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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 - FIRST QUARTER

### JANUARY

USS Scorpion (SS-278)

Lost sometime after January 5, 1944 with the loss of 76 men while on her 4<sup>th</sup> war patrol in the Yellow Sea off China due to unknown causes. It is assumed she was sunk by a mine.



USS Argonaut (SS-166)

Lost on January 10, 1943 with the loss of 102 men while on her 3<sup>rd</sup> war patrol southwest of New Britain. While attacking a convoy, she torpedoed a Japanese destroyer who along with two 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 13<sup>th</sup> war patrol by a possible Japanese surface attack or mine somewhere near Okinawa.



USS S-36 (SS-141)

Lost on January 20, 1942 while on her 2<sup>nd</sup> war patrol when she ran aground on the Taka Bakang Reef in the Makassar Strait, east of Borneo and radioed for help. The entire crew was rescued by a Dutch launch boat after she was scuttled.



USS S-26 (SS-131)

Lost on January 24, 1942 with the loss of 46 men while on her 2<sup>nd</sup> war patrol in the Gulf of Panama, 14 miles west of San Jose Light. 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 4<sup>th</sup> war patrol during a Japanese air attack 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 1<sup>st</sup> war patrol after receiving orders to proceed to Makassar Strait via the north coast of Celebes. Shark was the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> war patrol when she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane and surface craft off Rabaul in the Solomon Sea.



USS Grayback (SS-208)

Lost on February 26, 1944 with the loss of 80 men while on her 10<sup>th</sup> war patrol when she was attacked by Japanese air and surface craft off Okinawa.



## LOST SUBMARINES - FIRST QUARTER (cont.)

### FEBRUARY (cont.)

USS Trout (SS-202)

Lost on February 29, 1944 with the loss of 81 men on her 11<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> war patrol. After two severe depth chargings in less than 200 feet of water by three Japanese destroyers, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 59 men taken prisoner, 6 men died as POWs, and 53 survived the war. Her 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 6<sup>th</sup> war patrol. She was lost after engaging two 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 shore after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. Vestal (AR-4) pulled her off the rocks on the morning of March 24<sup>th</sup>, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water.



USS Triton (SS-201)

Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men while on her 6<sup>th</sup> war patrol when she was sunk during a fight with three 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 2<sup>nd</sup> war patrol between Okinawa and Midway, cause unknown. May have been sunk by a Japanese submarine that was subsequently lost.



USS F-4 (SS-23)

Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men after she foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu. Acid corrosion in the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. F-4 was the first commissioned U.S. submarine 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, the annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner was held at the NC State University Club in Raleigh, NC and was hosted by the Tarheel Base, as it was the previous year.

Actual attendance at this year's dinner was 78, which included the guest speaker, retired RADM Steve Glass, who had addressed the Tarheel Base at one of their base meetings in the past and is now an associated member. 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 73 years.

Bill "Butterbean" Dixon, in his last official duty as 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.



Many snappy dressers were in attendance.  
Get a load of those red shirts.

The base officers for the Tarheel Base were sworn in for the upcoming year by Steve Bell, SED1 District Commander, including Jerry Emerson as Base Commander, David Campbell as Base Vice Commander, Bill Lowe as Base Secretary, and Tom McFadden as Base Treasurer.

The Tolling of the Boats ceremony was very sobering and led by Tarheel Base Vice Commander Gordon Banks. It was 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, which you have to experience to truly appreciate.

The many door prizes brought many smiles and laughter as usual.

## JOSEPH LANGDELL, OLDEST USS ARIZONA SURVIVOR, DIES AT AGE 100

Published February 09, 2015 Associated Press



YUBA CITY, Calif. – The oldest living crew member of the USS Arizona to have survived the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor has died in Northern California at the age of 100.

Retired Navy Lt. Commander Joseph Langdell died last Wednesday at a nursing home in Yuba City, California, according to his son, Ted Langdell. The USS Arizona Reunion Association said that as far as it knew Langdell was the last surviving officer from the naval battleship that lost 1,177 men when it was bombed on Dec. 7, 1941.

He was an ensign on an assignment that had him off the ship and on a nearby military base the morning Pearl Harbor was attacked. His son says Langdell spent the following days removing remains of the dead from the partially sunken ship.

The reunion association says there are now eight remaining survivors.

# TARHEEL BASE

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

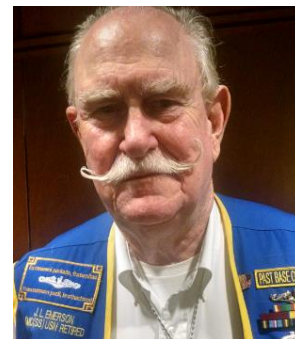
### SHIPMATES:

After three years as Tarheel Base commander during 2008, 2009, and 2010 and four years as a Past Commander, in the words of a famous actor and not so famous governor ("I'M BACK") as your Tarheel Base Commander. I reviewed my eleven articles previously submitted for the *All Clear* and concluded that my two main themes were recruiting and growth.

**RECRUITING:** Bill "Butterbean" Dixon will remain the "Master Recruiter" that he is. What each and every base member has to do when they are in a conversation with a Qualified Submariner is to invite them to the next meeting or event, get their contact information, name, e-mail, and telephone numbers and forward the information to Butterbean.

**GROWTH:** Even with six bases in NC, there are many Qualified Submariners that do not know that USSVI or the Tarheel Base exist and what events, memorials, and charity activities we conduct in the name of the United States Navy Submarine Force. Many do realize this. However, they live at such a great distance from an active Base that they don't take advantage of what USSVI offers. We must change that reasoning and to this end, more bases would help solve that.

At the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner, our District Commander gave all NC Subvets a challenge, to find out what we can do to recruit younger members into USSVI. I am asking all Tarheel Base Members to e-mail me (nkiv368@embarqmail.com) your ideas on how to accomplish that. What additional events you would like to have during this year. More social events like picnic's dinners, lunches, parades, or trips ???



Jerry Emerson  
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

### Next Meeting:

Saturday, 04 April 2015 at 10:00 AM at  
American Legion Post 67, 8523 Chapel Hill Road  
(NC Hwy 54), Cary, NC

[Map and Directions](#)

For more information, visit our

[Tarheel Base Web Page](#)

All base meeting minutes are posted at

[Tarheel Base Meeting Minutes](#)

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## WELCOME ABOARD !!

### Our Newest Tarheel Base Member

<u>Name</u>	<u>Qualified</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Lives in</u>
Steve Glass	N/A	Associate Member	Cary

## 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](#)

Tarheel Base Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis presented Jim Kinney, Bob Govern, and Arv Klemp (pictured left to right) with their Holland Club awards at the February 4 meeting.

Jim stated he has two more awards pending for other members who qualified in 1965, since neither could attend - Hugh Andrews and Thomas VandenHeuvel.

Arv Klemp's two daughters, Rebecca and Rhonda, were in attendance to share this milestone with their dad.

### Qual Boats

Hugh Andrews - USS Sam Rayburn (SSBN-635)

Bob Govern - USS Henry Clay (SSBN-625)

James Kinney - USS Sculpin (SSN-590)

Arvin Klemp - USS Theodore Roosevelt (SSBN-600)

Thomas VandenHeuvel - USS Cavalla (SS-244)



Congratulations to  
Harold “Gene” Johnston  
USS Asheville Base COB  
Presented with his Holland Club shadow box  
Qualified on the USS Snook (SSN-592) in 1965

Jerry Hoffart, Milt Stark, Harold “Gene” Johnston,  
and Steve Bell (pictured left to right)  
USS Asheville Base Holland Club Members

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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 2014 USSVI Constitution.pdf link to view the constitution
5. Select the 2014 USSVI Bylaws.pdf link to view the bylaws

Or you can click on these links:

[USSVI Constitution](#)

[USSVI Bylaws](#)



# NATHANAEL GREENE BASE

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

The Nathanael Greene Base continues its support of Joshua's Angels of the Carolinas and the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal Association.

We are looking for a new Kaps 4 Kids Chairman due to Mick Runkle moving out of the Piedmont area.

The Base has a few new members and has completed the National Reports. We will meet March 7 at 1 PM at the American Legion in Winston Salem NC.

Our Regional Director Dick Kanning reminded us of the Scholarship Program and the Sailor of the Year awards and the Base voting to donate \$255.



James R. Myers III  
USSVI Nathanael Greene  
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For information on the next base meeting or past meeting minutes, click on these buttons:

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The change of Command has taken place and Eugene Ipo is the new NC Sub Vet State Commander. Please give him all the great support that has been forwarded to me these last two years. He will need your input and help with several issues that need to be accomplish soon.

Eugene: Fair Winds and Following Seas

Jim Myers

Past NC Sub Vet State Commander



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# CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE AND SED1 DISTRICT COMMANDER

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

It will not be much longer and spring will be here. For some, it is time to clean things up. However, for our District, it will be time for the District Commander nominations and elections. There is a wonderful opportunity for someone that meets the qualifications (primarily having been a base officer, either currently or in the past) and is willing to fulfill the duties as outline in the USSVI C&B. I am sure that our Regional Director will accept any "self-nominations" that are given him. I will be happy to answer any questions that you might have regarding the position. I am sure you all will agree with me, that if I can do that job, anybody can do that job. So don't be shy and nominate yourself or some other deserving person for this position.

Our Regional Convention is just around the corner. April will be here before we know it. As you probably already know, it is at the Cape in Florida and will be held 20-23 April. It is looking like a good time. The Snug Harbor Base is really setting up a fine event. So if you plan on attending, it is now time to get your reservations at the hotel made and your registrations paperwork (and payment of course) in. I am sure that in the back of this newsletter the registration form is there so you can print it off and submit. I realize that some work and just do not get to take advantage of this opportunity. Remember, your day is coming.

It is not too early to start making your plans regarding the National Convention in Pittsburgh in September. That is within reasonable driving distance for most of us, if not all. I hope to see many of you there. I am really looking forward to this one. I only have to attend the Annual Business Meeting this time. Seems the last couple of years I lived in meetings and missed out on some of the events. Well, not this time, I get to participate in all I want. This will be a test for me to see if I really enjoyed those meetings more than I thought.

One other thing that is just around the corner for those of us in NC (or willing to come here). And that is the annual Burnsville event. We always have a good time there (but I enjoy myself at all the events I attend) and if you plan on coming, it is time to take the necessary action for it. Get your registration in now. Hotel reservations might be a little challenging, but be patient, the host hotel shuts down during the winter and opens back up in April. They do come in and check their messages and will get back to you eventually. In any case, it is time to set that up if you are going to attend.

I hope to see many of you at some of the upcoming events. I ask that you be careful and take good care of yourselves. Each of you are needed and wanted within our organization

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

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# USS ASHEVILLE BASE AND NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER



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USSVI USS Asheville  
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and  
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State Commander

"From the Mountains to the Sea"

From the members of the USSVI USS Asheville Base, we would like to wish everyone a "Happy 2015 New Year.

On November 22, we had 9 NC Subvets from the USS Asheville and Nat Greene Bases in this year's parade. Also participating were some of the Asheville Navy Sea Cadets who have a close relationship with the USS Asheville Base. They help maintain the Burnsville Lost Boats Memorial. Large crowds as was the case in last year's parade and we got a lot of applause as we traveled the parade route.

On December 2, Joe Schmidt received the "District Commanders Award" from Steve Bell for is outstanding service to duty and hard work in coordinating the "Moonshine Mt. Memorial" services (picture on next page). It has been said that the services in 2014 outdid all others in years past.

On December 13, the Asheville Sea Cadets held their annual awards banquet, USSVI USS Asheville Base CDR Ipox was honored to issue "Letters of Commendation" from Dick Kanning the Region Director Southeast to the following Cadets: Stevie Balmer,

Luke Sons, Caleb Holloway, Luck Washburn, Tyler Leeb for their service during the "Moonshine Mt. Memorial Services" as Color Guard, an additional "Letter of Commendation" award to the "Asheville Sea Cadet Corp." for the hours of volunteer service in helping in preserving the "Moonshine Mt. Monument." Once more I would like to give a "BZ" to all the Sea Cadets for their hard work.

This year's "Moonshine Mt. Services" will be held on May 15-16. As a reminder, the venue for dinner will be at the "BIG LYNN LODGE" contact: VICKY RAY 828-765-4257. This year the National Commander Alfred (SING) Singleman Jr. & his wife, Diane will be attending. We are expecting to exceed the past number of Subvets attending, so please register early.

Congratulations to Harold (Gene) Johnston, the USS Asheville Base COB for his induction into the "Holland Club," qualified on the USS Snook (SSN-592) in 1965.

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. Come take a deeper look by clicking on this button:

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Gene "Pox" Ipox

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## USS ASHEVILLE BASE (cont.)



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## NC SUBVETS COMMANDER

Good Day Shipmates!

I would like to introduce myself; my name is Eugene IpoX, but you can call me Pox (a nickname I got on the boat). I am a charter member and the USSVI USS Asheville Base Commander.

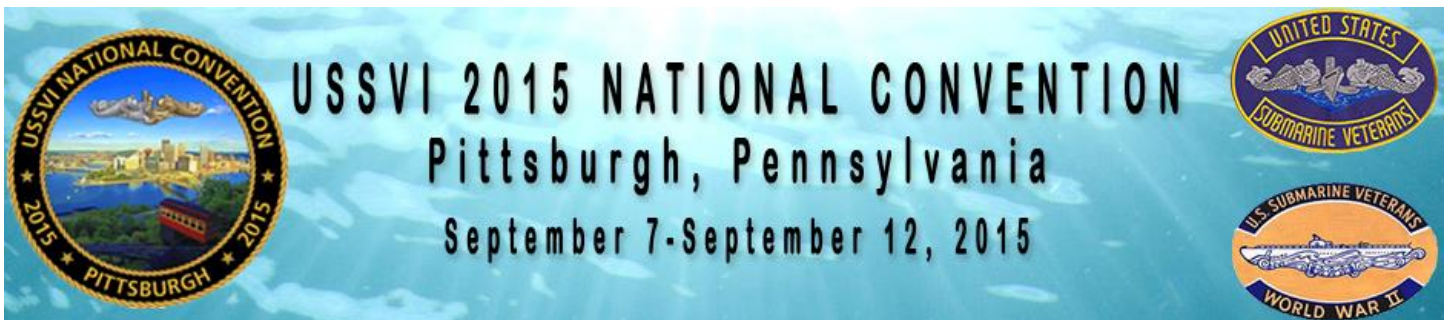
I would like to thank Jim Myers for his past leadership as NC Subvets State Commander and his hard work on and with the “Torpedo Float.” I can only hope I can do as good a job as Jim.

I would like to visit each base, but as I am working 12 hour days most of the time, I will not be able to travel. However, that being said, please contact me through e-mail, US mail or even call me at home if you have anything you would like to discuss, as I am always open to new ideas.

We have one pressing issue at hand and it will take all hands to overcome it, the operation of the “Torpedo Float.” At this time, it is located at the “North Carolina Aviation Museum” in Asheboro, NC until the issue of how the trailer (float) will be registered/licensed. Your base commanders and I are working on the issue; we hope to have it settled in the near future.

V/R,  
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## USSVI 2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION



Time to make your plans to attend the 51<sup>st</sup> USSVI National Convention. For much more information, click on the image above or visit the convention’s website at <http://www.ussviconventionsteelcity2015.org/>

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain Jim Schenk  
USSVI Nathanael Greene Base

Shipmates,

As we approach the Vernal Equinox, it is always a time of apprehensive excitement for me to count down until the first day of spring, which is my favorite season of the year because it is a new beginning after the trying and stressful winter months.

The Earth, after a period of R&R, rebounds back to life and it seems to get better each year that we are privileged to experience it. GOD is good, ALL the time!

I specifically remember all of the spring times of all of the different places that I happened to be when it came upon us. As a kid growing up in the exact geographical center of upstate New York, in the dairy farm country, the crocus would be the first blooming flower each year and after that some small flowers would blossom along the roadways and the pussy willows would again show themselves. I would always note, just before the expiration of winter (where our area always received 12 feet of snow), how soon all of the trees would begin to bud, and the streams would begin to swell with the spring melt.

We had an apple and pear orchard with red currants and blackberries, and each year we would put in a 1/4-acre of vegetable garden. We had experienced a terrific blizzard with high winds in December and as a result the oldest apple tree we had become split down the middle and each half lay on the ground 180 degrees apart. Dad said, "We're going to have to go out and cut up that tree for firewood, because apple tree wood is the absolute most efficient fuel for a wood burning stove or a fireplace." I told him that I would wait and take care of it in the upcoming springtime, so it was left to lie in wait. I knew that I would miss the pink and white blossoms that were such a pleasant harbinger of warmer weather to come. The middle of April arrived and the grass grew up around it and we didn't think any more about the loss after that. All of a sudden, I noticed that both sides of the tree were in blossom and the tree proved not to be completely done in yet. That tree might have been violently knocked down, but it was far from defeated. I came in and informed Dad to not count out the old apple tree yet. In the 1960s, Trini Lopez had a song called "Lemon Tree", and one of the lines was ... "take a lesson from the lovely lemon tree." In this instance, we can take a lesson from the old apple tree and keep it in our active memories for future use.

In, I Samuel 20:14 we learn, "And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not." So just remember, Life and Death are in Your hands, LORD, and You are far kinder than we are. Every year, you give us Your springtime. Coming toward our beautiful springtime is almost as good as "making married man's turns for home" after a patrol.

Be well, my brothers, and may our GOD full of loving kindness bless you and your families.

Chaplain Jim

### USSVI MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

**MEMBERSHIP RULES:** Dues are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year for National and Base.

**BASE ANNUAL DUES:** \$15 (nominally, contact your base treasurer for more information)

**NATIONAL DUES:** Non-Life Member dues are 5 Years = \$90, 3 Years = \$55, or 1 Year = \$20

Life Membership varies with age: Up to 45 years old = \$500, 46-55 = \$400, 56-65 = \$300, 66-75 = \$200, 76 and up = \$100

**NOTE:** Contact information for each USSVI base in North Carolina is listed in this newsletter

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Pat Agnew	Don Eggleston	Frank Jones	Ray Moore	Ed Stank
Thomas Beach	Chuck Fletcher	Kevin Kesterson	Casey Pond	Pete Stephenson
Dave Bergman, Jr	Joseph Goarck	Jim Kinney	Roy Riley	Dog Underwood
Perry Blake	Larry Gordon	James Mayo, Jr.	Richard Ruff	Bill Whelan
Charles Boynton	Dick Gudis	Gary Mitchell	Norman Skiles	Bill Widell
John Cunningham	Fred Gunter			

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

## 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-01: Happy Veteran's Day

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 11/11/2014

Shipmates,

I would like to take this time to wish all of you a Happy Veteran's Day and thank you for your service to our Country. Let us pause for a moment of silence to remember all veterans who have served, for those members of our Armed Services who have paid the supreme sacrifice in defense our Nation and for those service men and women serving today on the front line of freedom.

At this time I would like to recognize some of our longest qualified members and the oldest members of USSVI.

Our Oldest members are:

Clarence R. Mackey MSC (SS), DOB Nov/1913 - 101 years old, qualified in 1960 on (SS-404), qualified 54 years. A MAL member.

George W. Wien EM3 (SS), DOB Dec/1914 - 100 years old. Qualified in 1945 on (SS-372), qualified 69 years. A MAL member.

Gerald G. Stangl LCDR, DOB May/1914 - 100 years old, qualified in 1941 on R-1, qualified 73 years. Member of Mare Island base.

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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Our Longest Qualified members are:

Dale A. Danielson EM1 (SS), DOB Jan/1916 - 99 years old, qualified in 1936 on S-10 (SS-115), qualified 78 years. Member of Sturgeon Base.

Raymond Marshall ENC (SS), DOB Aug/1920 - 94 years old, qualified in 1941 on (SS-172), qualified 73 years. Member of New Jersey North Base.

James J. Early LCDR, DOB Apr/1915 - 99 years old, qualified in 1944 on (SS-414), qualified 70 years. A MAL Member.

Maury E. Wortham CAPT, DOB Nov/1915 - 99 years old, qualified in 1944 on (SS-255), qualified 70 years. Member of Mare Island Base.

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NEWS-02: Boat Sponsorship Program Renewal Time.

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 11/29/2014

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Shipmates,

The 2015 Boat Sponsorship Program (BSP) renewal season is upon us. The Program Manager, Jack Messersmith ([messer109@q.com](mailto:messer109@q.com) or 928-759-9544) wishes to thank all who sponsored in 2014 and hopes that all of you will continue to do so in 2015. This is a great way to get the word out about USSVI and to support our magazine. The cost is \$30.00 per year (3 each of the 4 annual volumes) and you can add the current year's Submarine Veterans Calendar for seven dollars more per sponsorship. Both Bases and individuals are encouraged to become sponsors. There are 6 levels of Boat Sponsorship:

1. Special-1-2 boats, commands or locations.
2. Silver-2-3 sponsorships.
3. Gold-4 - 6 sponsorships
4. Platinum- 7-11 sponsorships
5. Diamond- 12- 20 sponsorships
6. Double Diamond-20+ sponsorships

You can contact Jack Messersmith at:

Jack Messersmith  
7770 E. Loos Drive  
Prescott Valley, AR 86314  
[messer109@q.com](mailto:messer109@q.com) or 928-759-9544

Thank you for your support of the Boat Sponsorship Program.

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NEWS-01: 2015 War Veteran Status

Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 1/1/2015

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First, let me wish everyone a "Happy New Year". Secondly, we have qualified for "War Veteran Status" for 2015, by having 90% or more of our membership serve during a wartime. This allows any donations to USSVI to be "Tax Deductible". We must requalify for this status every year, and our current status runs from January 1st to December 31st.

If you were in the Military (even the Reserves) during the following time frames: Dec 7, 1941 to Dec 31, 1946, June 27 1950 to Jan 31, 1955, Aug 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975 and from Aug 2, 1990 to present, you qualify as a War Veteran. To insure that you are listed as a "War Veteran", go to [ussvi.org](http://ussvi.org) and click on the "My Profile" button. Next, click on Update PROFILE Next, click on "Naval Career", and halfway down the page, check the box under "Served During a War". You MUST then go to the bottom of the page and click on "Save changes made to this page" in order for the change to be registered. While you are in your profile, please check any other parts of your profile that need changing. (Be sure to go to the bottom of each page and save those changes.

Thanks, and Happy New Year again  
Bill Andrea  
NJVC

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-01: New Scout Recognition Program Chairman  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 1/1/2015

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Shipmates,

We now have a new Scout Recognition Program Chairman His name is:

David L. Farran - Central Region Director  
(319-352-1015)  
[Bream243@q.com](mailto:Bream243@q.com)

Please contact David for any recognition of Boy Scouts or Sea Scouts.

Please let the National Commander know if any Base has chartered a Sea Scout group or a Boy Scout Troop. Call me at 518-355-2119 or e-mail [al@ssbn657.com](mailto:al@ssbn657.com)

Pride Runs Deep,  
Al Singleman, Jr. NC

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NEWS-01: Message from the USSVI Archivist and Librarian  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 1/5/2015

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From the USSVI Archivist Joe Mathis

Happy New Year! I am the USSVI National Archivist. I am in charge of retaining records on both the National and Base levels. I have the ability to store base documents digitally and on paper. AIMM has provided a climate controlled building for storage of physical documentation. I was supplied with a portable hard drive to store digital material as well. I prefer digital, it's easier to retrieve. I invite National and Base commanders to send me any material they want archived base newsletters, by-laws, minutes from base meetings, etc. If you have any questions or concerns about the archives, please feel free to contact me, Joe Mathis at [usnjrm@yahoo.com](mailto:usnjrm@yahoo.com).

From the USSVI Librarian Joe Mathis

Happy New Year! In case you don't know, I'm in charge of the USSVI/AIMM National Submarine Reference Library. To date, the library has over 4,000 items on inventory. Most of these items were donated by fellow submariners or their families. There are books from all of the United States conflicts from the Civil War to today. The library includes books on both the United States Navy and navies from around the world. I am working diligently to organize and catalog all these publications. I have the USSVI and AIMM libraries separated and in the process of organizing them by conflict. Included in this inventory are the Submarine National Review/American Submariner magazine, the Polaris magazine from the Submarine Veterans of WWII, the Submarine Review from the Naval Submarine League, Proceedings magazine and several other periodicals relating to submarines. I do not have shelf space to have the entire library on the shelves, so I have removed the periodicals and put them in storage. As I organize the remaining library, I will removed duplicate copies from the shelf and also put them in storage. AIMM has provided a climate controlled building for storage of these periodicals and excess books. I have received a few research requests over the past year; me asking for specific articles from the Submarine National Review/American Submariner magazine. I intend to keep this a research only library. If you have any questions or concerns about the library, please feel free to contact me, Joe Mathis at [usnjrm@yahoo.com](mailto:usnjrm@yahoo.com).





## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-01: 2015 Awards manual has been approved by the E-Board.  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 1/26/2015

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The Awards Manual for 2015 has been approved by the Board of Directors, and is posted under the Awards tab on the USSVI website.

There have been a few minor changes for this year, so everyone is encouraged to review the Manual before submitting a nomination.

Remember that the nomination for all Awards begins on February 1, 2015.

Submitted by John Stanford, National Awards Chairman

[https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Awards\\_Manuals\\_2015\\_USSVI\\_National\\_Awards\\_Manual.pdf](https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Awards_Manuals_2015_USSVI_National_Awards_Manual.pdf)

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NEWS-01: USSVI Long Range Planning Questionnaire  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 2/13/2015

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USSVI Long Range Planning Questionnaire

My name is Pete Rathmell, Base Commander of the USS Snook Base in northwest Arkansas. After being discharged from active duty, I began what would be a 30 plus year career much of it in sales and marketing. I have volunteered to fill the Long Range Planning position at USSVI.

The Long Range Plan I intend to present to the National Officers will deal with two areas critical to our success – MEMBERSHIP GROWTH and MEMBERSHIP RETENTION.

In order to develop this plan, I need your help. I am asking you as the Base POC/Base Commanders to administer the following survey questionnaire to the members of your Base. Only by getting responses to this questionnaire can I develop a meaningful Long Range Plan for USSVI. The questionnaire is a fillable PDF that can be easily E-mailed. Please return the questionnaire to my email address: [qm3atbream@gmail.com](mailto:qm3atbream@gmail.com)

You have to open it with Adobe Reader to make it fillable. The link is below:

[https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online\\_Organization\\_USSVI\\_Long\\_Range\\_Planning\\_FILLABLE.pdf](https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Organization_USSVI_Long_Range_Planning_FILLABLE.pdf) (Corrected)

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NEWS-01: Lost members  
Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 2/16/2015

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At the end of the "grace period" of January 31st for USSVI annual membership dues payment, 1,005 members (898 regular members and 107 associate members) were lost. This number is the average amount of members that we lose every year for nonpayment of dues. Typically, we will gain back about 2 to 3 hundred members in the next couple months. Base Commanders: please make an effort to contact (preferably by phone) each member in your base that did not renew, and get these shipmates to rejoin. If they do not want to, find out why they do not want to renew. If we can find the reasons members are leaving, we may be able to make the necessary changes to prevent these losses. Please send me the results you get from them, and we can work on a solution. This is imperative to the future of USSVI.

Bill Andrea, NJVC  
[wcandrea@bellsouth.net](mailto:wcandrea@bellsouth.net)

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

CHARITABLE-01: 2014 Scholarship Program Donations Listing is on the website.  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 2/20/2015

Shipmates,

The final list has been post on the CF Donors list for the year of 2014. If there is anyone who feels I left off his or her name, Base, or Group please contact me at [hogan343@aol.com](mailto:hogan343@aol.com). You can find the list under the "Charitable Fund" on left side of Web page then click on CF Donors. It should be the top listed list for 2014. Thank you for your donations. Shortly I will announce two additional scholarships to be offer this year and make the last call for requesting a USSVCF Scholarship application which is 15 March 2015.

Thank you.

Paul Orstad, National Scholarship Chairman.

## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2015 EVENT SCHEDULE		
DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION
April 20 <sup>th</sup> - April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Many	Subvets Southeast Regional Convention – Cape Canaveral, FL
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington
May 15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Fri-Sat	Moonshine Mountain Submarine Memorial Meeting in Burnsville
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Memorial Day Parade in Thomasville
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Independence Celebration Parade in Troutman
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Fourth of July Parade in Faith
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Old Soldiers Parade in Newton
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	WWII Subvets Memorial Service in Kings Bay, GA
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Veterans Day Parade in Asheboro
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner in Raleigh

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

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



2014 WWII Submarine  
Veterans Memorial

### Annual WWII Subvet Memorial in Kings Bay, GA

November 5-9, 2014: We had a good number of NC Subvets at the memorial service representing the Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases, including our WWII Subvets George Base and Joe Clark. A great guest speaker along with the local high school chorus provided for a meaningful memorial service. This is really a great event and if you have never been to it, you should plan to attend one in the very near future.

For more details, click on the button:

[Kings Bay](#)

## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)

### Asheboro Veterans Day Parade

November 11: We had 12 NC Subvets from the Nat Greene and Tarheel Bases in this year's parade. We only had the parade submarine in this parade as there was a minor accident with the Mk-14 Torpedo Float on the way to Asheboro.

For more details, click on the button: [Asheboro Parade](#)



### Asheville Holiday Parade

November 22: We had 9 NC Subvets from the USS Asheville and Nat Greene Bases in this year's parade. Also participating were some of the Asheville Navy Sea Cadets who have a close relationship with the USS Asheville Base.

For more details, click on the button: [Asheville Parade](#)

### Sea Stories Needed

CAPT Jim Kinney, a member of Tarheel Base, will be teaching a course in "The History of Submarines" as an offering of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), a part of Duke Continuing Education. The course will be offered starting in January and will be offered 11 Mondays from 10:00 am -12:30 pm at Duke.

CAPT Kinney invites any members interested in attending the course to learn more at [www.learnmore.duke.edu](http://www.learnmore.duke.edu). He has invited submariners to appear as guest panelists in past classes to describe their submarine experiences, and would like to offer that opportunity to his students again this year. Anyone who would be willing to be part of this class, please contact CAPT Kinney at [jimrkinney@aol.com](mailto:jimrkinney@aol.com) or at 919-477-4229.



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

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

and go to [USSVI Magazine](#)

on the left column, then click

[Current Issue](#)



### SECRET WAR

Tom Ryan, best-selling military novelist, has arranged a ride to familiarize him with submarines. On August 10, 1991 he arrives at USS Haddock (SSN 621) as it prepares to depart San Diego, en route to Japan for a final deployment before going to the shipyard for nuclear defueling and decommissioning.

## NEWS FROM SUBVET AUTHOR - RICK CAMPBELL

I'm Rick Campbell, a retired Navy Commander and author for Macmillan / St. Martin's Press, and a member of the USSVI Capital Base in Washington, D.C, and I'd like to donate a signed hardcover book to your USSVI base.

My first two books - *The Trident Deception* and *Empire Rising*, have received fantastic reviews, with *The Trident Deception* being hailed by Booklist as "The best submarine novel written in the last 30 years, since Tom Clancy's classic - *The Hunt for Red October*". My second book is off to a great start - Barnes & Noble has selected *Empire Rising* as one of their [Top-12 February Thrillers!](#)

It's tough to break in as a new author, but my publisher is trying to make it happen. The paperback version of *The Trident Deception* will be placed in the New-in-Fiction rack at the front of every Barnes & Noble for one month starting February 3rd, and will be carried by Walmart, Sam's Club, and most military exchanges. My second book - *Empire Rising* - will also be featured at the front of every Barnes & Noble for 3 weeks when it releases on February 24th, and will be offered at a 20% discount. My publisher will also be advertising *Empire Rising* on [FoxNews.com](#), with 2.2 million impressions (Ads). However, even with my publisher's efforts, it's a tough world out there for a new author and I'm doing my best to let people know that I and my books exist.

Submarine veterans are the ideal audience for my books, and I'd like to send you a signed hardcover of *The Trident Deception* for you to use at an upcoming meeting (raffle, silent auction, etc.), and I would REALLY appreciate it if you could spread the word to your USSVI base members that my books are something they might enjoy reading. As I mentioned above, my publisher is investing a lot of money promoting my books, and word on the street is - if my sales are too low, they're going to torture and dismember me. (I'm not exactly sure...) I would really appreciate your help keeping my limbs attached!

Best Regards,  
Rick Campbell

**Author of military thrillers published by Macmillan / St. Martin's Press.**

Find out more at - [Deception at Maximum Depth!](#) and [rickcampbellauthor.com](#)

### **PRAISE FOR *The Trident Deception*:**

— "The best submarine novel since Tom Clancy's classic *The Hunt For Red October*." — Booklist  
— #2 Submarine Thriller on Amazon based on customer reviews. (*The Hunt for Red October* is #1.). Check out the book's [Amazon Reviews](#)

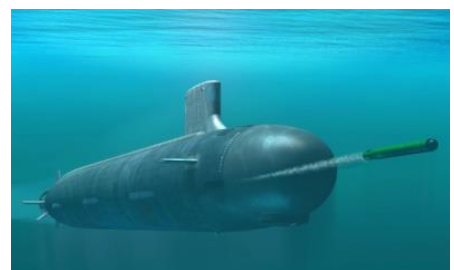
### **PRAISE FOR *Empire Rising*:**

— "Another riveting military action thriller by Rick Campbell. A MUST READ for fans of this genre." — Publishers Weekly  
— "The story rockets around the globe and the pages cannot turn fast enough. Readers who miss Clancy will devour Campbell." — Booklist

**On Sale at Brick & Mortar and Internet bookstores everywhere (Barnes & Noble, Walmart, Amazon, Apple, GooglePlay, most military exchanges, and many more!)**

— Available in Hardcover, Paperback, Audiobook, and eBook (All formats - Kindle, Nook, iPad, and Android devices)

— *Empire Rising* releases on February 24, 2015 (Paperback format will release in 2016)



## THE SUB NET

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

Sole Survivor of USS Tullibee Speaks about being a POW	<a href="#">Article</a>
50 Years and Counting: Anniversary of First SSBN Patrol	<a href="#">Article</a>
What the US Navy of the Future Looks Like	<a href="#">Article</a>
Female Sailors Secretly Videotaped Showering on Submarines	<a href="#">Article</a>
First Female Officer Reports to Submarine USS Minnesota	<a href="#">Article</a>
Saluting the Silent Heroes of the US Navy's Submarine Force	<a href="#">Article</a>
New Reactor Cores Key To Ohio Replacement Subs	<a href="#">Article</a>
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A very thorough pictorial history of the US Navy's first submarine, the HOLLAND	<a href="#">Article</a>
Navy Action Reports Tell the Story of Pearl Harbor Attack	<a href="#">Article</a>

## 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. The following are from the SUBMARINER'S COMPENDIUM of Terms & TAR's HANDBOOK OF NAVAL VERBIAGE and Retired guys Re-familiarization Manual with permission from Editor Ron Martini.

<b>Float Test</b>	Testing the buoyant qualities of unwanted material. Such as cases of liver during a stores loading party. Akin to Deep-Six.
<b>Rat Guards</b>	Circular or conical metal plates attached to a ship's mooring lines with open end to the pier to prevent rats getting aboard.
<b>Two-blocked</b>	To reach the maximum limit of something. Can also mean just right, or perfect. The term originates in the use of block and tackle for hoisting. When the two blocks touch, lifting can proceed no farther.
<b>Vitamin M</b>	Motrin

## ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES



**Kenneth Leroy Sigworth , EM1(SS)**



Raleigh, NC: SIGWORTH, Kenneth Leroy, 90, sailed on his Eternal Patrol on 4 November 2014. Ken was born May 7, 1924. He served as an Electrician's Mate First Class during World War II aboard the submarines USS R-20 (SS-97), USS SPADEFISH (SS-411), and USS ARCHERFISH (SS-311). Ken qualified in submarines on USS Spadefish (SS-411) in 1944 and was EM1(SS) when he left the Navy. He was a Past State Commander of the Tarheel Chapter of U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II, with membership dating back to 1968. He will be remembered for his love of family, friends, and honorable service to our country, in the United States Navy. Ken was an avid mall walker, and Third Ager Club member. He retired from IBM in 1987. He is survived by children Aimee Benfield and husband, Jeff of Raleigh, Keith Sigworth and wife, Sherri of Knightdale, and Beth Stormer and husband, Darin of Carolina Beach, Craig

Sigworth of Bloomfield Hills, MI, brother, Larry Sigworth of Bartlesville, OK, grandchildren Dane Sigworth and wife, Stephanie of Toledo, OH, Brett Sigworth of Lexington, MA, Bryce Benfield and wife, Kayla of Novi, MI, and Zachary Benfield of Raleigh, great-grandchild, Evelyn Sigworth of Toledo, OH, dear friend and companion, Tanya Crane of Raleigh. Ken was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Rosemary C. Sigworth, sisters; Evelyn Blaire and Arlene Ramsey, brother, Dale Sigworth.

### Dear Chaplain Bill:

I want to thank you and all the men you brought for attending my father's funeral. It meant so very much to me and my siblings that so many of the Subvets were able to attend. I was not able to thank them all so please let them know how much it meant to us. I know my dad was happy too. He was very proud of his role as a submariner. I also want to thank you for the file on my Dad's service and the grave marker. It is proudly hanging on the wall with his flag. I'm sorry this correspondence is so late but know everything you did for my family was very comforting.

Sincerely,  
Beth Stormer  
Daughter of Kenneth Sigworth



**Randolph Boyd Denson , MOMM2(SS)**



Randolph Boyd Denson, 93, passed away Sunday, November 16, 2014. He was born in Nash County on November 30, 1920 to the late Elder Robert B. & Wilma W. Denson. Randy enlisted in the United States Navy and served aboard submarines from January, 1942 to October, 1945. He qualified in submarines on the USS Scorpion (SS-278) in 1943 and was a MOMM2(SS) when he left the Navy. Upon his discharge he returned home to Rocky Mount and was the owner and operator of Hillcrest Annex Service Station. He married Theo Jarman in 1952 and they made their home in Rocky Mount. His passions included travelling with his family and restoring old cars. His numerous jobs included twenty-eight years with the U.S. Postal Service, bank courier and owner and operator of Nomad Overnight Trailer Park. He is survived by his devoted wife of sixty-two years, Theo Jarman Denson his daughters, Kim D. Jones and her husband, Bill; Toni Denson; son-in-law, Douglas G. Daniel, Jr. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Beth Jones, Douglas G. Daniel, III and Paige Daniel. Other survivors include one sister, Joyce D. Shelley of Jacksonville, FL and one brother, James K. Denson of Virginia Beach, VA. He was predeceased by daughters, Nancy Faye Denson and Patricia Denson Daniel and grandson, Evan Randolph Daniel. He was a dual member or SVWWII and USSVI Tarheel Base.

## ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES (Cont.)



Theodore William Benedict , LCDR



Theodore William (Bill) Benedict, of Chapel Hill, NC died of natural causes at Carolina Meadows on November 28, 2014. He would have been 95 on December 10, 2014. Born in New Canaan, CT to Theodore Winfield Benedict, Jr. and Jennie Irene (Fish) Benedict, he graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in 1938 and the US Naval Academy with the class of 1942, but in December, 1941 – expedited by the US entry into the WWII. He first served in Pearl Harbor and then attended Submarine School. As a submariner, he served in Key West, FL and then in the Pacific on the USS Tambor. Qualified in submarines on the USS R-20 (SS-97) in 1943. At the end of the war he was transferred to the battleship USS North Carolina. When he resigned his Navy Commission to enter private industry, he was a Lieutenant-Commander. He married the late Laura Sawtell Palmer of Atlanta, GA in 1942. Their first son, the late Theodore William Benedict, Jr., was born in 1944 in Key West. Three children survive him: Charles Palmer Benedict of Beloit, WI John Winfield Benedict of Canton, MA; and Laura Palmer Benedict of Durham, NC. He is also survived by daughters-in-law: Marjorie Benedict of Mt. Dora, FL; Nancy Benedict of WI; Geraldine Benedict of MA; and son-in-law John Morris of NC; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. After the war, Bill went to work for the Singer Company in Bridgeport, CT rising from industrial engineer to plant manager. He later accepted a position as Director of Manufacturing at Barnes Engineering Company in Stamford, CT. When he retired, he learned how to pilot a sailplane, traveled, became a Master Gemologist Appraiser, and he and Laura started two appraisal businesses: the Connecticut Gemological Laboratory and the Silver Service. In 1988 they relocated to Chapel Hill, NC. He played the clarinet in school and in the New Canaan Town Band for 54 years. He was also active in church, singing in the choir and serving on the vestry at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Canaan, and as an usher and on the Newcomers Committee at Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill. He was also civically minded, joined the Masons in 1948, becoming a Worshipful Master in 1954, and upon moving south, joined the Tar Heel Golden "K" Kiwanis Club and the Central Carolina Mineral Club. Both he and Laura were enthusiastic golfers and were members of the Country Club of New Canaan and the Chapel Hill Country Club. He was a dual member of SVWWII and USSVI Tarheel Base.

### Barbara Pfohl Byrnside - Widow of SVWWII Benjamin C. Byrnside Jr



**SOUTHERN PINES, N.C. - Barbara Pfohl Byrnside**, 91, died on Nov. 6, 2014, at St. Joseph's of the Pines in Southern Pines, N.C. Barbara, born on Jan. 30, 1923, was a native of Bradford, PA, where she lived with her parents, Cornell N. Pfohl Jr. and Elizabeth Miller Pfohl. She attended Derrick City School and Kingswood School; she graduated from Connecticut College for Women. The oldest of four children, she was predeceased by Janaan and Jerry. Cornell N. Pfohl III - Pete - continues to live in the family home in Bradford. **A war bride, Barbara began her 30 year career as a Navy wife when she married Lt. Benjamin C. Byrnside Jr. of Oak Hill, WV. They were married for 65 years until Ben died in September 2010. His assignments as a submariner took them to Panama and eight coastal states, including Hawaii, a total of 21 residences. They settled in Whispering Pines, NC for a golf-filled retirement of 27 years.** Their last home was Belle Meade in Southern Pines. Barbara was a

wonderful wife and mother with active interests in golfing, gardening, bridge playing, and painting. She also enjoyed traveling and volunteer work with Gray Ladies and Moore County Arts Council. She was an avid reader who shared her love of literature, art, music, and crossword and jigsaw puzzles with her children, Barbara Lee Wachter and Benjamin Craig Byrnside and grandchildren, Charlotte Mulloy, Eleanor Palladin, Shannon Caeshu, Ian Byrnside and Brendan Byrnside. She is also survived by six great-grandchildren. At her request, no service was held. Instead, a small group of family and friends met to celebrate her life with three of her favorite foods: popcorn, lobster and coconut cake. Her ashes will be placed with her husband's in the U.S. Naval Academy Columbarium, Annapolis, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to - Eastern North Carolina, 3739 National Drive, Suite 110, Raleigh NC 27612, by phone 1-800-272-3900, or online: [http://www.alz.org/join\\_the\\_cause\\_donate.asp](http://www.alz.org/join_the_cause_donate.asp).

## VETERANS' BURIAL PAYMENTS NOW AUTOMATED

Courtesy VA

WASHINGTON – New burial regulations will now allow the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to automatically pay the maximum amount allowable under law to most eligible surviving spouses more quickly and efficiently, without the need for a written application.

Under former regulations, VA paid burial benefits on a reimbursement basis, which required survivors to submit receipts for relatively small one-time payments that VA generally paid at the maximum amount permitted by law.

“VA is committed to improving the speed and ease of delivery of monetary burial benefits to veterans’ survivors during their time of need,” said Acting VA Secretary Sloan Gibson. “The recent changes allow VA to help these survivors bear the cost of funerals by changing regulations to get them the benefits more quickly.”

This automation enables VA to pay a non-service-connected or service-connected burial allowance to an estimated 62,000 eligible surviving spouses out of a projected 140,000 claimants for burial benefits in 2014. Surviving spouses will be paid upon notice of the veteran’s death using information already in VA systems. The burial allowance for a nonservice-connected death is \$300, and \$2,000 for a death connected to military service.

This revised regulation will further expedite the delivery of these benefits to surviving spouses, reduce the volume of claims requiring manual processing, and potentially make available resources for other activities that benefit veterans and their survivors.

For more on monetary burial benefits, visit <http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/claims-special-burial.asp>.

### 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](#)

### USSVI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

I am sure most of you are aware of the USSVI Scholarship Program. The details can be found on the USSVI website under the tab on the left labeled "Charitable Fund." Once there just click on "Scholarships" and there are a couple of more tabs on the left that you can get detailed information. A short synopsis is that the program is available for children/grandchildren/guardianship of those qualified submariners (USSVI members) that might be in need of a scholarship for the next school year (Fall 2015). The point of my e-mail is to remind those that may be interested that the application (available on the website) must be completed and turned in by 15 March 2015. That is really not that far off so if interested, you need to get started to get it completed and submitted by then. Of course you need to do your homework as well to be able to complete the application properly. I have been told the completing the application properly is the biggest issue. Maybe are denied because the application is not properly filled out. So if interested, please do your homework.

This is probably the best benefit for our members that we have. Education to the generations that follow us is one of the greatest gifts we can give them.

Steve Bell  
Commander, District One, Southeast Region



## USSVI AWARD SUBMISSIONS

The 2015 USSVI Awards submission window is now open.

For all awards EXCEPT newsletters, the cut-off date for submission is **1 May 2015**.

That means it must be in the chairman's hands by that date!

The newsletter cut-off date is 15 May.

[USSVI Awards Manual](#)

The awards manual is on line and contains the specifics for each award you may consider. Please click on this button to go directly to the Awards Manual.

Please make this a SER year and get your nominations in!

D.E. Kanning

### WHY SAILORS ARE ALWAYS HONEST

One day, while an old Sailor was cutting the branch off a tree high above a river, his ax fell into the water. When he cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, "Why are you crying?"

The Sailor replied that his ax had fallen into water, and he needed the ax to supplement his meager pension.

The Lord went down into the water and reappeared with a golden ax. "Is this your ax?" the Lord asked.

The Sailor replied, "No."

The Lord again went down and came up with a silver ax. "Is this your Ax?" the Lord asked.

Again, he replied, "No Lord."

The Lord went down again and came up with an iron ax. "Is this your Ax?" the Lord asked. The Sailor replied, "Yes." The Lord was pleased with his honesty and gave him all three axes to keep, and he went home happy.

Sometime later, the Sailor was walking with his wife along the river bank, and his wife fell into the river. When he cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked him, "Why are you crying?"

"Oh Lord, my wife has fallen into the water!"

The Lord went down into the water and came up with Angelina Jolie. "Is this your wife?" the Lord asked. "Yup that's her," cried the Sailor.

The Lord was furious. "You lied! That is an untruth!"

The Sailor replied, "Oh, forgive me Lord. It is a misunderstanding. You see, if I had said 'no' to Angelina Jolie, You would have come up with Cameron Diaz. Then if I said 'no' to her, you would have come up with my woman. Had I then said 'yes,' you would have given me all three. And Lord, I am an old man not able to take care of all three women in a way that they deserve, that's why I said yes to Angelina Jolie."

And God was pleased.

The moral of this story is: Whenever a Sailor lies, it is for a good and honorable reason, and only for the benefit of others!



## US NAVY LOOKS AT NEXT GENERATION SSN(X) SUBMARINES AND 200 MILE RANGE TORPEDOES

<http://nextbigfuture.com>, Jan 27

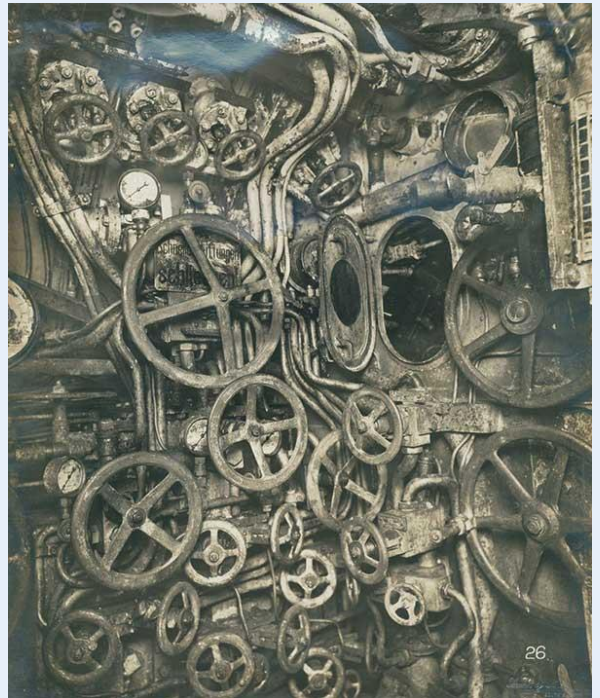
The U.S. Navy is starting early preparation work to design a new nuclear attack submarine to replace the Virginia-class boats (SSN-774) in the 2030s. The new attack boat would become operational in 2044 after the last Block VII Virginias are built.

Nine years to identify, design and demonstrate the new technologies the new attack boat will need.

Johnson said that he has formed a small team to work on a five-year plan to begin to do some of that work. The team will consult with industry and will identify the threat environment and technologies the submarine will need to operate against in the 2050 plus timeframe, Johnson said.

One of the areas Johnson has already identified as critical for SSN(X) is integration with off-board systems. Vice Adm. Mike Connor, said that future submarine weapons for both the Virginia and the future SSN(X) would be networked extremely long-ranged weapons.

They will integrate with off-board systems so future Virginia boats and the SSN(X) can employ networked, extremely long-ranged weapons. A torpedo propulsion system concept from the Pennsylvania State University could allow a torpedo to hit a target 200 nmi (230 mi; 370 km) away and be guided by another asset during the terminal phase. Targeting information might also come from another platform like a patrol aircraft or an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) launched from the submarine.



**Ha, ha! Funny!!**  
**Which valve was it?**

## E-PRESCRIBING – COMING SOON TO A MILITARY PHARMACY NEAR YOU!

1/8/2015 By: [TRICARE.mil Staff](#)

The Military Health System has deployed electronic prescribing in military pharmacies across its system of clinics and hospitals in the United States (and in Guam and Puerto Rico). This capability will allow civilian providers to send prescriptions electronically to military pharmacies, reducing the need for handwritten prescriptions.

“E-prescribing is a great new service at military pharmacies,” said Dr. George Jones, chief of the Defense Health Agency Pharmacy Operation Division. “E-prescribing makes military pharmacies a more attractive and convenient option for doctors and patients, and it aligns the Military Health System with current best pharmacy practices.”

E-prescribing is a safe and efficient option already adopted by most civilian pharmacies and providers. It can help reduce prescription errors and has the potential to decrease wait times at military pharmacies. When a prescription comes into a pharmacy electronically, it allows the pharmacist to resolve issues before the patient arrives.

Beneficiaries can ask their doctor to look for their local military pharmacies in the e-prescribing database/networks. Military hospitals and clinics will not be able to accept electronic prescriptions for controlled substances. Beneficiaries will still need a hand written prescription for these medications.

To learn more about TRICARE’s pharmacy benefits, visit the [TRICARE website](#) at <http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacy>

Related Topics:

[TRICARE Health Program](#),  
[Military Hospitals and Clinics](#)

Source: Health.mil News Release at <http://www.health.mil/News/Articles/2015/01/08/EPrescribing--Coming-Soon-to-a-Military-Pharmacy-Near-You>

## USS ASHEVILLE EARNS MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=84286](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=84286)



PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii - The Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Asheville (SSN 758) was presented the Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) by Rear Adm. Phil Sawyer, commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Oct. 31, in a ceremony at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, for “displaying superb operational planning and tenacity” during the successful completion of a Western Pacific deployment.

According to the award citation from Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert, Asheville was recognized for meritorious service from April 2013 to September 2013, during which the ship completed two operations of great importance to national security and three theater anti-submarine warfare operations in support of fleet objectives.

Asheville was additionally lauded for their tactical acumen in the completion of two major combined exercises with the Royal Malaysian Navy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force.

While completing their six-month Western Pacific deployment, Asheville visited Japan, the Philippine Islands, and Guam. During each port call, Asheville Sailors positively contributed to the community through active volunteerism. Their efforts were noted for strengthening key regional alliances, and contributing to theater security cooperation objectives. One of the many highlights for Asheville was hosting the Yokosuka Middle School girls Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program.

"This recognizes the hard work of the crew of Asheville, and is well deserved," said Cmdr. Paul Pampuro, Asheville's commanding officer. "The memories of deployment and getting Asheville back to sea are what drive this amazing crew every day.

Pampuro said the crew knows that the studying, training and hard work put in now will contribute to Asheville's continued at-sea success in the future.

"Congratulations go out to the families of Asheville as well," added Pampuro. "Their support, both in port and while at sea, allow the men to excel at very complex and demanding jobs."

The MUC was established by Former Secretary of the Navy John T. McNaughton in 1967 to be given to units for valorous or meritorious achievement.

USS Asheville conducted a change of homeport from Naval Submarine Base, Point Loma, California, to the historic Naval Submarine Base at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, in December 2013, following their most recent deployment. They are currently conducting an extended engineering maintenance period at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, and expect to return to southern California after completion of sea trials.



Joe Clark the last of 3 WWII crew members, holds the USS Bream's Battle Flag that was onboard the submarine for all 6 WWII war patrols

### USS BREAM (SS-243) BATTLE FLAG

At the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Nathanael Greene Base meeting, base member Joe Clark showed to the base members attending the meeting, the original battle flag that was onboard the USS Bream (SS-243) for all of the boat's six war patrols. Joe is one of the remaining WWII crewmembers and made the last three war patrols on this boat.

This battle flag is being donated to the Submarine Museum at St. Marys, GA so it can become one of the many submarine related artifacts now on displayed there.

**2015 NC SUBVETS BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**FRI 15- SAT 16 May 2015**

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

			<u>NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Registration	Per Person	\$15	_____	_____
Saturday Banquet	Per Person	\$15 if not rooming at Hotel	_____	_____
Breakfast and Dinner include in Room Rates				
Total Included				_____
Dinner count selection Chicken _____ Beef _____ Trout _____				

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

Please make checks payable to: **ASHEVILLE BASE – USSVI**

Mail check to: James A. Seacord III, 311 Colony Lane, Hendersonville, NC 28791

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**Host Hotel: Big Lynn Lodge** NC Hwy 226A (milepost marker 331 on the Blue Ridge Parkway), between Little Switzerland and Spruce Pine, 10860 N Carolina 226A, Spruce Pine, NC 28777  
**Phone:(828) 765-4257**

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, go 2 miles to the lodge. Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of the individual. **DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL RATE IS 2 MAY 2015.** Web site <http://www.biglynnlodge.com/>

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OPEN APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>



**2015 Southeast Regional Conference**  
**Hosted by USSVI Snug Harbor Base**  
**Monday April 20 - Thursday April 23, 2015**

Radisson Resort at the Port  
 8701 Astronaut Boulevard, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920  
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 Reserve your room directly with the hotel. Make sure to tell the hotel you are a SUBVET.  
 Standard Rooms Rate is \$89 + tax per night. King Suites Rate is \$120 + tax per night.  
 Room Rates are valid April 18 through 25 April 2015.

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**NOTE: COST IS PER PERSON**

DATE	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
	2015 Conference Registration (per person) (add \$5.00 per person after 1 February 2015)	\$30.00		
Fri 2/6/15	Raffle: For all Registration Forms Received Before 2 February 2015: First Prize – Standard Hotel Room Free for 2 Nights Second Prize – Standard Hotel Room Free for 1 Night. Free Nights Must Be Used During the 2015 SE Conference.	Free		
Mon 4/20/15	U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame Visit (12pm to 4pm) (Must Purchase a Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex Ticket)			
Mon 4/20/15	Welcome to Florida Reception (starting 5pm and going to 10pm) (Drinks Free From 5:30pm to 6:30 pm)	\$5.00		
Tue 4/21/15	Men’s Brunch (Speaker)(Starting 9am)(Attend Speaker Only – Free)	\$20.00		
Tue 4/21/15	Lady SUBVETTES Brunch (Starting 9am)	\$20.00		
Tue 4/21/15	Port Canaveral Deep Sea Fishing Charter (½ day 11am to 5pm)	\$60.00		
Tue 4/21/15	Casino Boat Ride (Lunch Included)(Free Drinks while Playing)(11am to 4pm)	\$21.00		
Wed 4/22/15	WWII Veterans & Holland Club Breakfast (Buffet)(Speaker)(7:00am to 8:30pm)	\$14.00		
Wed 4/22/15	Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex (9:30am to 5pm)(Tour Guide Provided)	\$46.00		
Wed 4/22/15	Casino Boat Ride (Dinner Included)(Free Drinks while Playing)(7pm to 12pm)	\$21.00		
Thu 4/23/15	Brevard Veterans Memorial Park/Museum (10am to 11am) and Lone Cabbage Airboat Ride (30 Minutes per Ride)(12pm to 2pm)	\$18.00		
Thu 4/23/15	SE Regional Conference Dinner and Ceremony (Speaker) and Tolling of the Boats	\$45.00		
		Total to Send		

Dinner Selections: Prime Rib: \_\_\_\_\_ Grouper: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian: \_\_\_\_\_

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