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

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

BUTTON

USSVI CREED AND PURPOSE

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.



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



LOST SUBMARINES - FIRST QUARTER

JANUARY

USS Scorpion (SS-278)

Lost on January 5, 1944 with the loss of 77 men while on her 4th war patrol in the East China Sea. It is assumed she was sunk by a mine.



USS Argonaut (SS-166)

Lost on January 10, 1943 with the loss of 105 men while on her 3rd war patrol southwest of New Britain. While attacking a convoy, she torpedoed a Japanese destroyer who along with 2 other destroyers depth charged her. As she tried to surface, the destroyers sunk her by gun fire.



USS Swordfish (SS-193)

Lost on January 12, 1945 with the loss of 89 men while on her 13th war patrol by a possible Japanese surface attack or mine somewhere near Okinawa.



USS S-36 (SS-141)

Lost on January 20, 1942 with no loss of life while on her 2nd war patrol. She ran hard aground on a reef in the Makassar Strait, east of Borneo and radioed for help. The entire crew was rescued after they scuttled her by a Dutch launch boat.



USS S-26 (SS-131)

Lost on January 24, 1942 with the loss of 46 men while on her 2nd war patrol in the Gulf of Panama. She was rammed by the USS Sturdy (PC-460) and sunk within seconds. The CO, XO and one lookout on the bridge were the only survivors.



FEBRUARY

USS Barbel (SS-316)

Lost on February 4, 1945 with the loss of 81 men while on her 4th war patrol. Based on Japanese records, she was bombed near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage.



USS Shark I (SS-174)

Lost on February 11, 1942 with the loss of 59 men on her 1st war patrol and ordered to proceed to Makassar Strait via the north coast of Celebes. Shark was the 1st US submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific.



USS Amberjack (SS-219)

Lost on February 16, 1943 with the loss of 72 men while on her 3rd war patrol. Off Rabaul, she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane as well as by a torpedo boat and then depth charged by a subchaser.



USS Grayback (SS-208)

Lost on February 27, 1944 with the loss of 80 men while on her 10th war patrol. She appears to have been caught on the surface in the East China Sea off Okinawa by a Japanese carrier plane whose bombs made a direct hit.



LOST SUBMARINES - FIRST QUARTER (cont.)

FEBRUARY (cont.)

USS Trout (SS-202)

Lost on February 29, 1944 with the loss of 81 men on her 11th war patrol during a Japanese surface attack southeast of Okinawa in the Philippine Sea.



MARCH

USS Perch (SS-176)

Lost on March 3, 1942 with no immediate loss of life while on her 1st war patrol. She survived 2 severe depth chargings in less than 200 feet of water by 3 Japanese destroyers. The crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 59 men taken prisoner, 53 survived the war. Perch's wreckage has been located off the coast of Java.



USS Grampus (SS-207)

Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 71 men while on her 6th war patrol. She was lost after engaging 2 Japanese Destroyers in Vella Gulf near the Solomon Islands.



USS H-1 (SS-28)

Lost on March 12, 1920 with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. Vestal (AR-4) pulled H-1 off the rocks in the morning of March 24th, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water. She was originally named the USS Seawolf before becoming H-1.



USS Triton (SS-201)

Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men while on her 6th war patrol when she was sunk during a fight with 3 Japanese destroyers north of the Admiralty Islands, which are north of New Guinea.



USS Kete (SS-369)

Lost on March 20, 1945 with the loss of 87 men at the end of her 2nd war patrol. Probably sunk near Okinawa by a Japanese submarine that itself was subsequently lost.



USS F-4 (SS-23)

Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men. She foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu when acid corrosion of the lead lining of the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. F-4 was the first commissioned submarine of the U.S. Navy to be lost at sea. She was raised in August 1915.



USS Tullibee (SS-284)

Lost on March 26, 1944 with the loss of 79 men while on her 4th war patrol. It's believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes north of Palau. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.



USS Trigger (SS-237)

Lost on March 28, 1945 with the loss of 89 men while on her 12th war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft in the East China Sea.



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

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DINNER

On Saturday, December 7th, the annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner was held at the NC State University Club in Raleigh, NC and was hosted by the Tarheel Base. The last time the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner was held there was in 2011, but this time was in a much larger room.

Actual attendance at this year's dinner was 86, which included the guest speaker Captain Gary Davis, who addressed the Tarheel Base at their meeting in October. Base members from 5 of the 6 USSVI Bases located in North Carolina were represented.

During the introductions, everyone cheered Everett Morgan's announcement that he and his wife Margaret had been married for 72 years.

Bill "Butterbean" Dixon, Tarheel Base Commander was the Master of Ceremonies and kept everyone well entertained. The SS Singers belted out an excellent selection of event appropriate songs.



WWII Subvets in attendance (left to right): Everett Morgan, Bill Whelan, Bill Edwards, Joe Clark, and George Bass

Bill Whelan was recognized for his outstanding service to the NC Subvets. Jerry "Patch" Paciorek, who is the ALL CLEAR newsletter editor and the webmaster for the NC Subvets website received the SED1 District Commander's Individual Award. Jim Myers, Nathanael Greene Base Commander received the SED1 District Commander's Base Award for his base. The base officers for the Tarheel and Nathanael Greene Bases were sworn in for the upcoming year by Steve Bell, SED1 District Commander.

The Tolling of the Boats ceremony was very sobering and a time to reflect on the sacrifices made by our brothers still on Eternal Patrol. A wooden silhouette of each boat lost was placed on the tables and the nearby candle was blown out when the associated boat was tolled.

The many door prizes brought back many smiles and the 50/50 raffle money winner was Jim Wallace, Tarheel Base Storekeeper.

For more information and pictures, click on this button

[Pearl Harbor Dinner](#)



A SAILOR'S DYING WISH

Here is a story of a Pearl Harbor Survivor's last wish, a visit to a Navy Ship, the namesake of the one he survived Pearl Harbor and WWII on. Even if you were never a Sailor it is worth reading.

For the story and pictures, click on this button

[Story](#)

ALL HANDS MAGAZINE - DECEMBER 1942

Each year you hear less and less about Pearl Harbor on December 7th. Click on this button to see the Navy's Report on Pearl Harbor, published in the December 1942 issue of ALL HANDS magazine.

Never Forget!

[ALL HANDS, Dec '42](#)

TARHEEL BASE

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well Tarheel Base members, here we are in 2014. Again it was a struggle to get several members to pay their dues and we've lost many our members as a result!! Please pay your dues well before the deadline each year to save us all from this frustration and needless loss.

Please check your record at www.ussvi.org and keep your personal record (telephone and email address) up to date, as this is needed to contact you.

Please register for the 2014 USSVI Southeast Regional Convention here in Raleigh sooner than later, as we need to get good numbers for our planning.

As I announced at our recent base meeting, I will not run for Base Commander next year and need someone to step forward and take my place. Please give this opportunity some consideration, as we must have a Base Commander.



Bill "Butterbean" Dixon
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

Next Meeting:

Saturday, 05 April 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

[Tarheel Base Web Page](#)

All base meeting minutes are posted at

[Tarheel Base Meeting Minutes](#)

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USSVI Tarheel Base

WELCOME ABOARD !!

Our Newest Tarheel Base Member

<u>Name</u>	<u>Qualified</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Lives in</u>
Tom Watkins	1966	USS Nathanael Greene (SSBN-636)	Raleigh

Update on the Cary Bond Park Adopt-A-Spot Project

The last work event back in November 2013 was rained out and the Tarheel Base still needs to do 4 projects at the Park during 2014. This is the requirement in order to maintain the two Subvets signs in the Park. Gold and silver dolphins have been added to these signs. As a note, the Cary Veterans Memorial Revitalization Project on North Harrison Ave. is under construction.



TARHEEL BASE (cont.)

From the Tarheel Base Librarian:

In order to have an interesting book selection in our base library it is important that books that are taken home are returned. Working with an honor system for book lending has challenges but I am sure we are up to it. Also since we do not have a Base book purchasing allocation it might make the book selections more interesting if base members donate submarine related books from their personal libraries.

Wolfgang Friedrich

HOLLAND CLUB NEWS

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

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

[Holland Club History](#)

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

[Albemarle Sound](#)

[Coastal Carolina](#)

[Carolina-Piedmont](#)

[Nat Greene](#)

[Tarheel](#)

[USS Asheville](#)

Congratulations to this year's Tarheel Base Holland Club inductees:



Bill "Butterbean" Dixon



Gary Lew



Joe Goarck



Wayne Powell

NATHANAEEL GREENE BASE AND NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER

I apologize for not have anything new to put in the All Clear. All my time is spent on my new house and moving.

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

[Nat Greene Base Web Page](#)

[Nat Greene Base Meeting Minutes](#)

Jim Myers



Come and join us at our St. Patrick's Day parades



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American Submariner
is now available on line,
just log into

www.USSVI.org

and go to **USSVI Magazine**

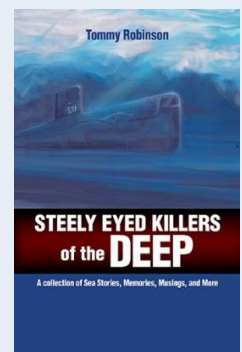
on the left column, then click

Current Issue

SHIP'S LIBRARY SUGGESTION

**Steely Eyed Killers
of the Deep**
by Tommy Robinson

Click on the book
for more information



CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE AND SED1 DISTRICT COMMANDER

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

I cannot believe it is February already and Patch is asking for inputs. Wasn't Christmas just two weeks ago? In any case, I do hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and the New Year is going well for you.

Our membership drive for 2014 has just closed. All the numbers are not in just yet as I know there are some late renewals that have not cleared the system just yet. However, I am sure that our District had slightly better than a 95% retention rate. Like most, I was hoping for much better but we have to take what we get. I want to thank all those that are in that 95% and those that did the chasing (where necessary). For those late comers, please plan ahead a little better for paying your 2015 dues. There are 3 and 5 year programs that can save you a couple bucks and just makes this a little easier on all of us.

Our Board of Directors Mid-Term is coming up early next month in Dallas, TX. I plan to get the information from that meeting out to all of you as soon as I can after I get back. But be patient with me as I have some other obligations going on during that time that really eats up a lot of my time. I do know that we will be reviewing all of the items that will appear on the ballots for this year's National Election, so stay tuned for that.

Speaking of our National Election... that is just around the corner. The next edition of the American Submariner should have all the necessary information regarding the election in it. However, currently (but this can change) we have two people running for National Commander (Al Singleman, current NJVC and Wayne Standerfer, current Central Region Director). As recent change, there is now only one running for NSVC (John Markiewicz, current National Treasurer). There is only one running for NJVC (Bill Andrea, current SED5, and our former Regional Director). As I write this, nobody has been nominated for National Treasurer or National Secretary. Also, Dick Kanning is running for our Regional Director again. If you know of anyone interested, please get them nominated (assuming they will accept the nomination of course). The nomination period is still open until **1 March**. Once all is complete, I ask each of you to read the biographies of each candidate and choose the one

you feel best with (assuming more than one running in that category). Also, please read the proposed amendments on the ballot (don't know all of them yet) vote on whether you want those changes or not. Please participate; it is your organization as well. The results of all this will be announced at our National Convention in San Francisco in September. If you are planning on that, get your reservations completed and your registration in.

I am sure there will be plenty in here from others, but don't forget our Regional Convention in April (7-10). We are fortunate enough to have a really good speaker for the banquet (VADM Al Konetzni, USN, Ret). And besides, just a good time to sit down with folks and share some stories, meet new folks, and just have a good time. And for some, that will be followed by the weekend in Wilmington, NC at the Azalea Festival Parade



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MORE FROM STEVE BELL

(always a good time). I am hoping to see many of you there. Please come up and introduce yourself to me (but forgive me, I am terrible remembering names, must be one of those age things I keep hearing about).

Take care and hope to see you at some of the upcoming events (many of which are outlined elsewhere in this newsletter). God Bless.

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

[Carolina-Piedmont Base Web Page](#)

[Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting Minutes](#)

[Piedmont Periscope Newsletters](#)

Steve

COASTAL CAROLINA BASE

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

[Coastal Carolina Base Web Page](#)

[Coastal Carolina Base Meeting Minutes](#)

[The Below Decks Watch Newsletters](#)

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USS ASHEVILLE BASE



Eugene Ipox
USSVI USS Asheville
Base Commander

“From the Mountains to the Sea”

The first part of the year has been hard work planning & working on the 11th Annual “Burnsville Meeting & WWII Submarine Memorial Services” at Moonshine Mountain in Burnsville, NC on the 16th & 17th of May. All the members of the USS Asheville Base look forward to seeing all the shipmate’s from years past and hopefully some new friends as well.

On March 9th, 2014 the base “Honor Guard” has the privilege of being the Color Guard during the SoCon (Southern Conference) Basketball Tournament, with the additional honor during half time being the escorts for “Wounded Warriors” for which the games have been dedicated too.

The Commanding Officer of the USS Asheville (SSN-758) has informed the base that he is working on plans to visit the City of Asheville, NC and would like to have a set down and chat with members of NC SubVets.

Once a confirmed date has been reached the information will be pass out so all that would like to join the USS Asheville Base with the CO of the SSN-758 will have the opportunity.

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

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

[USS Asheville Base Web Page](#)

[USS Asheville Base Meeting Minutes](#)

Beside the USS Asheville Base web page on the NC Subvets website, our base has our own website where you find more information and pictures of our activities and a link to the registration for the Burnsville Memorial. Come take a deeper look by clicking on this button:

[USS Asheville Base Website](#)

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USSVI-USS Asheville Base

Our shipmate, Jim Schenk has provided us with some of his best artwork in the past and sent this as well:

Here’s his design for MM1(SS) ...

and wonders how far this could be taken at the Pentagon.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain Jim Schenk
USSVI Nathanael Greene Base

Blessed Brothers,

This month of February sponsors Valentine's Day on the 14th and President's Day on the 17th. It is also Black History Month and we celebrate Abraham Lincoln's and George Washington's birthdays. The Olympic Winter Games are enjoyed by all for the last three weeks of this second month of 2014. Happy Birthday if you were born this month and Happy Anniversary to you for your gaining another year for that as well.

As I sit here at the keyboard this morning I cipher out that there are less than 50 days until the vernal equinox. Spring connotes new beginnings, hope, and healing. As our nation suffers through these trying times, we seek the calm reassurance that we don't have to take on stressful loads alone. God's promises tell us that he is always there and He has not changed; He is the same God that has always been. I know of no submariner that hasn't prayed at least once at sea, but sometimes our peer group interfered with our path that we were walking with the Lord. God knew you before you were in the womb; he knew what His plan for you was through the course of your life and how you might stray from his will. His greatest promise is that He will always be there for you.

If you are not close to God it is because you have moved, and not God. It has always been my philosophy that His perfect plan has always been to love and help one another as we stumblingly matriculate life in general. All knees will bend and worship the Lord when He returns, and that long-looked-for time rapidly approaches; the fulfilling of prophecy has about run its course before this greatest of all events to come. One must stand back and take personal spiritual inventory, view our own lives from a remote point, at best through God's eyes. Are we astray? Are we on the path? Some of us need a check-up from the neck-up and need to reinstall the Lord back on our team because we were not meant to walk alone through this life here on this evil Earth. For our own spiritual health, we need to spend more time reading His divine Word, and pray to God for the Holy Spirit to inspire us to understand it like never before. We are aboard this big blue marble for but a short time compared to eternity, and the most beautiful promise that God has made to us, through His word, is that after our time here is up we are welcome to spend the rest of eternity with Him. It is our choice and not to be taken lightly or complacently. I am sure that there are those that have passed on that you would enjoy interfacing with again, and not for just the all too few years that they have been earthbound with us, but the next time forever! Do not forget that even if you are not a regular worshiper in a church, you have your Base Chaplain to confer with; we are all here to serve.

"WHAT HATH PROMISED"

Author Unknown

God has not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;

God has not promised
We shall not know
Toil and temptation,
Trouble and woe;

He has not told us
We shall not bear
Many a burden,
Many a care.

But, God has promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the laborer,
Light for the way,

Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

Please don't forget our USSVI Creed to remember our friends on Eternal Patrol that gave the ultimate sacrifice. Make arrangements to get to a meeting of your local Sub Vets Base and participate in the Tolling of the Boats. We owe it to our group to help recruit new members, for if we do not, our select club will pass away into the ages.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you;

The Lord lift up His countenance toward you and give you peace,

Giving you grace, comfort and peace, now and forevermore.

In His precious name....AMEN !

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Pat Agnew	Don Eggleston	Fred Gunter	Gary Mitchell	Ed Stank
Thomas Beach	Delbert Ennis	Frank Jones	Ray Moore	Dog Underwood
Perry Blake	Chuck Fletcher	Kevin Kesterson	R.T. Moore	Bill Whelan
Charles Boynton	Joseph Goarck	Jim Kinney	Roy Riley	Bill Widell
George Cipra	Larry Gordon	James Mayo, Jr.	Richard Ruff	
John Cunningham	Dick Gudis	John McKinley	Norman Skiles	

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bill Abbruzzese	Jim Davis	Gene Ipox	Eugene Peterman	David Thommarson
Charlie Backus	James Dunn	Jack Jeffries	Hal Rutter	Barry Turano
Hal Bazzle	Lee Eubanks	Dick Kanning	Richard Schrum	Dick Vopelak
Carl Borup	Richard Graves	Jerry "Spots" Leppart	George Stalker	Jim Wallace
Harper Brame	Jim Harris	Dean McNeely	Milton Stark	Bob Werner
Jean-Loup Combemale	Bill Hengeveld, III	Jerry "Patch" Paciorek	Jim Taylor	William Wood

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Earl Buffaloe	Robert Green	Darrell McKinley, Jr.	Arthur Rawson, Jr.	Sylvan Walliser, III
Howard Dachs	William Hickerson	Jim Myers, III	George Roderick	Donald Wells
Roy Duke, Jr.	Robert Howell	Charlie Patch	Gene Rutter	Edward Wilson
Kenneth Farrell	Boyce Kline	George Perhala	Joseph Sendek	
Donald Godfrey, Sr	William Lewis, Jr.	Ron Pervere	Russell Toy	
Bob Govern	John Markiewicz	Rick Petitt	George Treusch	



Jim Schenk sends ...

This is the new sidewalk presentation window at Richard's Coffee Shop at 165 N. Main St., Mooresville, NC.

It is a good time for boat sailors to visit now, especially on Thursday morning when there is free coffee for all vets.

Saturday morning is free music by vets. I had been after the window guy to put us up front for about a year now...

USSVI MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

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

BASE ANNUAL DUES: \$15 (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

2014 EVENT SCHEDULE		
DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION
March 15 th	Saturday	St. Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh
March 16 th	Sunday	St. Patrick's Day Parade in Kill Devil Hills (Nag Head)
April 7 th – April 11 th	Many	2014 USSVI Southeast Regional Convention
April 12 th	Saturday	Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington
May 15 th -17 th	Many	Burnsville Moonshine Mountain Submarine Memorial Meeting
May 24 th	Saturday	USSVI 50 th Anniversary Plaque Dedication in Washington, DC
May 26 th	Monday	National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC **

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

NC Subvets Website

** If you are going to the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC, please contact Jerry Leppart at jleppart@mindspring.com or 919-870-9692

For those going to Washington, DC, you may be interested in stopping by the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD to see this sculpture. Click on this button to see the website:





Memorial Website

Asheville Christmas Parade

November 23: It was a cold, damp, cloudy, and windy day on Saturday, November 23rd for a parade, but the weather didn't stop the local residents from coming out to watch this parade. We had 11 NC Subvets there representing the Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, Tarheel, and USS Asheville Bases. After the parade, we went over to the local Bonefish Grill to present the staff with pictures of the WWII and Post-WWII submarines and well and their history.

For more details, click on the button:

Asheville Parade








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

United States Submarines Veterans, Inc.

50th National Convention

Monday, September 1st – Sunday, September 7th

[USSVI 2014 Convention](#)

USSVI AWARD SUBMISSIONS

The 2014 Awards Manual has been posted on the USSVI website - click on this button.

[USSVI Awards Manual](#)

If you have any deserving members (or base too) it is now time to start your write-up process. The Awards Committee Chairman, John Stanford, will start accepting nominations on 1 Feb 2014 IAW the manual timeline. I strongly suggest that you review the criteria for each award that you may be submitting and do your write-up accordingly.

I will remind you that there are a lot of good people (and bases) that are doing a lot of good things. That means that your write-up is very critical. Follow the guide lines for whatever award you are submitting for and write it up like you were writing a sailor up for a medal.

Thank you all for your interest in the program.

Steve Bell
Commander, District One, Southeast Region

2014 KINGS BAY WWII MEMORIAL SERVICE

The 2014 Kings Bay WWII Memorial Service will be on Friday, November 7th, 2014 (first Friday of November as in the past). As usual, events will start on Wednesday, November 5th. These dates, which are written in stone, and are forwarded for your planning purposes. We'll let you know when registration forms become available sometime this spring.

For those who have never attended, this is a great event. Last year with several hundred in attendance there were about three dozen WWII Submarine Veterans. It is a privilege and a high honor to be in their presence.



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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:

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Charitable Fund

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

VET-01: Congress Repeals Caps on Military Retired Pay

Submitted by: Office on 2/13/2014

The fight against reductions in military retired pay is over — and retirees have emerged victorious.

The Senate voted resoundingly Wednesday to repeal the planned reductions to annual cost-of-living adjustments, or COLAs, in military retirement pay, approving a bill passed Tuesday by the House that will offset the roughly \$6 billion the COLA caps would have saved by extending automatic cuts to Medicare funding by one year.

The Senate vote was 95-3.

Go to the link for the story...

The measure now goes to President Obama for his signature.

www.militarytimes.com/article/20140212/BENEFITS05/302120025/Congress-repeals-caps-military-retired-p

NEWS-06: The National Awards Nomination Process

Submitted by: Awards Chair on 2/8/2014

Any USSVI Member in good standing may nominate any other Member in good standing or Base where appropriate and as stated in the Award description.

Submit the nomination using the following guidelines to arrive no later than April 30, 2014.

All Award nominations shall be type-written, and shall be a maximum of two pages.

Clearly state the Nominees' name, title, and home Base (if applicable) and the specific Award for which nomination is being made.

Unless otherwise noted, the candidate must be a current member in good standing, however, a Member who has gone on eternal patrol within the last 12 months of the close of the nomination period may also be considered for a posthumous Award.

Each entry shall be for the nomination of a single Award. Do not include more than one Base or Nominee on the same nomination. If a nominee is being considered for more than one Award, a separate nomination is required.

Do not include any photographs or endorsements with the nomination. Separate endorsements for a nominee or a Base are encouraged.

Nominations may be made by any Member and submitted to the National Awards Chairman by email at JStan131@Comcast.net, or US Mail to

John Stanford, Chairman
3026 Cesery Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32277-3527

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CHARITABLE-01: Scholarship Fund Donations Report
Submitted by: Paul Orstad - Scholarship Program Chair on 2/5/2014

Good day, Shipmates,

This week I got caught up with the Scholarship Fund Donor list for the year 2012-2013 and started the year 2013-2014.

There are now two reports under the Charitable Fund Button on the left hand side of the USSVI.org web page for your review.

After clicking on the Charitable Fund you will see a CF Donor Button on left side also, now click on that and it will bring you to the page where you can look or review your donations by the year to the USSVI Scholarship Fund.

If there are any errors please contact me and I will fix them to make it correct.

I will try to keep it every three months for the year 2014. All previous years are closed out and complete.

Thank you for your donations and keep them coming as we are now handing out approximately 30 scholarships varying from \$4000.00 down to \$950.00 in both high school seniors and college students.

Thank you.

Paul Wm. Orstad
National Scholarship Chairman
hogan343@aol.com

VET-02: Military Funeral Honors for Veterans
Submitted by: Office on 2/1/2014

Military Funeral Honors is a way to show the nation's deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our country.

This ceremonial paying of respect is the final demonstration a grateful nation can provide to the veteran's family.

By law, an honor guard detail for the burial of an eligible veteran shall consist of not less than two members of the Armed Forces.

One member of the detail shall be a representative of the parent Service of the deceased veteran. The honor detail will, at a minimum, perform a ceremony that includes the playing of Taps and the folding and presentation of the American Flag to the next of kin.

Taps will be played by a bugler, if available, or by Ceremonial Bugle, or electronic recording (CD or tape).

Go to the link for the details...

www.dmdc.osd.mil/mfh/getLinks.do?tab=FAQ#q1

NEWS-02: Common Missile Compartment for SSBN(X)
Submitted by: Office on 1/13/2014

General Dynamics-Electric Boat has signed a contract with the US Navy under which General Dynamics will continue development of the Common Missile Compartment for the Ohio replacement submarine and the UK's Successor ballistic-missile submarine.

The Trident missile-armed Ohio-class submarine will be replaced with the Ohio Replacement Submarine, which is a future US Navy submarine-class. The service life of the new-generation submarine is expected to be 40 years.

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NEWS-01: Invitation to 51st USS Thresher Memorial Service
Submitted by: Kevin Galeaz - Thresher Base Commander on 1/28/2014

USSVI Shipmates,

You are formally invited to attend the 51st Annual USS Thresher Memorial Service hosted by USSVI Thresher Base at the R. W. Traip Academy Auditorium in Kittery, Maine on Saturday, April 12, 2014 starting at 1300.

Join with your Thresher Base Brothers to honor the loss of 129 crew members, US Naval Submarine Officer Observers, and civilian support personnel aboard the USS Thresher during sea trials off the New England coast 50 years ago on April 10, 1963. Your attendance and personal conversation with the USS Thresher family and former crew members enhances their experience by helping both to generate and to perpetuate the memories of their loved ones, our Brothers.

If you cannot make this year's memorial service, you can still participate in the slide presentation shown prior to the start of the service. Compose a short message from your Base along with an optional photo of your members addressed to the family and former crew of the USS Thresher in attendance. Send the email to Thresher Base Commander Kevin Galeaz at ThresherBase@comcast.net. Your message helps to foster the sense of support this service provides to the USS Thresher family members.

RSVP's are due on March 15th. Email your RSVP with the names in your party to Thresher Base Commander Kevin Galeaz by email at ThresherBase@comcast.net or by phone 603.268.0420.

Finally, on behalf of Thresher Base, thank you to all USSVI Bases and shipmates who donated, sent email messages included in the pre-service presentation, and attended the 50th USS Thresher Memorial Service. Your support helped to make the 50th a once in a lifetime event for all those who were deeply touched by this tragedy - including those who work each day to prevent another similar tragedy from occurring.

Fraternally,
Kevin

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NEWS-01: Write a letter for USS CLAMAGORE!
Submitted by: Bill Andrea on 1/25/2014

Linked is a letter that can be downloaded and modified or printed as is, to send to the Governor of South Carolina, reference the USS Clamagore SS 343 at Patriots Point, South Carolina.

A mailed letter will carry more weight than an email.

Please print and sign it at the bottom with your official USSVI title or "Member" and contact information and mail to:

Governor Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Please give this your immediate attention, as the Clamagore is on her "Last Patrol", and the future is not very bright.

There is a dedicated group of individuals, the USS Clamagore SS-434 Restoration and Maintenance Association, Inc. (CRAMA), a section 501(c)(3) non-profit charity, that wants to save the USS Clamagore. The Clamagore is one of only 76 National Historic Landmarks in South Carolina. Contact information for CRAMA is:

Rick Wise
843-875 5559
rwise@sc.rr.com

www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Organization_ClamagoreLetter.doc

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

VET-01: Blue Water Veterans and Agent Orange Exposure
Submitted by: Office on 1/12/2014

Veterans who served on open sea ships off the shore of Vietnam during the Vietnam War are sometimes called "Blue Water Veterans."

Blue Water Veterans must have actually stepped foot on the land of Vietnam or served on its inland waterways anytime between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 to be presumed to have been exposed to herbicides when claiming service-connection for diseases related to Agent Orange exposure.

Blue Water Veterans who did not foot in Vietnam or serve aboard ships that operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam anytime between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 must show on a factual basis that they were exposed to herbicides during military service in order to receive disability compensation for diseases related to Agent Orange exposure. These claims are decided on a case-by-case basis.

Go to the link for all the details...

www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/locations/blue-water-veterans.asp

NEWS-01: Submarines: Trying To Measure the Value of SSNs
Submitted by: Office on 12/16/2013

Modern diesel electric subs cost 60-85 percent less than nuclear subs and are known to be more difficult to detect in coastal waters and sometimes even on the high seas. Yet all major navies want the nukes. It's all about energy and the fact that the nuclear boats have a lot more of it.

Read the full story at the link...

www.strategypage.com/htmw/htsub/articles/20131216.aspx

NEWS-02: On Leadership...
Submitted by: Bill Andrea ES5 DC on 12/19/2013

Shipmates, please view the link below on leadership. It is the best and most relevant video I have ever seen on the subject of leadership. (By submariner David Marquart, (CAPT Ret)

This applies to all areas of leadership.

No one person can effectively run the whole show, whether in Business, the Military or in volunteer organizations like USSVI.

USSVI is not a command driven organization. From the Nat'l Commander on down, jobs and responsibilities must be delegated, committees formed and everyone should work together toward a common goal.

Watch this 10 minute video... You'll be glad you did.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqmdLcyES_Q&feature=youtu.be

VET-02: Disabled Vets, Survivors to Get 1.5% COLA
Submitted by: Office on 12/12/2013

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced Wednesday that veterans receiving disability compensation will get a 1.5 percent cost of living increase starting with their Jan. 1, 2014, payment.

www.military.com/daily-news/2013/12/04/disabled-vets-survivors-to-get-15-cola.html?ESRC=mrvr.nl

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-03: 2nd Call - USSVI "Sub Vet" Scholarship Program
Submitted by: Paul Orstad Scholarship Chairman on 12/19/2013

The USSVI "Sub Vet" Scholarship Program and Committee are pleased to announce that we are now accepting requests for the scholarship application. You can do it two ways: one, send your name and address and tell me if you are a high school Senior or a college student.

The deadline for receiving Scholarship applications is **March 15, 2014**.

You can contact me by email at hogan343@aol.com or by snail mail at USSVI Scholarship Chmn. Paul Wm. Orstad 30 Surrey lane, Norwich, CT 06360-6541.

Second, you can open the USSVI Web Page at www.ussvi.org. Look to the left for "Charitable Fund" in one of the blue boxes, "click on it". At the top in blue/green look for "Scholarships" and click on it. Now click on "Application" this will give you two applications to download which you will need. You will then have a total of five pages or possibly six depending on your printer. Click on "Notes and Tips" which is two pages. Page one is for high School and page two is for college students. These are the "Hint" sheets you need to make sure you fill out the application correctly.

If you have any problems please let me know as I will snail mail you a clear application next day mail.

Base Commanders, Please use the Scholarship Booklet as information only and not for applications. The document can be found in the document section of the regular USSVI documents and not in the Charitable Foundation Documents. If you cannot find it please contact me and I will snail mail it to you. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me by phone, email or snail mail. 860-889-4750, Hogan343@aol.com, 30 Surrey Ln, Norwich CT. 06369-6541

Thank you.

Paul Orstad USSVI NSC

VET-01: Warning: VA ID Cards Are Easily Scanned
Submitted by: Office on 12/12/2013

Anyone with a smartphone and a bar code app can scan any Department of Veterans Affairs identification card issued since 2004 and the cardholder's Social Security number immediately pops up on the screen.

The Department of Veterans Affairs published warnings about the veterans information cards (VICs) on their website in 2011 and again in July, 2013.

The alert states, "Some barcode readers, including those available as applications on cell phones, can scan the bar code on the front of the card, and reveal the veteran's social security number."

VA has begun to work on a new type of card, which will not contain a Social Security number. Meanwhile, veterans should treat their current ID cards as just as careful as they do their Social Security card to prevent identity theft.

NEWS-01: A key feature of the Thresher Memorial Project in Kittery ME now installed.
Submitted by: Office on 12/3/2013

KITTERY, Maine - A key feature of the Thresher Memorial Project was installed over the weekend, and an exquisite gift is now displayed there as well.

Local sculptor Thomas Berger spent most of his daylight hours Saturday attaching a bronze plaque to a 12-foot-high standing stone at Kittery's Memorial Park. The plaque lists the names of all 129 men lost aboard the nuclear Navy submarine USS Thresher in 1963 during the world's worst submarine disaster.

Go to the link for the story...

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20131202-NEWS-131209968>

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-04: Navy launches drone from submerged submarine
Submitted by: office on 12/5/2013

The U.S. Navy says it has successfully launched a drone from a submerged submarine, another big step toward developing new military spying and reconnaissance capabilities.

In a press release, the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory said the fuel-cell-powered "XFC" unmanned aircraft was fired from the torpedo tube of the USS Providence using a launch system known as Sea Robin

Go to the link for the story...

www.nbcnews.com/technology/what-lurks-beneath-sea-navy-launches-drone-submerged-submarine-2D11702851

CHARITABLE-01: USSVI Seattle Base Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) visits Seattle Children's Hospital
Submitted by: Office on 12/5/2013

Seattle Base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) organizer John Roberts sent us this report from the group's first outing.

On Monday, December 2nd, Doug Abramson, Pat Householder, Steve Shelton and I visited Seattle's Children's Hospital as part of the USSVI's Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program. It was a terrific and exceptionally rewarding experience.

We were split into two groups of two each and rotated between entertaining children who were in the Playroom and visiting more seriously ill children in their rooms. All in all, we interacted with 16 girls and boys between the ages of 6 and 15, all of who received Honorary Submariner certificates and Dolphin emblazoned hats, as well as photos of various subs and coloring books.

Go to the link for the story...

<http://seattlebase.blogspot.com/2013/12/ussvi-seattle-base-kapss-4-kidss-visits.html>

CHARITABLE-01: AMAZONSMILE and your Subvet Charitable Foundation
Submitted by: Pat Householder, USSVCF Secretary on 11/27/2013

Do you purchase items online through AMAZON? I do, and many others do as well.

Now AMAZON has a variation called AmazonSmile. There is no cost to us and it is a simple and automatic way to support the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation every time you shop.

You'll find the exact same low prices, vast convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to our Charitable Foundation.

All you need to do is when you first visit AmazonSmile, choose the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation from the list of 501c3 charities. Then, when you shop and buy at this site, .5% of your purchase will be donated to our Charitable Foundation.

Why our Charitable Foundation? Because the work our foundation does supports our Scholarship program, submarine memorials, help for members affected in disasters, the SubForce Caring and Sharing Program, Museum Submarines and our Reference Library.

Unlike most charities, over 90% of funds donated are used for this mission, and the leadership is unpaid, being National officers of USSVI.

Please help us support and grow our own Charitable Foundation. <https://smile.amazon.com/about>

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-01: VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP)

Submitted by: Office on 11/26/2013

VA is implementing a comprehensive national VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP) to give enrolled Veterans and CHAMPVA beneficiaries the opportunity to purchase dental insurance through Delta Dental and MetLife at a reduced cost. Participation is voluntary. Purchasing a dental plan does not affect Veterans' eligibility for VA dental services and treatment. VADIP opens November 15 for the purchasing of plans, with coverage beginning January 1, 2014.

Go to the link for the details...

<https://www.va.gov/healthBenefits/vadip/>

VET-01: VA warns of new 'marketing scam'

Submitted by: Office on 11/26/2013

The Veterans Affairs Department is warning veterans about a "marketing scam" that reportedly targets callers trying to reach two of VA's national call centers.

A marketing company two phone numbers that differ from the real VA numbers by one digit. If a veteran misdials and calls the bogus number, the answering party will offer a gift card and try to obtain sensitive personal data, to include credit card information. Please note that the VA will "never" ask for credit card or banking information over the phone.

Go to the link for the story and details ...

<http://www.federaltimes.com/article/20131124/DEPARTMENTS04/311240001/VA-warns-new-marketing-scam->

VET-02: Veterans Identification Card

Submitted by: Office on 11/26/2013

The VA has published this statement on their website:

Veterans are warned to keep their VIC safe and secure.

The VIC protects the privacy of Veterans' sensitive information, as it no longer displays the Social Security Number or Date of Birth on the front of the card.

BUT, some bar code readers, including those available as applications on cell phones, can scan the bar code on the front of the card, and reveal the Veteran's social security number. This could make the Veteran subject to identity theft if the card is lost or stolen.

Go to this link for the details ...

https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/access/veteran_identification_card.asp

VET-03: The Veterans Administration, Obamacare and you.

Submitted by: Office on 11/26/2013

The Affordable Care Act, also known OBAMACARE, was to expand access to coverage, control health care costs and improve health care quality and care coordination. The health care law does not change VA health benefits or Veterans' out-of-pocket costs.

Three things you should know:

Go to the link for the details...

<http://www.va.gov/health/aca/>

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-01: Online Submarine Museum
Submitted by: Office on 11/18/2013

USSVI has an online submarine museum on Facebook and in addition to comments, is loaded with pictures of boats by class, interiors, sub bases, tenders, sub cartoons, patches, etc. (click on the word "Photos" on the page.)

If you like what you see (and I think you will), please click the LIKE button.

NEWS-02: American Submariner Editor Change
Submitted by: Chuck Emmett on 11/21/2013

Shipmates, My name is Chuck Emmett and, beginning with 2014, I will be the new editor of our magazine, the American Submariner. To ensure that a clear pipeline is available for information flow to me, I have established a dedicated phone line and e-mail address just for the magazine. They are:

(623)478-2653

American-Submariner@cox.net

NEWS-01: Cold War sub to go on display at museum as its military missions remain secrets
Submitted by: Office on 11/13/2013

It could dive deeper than any other submarine, and when it reached the ocean floor, the one-of-a-kind Navy vessel could roll on wheels with lights illuminating the depths outside its windows.

The nuclear-powered NR-1, launched in Groton in 1969, was one of the most secretive vessels in the U.S. undersea force. It was taken out of service in 2008 and disassembled. Now the Navy has collected pieces of it for an exhibit at a submarine museum in Groton, where it was based for the duration of its service life

Go to the link for the story...

www.foxnews.com/us/2013/11/13/cold-war-sub-to-go-on-display-at-museum-as-its-military-missions-remain-secrets

NEWS-02: Women in Subs: A Sharper Warfighting Edge
Submitted by: Office on 11/13/2013

CNO Admiral Johnathan Greenert:

At All Hands Calls I often get asked about the integration of women into the submarine force. Sailors, male and female alike, are curious about the progress we've made and what's next for women in submarines. -

See more at the link...

<http://cno.navylive.dodlive.mil/2013/11/12/women-in-subs-a-sharper-warfighting-edge-2/#>

VET-01: Veteran Burial Benefit
Submitted by: Office on 11/13/2013

Does your next of kin know?

Many families still do not know that since Jan. 1, 2000, every armed forces veteran and member on active duty or in the active reserve has had the right to be buried with patriotic flourishes provided by a military honor guard to include folding, presentation of the United States burial flag and the sounding of taps, at no cost to the family.

Go to the link for more details...

www.dmdc.osd.mil/mfh/

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-03: Groton SUBVETS, Sailors honor past and present veterans at annual ceremony
Submitted by: Office on 11/14/2013

Members of U.S. Submarine Veterans, World War II and the Groton chapter of U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc. (SUBVETS) participated in a remembrance ceremony honoring deceased and veteran service members at the U.S. Submarine Veterans World War II National Submarine Memorial East, Nov. 11.

The ceremony included 11 bell tolls in remembrance of the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, as well as the traditional tolling of the boats, commemorating all Submariners who lost their lives aboard Submarines before, during and after World War II.

For more of this story, click on or type the URL:

www.dolphin-news.com/articles/2013/11/14/news/doc5283a1c09086c072990046.txt

NEWS-04: Submarine North Dakota christened in Groton
Submitted by: Office on 11/14/2013

The Navy's 11th Virginia-class attack submarine was christened in Groton, Conn., Nov. 2, during a late-morning ceremony at the General Dynamics Electric Boat (GDEB) shipyard.

The ceremony marked the official naming of Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) North Dakota (SSN 784). The ship is currently under construction by both GDEB and Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries, through a teaming arrangement.

For more of this story, click on or type the URL:

www.dolphin-news.com/articles/2013/11/07/news/doc527a91cba1815902211656.txt

NEWS-05: Auburn WA Veterans Day Parade (one of the largest in the Nation!)
Submitted by: Office on 11/14/2013

Auburn has hosted the Veterans Day Parade since 1965. Now in its 48th year, the parade has grown into one of the largest Veteran's Day parades in the United States of America

There was a good turnout by three bases (Seattle, South Sound, and Silent Service MC. Two floats (WWII Bonefish and Coldwar 637 Class SSN), a limo for dignitaries and about 40 members riding or hoofing it.

Go to the link for pictures.

<http://seattlebase.blogspot.com/2013/11/2013-auburn-veterans-day-parade-photos.html>

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, click this button to visit the USSVI Charitable Foundation webpage:

[Charitable Foundation](#)

THE SUB NET

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

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UNIQUE LANGUAGE OF SUBMARINERS

Jargon is terminology that relates to a specific activity, profession, or group. Much like slang it develops as a kind of shorthand, to quickly express ideas that are frequently discussed between members of a group. In many cases this may cause a barrier to communication, as many may not understand (excerpt taken from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jargon>). I hope these terms bring laughter and rekindle some fond memories.

Black and Bitter	Coffee, no sugar or cream added.
Blonde and Sweet	Coffee with cream and sugar.
CONUS	Continental United States.
Fast Cruise	A training exercise whereby the ship simulates being underway while remaining tied to the pier. Generally the brow and all shore services are secured and the ship is on internal systems only.
Goat Locker	Chiefs' Quarters. Term originated during the era of wooden ships, when Chiefs were given charge of the milk goats on board. Nowadays more a term of respect for the age of its denizens.
Let the Cat Out of the Bag	Originally, this term simply meant to remove the cat (cat o'nine tails) from its baize bag, generally preliminary to administering punishment. The term's meaning today is to reveal a secret.
Mayday	Internationally recognized voice radio signal for ships and people in serious trouble at sea. Made official in 1948, it is an anglicizing of the French <i>m'aidez</i> , "help me"
OBA	Oxygen Breathing Apparatus. An oxygen generating and rebreathing system used for firefighting.
Three Sheets to the Wind	Used to describe someone who has too much to drink. As such, they are often bedraggled with perhaps shirttails out, clothes a mess. The reference is to a sailing ship in disarray, that is with sheets (lines that adjust the angle at which a sail is set in relation to the wind) flapping loosely in the breeze.

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](#)



ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES

Donald Clayton Small



Donald Clayton Small, 89, of Point Harbor, NC departed on his Eternal Patrol on December 11, 2013 at his residence in Point Harbor.

He was born to Lyndon F. and Marianne C. Small in Boston, MA on April 16, 1924. He married Rosemary Nuzzolillo in 1944 while serving in the US Navy as a submariner. Don and his family resided in East Orange, NJ; Adelphi, MD; and most recently Point Harbor, NC.

Don was a radioman and qualified in submarines on the USS Bergall (SS-320) during WWII in 1944, and was a RT2(SS) when he left the Navy.

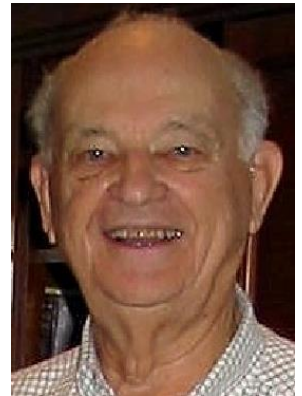
He received his bachelor's degree from Stevens Institute of Technology after the war and began his engineering career at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Baltimore, MD. In 1974, Don and his family moved to Point Harbor, NC where he started and operated his business, Marine Electronics of the Outer Banks, until his retirement. During retirement Don was an active member of the WWII US Submarine Veterans Association, serving as the North Carolina Chapter State Commander. He was also a member of the Tarheel Base of the US Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Don is predeceased by his daughter Anne Marie, survived by his loving wife of 69 years Rosemary, sons Lyndon, David, Clayton, and Donald (Gene), 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Robert "Bob" Wyatt

Robert "Bob" Wyatt, 92, formerly of Ithaca, NY, departed on his Eternal Patrol on April 23, 2013 at St. Joseph of the Pines in Southern Pines, NC. A memorial service was conducted on April 29, 2013 at the Belle Meade Chapel in Southern Pines.

Bob was born on October 25, 1920 and was raised in Grand Rapids, MI to the late Frank John Wyatt and Edith Shackleton Wyatt. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1942 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he qualified in submarines on the USS Moray (SS-300) in 1946, and was a Lieutenant when he left the Navy. He worked for Morse Industrial Products in Ithaca. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Penny Breeden Wyatt, and a brother, Frank John Wyatt, Jr.



He is survived by his loving wife, Gloria P. Wyatt; a daughter, Roberta Kay Stafford and husband Peary of Brooklyn, NY; stepchildren, Edward Mark Garvin and wife Belle of Las Vegas, NV and Beth Myette and husband Gary of Duxbury, MA; a sister, Virginia Hewitt of Grand Rapids, MI; step grandchildren, Erin, Cameron, Rachel and Austin and his beloved pet cat Georgia, and several nieces and nephews.

Bob member of the WWII US Submarine Veterans Association and a member of the Tarheel Base of the US Submarine Veterans, Inc. His photo was taken in November 2009 when he was presented with his Holland Club and Senior Submariner Awards.

Robert Jackson "Jack" Sloop



Robert Jackson "Jack" Sloop, 87, of Kannapolis, NC departed on his Eternal Patrol at Transitional Health Care on February 1, 2014. Jack was born June 24, 1926, in Kannapolis, the son of the late Robert C. and Wavie Morrow Sloop. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Alice Moss Sloop; three brothers, James, Gilford and David; and a sister, Audrey.

Jack was a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during WWII in the submarine division and during the Cold War's era and was an ET1(SS) when he left the Navy. He enjoyed talking about his submarine service and was a Life Member of USSVI.

ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES (cont.)

Attending Subvets were: George "Sam" Bass, Steve Bell, Bob Bunney, Charley Cross, Ray Fritz, Robert "Hoppy" Hopkins, Chuck Jensen, Bill Lowe, Ray Moore, John Rupertus, and Bill Whelan.

At Jack's cemetery, following the memorial service, National Chaplain Fritz presented the folded flag to Frank's daughter Edna Dougherty, Tarheel Base Chaplain Whelan presented the traditional North Carolina Submarine Veterans Book of Remembrance to Edna Dougherty, and Hoppy concluded the ceremony with bugle Taps.

Evidence of the family's gratitude to each and every Subvet attendee was the beautiful Navy quilt donated by its creator (Edna) to area Subvets, with the suggestion that it be raffled off and proceeds used for a future project of the local Subvets organization.

The inclement weather endured by attendees was considered a favorable omen, a shower of blessings.



Robert Lee Huie

Robert Lee Huie, 86, of Kannapolis departed on his Eternal Patrol on January 16, 2014 at CMC-North East following a period of declining health. He was born August 18, 1925, in Iredell County, a son of the late Otto P. and Ethel Mundy Huie. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a brother, Roy C. Huie and a sister, Lucy Steen. Robert was survived by his wife Anita. He was a graduate of J.W. Cannon High School.

Robert qualified in submarines on the USS Tigrone (SS-419) in the South Pacific during WWII in 1944 and was present in Tokyo Bay for the surrender ceremony in 1945. He also served on USS R-11 (SS-88) and was a RM2(SS) when he left the Navy.

After his discharge from the Navy he worked for Standard Oil Shipping Co. on seagoing tankers. He was then employed by Southern Railway as an agent telegrapher for 20 years and then retired from the U.S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier.

Robert was a life member of the VFW Post 8989 and the Submarine Veterans of World War II. He was also a member of the USSVI Tarheel Base.

A memorial service was held on January 20 in the chapel mausoleum at Carolina Memorial Park.

Everett Edward Erb, Jr.

Everett Edward Erb Jr., of Charlotte, NC, departed on his Eternal Patrol on December 19, 2013. He was born on September 2, 1924 as the only child of Mr. Everett Edward Erb, Sr. and Mrs. Frances Forman Erb of Spencer, NC. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Ellen Furr Erb. Ed is survived by his two sons and their wives, Everett E. Erb III and his wife Claire and Max D. Erb and his wife Amy. In addition he is survived by his two grandsons, Terry E. Erb and wife Wini, their four children, and grandson Robert J. Erb.

Ed was a WWII veteran was awarded the Silver Star. His service included 3.5 years in the Navy's submarine service in the South Pacific, where he qualified in submarines on the USS Ronquil (SS-396) in 1944. He also served on USS R-20 (SS-97) and was a TM2(SS) when he left the Navy.

After the war, he was employed in Life Insurance sales and management, retiring from USF&G. During his retirement, he and his wife lived in Wilmington, NC where he enjoyed his favorite sport, surf fishing. Ed and Ellen returned to Charlotte in 1997.

Ed was a member of the Submarine Veterans of WWII, as well as a member of USSVI Carolina-Piedmont and Tarheel Bases, where he was affectionately known as "Pop Pop."

ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES (cont.)



Ed's grave side service was held at Sharon Memorial Park in Charlotte, NC on December 23, 2013 where the Carolina-Piedmont Base members served as the honor guard and presented a Book of Remembrance to each son (Ed and Max) and a Bible to the family.



Carolina-Piedmont Friends of "Pop-Pop" as Ed's memorial service

SUBMARINE GROUP TWO TO BE DISESTABLISHED

Richard R. Burgess, Seapower Magazine, Jan 27

ARLINGTON, Va. - The Navy will shut down one of its submarine group staffs in Groton, CT later this year as part of its overhead reduction.

Commander, Submarine Group Two, will be disestablished at Naval Submarine Base New London effective September 30, according to an internal Navy directive, as part of the fiscal 2015 budget planning.

The group has approximately 15 nuclear-powered attack submarines assigned among its three submarine squadrons. The squadrons will be reassigned to another submarine group.

HIGH AND DRY SUBMARINE VENUE – BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL

A colorful article written by Harry Thetford of Greensboro about the North Carolina Submarine Memorial on Moonshine Mountain in Burnsville is available for your reading pleasure by navigating to the associated link on the Aux Tank #2 page of our NC Subvets website or by clicking this button.

[Thetford Article](#)





Hello,

My name is Rick Wise. I'm Secretary of CRAMA, The USS Clamagore SS 343 Restoration and Maintenance Association, Incorporated, a non-profit public charity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, having the following purpose:

To save, relocate and restore the *USS CLAMAGORE SS 343*. To relocate submarine from Patriot's Point,

Mount Pleasant, South Carolina to a land berth communal with the *CSS HUNLEY* museum in North Charleston, South Carolina. And to preserve the last of her kind of World War II submarine to a condition suitable to serve as a submarine museum and memorial for future generations.

Our website is www.savetheclamagore.com.

If you wish to help with this goal here are some things you can do:

1. On the internet go to <http://www.change.org/petitions/save-the-uss-clamagore-frombecoming-a-reef-stop-the-uss-clamagore-from-becoming-an-artificial-reef> and sign the petition.
2. Let all your contacts know about CRAMA and our purpose.
3. Join CRAMA. Send \$20 in check or money order with name, address, phone number and e-mail address to CRAMA, PO Box 60388, North Charleston, SC 29419. You will receive a membership card and updates on the status of the project.
4. Send a donation to CRAMA, PO Box 60388, North Charleston, SC 29419. There will be a link on the website for donations in the near future. You will receive a letter acknowledging the donations for your records since it is tax deductible.
5. Feel free to send us any ideas you have on how we can achieve our purpose.

In accordance with our By-Laws no elected office can receive pay for their service with CRAMA.



**2014 Southeast Regional Convention
Hosted by USSVI Tarheel Base
Monday April 7 - Friday April 11, 2014**

Holiday Inn @ Cary, 5630 Dillard Dr, Cary, NC 27518
Phone # 919-851-1220 & Reserve room directly with hotel, mention SubVets Group.
Rate \$79 + tax per night, includes breakfast

Registration

Name _____ Guest _____

Address _____
street city state zip

Email _____ Phone _____

07-11 Mon-Fri Registration Fee. All week and includes a dandy patch
plus Hospitality Room with free libations and assorted snacks: \$25 ea x ____ = _____

08 Tues 1000 Speaker, WWII Veteran George Bass: Free
1130 Lunch; make own sandwich & pasta salad: \$10 ea x ____ = _____
1230 Tour departs for NC Museum of Art: Free

09 Wed 1000 Speaker, CAPT Doug Wright USN (Ret): Free
1045 Regional Meeting: Free
1200 Lunch; spaghetti & meatballs: \$10 ea x ____ = _____
1315 Tour departs for NC State Legislative Building
& NC Museum of Natural Science: Free

Registration (cont.)

10 Thurs 1000 Tolling of the Boats Ceremony: Free
1130 Lunch; chicken Alfredo: \$10 ea x ___ = _____
Free afternoon and get ready for the Banquet.
1700 Reception at the NC State University Club followed
by Meeting, Guest Speaker VADM Al Konetzni, Dinner,
Door Prizes & Raffle Drawing.

Meal Choices for Thursday's Dinner are:

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

First name(s) _____ Choice 1 ___ x \$30 = _____

Choice 2 Chicken Masalas: sautéed chicken supreme, mushroom & sweet Masalas sauce, roasted red pepper whipped potatoes and asparagus:

First name(s) _____ Choice 2 ___ x \$30 = _____

Note: Thursday dinner includes salad, hot French rolls, butter, tax, and gratuity.

Dessert is also included with meal:

Choice A French Silk Pie 1st name(s) _____ Choice A _____

Choice B Carrot Cake 1st name(s) _____ Choice B _____

Thursday's Reception & Dinner are at NC State University Club, 4200 Hillsborough St. Raleigh, NC 27606. This is only a ten minute drive from Holiday Inn. Directions will be available at check-in.

Dinners Mon, Tue, & Wed are "on your own."

List of recommended local restaurants will be available.

Total Convention Cost \$ _____

Please keep copy for your records and return this form with the check payable to:

USSVI - Tarheel Base

Mail to: Dave Campbell, Tarheel Base Treasurer, 501 Competition Rd, Raleigh, NC 27603

Please mail registration & check **no later than** Mon, Mar 24 so that we may make timely final arrangements.

Have a problem or question? Feel free to contact Butterbean Dixon:

Email - goldbow@att.net or phone# 919-467-7597

Thank you....and we look forward to seeing and welcoming you!

2014 NC SUBVETS Burnsville Memorial Service

FRI 16- SAT 17 May 2014

Pre-Registration Form – Cutoff Date 2 May 2014

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Base _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Emergency Contact/Telephone: _____

			<u>NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Registration	Per Person	\$10	___	___
Catered Meal, Saturday May 17	Per Person	\$25	___	___
Total Included				

TEAR OFF THIS SECTION AS A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

Please make checks payable to: ASHEVILLE BASE – USSVI

Mail check to: EUGENE IPOX 401 Rollins Road, Marshall, NC 28753

			<u>NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Registration	Per Person	\$10	___	___
Catered Meal, Saturday May 17	Per Person	\$25	___	___

Host Hotel: Skyline Village Inn, 12255 NC Hwy 226A (milepost marker 331 on the Blue Ridge Parkway), between Little Switzerland and Spruce Pine, NC. Phone: 1-828-765-9394 or 704-517-6374 (preferable)

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

Reservations: Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of the individual (828-765-6276 or 704-517-6374). This hotel has only 16 rooms but has made a deal with a hotel (Big Lynn Gap Motel) approximately 2 miles away for overflow at the same rate. Skyline Hotel will arrange for either hotel as appropriate. **DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL RATE IS 2 MAY 2014**. Check out the website at www.skylinevillageinn.com.