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

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

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USSVI CREED AND PURPOSE

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

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

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



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



LOST SUBMARINES - SECOND QUARTER

APRIL

USS Pickerel (SS-177)

Lost on April 3, 1943 with the loss of 74 men while on her 7th war patrol near the eastern coast of northern Honshu. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined.



USS Snook (SS-279)

Lost on April 8, 1945 with the loss of 84 men while on her 9th war patrol east of Hainan Island in the South China Sea. Her loss remains a mystery, but she may have been sunk by a Japanese submarine.



USS Thresher (SSN-593)

Lost on April 10, 1963 with the loss of 112 crew members and 17 civilian technicians during deep-diving exercises. 15 minutes after reaching test depth, she communicated with USS Skylark that she was having problems. Skylark heard noises "like air rushing into an air tank" - then, silence. Photos taken by Trieste proved Thresher had broken up in 1,400 fathoms of water, some 220 miles east of Boston.



USS Gudgeon (SS-211)

Lost on April 18, 1944 with the loss of 79 men while on her 12th war patrol and most likely due to a combined air and surface antisubmarine attack near the Northern Mariana Islands.



USS Grenadier (SS-210)

Lost on April 22, 1943 with no immediate loss of life while on her 6th war patrol near the Malacca Strait west of Malaysia. She dove after being spotted by a plane, but was badly damaged by a bomb. After fighting back to the surface with no propulsion, she was attacked by another plane, which her crew shot down. When enemy ships arrived, the CO abandoned ship and scuttled the boat. 61 crew members were taken prisoner, 57 survived the war.



MAY

USS Lagarto (SS-371)

Lost on May 3, 1945 with the loss of 86 men while on her 2nd war patrol. She is believed to have been lost to a radar equipped minelayer, which was then sunk by the USS Hawkbill two weeks later. Lagarto's wreckage has been located in the Gulf of Thailand.



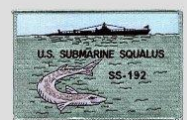
USS Scorpion (SSN-589)

Lost on May 22, 1968 with the loss of 99 men while returning to Norfolk, VA from a Mediterranean deployment. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined and her wreckage has been located about 400 miles southwest of the Azores.



USS Squalus (SS-192)

Lost on May 23, 1939 due to a catastrophic valve failure during a test dive off the Isle of Shoals. 26 men drowned in the after compartments. Later Squalus was raised and recommissioned as the USS Sailfish.



LOST SUBMARINES - SECOND QUARTER (cont.)

MAY (cont.)

USS Stickleback (SS-415)

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



JUNE

USS Herring (SS-233)

Lost on June 1, 1944 with the loss of 83 men while on her 8th war patrol near Matsuwa Island, Kuriles. She was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted her and made two direct hits on her conning tower and causing her loss.



USS R-12 (SS-89)

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



USS Golet (SS-361)

Lost on June 14, 1944 with the loss of 82 men while on her 2nd war patrol. She was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu, Japan.



USS S-27 (SS-132)

Lost on June 19, 1942 with no loss of life while on her 1st war patrol when it grounded off Amchitka Island in the Aleutians. She was on the surface in poor visibility, charging batteries and drifted into the shoals. When she could not be freed and started listing, the captain got the entire crew to shore, 400 yards away, in relays using a 3-man rubber raft. The entire crew was then rescued by PBY aircraft.



USS Bonefish (SS-223)

Lost on June 19, 1945 with the loss of 85 men while on her 8th war patrol off the west coast of Honshu near Suzu Misaki. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.



USS O-9 (SS-70)

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



USS Runner (SS-275)

Lost between June 26 and July 4 in 1943 with the loss of 78 men while on her 3rd war patrol. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking ships off the Kuriles, north of Japan on June 26 and is expected to have hit a mine on or after that date but before July 4 when she was scheduled back at Midway.



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

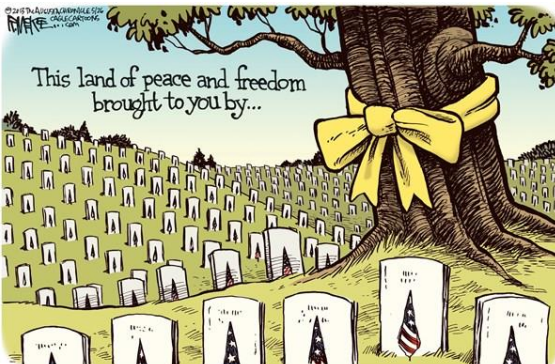
MEMORIAL DAY

The Path of the Warrior

A fitting YouTube video to reflect on Memorial Day



in order that you may feel free



TARHEEL BASE

Next Meeting:

Saturday, 07 June 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



Tarheel Base received a certificate of appreciation from USSVI for our generous financial support to Holland Club and bestowed upon the base the title of "2014 Holland Club Benefactor"

HOLLAND CLUB NEWS

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

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

[Holland Club History](#)

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

[Albemarle Sound](#)

[Coastal Carolina](#)

[Carolina-Piedmont](#)

[Nat Greene](#)

[Tarheel](#)

[USS Asheville](#)

Congratulations to this year's new Holland Club members!

Name	Qual Boat	Primary Base
Michael Adams	SS/AKSS/SSG-317	Denizens of the Deep
Paul Crossland	SSBN-628	Nat Greene
Richard Kreh, Sr.	SSG/LPSS/APSS/SS-574	Nat Greene
Mike Burkholder	SS-480	Tarheel
Bill "Butterbean" Dixon	SSBN-622	Tarheel
Nelson Gainey, Jr.	SSBN-623	Tarheel
Joe Goarck	SSBN-628	Tarheel
Don Huston	SSBN-623	Tarheel
Gary Lew	SSBN-610	Tarheel
Alvin Powell	SSBN-611	Tarheel
Scott Spinka	SSBN-601	Tarheel

SMOKE

DBF! Especially all you Enginemen types...

It's hard to believe for some, but there is an aging group of men bound together by smoke. Not the smoke people ordinarily draw into their lungs for a buzz, legal or illegal, but stinky old diesel smoke made by burning hydrocarbons. It's burned in great big old noisy diesel engines designed for railroad locomotives and transplanted into a submarine, of all places. This smoke binds them together with wispy chains stronger than the finest hardened steel. Men that sit around remembering shipmates and times good and bad, their memories brought to them on grey blue clouds. Clouds of it shot out over ports of the seven seas, on lighting off for going to sea. Underway and across those seas the smoke settles to an efficiency haze, but the diesel smoke smell follows them. The smoke and sounds that shut down when reaching home port after many days alone at sea. Today, these old timers travel many miles to see, hear and once more catch that wonderful reminder of their youth. With tears in the eyes of some, they lean forward to breathe it in. They take photographs of diesel smoke clouds belching from exhaust pipes of museum piece subs. Back home they show them to others and post video clips on the internet. Others sit and wait for these clips to download over slow internet connections, just to see that smoke and hear the sound. It is said that the sense of smell brings back the strongest memories. If so, then we are lucky one because our smoke is strong and memorable. Along with our smoky chains, we have those memories and neither can be removed from our hearts. Many a submariner says, "One more time, just one more time." For some, that means to go out and make another dive, for others just to hear the roar and to smell that smoke. Me, I'd like to yank a throttle lever, feel the deck plates shudder under my feet, hear the sounds, smell the smoke and be with those that are bound together by these things. Just one more time and for a little while.

(Author Unknown)



SAILORS WILL BE SAILORS

You just never know who you might run into at one of our Subvet meetings.

Joe Clark wore a different "uniform of the day" to the Tarheel Base meeting on March 29, 2014 in tribute to the WWII Subvets who shipped out of Australian ports for WWII war patrols, he was dressed in an "Aussie" outfit.

NATHANAEL GREENE BASE AND NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER

COMMANDER'S CORNER

The Nathanael Greene Base is now working with the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal program which is a VA supported program for homeless Veterans that gives them a two year period of indoctrination back into society. There is a SubVet at VHVH that we hope to get to join USSVI.

Our K4K program is starting to ramp back up now that spring is here. There are two YMCA dates we are looking into to replace the Camp Corral program for this year. We also have the Person County and the Camp Carefree programs.

We accomplished 100% renewal of membership and have added several new members in the last year. Our next meeting is May 3 at the American Legion in Winston Salem at 1:00 PM, please plan to attend. We should be discussing our summer programs and activities.

NC SubVet Commander

The 2014 Convention Magazine has asked for input advertisements. I will be contacting each Base Commander about whether the base wants an ad and also if all the Bases want to contribute for a NC SubVet page. Your Commanders will be in touch with you.

Our National Convention is coming up and I hope everyone has made arrangements to go.

All of our donations and request for bricks were turned into the Field of Honor Committee by Joe Clark and Chuck Jensen. We were assured that our request will be place all in one area.

Jerry Leppart has taken over the Torpedo Float duties and I wish to thank him for this while I (on a daily bases) deal with the STATE of NORTH CAROLINA and their DOT department who are moving me out of my house. We are looking at moving around the middle of May. With this in mind I want to remind everyone of the Washington DC Memorial Day Parade May 26. Our Torpedo Float will be participating.

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



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May 21, 1962 - Keel was laid for the USS Nathanael Green (SSBN 636)

CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE AND SED1 DISTRICT COMMANDER

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

For those of you that did not attend the Southeast Regional Convention hosted by the Tarheel Base, well, you really missed a good one. I would like to applaud the Tarheel Base again for the fine job they did. You guys can be proud of your accomplishment. It looks like the Southeast Regional Convention will be held in the Melbourne, FL area next year. I am not sure of the exact dates as yet, but it should be close to the same time. You need to start planning now, it is never too early.

Speaking of planning, if you are going to San Francisco, CA for the National Convention this year, it is time to get that trip planned out as well. I know it is a little on the expensive side, but standby, something might be done about some of that in the near future.

Also, if you have not signed up for Burnsville, you need to get that done now. The USS Asheville Base will be cutting that off in early May and they need to complete their planning so they can be properly prepared for us. Come out and support them. Besides, you just might have a good time too.

The National Election is just around the corner. All the data will be coming out in the next issue of the American Submariner, both all the candidate biographies and the various proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. I encourage each of you to read over all of this then vote the way you feel best. The National Board of Directors supports each of the proposed amendments, but I ask you to read them first to make sure you agree. Voting is easy, it is done on line at the USSVI website. Our District did reasonably well last year and I would love to see us improve on that. So please look it all over and vote when the time comes.

Jerry Emerson is going to start a new base in the Rocky Mount/Wilson/Nashville area. If you live closer to that area than where another base is, I recommend you consider joining the base. A shorter drive might encourage more participation. I would like to thank Jerry for his efforts on this. Stayed tuned, all the necessary data regarding the base will be put out as it is all figured out.

I know you have heard this before, but our membership over the last few years has been flat (for the most part). Each of you is really a member of the Membership Committee of your base. So do us all a favor and recruit a member. That is all, just one. You can only imagine what that would do if each of us would do that.

We look forward to seeing each of you at some event down the road. It is always my pleasure to visit with you. Stay safe. I wish you all good health. May God bless each of you.

For more information on the next base meeting, past meeting minutes, base newsletters, etc., click on these buttons:

[Carolina-Piedmont Base Web Page](#)

[Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting Minutes](#)

[Piedmont Periscope Newsletters](#)

[Base Members Spend Day with 7th Graders](#)



Steve Bell
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Steve



Commissioned May 19, 2007
Carolina-Piedmont Base will soon be
7-Years Old

At the dinner for the SE Regional Convention, our Regional Director awarded our District with the Regional Director's Award. This is the fourth straight year that our District has received this award. See the photo of the award to the right.

I am the one that gets to go up and receive the award. However, it is each of you that receive the award. It is for all the various efforts that each base, down to each member, that we receive this award. I know that many of the things we do we do not even think twice about them and just do them. But if you look at what your base (and even yourself) does during the last year, you can see then that there are many significant accomplishments done by each of the bases within the District.

I would like to thank each of you for what you do. This is your award. I hope that you are proud of it.

Steve Bell
 Commander, District One, Southeast Region



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”

First, we at the USS Asheville Base would like to wish everyone a Happy 114th Submarine Birthday, “The First & The Best Submarine Force.”

Members of the USS Asheville Base were invited and attended the North Buncombe High School NJROTC of Weaverville, NC “Pass in Review” on March 7th, 2014.

Members of the base were requested to attend and assist the Asheville Sea Cadets “Inspection” by the Sea Cadet Regional Commander and to introduce the USS Asheville Base to the New Asheville Sea Cadet Commander and the Inspecting Officer.

The Base Honor Guard has been out on the town early this year with presenting the colors on March 9th, 2014 during the SoCon (Southern Conference) Basketball Tournament at the US Cellular Center in Asheville, NC with the additional honor of escorting “Wounded Warriors” for which the games have been dedicated too. The Honor Guard posed with the Elon University Song Leaders before the game.



Joe Schmidt, Jerry Hoffart, Gene Ipox, Jerome Hoffart Jr. and The Elon Song Leaders

MORE FROM THE USS ASHEVILLE BASE

The members of the USSVI USS Asheville Base and Asheville Sea Cadets held a work detail on May 10th, 2014 at Moonshine Mt. for preparations for the annual services.

The members of the base are working hard on the "Annual Moonshine Mt. Services," we are looking forward to seeing our Submarine Family and Friends on May 17th and 18th, 2014. If you are planning on attending please register as soon as you can to help us with the event planning.

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

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

[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](#)

Gene (Pox) Ipox

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Commissioned June 5, 2012

USS Asheville Base will soon be 2-Years Old

NEW NORTH CAROLINA BASE TO FORM

I am in the process of forming a new USSVI base in the Wilson/Rocky Mount/Tarboro/Greenville and Goldsboro areas. I will be holding a breakfast/brunch initial meeting on Saturday, May 3rd, 2014 at 1100 at my home in Bailey. I intend to have breakfast/brunch served first and then conduct the meeting to start the process of forming a new base. Anyone who is interested in attending, please contact me no later than Thursday, May 1st, 2014. My contact information is:

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Thank you,

Jerry Emerson

QMC(SS) USN Retired

Tarheel Base, Past Base Commander

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Ray Fritz
National Chaplain USSVI
Carolina Piedmont Base Chaplain

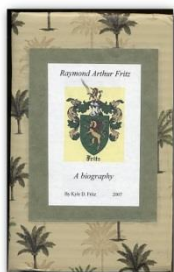
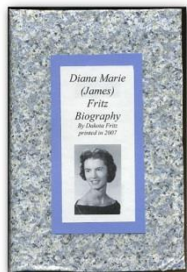
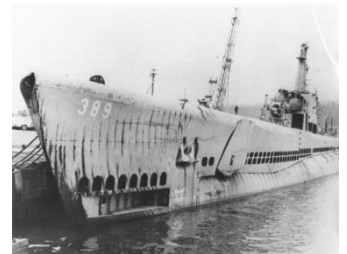
Dear Shipmates,

God has a *“Book of Remembrance”*

Malachi 3:16-17 NKJV Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; so a *book of remembrance* was written before Him for those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name. ¹⁷“They shall be Mine,” says the LORD of hosts, “On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.”

Having served on submarines, we are all familiar with books, especially tech books. As National Chaplain I receive Eternal Patrol notices, through the National office, from all across the country to which I try to respond with a card and letter. I am aware that many of the bases prepare a *“Book of Remembrance”* to present to the family of the deceased and that is a great ministry to the family.

Sadly, the stories of many of our sub sailors are lost forever because they were never written down or recorded for others to see or hear. WWII Subvets have been reluctant to talk about their life in submarines (Silent service, you know).



Diana’s dad made several War Patrols on the USS Piranha SS-389 during WWII but we only found that out a few years ago after he had left on Eternal Patrol. I worked for him for a couple of years and he never talked about his time in submarines although he is part of the reason I eventually volunteered for the Submarine Service.

In 2007, two of our grandsons, who were 11 and 12 years old at the time, wrote a biography of Diana and me for a homeschool project. Kyle interviewed me and Dakota interviewed Diana. They did a pretty nice job and we really appreciate the books which they printed and bound themselves. (See pics)

I am working on a *“My Life as a Submariner”* book to be presented to living members of USSVI. When it is complete I will distribute copies to base chaplains as a template to be modified and/or used as they see fit.

In this regard I want to encourage you to write or record your story for your family members, especially your grandchildren. I fear that most grandchildren have never heard their grandfather’s (grandmother too) story of life aboard a submarine.



Photo by Ray Fritz

Side Note: March 17, 2014 at 1054Z marks the 55th year since the crew of the USS Skate SSN-578 surfaced at the North Pole. It was an event that will live in my memory until I leave to meet my Savior and Lord face to face!

If God believes it is important to write a *“Book of Remembrance”* perhaps it is a good idea for us to do it as well. What do you think?

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER (Cont.)

There is another book that you might want to seriously consider.

Revelation 20:12-15 NKJV And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

God bless you and thank you for your service in the U.S. Submarine service.

Ray Fritz, National Chaplain USSVI, Base Chaplain Carolina Piedmont Base, USSVI

VETERAN DESIGNATION ON YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE

Permanent "Veteran" designation is finally available for your Driver's License ... only took them 3 years since the bill passed. Don't forget your DD214 if you go.

Jerry Leppart

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

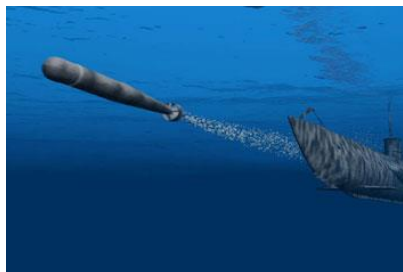
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Dick Cimino	Robert Harris	John Link	Jim Schenk	
David Creekmore	Arvie Helle	Bruce Lobach	Paul Simerly	

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Willy Allen	Jeff Cox	Duke Gow	Steve Kortheuer	Don Queen
Gordon Banks	Don Duncan	Jim Gradeless	Tom Krpata	Ron Roberson
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John Biesecker	Fred Forst	William Holzendorf	Rudy Ogas	Joel Sparnon
Jack Canady	Jim George	M.B. Hudson	John Pearce	Johnny Turner
Steve Costantini				



ALL CLEAR



SE REGION DIRECTORS BITS AND PIECES

SE Region Meet: First, let me offer a BIG BZ and THANKS to the Tarheel Base, especially those who contributed so much to make our Region Meet the big success it was. Bean and Dave you were "Right On!" It was good to see all 5 DC's there and a good cross-section of SER Members from throughout. SED1 CDR Steve Bell did his usual magic of expertise in managing to get "Big Al" to be our speaker. Needless to say, when my wife won the 50/50, I had nothing to do in determining that. John Kennedy and Jim Hunnicutt survived the loss of beer and the meal was good. I'm sort of in awe that Mike Burkholder elected to travel about 800 miles to be inducted into the Holland club. But, then again he IS the founder of the Tarheel Base. Thanks for the honor, Mike!

2015 Region Meet: On a good note, Ken Nichols, SED4 CDR has announced that the Snug Harbor Base in FL is hosting next year's meet. Bean, I trust that you will offer your experience in assuring that they will be as successful as you were!

2014 DC Parade: All NC SubVets should stand proud in knowing that the MK-14 Float is entered in the Washington DC Memorial Day Parade. USSVI will have but 4 floats, as allowed, and ours has been chosen to be the one that vets can ride on. None of this would have been possible but for our departed shipmate Ollie Thompson, and Jim Myers who has spent many hours developing our float to the impressive state that we've come to appreciate. USSVI will be presenting and dedicating a 50 year anniversary plaque at the Navy Memorial on the 24th.

Awards: By the time you read this, all submissions for USSVI National Awards are in. I mention this as this year there was a real void on nominations, especially from SED1! Look around and see all that your Base and fellow members continue to do. Up until the 2nd day of our Region meet, NOT ONE Award had been submitted from SED1! I mention this in hopes that it will instill an awareness for next year. The SE Region and in particular, SED1 has really stolen the show in the past few years, only because of the dedicated members making things happen AND submitting nominations.

National Elections: It is an even number year and with that comes USSVI national elections. All national and region officer positions are on the Ballot this year.

The SE Region has 5 candidates running for office for 4 positions:

- Bill Andrea, present SED5 and South Florida Base CDR for Nat'l Jr Vice Cdr. Unopposed
- John Markiewicz, present Nat'l Treasurer, for Nat'l Sr Vice Cdr. Unopposed
- Paul Hiser, Tarheel Base, is running for Nat'l Treasurer
- Dick Kanning, incumbent, Tarheel Base, for SERD
- Brian Steffen, Palmetto Base, running for SERD

The full slate of candidates is being published in the next issue of American Submariner. Also in this same issue are proposed amendments, PA's that have been reviewed and placed on the Ballot.

I ask of you to do three things regarding the ballot:

1. Read the candidates statements and vote with your conscience.
2. Read the PA's and I hope you vote to approve all of them!
3. You can't complete 1 and 2 if you do not do 3. VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!

There are some worthy candidates running. I'm NOT going to use this as a stomping for any candidate, but will so stump if asked!

CSL SOY: Once again SED1 was well present at this year's SOY announcements. With the monies raised from our generous members, SED1 CDR Steve Bell was able to provide each runner-up the maximum allowed per Navy instructions. The generosity was needed, as this year there were 8 runners-up due to the LANT SubForce groupings. This is a tradition that I started in 2006, and is readily appreciated. Steve also had the honor of being on the selection board, and well recognized by both COMSUBFOR and FORCM Wes Koshoffer.

Yours in service,
Dick

PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

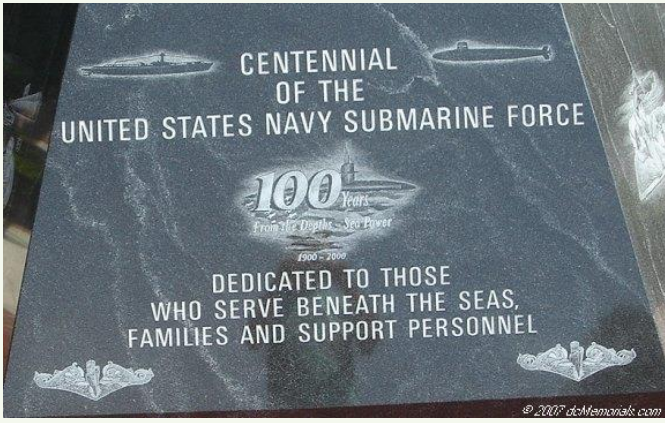
2014 EVENT SCHEDULE		
DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION
May 15 th -17 th	Many	Burnsville Moonshine Mountain Submarine Memorial Meeting
May 24 th	Saturday	USSVI 50 th Anniversary Plaque Dedication in Washington, DC
May 26 th	Monday	National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC **
June 7 th	Saturday	Annual Fly-In at the Asheboro Airport
July 4 th	Friday	Iredell County 4 th of July Parade in Troutman, NC

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




St. Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh

On Saturday, March 15, nine Subvets from the Tarheel and Nat Greene Bases participated in this year's parade along with Lucky the Leprechaun riding the parade submarine. The weather could not have been better and the spectators were far too numerous to count.

For more details, click on the button:

Raleigh Parade



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.






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

United States Submarines Veterans, Inc.

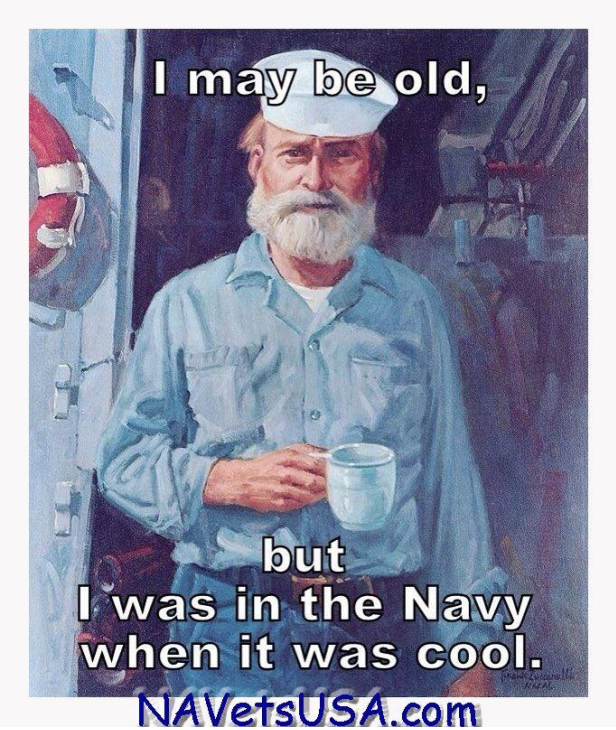
50th National Convention

Monday, September 1st – Sunday, September 7th

USSVI 2014 Convention

USSVI 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



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:

NEWS-02: USSVI Online Museum on Facebook

Submitted by: Office on 2/17/2014

A Photo study of Submarine Museums and Sail Memorials around the country.

Go to the link...

www.facebook.com/#!/photo.php?fbid=374467161298&set=a.374465211298.156923.366223061298&type=1&theate

NEWS-03: Museum visitors to imagine they control submarine

Submitted by: Office on 2/18/2014

ST. MARYS, Ga. (AP) - Visitors to the St. Marys Submarine Museum have long been able to raise and lower a submarine periscope and zoom in on a panoramic view of a saltwater marsh and the St. Marys River. Soon, they will be able to imagine they are at the control panel of a vintage submarine, as well.

Sailors from nearby Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay are renovating control panels from the submarine USS James K. Polk. When the work is complete, visitors will be able to sit at the controls of the Benjamin Franklin-class ballistic missile submarine launched in 1965.

Go to the link for the story...

www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Museum-visitors-to-imagine-they-control-submarine-5239926.php

NEWS-04: Megastructures: USS Virginia

Submitted by: Office on 2/18/2014

An interesting TV presentation about USS Virginia class.

To watch the video, go to...

www.youtube.com/watch?v=xD7xxJwiApA

NEWS-07: Underseas Warfare News

Submitted by: Office on 2/21/2014

For the Bubblehead wanting all the latest submarine news, consider subscribing to the Underseas Warfare News, distributed daily by the Subforce Atlantic.

These press clips and broadcast summaries are collected from multiple sources and are prepared by the command public affairs office to inform key personnel of news items of interest to them in their official capacities. It is not intended to be a substitute for newspapers, periodicals or public affairs programming as a means of keeping informed on news developments. Article on or distribution does not imply endorsement and cannot be guaranteed for accuracy.

To subscribe, email Parker, Sabrina MCC COMSUBLANT, NOOP21 at sabrina.parker1@navy.mil

Indicate "Subscribe" in the "Subject" line and provide your full name and email address.

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-05: The Hunley: Zeroing in on what caused Civil War submarine's sinking
Submitted by: Office on 2/20/2014

The Hunley, housed at a laboratory in North Charleston, South Carolina, has yielded its secrets slowly and sparingly, even to researchers armed with the latest in technology.

Was the loss of the Hunley the result of the torpedo's detonation? An unsecured hatch? Or perhaps a lucky enemy shot that blasted a hole in the Confederate vessel's viewing port?

And why were the crew's remarkably preserved remains found at their stations, rather than jammed together near an escape hatch?

These and other questions continue to enthrall scientists and historians as the sesquicentennial is observed with tours and events in the Charleston area.

Go to the link for the story...

www.history.com/news/the-hunleys-daring-submarine-mission-150-years-ago

VET-01: VA cemeteries score highest-ever rating for customer-satisfaction survey
Submitted by: Office on 2/15/2014

The Department of Veterans Affairs' National Cemetery Administration (NCA) scored the highest rating ever in a prominent customer-satisfaction survey, beating out all other federal agencies and even top corporations with a score of 96 in the American Customer Satisfaction Index.

That mark places the VA's cemetery division 28 points higher than the 68-point average for all federal agencies, and it represents the highest rating this year for both the public and private sectors.

Go to the link for the details...

www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/federal-eye/wp/2014/02/11/va-cemetery-division-scores-highest-rating-ev

VET-02: Stay Connected with the VA
Submitted by: Office on 2/17/2014

For Veterans, dependents, and survivors: Go to the link to receive information on benefits and services delivered right to your inbox www.va.gov/

NEWS-04: 2014 Convention Activity revision
Submitted by: John North on 3/9/2014

Previously, the 2014 Convention Registration Form listed an event as: Mon. 9/1/14 Major Sports Event (1600-2200).

The information has been to reflect this information:

Mon. 9/1/14 Sports Event (Game Time 1305 hrs.) Oakland A's vs. Seattle Mariners (Transportation not included) \$30.00

The updated registration form is attached and on the 2014 Convention website at:

<http://www.ussvigoldenanniversary2014sf.org/forms.php>

Would you please send a National Level POC reflecting this updated info?

Fraternally,

John C. North
USSVI Mare Island Base POC
Mare Island Base Website: ussvi.org/base/MareIsland.asp

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-01: USS Drum Unsung Hero of WWII
Submitted by: Office on 3/2/2014

This is a rare and normally unavailable guided tour and interview with 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
www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xDVSn2JL10&feature=player_embedded

NEWS-01: Cold War Certificate Program
Submitted by: Office on 3/15/2014

US Army Awards and Decorations Branch - Cold War Certificate Program

In accordance with section 1084 of the Fiscal Year 1998 National Defense Authorization Act, the Secretary of Defense approved awarding Cold War Recognition Certificates to all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully and honorably served the United States anytime during the Cold War era, which is defined as Sept. 2, 1945, to Dec. 26, 1991, are eligible.

This is the only official site on which to request Cold War Recognition Certificates. This site is operated by the United States Army, the executive agency for the Cold War Recognition Program.

Cold War Recognition Certificates are available to qualified individuals at no cost. Any other site offering these certificates or replicas for sale or purchase are not official sites and are not approved or endorsed by the US Army.

There is no authorized medal or ribbon for the program.

www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Awards%20and%20Decorations%20Branch%20-%20Cold%20War%20Certificate%20Program

NEWS-05: Confessions of an SSBN Sailor
Submitted by: Office on 3/28/2014

Written by CDR John Elnitsky

Fellow Submarine Warfighters, Admittedly, I came by it honestly: the concept that SSNs were somehow more prestigious, more glamorous, and even better than SSBNs.

Perhaps it was the clichés most of us have heard, "Fast Attack Tough," "SSN: Saturdays, Sundays, and Nights," and "Ain't no slack in Fast Attack" - as opposed to "Boomer Weenies," "Part-time Sailors," and "On patrol going two knots to nowhere."

So are SSBN Sailors really very different from our SSN brethren? Maybe we're more just differently evolved than actually different. We maintain our ships as national assets, practice many of the same warfighting skills, and exercise many of the same tactics. The only real distinction is that we've had to learn the additional complexity of operating strategic weapon systems.

Go to the link to read all of this thought provoking letter ... www.navy.mil/navydata/cno/n87/usw/issue_5/confessions.html

NEWS-01: Submarine Pictures - maybe including your boat?
Submitted by: Office on 3/30/2014

The Subase website has 542 photos of our boats in the folder 'Silent Service' that can be downloaded by right clicking on the thumbnail and ng 'save picture as'. You can than add the photo to your own gallery, print it or repost it on your own page.

Most of the photos are of high enough resolution to provide you a great picture of your boat.

Click on the link...

www.subasepearl.com/pages/photo-gallery?folder_id=218

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-02: Sea Poacher Base needs your help!
Submitted by: Office on 3/30/2014

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

Sea Poacher Base, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc are in the process of creating a submarine veterans memorial on the grounds of Summerlin Military Academy in Bartow, Florida.

The name of the memorial is The Roy Holland Gallemore Submarine Veterans Memorial. Mr. Gallemore rode the USS Sea Poacher (SS-406) on all four of her war patrols during WWII and is a Bartow native and a 30 year Submarine veteran.

This memorial is for ALL submariners who have entered their Eternal Patrol and this includes the men and women who may lose their lives in the future in the defense of this great nation.

We are down to our final phase. The plaques surrounding the base have all been sponsored and are in the process of be made. They represent the 65 submarine that have been lost.

If each member of USSVI donated JUST \$10 we would have enough money to finish this wonderful monument.

Please consider donating and if you do just make a check out to Sea Poacher Base, USSVI and mail to 1947 Birchwood Loop, Lakeland, FL 33811 and make a note on the bottom of the check "Submarine Veterans Memorial" - - - THANK YOU!

scontent-b.xx.fbcdn.net/hphotos-frc1/t1.0-9/1970746_655330161200302_1079303078_n.jpg

NEWS-01: 114th Anniversary of the founding of the US Submarine Force.
Submitted by: Office on 4/7/2014

Prepare to splice the mainbrace!

On April 11, 1900 the HOLLAND VI was acquired by the US Navy. Although not actually commissioned as a warship until October 12, 1900, April 11th is celebrated as the "Birthday" of the US Submarine Fleet.

USS Holland was considered to be the world's first truly successful submarine.

NEWS-03: 50th Anniversary of USSVI Plaque Dedication
Submitted by: Al Singleman, Jr NJVC on 4/9/2014

The USSVI Plaque Dedication Ceremony will be on Saturday May 24, 2014 starting at 1 PM in the theatre at the Navy Memorial Foundation Building to the right of the Navy Memorial at 1 PM.

United States Navy Memorial & Heritage Center
701 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20004

Metro Stop: Archives/Navy Memorial

We have about 30 members attending so far and more are welcome to attend.

Info on this will be included in a parade package that I will be sending to the bases taking part in these events.

We have 8 bases and about 50 members taking part in the parade so far. The bases are: Nat Greene, Columbus, Nova, Central Florida, Marblehead, Capital, Rhode Island and Smokey Mountain base.

If other Bases or members want to take part in these events please e-mail at al@ssbn657.com or call at the number below.

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-02: Washington DC Memorial Day Parade Information
Submitted by: Al Singleman, Jr NJVC on 4/9/2014

1. We can have only 4 floats in the parade and the following bases are cleared to bring their floats. Nathanael Green Base/North Carolina, Columbus Base, Marblehead Base, and Rhode Island Base.

The parade staging area is on 7th Street between Independence Ave and Constitution Ave and the floats have to be there between 10 and 11 AM on Monday May 26, 2014. The parade starts at 2PM and ends around 4PM at 17th Street and Constitution Ave.

Floats will have passes to get through the police barricades. You can park your floats at the Hyatt Hotel at no charge. Any member of USSVI can march in the parade including wives who are Associate Members or Subvettes. The uniform of the day is black shoes and socks, black pants, white short sleeve shirt, black tie, vest if you have one and a ball cap or garrison hat.

We have about 22 seats on the floats and I am trying to use them for members who cannot walk the one mile length of the parade and wives who do not want to march.

2. I will not get the total Parade Package from the production company until about 3 weeks before the Parade. In the mean time I will be making maps, getting you information on the Metro stops and their locations, and other information to make it as easy as possible for you to get to the parade and back to the hotel and home safely. I will be sending each base that marches in the parade a standard photo model waiver sheet that has to be signed by everyone and sent back to me so they can use our pictures in the parade video and next year's brochure and photos of this year's parade.

3. The Hotel:

We have 30 single suites and 10 double room suites reserved at the HYATT House in Gaithersburg, MD. The single suite is \$99.00 plus tax and the double is \$119.00 plus tax. For online booking use the group code G-USSV. The website is www.hyatthousegaithersburg.com and the address is:

HYATT House
200 Skidmore Blvd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Phone 301-527-6000

To phone in for reservations use phone # 1-866-974-9288 and code is G-USSV. For the online reservations go to hyatthousegaithersburg.com and enter your arrive date and depart date. Then under the dates click on special rate (AAA, Govt) and you get another box. In this new box under corporate rate enter the code G-USSV and click on check availability to continue with your reservation.

For those of us not going in with the float, we will be taking the DC Metro train into Union Station and taking a short ride on another line that is very close to the parade form up area. I'll be sending you more info on this.

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NEWS-01: Subvet Conventions Question
Submitted by: Office on 4/17/2014

Our national conventions are held to assist members to reconnect with each other, have a good time, to carry out and report on the business of USSVI, and to install the new officers following national elections.

Your answers in the brief survey about Conventions will help us focus our future course and help us direct our efforts to where they are most effective. Thank you in advance for your help!

tinyurl.com/USSVI-Convention-Survey or the underlined link.

Thanks, Shipmates!

www.esurveyspro.com/Survey.aspx?id=57b5dbad-632a-4ba3-b03e-a9380b994951

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-01: 2014 USSVI Convention Goers – BASEBALL and GOLF

Submitted by: Barry Commons on 4/15/2014

Start your convention week out with a major league baseball game and a golf outing. Register now for these events by going to the convention website http://www.ussvigoldenanniversary2014sf.org/uploads/2014_Registration_Final_c.pdf.

MONDAY - September 1 – Major League Ball Games – The Oakland A's (2013 All West Division Champions) vs. Seattle Mariners. Group seats are reserved for the United States Submarine Veterans. Come out to the Oakland Coliseum in and enjoy the game.

Prices and transportation are detailed through our convention website linked here.

TUESDAY – September 2 – Golf Outing – Enjoy a round of California Championship Golf at the Crystal Springs Golf Course.

The course lies majestically within a 32,000 acre wildlife refuge. Crystal Springs Golf Course offers panoramic views of the 20-mile-long Crystal Springs Reservoir, an abundance of wildlife and a challenging, championship caliber course.

The classic 6,515 yard, 18-hole, par 72 layout meanders along the natural contours of the valley and offers a challenge to any level golfer looking for the best that San Francisco Golf has to offer.

This event includes 18 holes, golf cart, range balls, lunch, prizes and more. Local transportation from the convention hotel to the course is provided at no cost to players.

Questions? Contact Barry Commons at bcpatch@comcast.net.

www.ussvigoldenanniversary2014sf.org/Home_Page.php

NEWS-03: Submarine Sailors never retire

Submitted by: Office on 4/19/2014

His tour of duty may be over, but he never retires, his enlistment never ends.

The friendships made over the years on submarines are true and everlasting. Boat reunions help recall memories of friends from the past and stories of many good times enjoyed, as well as some that perhaps should be left as experiences of war.

Conventions bring the submarine family together, a family bursting with pride, love, and friendship.

The smell and taste of diesel fuel are gone, the orders to single up all lines, to haul in the gangway or station the maneuvering watch are no more part of his life, and the final diesel boat has retired, but his pride and interest in submarines is just as strong.

Those who have had the opportunity to venture aboard a nuclear submarine or go to sea on one, must admire the young sailors of today. Their friendship and eagerness to show off their boat can take you back to your first boat.

Yes, the pride is still there. This is his boat, his home, his time he will remember. When the unfortunate losses of the U.S.S. Thresher and the U.S.S. Scorpion were announced, and the sailors of the U.S.S. Bonefish lost their lives, every submariner's heart went out to those shipmates and their families. They were part of us and we are a part of them.

No, a submariner's enlistment never ends.

Anonymous - A Submarine Sailor



THE SUB NET

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

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

[Charitable Foundation](#)

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.

Big Chicken Dinner	Bad Conduct Discharge. In many ways, equivalent to a felony conviction.
CIVLANT (CIVPAC)	Facetious description of one's next duty station when he or she is leaving the service; CIV = CIVilian, LANT = atLANTic coast, PAC = PACific coast.
Field Day	To scrub or otherwise clean ship's spaces.
Long Shot	Today it's a gambling term for an event that would take an inordinate amount of luck. Its origins are nautical. Because ships' guns in early days were very inaccurate except at close quarters, it was an extremely lucky shot that would find its target from any great distance.
Hot Rack	Sharing of beds due to a lack of living space aboard ship.
Mustang	An officer who has 'come up through the ranks', i.e. started out as an enlisted man and earned a commission.

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](#)

LEGION MEMORIAL FOR BILLY WILLIAMS

Area submarine veterans are invited by Sylvia Williams to attend an American Legion-sponsored memorial service for her late husband Billy in Tarboro, NC, Monday, 5 May 2014, at 11:00 a.m. The service will be held at the Tarboro Town Common. Attendees are asked to wear their SubVet vests.

Billy, a long-time member (1993-2012) of the Tarheel Chapter of U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II, sailed on his Eternal Patrol on 21 December 2012, and served as a radioman aboard the submarines SEA POACHER (SS-406) and SEA FOX (SS-402). Billy was also a member of the Tarheel Base of U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Sylvia can be contacted by phone at 252-827-5937.

ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES



William Richard Wolfe, Polaris Editor for many years

William Richard Wolfe, 94, passed away on April 11, 2014.

Mr. Wolfe was born in Ridgeley, West Virginia and resided most of his life in Norfolk, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his wife of sixty years, Lila Elaine Wolfe and was the last of eleven children.

Mr. Wolfe retired from the U.S. Navy as a Chief Petty Officer and was a member of the Submarine Veterans of WWII and the editor of their National Magazine, Polaris. He also retired from Civil Service at the Norfolk Naval Base. He was a member of The Knights of Columbus, the Nocturnal Society, Legion of Mary and Christ the King Catholic Church.

Survivors include his children, William Richard Wolfe, Jr., and wife Kristine, Joseph Gary Wolfe and Sharyn Wolfe Sizemore and husband Donald; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

REMEMBER THE S-28 LOST ON JULY 4, 1944

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

The S-28 was lost with 49 crew members while conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where the S-28 was lost. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery. Login to the USSVI website (www.ussvi.org) and then navigate to the following web page for more information details on the S-28:

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

SEARCHING FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF LOST S-28 CREWMEMBERS

A research team in Hawaii will be conducting operations in the area near where USS S-28 was lost, but due to technical issues, they do not expect to go out until October. Although there is a fair chance that S-28 could be found, they do not wish to give anyone false hope. Therefore, at this time they are only preparing for contingencies - they'd like to find family contacts for the men who were lost with the vessel in order to inform them should events concerning the vessel occur. They have also been looking for photos of each of the men, and have so far found them for 40 of the 49. The men for whom we have not yet found photos are:

- James Kenneth Bennett, Jr.
- Hugh Dorsey Brown
- John Francis Durant
- Marvin Ray McMillan
- Robert Thomas McNeela
- Chester Malcolm Moffitt
- Clayton Edward Nelson
- George Voorheese Peet
- Alexander William Wolf

Please see the page dedicated to S-28 on our site for further information on her men at <http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-s-28-133.htm>

If you are able to assist us with finding family contacts or photos of the men, we would deeply appreciate it.

Very respectfully yours,
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THE CAROLINA FIELD OF HONOR MEMORIAL DEDICATION

The memorial is located in the Triad Park and the entrance is at 9652 W. Market Street, Colfax, NC.

The memorial be dedicated on Saturday May 31st at 7:00 PM. We have a bronze plaque honoring the US Submarine Service as well as a number of remembrance bricks for our bases and some of our members. It would be appropriate for as many as possible of our members attend wearing our vests. These pictures show the progress in completing the memorial as of early April.

There is still time to purchase a remembrance brick and have it installed in the same area as the other submarine related bricks if you act now. Click on the button below for the order form for a brick. If you do decide to purchase a brick, note on the application that you want it in the submarine section. Also call Joe Clark (336-854-1081) so he can follow-up with the person laying out the bricks.

[Brick Order Form](#)



HOLLY SPRINGS VETERANS PARK “WAR ON TERROR” MEMORIAL

Boy Scout Troop 320, Fuquay Varina’s Eagle Scout Candidate David Griffith is preparing to unveil his Eagle Scout project on June 14, 2014 at 10:00 AM at 600 Bikram Drive, Holly Springs, NC. David’s project is to construct a permanent memorial to our ongoing war on terror, a project David is doing to honor his brother, Sam Griffith, who was killed December 14, 2011, by hostile enemy fire in Afghanistan

ABC11 News Report from June 2013: Boy Scout Building War On Terror Memorial	Article
Boy Scout Serves Community Military with War on Terror Memorial Project	Article
War on Terror Memorial on FaceBook	Article
That’s My Brick - How to Order	Article

GENERAL DYNAMICS LOOKING TO GO PAPERLESS ON OHIO-REPLACEMENT

Mike McCarthy, Defense Daily, Apr 7

Credit card companies offer it and so do cell phone providers. Now, General Dynamics [GD] Electric Boat wants to do the same for the Navy: give it the option to go paperless.

Electric Boat is floating to the Navy the idea of eliminating paper drawings during the production of the Ohio-class replacement submarines known as the SSBN(X) program.

The first ship in the next class of ballistic missile subs is not scheduled to go into production until 2021, and Electric Boat is confident the technology will be ready to allow for all of the designs and specifications to be fed into the production process digitally and become known as "electronic disclosures," said Will Lennon, the vice president of engineering and business programs at Electric Boat, located in Groton, Conn.

"What we are trying to do is move away from (paper drawings) as a standard way of doing this," Lennon said in an interview with Defense Daily.

Instead of having to sort through hundreds or in some cases thousands of paper drawings to see a design or design change, fabricators, mechanics, welders, pipe fitters and other workers would be able to flip through digital drawings on large screens in the production yard, Lennon said.

"They have vaults down there (in the yard) just filled with thousands of sheets of drawings," Lennon said. "Today the vision is that that is all captured electronically and if you want to see something about a particular drawing you look it up online."

Lennon said electronic deliverables have made their way into aerospace, but this would be the first time they are used for Navy shipbuilding, a significantly more complicated engineering and production process. Electric Boat also plans to employ mobile devices and tablets for builders to carry with them when they are working inside the submarines and or in confined areas where large screens are inaccessible.

While current tablet devices aren't up to the task, Lennon is confident that with the rapid pace at which the technology is advancing, the capability will be there by the time Electric Boat starts cutting steel for the first SSBN(X).

"When you think back 10 years ago did you think you'd have a tablet?" Lennon said. "Now think ahead 10 years."

Electric Boat is taking a flexible approach as it moves forward to adapt as the technology develops so "it can be friendly to a mechanic with some kind of mobile device of the day," he said.

The Navy still must approve the approach, and Lennon said a decision could come in the next few months. He said making that kind of a change requires carefully ensuring it will work and there are no unforeseen problems.

"It's change. You always want to be very careful when you introduce change that there are no unintended consequences," he said. "Everyone wants to be thoughtful to make sure the path we are heading down will support all aspects of the submarine enterprise."

Moving away from paper will help streamline the process, make it faster and more efficient and save money, Lennon said. Electric Boat believes it can help even if the price of paper is tiny when considering the cost for each SSBN(X) will be billions of dollars.

"It's all relative, you want to save any money you can," Lennon said, noting the Ohio-class replacement is going to put a lot of pressure on the Navy's overall shipbuilding budget in the 2020s.

The Navy plans to buy 12 SSBN(X)s to replace 14 Ohio-class boomers, with the first coming into service at the end of the next decade. The Navy and Electric Boat are still working through the design stage. Lennon said the Navy submitted its ship specifications on March 28. The specifications outline the high level requirements that define ship and systems performance characteristics.

2014 NC SUBVETS Burnsville Memorial Service

FRI 16- SAT 17 May 2014

Pre-Registration Form – Cutoff Date 2 May 2014

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City/State/Zip: _____

Base _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Emergency Contact/Telephone: _____

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Registration	Per Person	\$10	___	___
Catered Meal, Saturday May 17	Per Person	\$25	___	___
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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.