbean" Dixon  
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

### Next Meeting:

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner ... and then  
Saturday, 01 February 2014 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

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## WELCOME ABOARD !!

### Our Newest Tarheel Base Member

<u>Name</u>	<u>Qualified</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Lives in</u>
Thomas Bapple	1973	USS Sam Rayburn (SSBN-635)	Raleigh, NC

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



Merry Christmas

# NATHANAEL GREENE BASE AND NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

The Nathanael Greene Base has held their Base Officer Elections and the new Officers will be sworn in at the Pearl Harbor Dinner on Dec 7.

We still continue with our Kaps 4 Kids program by supporting the Joshua's Angels Center of the Carolinas in Booneville, NC. We are presently selling Raffle Tickets with a drawing on Dec 20. 1 ticket for a \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. Prizes are \$250, \$150 and \$100. If you want to buy tickets call me or email me. We also participated in the Person County Group Home Picnic in September. This group houses and takes care of various children with disabilities throughout approximately 18 homes in Person County. We are trying to set up to go to Camp Carefree again this coming year.

We are also doing presentations at the Arbor Acres Assisting living community.

I would like to say Sailor Rest your Oars to two of our members we have just lost. Larry Travis was a WWII Veteran and Louis Stiles was a Korean War Veteran.



James R. Myers III  
USSVI Nathanael Greene  
Base Commander  
and  
USSVI NC Subvets  
State Commander,

## NC SUBVETS COMMANDER

All bases have been asked to contribute and support the Boy Scout Project called War on Terror Memorial. Any questions contact myself or Chuck Jensen.

NC Subvets were honored at the USSVI Convention by receiving a "2013 Meritorious Group Award." This only proves that this North Carolina Group is A NUMBER 1 ... Bravo Zulu Gentlemen.

We have come to a resolution with the Burnsville Memorial and that is that the Owner Tony is willing and trying to get a Permanent Easement attached to the property for the Memorial so that any future sales of the property this document would apply and be attached. We are to take care of the upkeep. This has been approved by National.

The North Carolina Torpedo Float has been picked to participate in the May 26, 2014 Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC. The USSVI National Commander will probably ride our float.

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## CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE AND SED1 DISTRICT COMMANDER

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

The leaves are starting to turn and fall. That means the nasty cold weather is just around the corner from us now. When it gets here and we get some of those storms, please be careful out there. We need all of you.

My recent newsletter pretty much summed up everything that has been happening. Dealing with three newsletters that are all close to each other makes it a little difficult for me to come up with news for you.

Even so, I must talk a little about retention. As stated in many places, it is time for those who owe dues for 2014 to pay them. As I am sure you have heard before, waiting until the last minute is difficult on those who have to process it. Do you shipmate a favor and get them in now. Once the Holiday season gets here, it becomes even easier for you to overlook it. Also, think of someone you might be able to recruit. We can always use new members, no matter what base they end up at.

Let me give you a slight update on the status of the Burnsville Memorial. We are not there yet but are making progress.

The necessary paperwork is now with the owner of the property and he needs to look it over (with his attorney), provide a couple of drawings regarding the property lines and other property that we will do some maintenance on, and return it to us for approval. Then it is just a matter of getting all the necessary parties to sign it and file it appropriately. Instead of the property being transferred to us it will have an "easement" applied to it. We went through a real estate lawyer to get advice on the best way to do this and are proceeding forward. Each step has been "blessed" by National so we are good with them as well. Once it is finalized, I will send out notice to each of the Base Commanders and they will let you know. Keep your fingers crossed.

The Pearl Harbor Dinner is just around the corner. I am sure there is plenty in this newsletter regarding that. However, it is time to send in your registration so you can assist those planning this wonderful event. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

There are not many parades left this year. Check the schedule and come on out for one or more of the ones remaining. We will be participating in a new one this year. The current schedule for that is 23 November and that will be in Asheville, NC. That should be a fun event.

Since this will be the last newsletter prior to 2014, let wish each of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. I wish all of you good health and enjoyment during the Holidays (and past that of course).

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

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# USS ASHEVILLE BASE



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## "From the Mountains to the Sea"

During this last quarter USS Asheville Base members took time to pass along some experiences of "Sub Life" to the Asheville Sea Cadets, the cadets soaked it up like sponges in a bilge. Each of the Subvets served at different times from the Korean War to the Gulf War. During the three (3) visits the cadets had new questions and as each SubVets answered a different experience was passed along.

In August members of the base took the trip Newton for the "Old Soldier's Parade" as one that went I can say it was nothing like I thought it would be. Each and every person that participated in the parade, the spectators, vendors and the Fire & Law Enforcement personal standing watch throughout the rout would stand and wave a hand or a flag, if in uniform they would render a salute to the passing NC SubVets. I encourage you to make the trip next year and each year to come.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of October (during the time the US Government shut down veteran's monuments) members of the USS Asheville base and members of the Asheville Sea Cadets pulled their forces together and arrived at the WWII "Moonshine Mountain Memorial" in Burnsville, NC to help preserve the monument that shipmate Flowers built with his own two hand to honor his shipmates that went on "Eternal Patrol" to defend our nation during one of its most challenging time.

The young and old alike pulled, cut, trimmed, gathered, repaired, cleaned & washed together. As time went on the age gap got smaller and smaller, I could see the Cadets wear surprised that age did not stop us from doing things (we just took a little more time or did things a little bit different) and the Vets took pride in the fact that the youth of today steeped up and wanted to help honoring those that "Gave All". During the "Working Party" the Sea Cadets would ask questions and the Vets would answer each one "Sea Stories", the Vets would also ask questions and the Cadets would look at the Sea Cadet Chief (we all remember the time we looked at the Chief for the right answer), the Chief would give the look "well?" and the next thing everyone was talking and working like a true "Working Party".

The USS Asheville Base and the Asheville Sea Cadets departed for the day after taking a few photos with a hand shake and a promise to pull together next year before April to do a good cleanup. All-in-All I would say it was a Great Time!

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.

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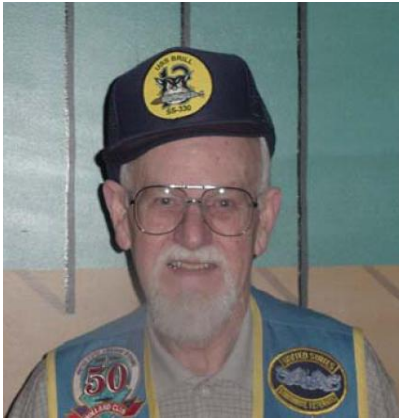
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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain Bill Whelan  
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### THE BOOK OF REVELATION

I awoke this morning, knowing that Patch expected a CHAPLAIN'S CORNER from me for the next *ALL CLEAR*.

My only problem: I hadn't the foggiest idea of anything meaningful for the CORNER.

It's Wednesday, so around suppertime found wife Anne and me at Church, expecting nothing more than a delicious meal.

Following supper found us gathered for the usual post-supper half-hour midweek Bible study, led by our Pastor. His subject was an introduction to the Book of Revelation (he said that he would get into details next Wednesday and handed out a salmon-colored sheet summarizing what he was going to talk about).

That sheet proved my undoing.

I underlined part of a sentence and showed the underline to wife Anne: her responding "look" showed me that she wasn't happy with what she saw, particularly when I whispered the word "submarine." She shook her head for emphasis.

But there it was in black and salmon: "The narrative of the terrifying and boastful beast that rises out of the ocean, has many horns."

How could I not keep my mind for the rest of the study to keep my attention riveted on how the Pastor would explain the presence of what had to be a submarine in both the Old (Daniel) and New (Revelation) Testaments. I guess he'll keep that for next week's session.

Unfortunately, that's not the end of my tale.

When we returned home this evening, my curiosity got the better of me. Where in Daniel and Revelation are words to support "a boastful beast that rises out of the ocean" to be found? I just had to look.

In Daniel 7:7 I found, "Then, as I watched in my dream, a fourth animal rose up out of the ocean, too dreadful to describe and incredibly strong...and it had ten horns." (I don't recall the ten horns, but maybe the various MC systems were included as separate horns.)

And in Revelation 13:1 were the words, "And now, in my vision, I saw a strange Creature rising up out of the sea. It had seven heads and ten horns...." (The number of horns matched Daniel's, but I can't imagine the need for seven heads even with mixed-gender crews.)

I am looking ahead to next week's study!

### SAD NEWS FOR VADM KONETZNI

My just-described thoughts on Revelation bubbled over, resulting in a description of one of the high points in my SubVets career. Bear with me!

Back in the year 2000, wife Anne I were at the National Convention of that now-defunct organization, U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II. I was serving as the group's National Chaplain and was seated at the banquet head table, right next to guest speaker VADM Al Konetzni. You do remember him, Big Al, the Sailor's Pal.

Before doing my usual chaplain's duty--delivering a pre-banquet blessing, I stepped out of character a bit and announced that I had some bad news for Big Al. Responding to Al's quizzical look, I hauled out my trusty pocket New Testament and read Revelation 21:1, "Then I saw a new earth (with no oceans!) and a new sky, for the present earth and sky had disappeared."

Then, turning to Al, I asked, "If there are no oceans in the world to come, how can there be any admirals?"

His expansive smile told me that he got the point and appreciated the humor.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER (cont.)

### TRUSTWORTHY AND TRUE

So I'm on a Revelation roll!

Quoting Revelation 21:5b-6a, "...And then he said to me, 'Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true. It is finished!'"

And so is this CORNER!

Bless you.

Chaplain Bill  
Tarheel Base, USSVI

## COASTAL CAROLINA BASE

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

[Coastal Carolina Base Web Page](#)

[Coastal Carolina Base Meeting Minutes](#)

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[Albemarle Sound Base Web Page](#)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Andy Andrews	R.B. Denson	Ron Hatley	Gregory Liss	Bob Schilke
Bill Baldwin	Butterbean Dixon	Greg Hice	Bill Lowe	Winborne Springs
Thomas Bapple	Edward Dunton	Jerome Hoffart, Jr.	Edward May	Carl Walker
Marvin Beaver	Mike Egan	Scott Hughes	Mike McGuffee	John Wallace
Tom Carr	Hal Exum	Tom Hulme	David Nelson	John Weaver
Charles Cross	Ray Hagwood, Jr.	Charles Larson	David Peck, Jr.	Raymond Zieverink

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Benedict	Charles Dorman	Paul Hiser	Everett Morgan	Bill Schneider
Charles Breese	Bruce Fensley	Doc Hopkins	Jeff Nieberding	Glen Snyder
Ron Busila	Ray Fritz	Dallas Jarrell	Alvin Powell	Thomas VandenHeuvel
Robert Capra	James Hanks	Richard Kreh, Sr.	Joe Pulwaski	Mike Ward
Greg Claypool	Robert Heim	Gary Lew	John Robbins	O. Fenton Wells
Gerald Domahowski	Bobby Hepler	Edward Lloyd		

I drew this on AutoCad for all of my Machinist's Mate friends because I got tired of looking at the three-bladed version that the skimmers have.

James Schenk  
Nathaniel Greene Base Chaplain



### 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
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Saturday	Asheville Holiday Parade
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

### Newton's Old Soldier's Parade

August 15: There were 22 Subvets plus 4 wives representing 4 of the 6 NC Subvets Bases (Asheville, Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel) at this year's parade. Best weather yet which probably contributed to the largest crowd of parade spectators at this parade to date. Doc Hopkins thought the parade was Number 1.

For more details, click on the button:

Newton Parade



### Winston Salem Veterans Day Parade

November 9: We had 9 NC Subvets representing the USS Asheville, Carolina Piedmont, and Nat Greene Bases at this year's parade. This was the 6th time that we have been in this parade, the last time was 2010.

For more details, click on the button:

Winston Salem Parade

### High Point Veterans Day Parade

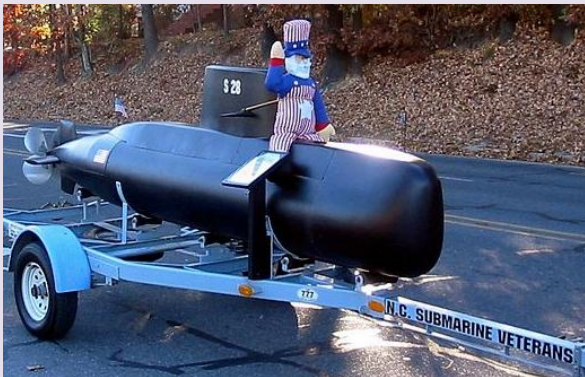
November 10: We had 7 NC Subvets from the Nat Greene Base at this year's parade. This was the 5<sup>th</sup> time that we have been in this parade, the last time was 2011.

For more details, click on the button:

High Point Parade



## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)



### Asheboro Veterans Day Parade

November 11, we had 14 NC Subvets representing the Tarheel and Nat Greene Bases at this year's parade with Bill Whelan represented the WWII Subvets. This was the 9<sup>th</sup> time that we have been in this parade, which was highlighted by Uncle Sam's reenlistment. We also participated in last year's parade.

For more details, click on the button:

[Asheboro Parade](#)

## EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATIONS

On July 26, 2013, BSA Eagle Scout Court of Honor recognized NEIL KENNETH THOMPSON. Neil belongs to Troop 51 at Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. Neil is the grandson of Oliver and Terry Thompson (Past National President (on eternal patrol) and First Lady. Oliver served in WWII and Korea. Neil's parents are Michael and Virginia Thompson. As a special honor, Steve Bell, USSVI Carolina-Piedmont Base Commander, presented Neil with a beautiful certificate and a coveted patch from US Submarine Veterans Inc. A certificate and patch was also presented two years ago by Commander Bell to Neil's brother, Eric.



On September 29, 2013, the USS Asheville Base had the pleasure of honoring JAMIE PACE as an "Eagle Scout" of Troop 602 in Fletcher, NC. His grandfather is John Biesecker of the Keystone Base in Harrisburg, PA. Five (5) base members to include all the USS Asheville Base Officers attended to support not only Jamie Pace but a shipmate and brother of the 'phin. We look forward to working with brothers of the 'phin from other bases in the future.

## OUR STATE MAGAZINE

The November 2013 issue, *Heroes Made Here*, salutes our states 800,000 veterans – and our K9 patriots, too. Plus, the most patriotic man in North Carolina and a story of service at Fort Bragg that you'll never forget.

For more details, click on the button:

[Our State Magazine](#)

## 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](#)

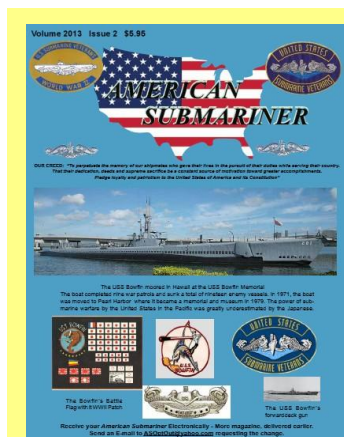
[Coastal Carolina](#)

[Carolina-Piedmont](#)

[Nat Greene](#)

[Tarheel](#)

[USS Asheville](#)



The latest edition of American Submariner is now available on line, just log into

[www.USSVI.org](http://www.USSVI.org)

and go to [USSVI Magazine](#)

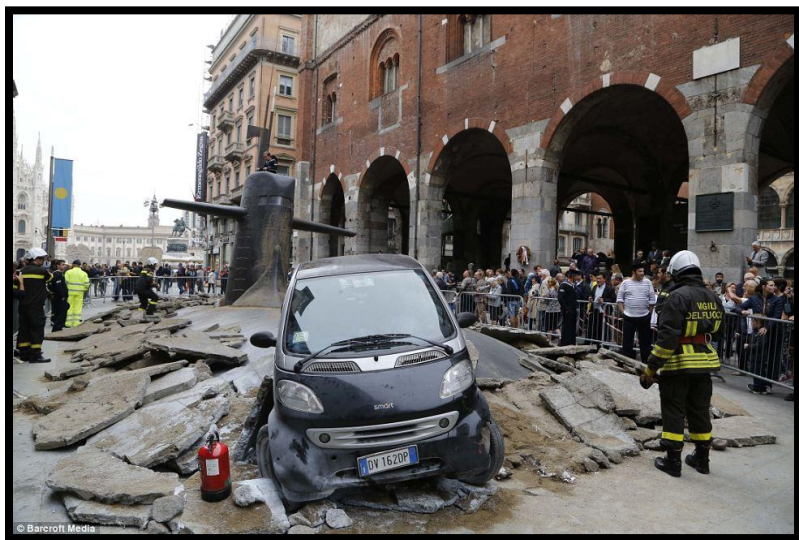
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[Current Issue](#)



## HAVE YOU GOT A DRIVING LICENSE FOR THAT?

Dailymail.co.uk, Oct 2



The people of Milan awoke to find something a little strange yesterday morning.

Just off of Via dei Mercanti, near the heart of the old city, a submarine had apparently pushed its way through the paving stones and damaged a nearby car.

The road's shattered surface lay piled up around, with baffled firefighters looking on. Meanwhile, sailors clambered down from the lost submarine's tower to meet emergency crews at the scene.

In case you haven't guessed already, it was, of course, an ambitious publicity stunt.

Workers for Europ Assistance IT, an insurance group based in Italy, had come to the street early in the morning to construct the fake submarine.

The installation was erected to promote the firm's 'Protect Your Life' campaign.



## 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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FLASH-01: The Silent Service TV series are now available as a free download.

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 7/30/2013

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### THE SILENT SERVICE TV Series Available

Thanks to the generosity of USSVI Northern VA Base member Ray Stone, the following episodes are available for downloading at this site are from the submarine adventure series 'The Silent Service' which aired during the 1957-1958 television seasons.

The Silent Service is a documentary styled anthology series about the U.S.

Navy's submarine fleet and their missions during World War II and the Korean War. Every episode was fact based and the realism of the show was elevated by the use of actual combat footage from the files of the United States Navy.

The stories, which varied between the South Pacific during World War II, the Atlantic campaign and the Korean War, were the brainchild of Rear Admiral Thomas T. M. Dykers, himself a WWII submariner who commanded USS Jack (SS-259) and retired from the Navy in 1949 after 22 years of service.

Admiral Dykers also did an intro piece for each episode, narrated the action and filmed a closing segment, usually with a member of the crew of the submarine that was highlighted on that particular episode.

Each season was comprised of 39 episodes. All of the episodes for season one are complete, however there are three missing episodes for season two. If anyone has copies or knows where they are available, please let Ray know.

In addition to the episodes, Ray has included copies of the press kits that were issued to the stations along with the films. He also included episode summaries which are handy in preparing notices / programs for individual viewing.

All episodes are in MP4 format. Ray suggests downloading to your device rather than trying to view online. Each episode is about 30 min. in length so consider that when trying to download.

For those interested in short-cutting this process, the entire can be purchased on DVD from USSVI Member John Clear. Visit [www.usssealion.com](http://www.usssealion.com) for more information.

To download the TV episodes, go to [www.olgoat.com](http://www.olgoat.com) and click on the DOWNLOAD button.

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FLASH-01: Announcing the USSVI Member Questions and Comments Bulletin Board System (BBS)

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 8/4/2013

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Shipmates:

I am pleased to announce that USSVI has a new Bulletin Board System (BBS), the USSVI Member Questions and Comments BBS at <http://bod.subvets.net/category-view.asp>

This is a place where any member can ask a question, comment or make a complaint. Ground rules, identify yourself, keep it clean and fraternal. Got a problem? Offer a solution. We want to build a better and more satisfying organization for all our shipmates. Our mission is to remember our fallen shipmates, encourage fraternalism between subvets and benefit our submarine family. Your questions and suggestions to help achieve these ends will be very much appreciated.

Your National E-Board

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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CHARITABLE-01: Donating to the USSVI Charitable Foundation  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 8/9/2013

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Shipmates

The US Submarine Veterans 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 (less than 10%) and consist of expenses such as postage, certificates, website fees, stationery supplies, and informative brochures.

The foundation was approved for tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code on December 5, 2000, IRS EIN: 95-4830806

Your donations go to help support Scholarships, Submarine Memorials & Museum Boats, Submarine Veterans and their families!

The 2013 fund reports are available for your review at [www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org) under the CHARITABLE FUND button, then see Fund Documents.

To donate, go to the link. We appreciate all your help and support.

<https://www.justgive.org/basket?acton=donate&ein=95-4830806>

Patrick Householder  
Charitable Foundation Secretary

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FLASH-01: USSVI Job Opportunities Forum  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 8/12/2013

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Shipmates:

Announcing a new USSVI Job Opportunities Forum at <http://bod.subvets.net>.

Suggested by Richard McPherson, This is a place for job opportunities posted by Submarine Veterans for Submarine Veterans. No login required. This forum will be maintained by the honor system, with the shipmate posting the position monitoring it until it is filled, then notating that when the position is filled. At that time or shortly thereafter, the position will be from the listing. The Shipmate posting the Job Opportunity should a new Thread for each new job availability. Minimum info must include location, when available, minimum requirements, who to contact for more info and how to do so.

Pride Runs Deep,  
Patrick Householder IPNC

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NEWS-01: USSVI National is looking for Volunteers!  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 8/21/2013

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Shipmates,

I have been asked by the National Commander to put out a call for volunteers who might be qualified in Insurances, Taxes, Book Keeping, Editing and Publishing, Computers and Computer Programs, and Data Base Management.

If you would like to volunteer in any of the above fields please contact National Junior Vice Commander Al Singleman, Jr. at [al@ssbn657.com](mailto:al@ssbn657.com) or call me at 518-355-2119.

Pride Runs Deep,  
Al Singleman, Jr. NJVC

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## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-03: NINE DIGIT ZIP CODES FOR FPO/APO

Submitted by: T. Michael Bircumshaw on 9/16/2013

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FPO/APO Require a Nine-Digit Zip

Week of September 16, 2013

Sailors not receiving mail as expected should remind senders about the United States Postal Service (USPS) requirement to use the nine-digit ZIP code on all mail sent to FPO and APO addresses. Every mobile unit - ships, squadrons, detachments, et cetera, and OCONUS Shore installations - has a unique nine-digit ZIP code. In January 2013, all FPO and APO mail began routing through USPS automated mail sorting equipment at a consolidated mail processing operation in Chicago, Ill., which reads mail for the nine-digit ZIP code, rejecting mail not addressed with the nine-digit ZIP code. Units or commands unsure of their proper nine-digit ZIP code should contact their local Military Postal Service Representative. USPS addressing tips, guidelines, and restrictions for FPO and APO mail are available at the United States Postal Service website.

Courtesy of Ron Martini WRD7 Commander

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NEWS-01: 2014 Washington D.C. Parade

Submitted by: Al Singleman NJVC on 9/21/2013

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Shipmates,

I have finally gotten most of the information on the Washington, DC National Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2014. We have to apply for it and be APPROVED to march in the Parade. The National Memorial Day Parade is our nation's largest Memorial Day event. Each year, more than 250,000 spectators and 3000 participants convene in Washington, DC to honor our heroes who have worn the uniform.

I need to know how many bases and base members of each base are willing to march in the Parade. At the present time there will be very limited space for those members who cannot walk the one mile length of the parade. Parking will be very limited anywhere near the parade and most of us will have to use the Metro subway to get to the parade and walk maybe a half mile or more to the location where we form up for the parade. I also need to know how many bases would be willing to bring a float and I need a picture of the float with the tow vehicle. I am also in need of a color guard for our unit in the parade. This information needs to be sent to me at [al@ssbn657.com](mailto:al@ssbn657.com) no later than October 24, 2013, as I want to put our Parade Application in before the end of October. This information is also needed so we can start looking into hotels and transportation from the hotels to the parade in Washington, DC. Note: Bases do not have to put in an application for the parade as this is being handled by National and would cause problems with our approval process. After I put in our application we will not be informed if we were accepted until mid-January 2014.

This is a professional parade put on by a production company from Pennsylvania that just got through doing the Miss America Parade in Atlantic City, NJ. There is a limit on the number of floats we can have and this will not be finalized until after March, 2014 when they start setting up the Parade order and formations. We also need to have a uniform of the day so we all look similar as this is a professional parade. Black shoes and socks, khaki pants, base polo/golf shirt, vest if you have one and either a base/boat ball cap or garrison hat is a starting idea at the moment.

You can see the 2013 parade information sheets on our website:

[https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online\\_Organization\\_2013\\_DC\\_Memorial\\_Parade\\_info\\_sheet.pdf](https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Organization_2013_DC_Memorial_Parade_info_sheet.pdf)

If you need more information please call me at 518-355-2119 or e-mail me at [al@ssbn657.com](mailto:al@ssbn657.com)

Pride Runs Deep,  
Al Singleman, Jr. NJVC

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-01: Working the Community

Submitted by: T. Michael Bircumshaw on 10/1/2013

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Bill Whelan, former National Chaplain for the Sub Vets WWII, has come up with the idea of another way to assist in perpetuating the memory of some of our lost shipmates (and boat).

As you all know, we lost the USS BONEFISH (SS-223) during WWII with 85 men and we also lost three members of the USS BONEFISH (SS-582) during that terrible fire in 1988 (which effectively we lost that boat as well).

As it turns out, there is a chain of restaurants throughout the country by the name of "Bonefish Grill". So Bill came up with the idea of going to these restaurants and giving them pictures of these submarines. This is in the process within North Carolina now. When I delivered the pictures to the Grill in Charlotte, NC, I was told that the ownership will not allow pictures to be put up in their restaurants. However, the manager was moved enough that she told me she is going to see if they cannot get them put up in the bar section (however, she did say they will put them up in the office for now). If enough of the grills request that, then maybe the overall ownership might allow that. In any case, I am asking for those of you in the country that have a Bonefish Grill in your neighborhood to give the pictures to the restaurant anyway and see if they too will request to be allowed to put them up in the bar area. If you want the pictures, just e-mail me and I will send them to you, either with the names or without the names of the ships on the picture (or both if you desire). I also made up histories of each of the submarines to give to them and I would be happy to send that as well. This is just another way to perpetuate the memory of a small amount of our shipmates. Find the closest Grill to you by going to [www.bonefishgrill.com](http://www.bonefishgrill.com)

Send your picture request (and history if you desire) to Steve Bell at [usnret82@carolina.rr.com](mailto:usnret82@carolina.rr.com).

We would like to thank Bill for his good idea.

Steve Bell

Commander, District One, Southeast Region Here is an add on from another Sub Vet, Take a look around and see if there is a restaurant in your area that is named the same as one of our Submarines. Talk to them too.

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NEWS-01: American Submariner Editor position open

Submitted by: Pat Householder on 10/2/2013

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Continuing personal and family medical issues have sadly led to the resignation of Gordon Palmer as Editor of American Submariner magazine and this call for another Sub Vet with good writing skills and a interest to serve our shipmates by continuing to produce our quarterly magazine.

The ideal candidate will be retired with editorial and/or publishing experience and have a familiarity with the Adobe InDesign program. (InDesign is a professional desktop publishing application we use to produce AMERICAN SUBMARINER magazine.)

Please contact Michael Bircumshaw for more information on this position at [nc@ussvi.org](mailto:nc@ussvi.org) or 951-308-6479.

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NEWS-04: Beating the "drum" for the USS Drum Submitted by: Pat Householder on 10/21/2013

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This is a rare and normally unavailable guided tour and interview with USSVI Mobile Bay Base Cdr Tom Bowser, head of the restoration crew of the USS Drum (SS-228), Gato-class diesel-electric submarine from WW 2 on display at the Battleship Park in Mobile Alabama [www.drum.228.org](http://www.drum.228.org)

You not only get a 'traditional' below decks tour, you also get a 'tank tour'

Don't miss taking this video tour!!

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xDVSn2JL10&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xDVSn2JL10&feature=player_embedded)

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-03: Call for 2014 Nominations for National and Region Elections - March 1 2014 deadline for submissions.  
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 10/21/2013

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In accordance with the requirement of our Constitution & Bylaws, The Nominations Committee Chairman Tom Conlon announces this call for 2014 National Election nominations for the following offices.

1. National Commander
2. National Senior Vice Commander
3. National Junior Vice Commander
4. National Secretary
5. National Treasurer
6. NE Region Director
7. SE Region Director
8. Central Region Director
9. Western Region Director

The nominations for the Region Director positions are included for convenience in this procedure.

Any member in good standing (self nominations are allowed) may nominate any other member in good standing for any elected National Office, provided that the Nominee qualification for National Office shall be in accordance with Constitution Article XI Section 1 paragraph (b) and the nomination is accompanied by a letter from the Nominee indicating his willingness to accept the nomination, details of his qualifications in 100 words or less, and willingness to serve if elected.

The prerequisite for National Office is that

- A Nominee must be a Regular Member in good standing a minimum of thirty consecutive months.
- Nominees for Senior and Junior Vice-Commander must have completed at least two years as a Member of the Board of Directors. (This includes all National Officers, Region Directors, District Commanders, past and present, who have met the two years in office requirement.) •Nominees for National Commander must have completed at least two years as a voting member of the Board of Directors by the time they take office as National Commander (NC). (This includes all National Officers and the District Commander of the Year, past and present, who have met the two years as a voting member of the board requirement.) The term of office for all National officers will be two years or until a successor is elected.

The nomination must be received by Tom Conlon, Nomination Committee Chair on or by March 1, 2014 by email at [tmconlon@comcast.net](mailto:tmconlon@comcast.net) or by mail at 8 Davis Ave, Harrison, NJ 07029.

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NEWS-04: Enlisted women to join silent service in 2016 Submitted by: Office on 10/27/2013

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The silent service aims to begin a final phase of its historic integration effort in 2016, when enlisted women could begin serving aboard submarines.

The sub force's top officer announced that goal Wednesday to continue the steady integration of women across the Navy, a top priority of Navy Secretary Ray Mabus.

Go to the link for the rest of the story

[www.navytimes.com/article/20131023/NEWS/310230026/Three-star-Enlisted-women-join-silent-service-2016](http://www.navytimes.com/article/20131023/NEWS/310230026/Three-star-Enlisted-women-join-silent-service-2016)

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NEWS-02: They are 'outta here'!!!

Submitted by: Office on 11/2/2013

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Barry, our National Storekeeper, reports that all the 2014 "The Boomers" calendars have been sold.

Some of the Bases still have a few to sell, so contact your Base Storekeeper for availability.

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

CHARITABLE-02: Gifting to your Charitable Foundation  
Submitted by: Office on 10/24/2013

As you find yourself surrounded by family and friends during this busy holiday time, take a moment to reflect on your philanthropic goals for the year. A year-end gift can be tax-smart and beneficial for you and the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation.

Your donations help support the "Brotherhood" fund to provide emergency relief to USSVI members in the case of catastrophic situations and to support the Sub Force Caring and Sharing Program with annual donations, "Scholarships" to help USSVI member children advance their education, Submarine Memorials financial support and the USSV reference library collection, located in North Little Rock, AR.

<https://www.justgive.org/basket?acton=donate&ein=95-4830806>

We also hope you'll consider including a gift to the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, this type of gift offers these main benefits:

- **Simplicity.** Just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. Share the sample bequest language for the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation with your estate planning attorney:

"I, [name], of [city, state, zip], give, devise and bequeath to the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Federal Tax ID #95-4830806 (\$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_% of the estate or description of property) for its unrestricted use and purpose"

- **Flexibility.** Because you are not actually making a gift until after your lifetime, you can change your mind at any time.
- **Versatility.** You can structure the bequest to leave a specific item or amount of money, make the gift contingent on certain events, or leave a percentage of your estate to us.
- **Tax Relief.** If your estate is subject to estate tax, your gift is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

NEWS-06: 2014 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Patch and Commemorative Coin  
Submitted by: Barry Commons NSK on 11/6/2013

Barry Commons, our National Storekeeper, is now taking orders for the USSVI 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin and Patch. The profits from the sale of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin and Patch will help offset the cost of the 2014 USSVI 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Day activities in Washington, DC.

The USSVI 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin is \$15.00 ea, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Patch is \$7.50 ea, or in a combination for \$20.00.

Base storekeepers should call Barry or go to the USSVI NSK website to order quantity coins or patches for their base resale.

Go to the link for images of the patch and coin...

Barry Commons, USSVI National Storekeeper E-mail [nsk.ussvi@yahoo.com](mailto:nsk.ussvi@yahoo.com) Phone 925-679-1744  
<http://ussvinationalstorekeeper.com/>

[www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online Organization 50th Anniversary Patch and Coin.pdf](http://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online%20Organization%2050th%20Anniversary%20Patch%20and%20Coin.pdf)



Patch



Coin Front



Coin Rear

## THE SUB NET

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

Pearl Harbor Shaped  
US Sub Doctrine

USS Minnesota  
Commissioned

First Submarine  
Firefighting Trainer

WWII's Doolittle  
Raiders Final Toast

U-Boat Wreck Off  
Rhode Island Coast

55 Years Ago: Nautilus  
Crosses North Pole

WWI Submarine  
Graveyard Found

Russia to Float Two  
New 'Black Hole' Subs

The Day a German Sub  
Sighted in the Bahamas

Raising the Hunley -  
Lift Day

Nook & Cranny Tours  
USS Cobia

Sub Demand Far  
Outweighs Supply

US Submarine Forces  
Decline

Indian Submarine  
Explosion - Mumbai

Navy to Scrap  
Submarine Miami

NR-1 Exhibit at Groton  
Sub Museum

CNO Blog -  
Women in Subs

Japan's Secret WWII  
Mega Submarine

HMS Conqueror's  
Biggest Secret

Submariner Wakes  
From Army Nightmare

USS Cod Engine #4

## 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.

Athwartships	Moving or placed from side to side aboard ship, or straddling a particular position. At right angles to the ship's centerline.
Brow	The proper term for what is often called the 'gangway,' the temporary bridge connecting the ship's quarterdeck to the pier.
Fathom	Originally a land measuring term derived from the Anglo-Saxon word "faetm" meaning to embrace, and the average distance from fingertip to fingertip of the outstretched arms of a man - about six feet. Since a man stretches out his arms to embrace his sweetheart, Britain's Parliament declared that distance be called a "fathom" and it be a unit of measure.

## WOMEN TO BE ASSIGNED TO FAST-ATTACK SUBMARINES BY JANUARY 2015

Jennifer Hlad, Stars and Stripes, Oct 16

The USS Virginia and the USS Minnesota will be the first two gender-integrated fast-attack submarines, the Navy announced Tuesday.

Six women - four nuclear-trained officers and two supply corps officers - will report to the subs by January 2015, after completing the nuclear submarine training pipeline, according to the Navy.

Women are already serving aboard the ballistic missile subs the USS Wyoming, USS Louisiana and USS Maine, and the guided missile subs USS Florida, USS Georgia and USS Ohio.

The Navy in 2010 officially changed the policy that had previously prohibited women from serving aboard submarines. Since then, 43 women have been integrated into the sub force.

"Female officers serving aboard Virginia-class submarines is the next natural step to more fully integrate women into the submarine force," Navy Secretary Ray Mabus said in a written statement. "There are many extremely talented and capable women with a desire to succeed in this field and the submarine force will be stronger because of their efforts."

In an all-hands call last week, Chief of Naval Operations Jonathan Greenert told sailors that the Navy will lay out a plan by May 2015 for integrating enlisted women into the submarine force. It is important to add female officers first, he said, so that younger sailors will have role models at sea.

"But the fact of the matter is, we're going to do this," he said.

Vice Adm. Michael Conner, commander of Navy submarine forces, said he plans to integrate two more fast-attack submarines in fiscal 2016. Virginia and Minnesota are both home-ported in Groton, Conn., so he said he plans to choose two Pacific Fleet submarines home-ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in early 2014.

In May 2012, some of the first women to serve aboard U.S. submarines said the transition was going smoothly.

"At first, the guys were a little more timid just because they hadn't worked with females on a day-to-day basis, but after a week they warmed up and were just like brothers and sisters fighting for the bathroom, to get in in the morning," Lt. Britta Christianson said then. "We're all sailors, if I'm on a surface ship or a submarine."

## 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 VI, contain the duties and definitions of the following committees?

Membership, Scholarship, Ways and Means, Long Range Planning, Memorials and Ceremonies, Public Relations and Publicity, Nominations, National Archives, New Base Development, Constitution and Bylaws, Veterans Affairs, Awards, National Convention, Base Commanders Group, Technology, Audit, and Disciplinary Committees



## BONEFISH GRILL HOSTS LOCAL SUBVETS

Bonefish Grill in Cary, NC recently hosted Submarine Veterans from the USSVI Tarheel Base for lunch, who were proud to present pictures of the two USS Bonefish submarines, one being from WWII.

USS Bonefish (SS-223) was a Gato-class submarine, the first United States Navy ship to be named for the bonefish, which is a name for the ladyfish, dogfish, and sturgeon.

The Bonefish was the second to last submarine to be sunk in WWII on June 18, 1945. All 85 crew members are fallen heroes. The lower picture on the Bonefish Grill flyer is the Bonefish returning to Sub Base Fremantle Australia at the end of its fourth War Patrol on May 30, 1944.

USS Bonefish (SS-582) was a Barbel-class submarine of the United States Navy, and was the second U.S. Navy submarine to be named for the bonefish, pictured below.



## VETERAN DESIGNATION ON NC DRIVERS LICENSES

From Jerry Leppart, Tarheel Base Member

Hello Subvets, the implementation of a "TEMPORARY" Veterans designation for your Drivers License happened on this past Monday, 10/7/13. I stopped by one of the local Drivers License spots in Raleigh on Tuesday. Those folks didn't seem to know a whole lot about it and referred me to the main DMV office in downtown Raleigh. I stopped there today and was referred to a "Hearing Officer" who didn't know a whole lot about it but she took my name and cell number and said she would research it...I didn't hold a lot of hope. She proved me wrong as she called me a couple hours later...so here's what I found out....

If you go to renew or replace your current license, a "TEMPORARY" sticker will be placed on the back of the license. You must "REQUEST" the Vet designation and MUST prove you're a Vet by showing your DD214 and you must have been HONORABLY DISCHARGED. Bear in mind, you won't get your new or replacement license immediately, thus the "REQUEST." Remember DMV now mails your license to you which you should receive within 2 weeks of the time you submit your request for replacement or renewal. If you're only replacing your license, there's a \$10.00 fee. She didn't know if there's a fee for a renewal license...thought it was free...Imagine that. Didn't know what the PERMANENT Vet designation would look like and that won't be implemented until the Jan / Feb 2014 timeframe.

**REMEMBER, DD214 is a MUST.**

That's it for now.

## USSVI SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2014

The meeting dates are:

- Check in and registration on Monday, April 7
- Departure day is Friday, April 11

A block of rooms has been set aside at the HOLIDAY INN CARY, 5630 Dillard Drive, Raleigh NC 27518. Price is \$79.00 a night. Please deal directly with the Holiday Inn at 919-277-2011. Reference: Submarine Veterans.

Please contact Bill "Butterbean" Dixon for more information.



### LOOKING AHEAD: 2014 SAILOR OF THE YEAR PREPARATIONS

I know it is still a while until the SOY 2014 event actually takes place. If it goes off as in most of the past, that would be the first week in March 2014. However, in 2012, the Navy moved the schedule up to January thereby almost causing us a problem for meeting this event in our normal fashion. Because of that, I prefer to be ready in case the Navy does move the date up.

So I am going to ask each base to make preparations accordingly. Please get your contribution to this event approved by your base in whatever is the manner for your base to do that. If the Navy keeps to their normal schedule, I will not need the money until mid-February. That should give me time to cash checks and get money orders for the four runners-up as we have in the past. Of course if you want to send it earlier, I will not turn it down. Just want to make planning for any changes the Navy may have. And if the Navy does move the schedule up, I will let you know as well.

Thank you all very much for your contributions in this program.

Steve Bell  
Commander, District One, Southeast Region

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## 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



### Cecil Larry Travis

A World War II submariner and a member of Nathanael Greene and Tarheel Bases, sailed on his eternal patrol on 8 September 2013 after spending time in the Forsyth Medical Center in Winston Salem, NC since he had been diagnosed with lung cancer. He most recently resided at 728 Piney Grove Road, Kernersville, NC and was a native of Pittsylvania County, VA.

Chief Torpedoman Travis, 93, was a life member of the Tarheel Chapter of U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II (card No. 13101), qualified in submarines on the USS S-11 (SS-116) in 1941 and served aboard many other submarines. He was the husband of the late Mabel Rook Travis and the son of Charlie Travis and Nancy Martin Travis, both deceased. He is survived by a son, Tom Travis and wife Jean of Kernersville, NC.

A graveside service was held at Pine Hill Cemetery in Burlington on Wednesday, 11 September 2013. The family received friends prior to the graveside service at Rich & Thompson Funeral Home and Crematory in Graham, NC.

Larry's oar is at rest.

Chaplain Bill

Tarheel Base, USSVI

**Welcome to the 2014  
Golden Anniversary USSVI  
Convention in San  
Francisco,  
Sept 1st to 7th, 2014**

**United States Submarines Veterans, Inc.**

**50<sup>th</sup> National Convention**

**Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

[USSVI 2014 Convention](#)

**REGISTRATION**  
**Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner**  
**USSVI Tar Heel Base**  
**December 7, 2013**

**Come one, come all!** This event is an annual highlight for Tar Heel Base. It evidences the very core of the USSVI Creed "to perpetuate the memory of our shipmates." It is a relaxing, really enjoyable evening for all.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM with check payable to USSVI TARHEEL BASE to:**  
Dave Campbell, Treasurer 501 Competition Rd. Raleigh, NC 27603

**NAME (first, last)** \_\_\_\_\_ **will attend with**  
**(first & last names of others)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Important: Spelling of names above will be used in your badges.**

**MY CHOICES OF FOOD ARE:**

\_\_\_ **Choice 1, Black & Blue Sirloin:** blackened 5 oz Angus beef sirloin filet, blue cheese-panko crusted, with roasted red pepper whipped potatoes and broccolini.

Number in your party choosing Choice 1 \_\_\_ x \$29 = \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_ **Choice 2, Chicken Marsala:** sauteed chicken supreme, mushroom & sweet Marsala sauce, roasted red pepper whipped potatoes and asparagus.

Number in your party choosing Choice 2 \_\_\_ x \$28 = \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Total Cost \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Note: Included** in price are salad, hot French rolls, butter, tax and gratuity.

Dessert is also *included* in price above.

\_\_\_ **Choice A, French Silk Pie**    Number in your party choosing Choice A \_\_\_

\_\_\_ **Choice B, Carrot Cake**        Number in your party choosing Choice B \_\_\_

This event will be at **NC STATE UNIVERSITY CLUB**, 4200 Hillsborough St. Raleigh, NC 27606. This is about a quarter mile from NC State Fairgrounds.

Reception 5:00pm    Dinner seating 6:00.

A block of rooms has been set aside at **HOLIDAY INN CARY**, 5630 Dillard Dr, Raleigh, NC 27518. This is only ten minutes from the dinner. Price is \$79.00 per night.

Please deal directly with the Holiday Inn at 919-277-2011. Refer to NC SubVets.

If you have questions or something is not clear, feel free to call Gordon Banks 919-803-3581.