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BUTTON

USSVI CREED AND PURPOSE

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

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

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



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



LOST SUBMARINES - 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, sunk by a depth charge attack.



USS Snook (SS-279)

Lost on April 8, 1945 with the loss of 84 men while on her 9th war patrol off the east coast of northern Formosa. 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 north of the Mariana Islands.



USS Grenadier (SS-210)

Lost on April 22, 1943 with no immediate loss of life while on her 6th war patrol in the Lem Voalan 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. 76 crew members were taken prisoner, 4 perished and 72 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.



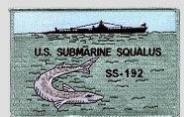
USS Scorpion (SSN-589)

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, 33 crew members were rescued. Later Squalus was raised and recommissioned as the USS Sailfish.



LOST SUBMARINES - SECOND QUARTER (cont.)

MAY (cont.)

USS Stickleback (SS-415)

During a training exercise with USS Silverstein (DE-534) on May 28, 1958, Stickleback experienced a loss of power and broached 200 yards in front of the Silverstein resulting in a collision with no loss of life. Stickleback sunk the next day, May 29, 1958.



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 Bonefish (SS-223)

Lost on June 18, 1945 with the loss of 85 men while on her 8th war patrol in Toyama Bay off the northern shores of Honshu, Japan. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.



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 O-9 (SS-70)

Lost on June 20, 1941 with the loss of 33 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH.



USS Runner (SS-275)

Lost on or after June 26, 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. She was expected at Midway about July 11, and not later than July 15.



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

TARHEEL BASE

COMMANDER'S CORNER

SHIPMATES:

Just returned from Groton, CT (Submarine Capital of the World). We were visiting our son who is scheduled for an operation in May for cancer.

Any USSVI members that read this, if you know TMCM(SS) David "RED" Padgett, he is now in the Fairfield rest home in Groton. The old Odd Fellows Home that sits on the east side of the Thames River.

Hope to see some of you at Burnsville, I will bring the torpedo float to the hotel/meeting.

Thank you.

Next Meeting:

Saturday, 06 June 2015 at 10:00 AM at
American Legion Post 67, 8523 Chapel Hill Road
(NC Hwy 54), Cary, NC

[Map and Directions](#)

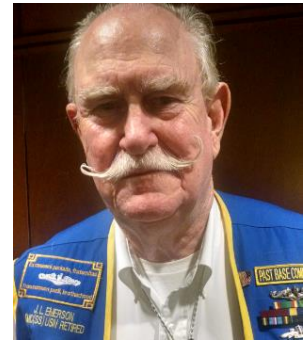
For more information, visit our

[Tarheel Base Web Page](#)

All base meeting minutes are posted at

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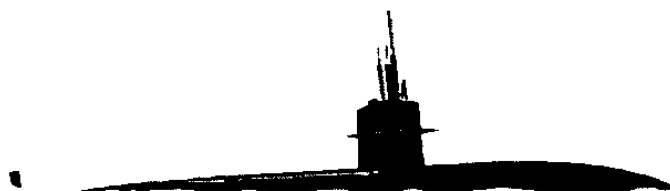
USN CONVERTING FAST-ATTACK SUBMARINES INTO MOORED TRAINERS

Grace Jean, IHS Jane's Defence Weekly, Mar 22

The US Navy (USN) is converting the first of two Los Angeles-class fast-attack nuclear-powered submarines into moored training ships (MTS).

USS La Jolla (SSN 701) arrived at the USN's Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Virginia, for the 32-month conversion process. Its hull will be cut and integrated with three new sections from General Dynamics Electric Boat: one of two Virginia-class submarine builders.

The USN is replacing existing MTS in Charleston, South Carolina, where nuclear operators are trained and qualified. La Jolla's sister boat USS San Francisco (SSN 711) will become the second trainer, converting in fiscal year 2017.



NATHANAEL GREENE BASE

The Nathanael Greene Base is getting ready to have a picnic at the New Field of Honor Memorial Park at the Triad Park on the Forsyth/Guilford County lines on old 421. All Bases are invited for Baked Ham, Potato Salad, Baked Beans Bread and drink on May 1, starting at 11:00 AM. Please notify Jim Myers if you plan to come so we will have enough food.

The Base continues to support Joshua's Angels of the Carolinas and the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal programs. Joshua's Angels has come up with a contributor of hay and is in need of a sponsor for their yearly Insurance of \$1500.00. We have got a new member from the VHVH program we are sponsoring.

Our Base will be electing new officer in November for the next two year tenure. The Commander slot will be open for nominations.

We have a new Kaps 4 Kids Chairman, Daniel Newcomer, who is looking into some organizations to visit. If you have any inputs to this program please contact Daniel or Jim Myers.

Don't forget Burnsville! I'm sure everyone will have a great time.

The Nathanael Greene Base had three new members at its last Base Meeting. Everyone can help with membership by talking with vets and wearing something submarine related.

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](#)

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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](#)

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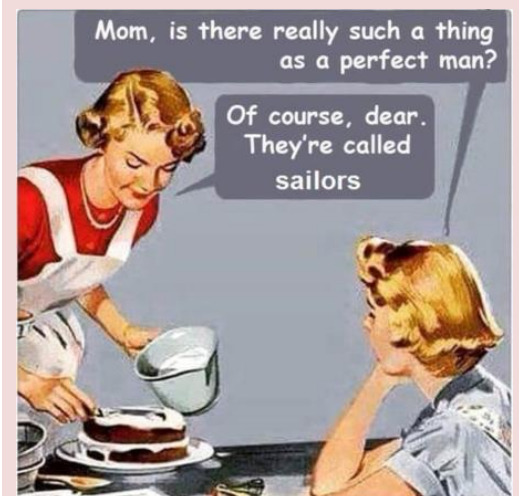
1ST ANNUAL SUBfest MANITOWOC WISCONSIN

Surfacing July 10-12, 2015!

Classic WW II Submarine Movies shown throughout the weekend, "Up Periscope" Art Exhibit from the US Navy, sidewalk sales and vendors, music, programs, fireworks, and more!



For much more information, click on the image above.



CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE AND SED1 DISTRICT COMMANDER

Shipmates,

The National Convention is just around the corner. Believe it or not, September will be here before you know it. If you plan on attending, you need to at least make your hotel reservations now. You can send the registration in a little later, but don't wait too long on that. It helps those planning the event to have a body count.

I am also sure most of you know that I will be stepping down as your District Commander at the convention. Right now it really looks like Dave Campbell will be my relief. I ask that each of you give him at least the same support you have given me. If you do that, his job will not be difficult at all. We are a team and we need to work together on all of this. I am sure that Dave will listen to any ideas you may have. Just remember, getting new ideas instituted is sometimes easier said than done. I am sure that Dick Kanning will have the election stuff out pretty soon.

We have a new Base Commander at the Coastal Carolina Base. Chuck Fletcher has stepped up and relieved Charlie Backes. I would like to thank Charlie for his service as Base Commander (and Vice before that). I am sure he is not just quitting and will still be a major player at that base. I would also like to thank Chuck for stepping up. If any of you have the opportunity to give him support, please do so. I am sure Chuck will continue to keep the base moving forward. Again, thanks to both of them.

We will also have a new Base Commander and Secretary of the Carolina-Piedmont Base to be sworn in at the base June meeting. Rick Petitt has volunteered to take over the base from me. After six years in the position, I think it was well past time for somebody else take the helm. Tom Kelly was elected as Base Secretary. Jack Jeffries and Raymond Zieverink will remain as Base Vice Commander and Treasurer, respectively. I think it is safe to say that Carolina-Piedmont Base has done well over the last six years and I would like to thank all of those that gave me support in getting the base to where it is today. Please give Rick the support you gave me and he will take the base to a higher level. Thanks to Tom Kelly for stepping up to be Base Secretary. Congratulations to each of you.

Since membership renewal is over I must report that as a District, we took a pretty good hit. The numbers are slowly increasing but we still have a ways to go. As always, I ask each of you to keep your ear to the ground for any potential new member and do your best to get them to join whichever base would be appropriate. And as I did at the Pearl Dinner, I ask each of you to help come up with ways to get the "younger" generation to join us. We may have to change things but we need the younger generation to keep the organization moving forward. Many of us "senior citizens" will not be able to continue doing the things that we do forever, so we need younger folks with us. So please do your best with this effort.

I hope that each of you has a great summer, please stay safe, and come to whatever event we have next. I look forward to seeing each of you. May God bless you and may God bless America.

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[Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting Minutes](#)

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USS ASHEVILLE BASE AND NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER



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"From the Mountains to the Sea"

From the members of the USSVI USS Asheville Base we would like to wish everyone a Happy 115th US Navy Submarine Birthday.

On March 8th, the USS Asheville Honor Guard paraded the Colors for the Women's Sothern Conference Championship Game held at the US Cellular Center in Asheville, NC. This was the second year of receiving this honor.

On April 4th, the base held its 2nd annual rummage sale at Smiley's Flea Market, the day was a little wet and cold but it was well worth the effort. I would like to pass this along to other bases as a great way to raise funds and also a good recruitment tool (just have some cards to pass out for those Subvets that pass by).

On April 11th, members of the Moonshine Mountain Committee gathered at the memorial to perform this year's first "Working Party" for a general cleanup and repair survey. The cleanup went very well, after the work from last year most of the leaves and debris did not gather at the memorial.

This year's "Moonshine Mt. Services" will be held on May 15-16, 2015, 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. and his wife, Diane will be attending. As of April 4th, the lodge only has 11 rooms available. A reminder if you have not received your registration confirmation card you are not registered for dinner, nor the hospitality area. Please fill out the registration form and send it in, we need this so the hotel will have the correct number for dinner and so the base will be prepared for you.

On May 30th at 1800 hrs, the base honor guard will be presenting the colors at the Asheville Tourists ballgame, that night the Tourists will be giving away jerseys to the first 1000 spectators, so come out and show your support for the Subvets and the Tourists. Please check with Joe Schmidt for tickets.

Last but not least, if you find yourself in the Asheville area during a meeting time (first Tuesday of the month) 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:

[USS Asheville Base Website](#)

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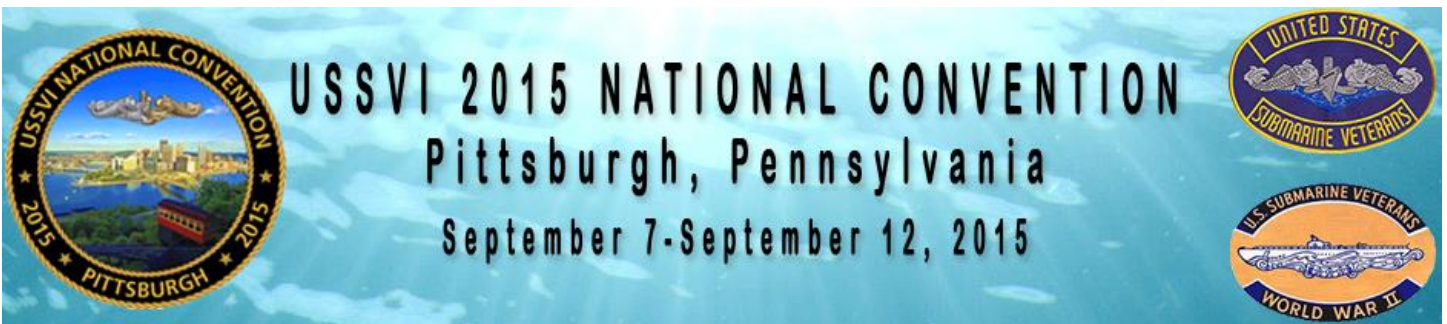
Good Day Shipmates

During the repair survey of the Moonshine Mountain Memorial it was found that a plumber was needed to check the drains for possible clogs and that the retaining wall to the right of the memorial would need some concentrated repairs (most of the dirt and sand was washed away throughout the years and is undermining part of the memorial and wall).

The issues with the operation of the "Torpedo Float" (located at the "North Carolina Aviation Museum" Asheboro, NC.) are in process and should be completed by the NC Subvets 2nd Quarter Meeting.

V/R,
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USSVI 2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION



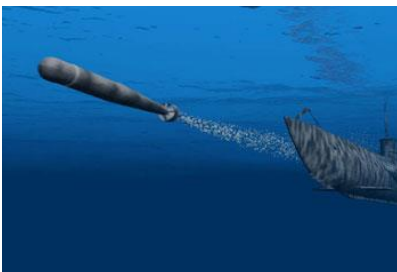
Time to make your plans to attend the 51st USSVI National Convention. For much more information, click on the image above or visit the convention's website at <http://www.ussviconventionsteelcity2015.org/>

NAZI ATTACK ON AMERICA - U-166



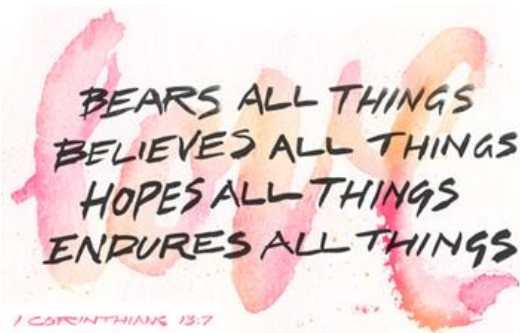
The U-166 is the only U-Boat sunk in the Gulf of Mexico. Off the coast of New Orleans, the U-166 tells the story of Operation Drumbeat. Airing May 6, 2015 at 9 pm on PBS and or the NOVA/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC channel (check local listings)

This was written up in the latest WORLD WAR II Review section, on page 81 of that publication.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

When 'Children' Reign



Ray Fritz
Carolina-Piedmont Base Chaplain

When I turned 50 my children gave me a hat that said something like, "I may grow old, but I refuse to grow up!" There are days when I feel like that but the body says differently. How about you?

It was a privilege to be the National Chaplain for two years until I felt I needed to resign to care for my wife who had heart failure due to kidney failure and then a mini-stroke, which thankfully she has recovered from except for a slight slur in her speech. She is on peritoneal dialysis nightly and doing well. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

How many times as a child did I hear, "Act your age!" Well, I was acting my age! But my mother meant to act her age. Not mine. I didn't understand at the time.

The apostle Paul tells us something similar... He writes...

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. ¹³And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:11-13 NKJV

Ok, old salts, some of you are thinking, he is going to talk about love! I'm outa here! I told my wife that I loved her once and if that ever changed I would let her know.' But, wait, don't go just yet. I don't know why this subject came to mind but there is a time in our life when love demands that we grow up. We must stop talking like a child, understanding like a child, and thinking like a child and worse, acting like a child. Note that there is a difference between being childlike (childlike faith) and being childish.

Our world is overflowing with too many adult 'children' holding the reigns. They look like adult but they act like children who never grew up. Allow me to explain. Some very dear cousins of mine have a granddaughter who is diagnosed as 'bi-polar'. She is now in her 20s with three children of different fathers! I call her disease "If I don't get my own way I will make your life miserable!"

Her grandparents, now in their 80s and in poor health, are the most loving and caring people I have ever seen. Even in poor health they help her take care of her small children. She is as sweet as honey when she wants something but don't ever say "No" because all hell will break loose. She is a child in an adult body.

I don't pretend to know how a two year old thinks but they act as if they are the center of the universe. Have you ever seen a small child want something in a store that the mother doesn't want him or her to have?

When, **not if**, a two year old throws a tantrum it can look pretty funny and because it does many parents ignore it or even laugh. But if they would take a moment and visualize the child doing the same thing as a 50 year old adult, it would no longer look funny. I have seen, first hand, adult tantrums and, believe me, they are not funny! Oh, they didn't usually roll around on the floor and kick and scream and throw themselves but the effect was still the same as they bully their way through life. This undisciplined adult (child in an adult body) is not fun to be around when they are in one of their moods or when they want their way.

Prince or pauper, president or king, priest or minister, Imam or saint... it makes no difference. There are too many adult children in positions of leadership who are just plain evil. They lead and rule like a child throwing a temper tantrum. They do not value human life and will kill and do kill to get their own way. We see it on the news every day. When my cousin's granddaughter is in one of those moods she cannot be reasoned with. Although not the same, the evil which takes the lives of others without mercy must be confronted with deadly force.

Now, I know this is overly simplistic but what is the solution when not dealing with evil? The apostle Paul gives us some insight. He says that when he became a man (when he grew up) he put away childish things. He no longer understood as a child understands. He no longer thought as a child thinks. He put those things away. He tells us to take a long hard look in the mirror. We don't see things clearly and we don't know everything. But on that future day when we meet God face to face we will see ourselves as He sees us and know ourselves as He knows us and that may **not** be a pretty picture. The masks will be taken off and everything will be laid bare before the Lord.

We just celebrated Valentine's Day yesterday. It's not biblical but it's a nice day to tell your loved one that you love them. Paul tells us that there are three things that remain – Faith, Hope, and Love and Love is the greatest.

A young lawyer came to Jesus one day and asked a very important question.

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, *“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”* ³⁸ *This is the first and great commandment.* ³⁹ *And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’* ⁴⁰ *On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”*

Matthew 22:36-40 NKJV

As Submarine Veterans (your wife and my wife who stood by our side also served) we served our country in the United States Submarine service without reservation. Consider what a different world it would be if people obeyed these two simple yet profound commands. There would be no wars because others would not covet what we have and we would not covet what they have. We would not live in fear because love casts out fear just as light casts out darkness.

But we don't live in such a world today and until we do we need a strong military and strong leadership but more than that, we need men and women with a strong faith in the living God of the Bible. Without God leading us we are doomed to failure. Many of our founding fathers understood this. They had put away childish things...

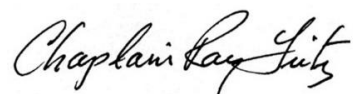
We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. . . . Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. – John Adams

(Source: John Adams, The Works of John Adams, Second President of the United States, Charles Francis Adams, editor (Boston: Little, Brown, and Co. 1854), Vol. IX, p. 229, October 11, 1798.)

There are three points of doctrine the belief of which forms the foundation of all morality. The first is the existence of God; the second is the immortality of the human soul; and the third is a future state of rewards and punishments. Suppose it possible for a man to disbelieve either of these three articles of faith and that man will have no conscience, he will have no other law than that of the tiger or the shark. The laws of man may bind him in chains or may put him to death, but they never can make him wise, virtuous, or happy. – John Quincy Adams

(Source: John Quincy Adams, Letters of John Quincy Adams to His Son on the Bible and Its Teachings (Auburn: James M. Alden, 1850), pp. 22-23.)

Grace and peace,



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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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

David Bell	Chris Crist	Arvie Helle	Bruce Lobach	Paul Simerly
George Birmingham	Bill Edwards	Don Huston	James McClain	Herman Strickland
James Burwell	Ed Galaviz	Arv Klemp	Joseph Peek	Tom Tidd
Dick Cimino	Robert Harris	John Link	Jim Schenk	James Wolski
David Creekmore				

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Gordon Banks	Don Duncan	Jim Gradeless	Tom Krpata	Ron Roberson
Keith Bender	Rodger Ellingwood	John Hanek	Tom Lindley	Walt Sealy
John Biesecker	Jim George	William Holzendorf	Howard Nudi	Joel Sparnon
Jack Canady	Stephen George	M.B. Hudson	Rudy Ogas	Johnny Turner
Steve Costantini	Duke Gow	Steve Kortheuer	John Pearce	Charles Wisard
Jeff Cox				

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

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USSVI NEWS

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

NEWS-01: USSVI Awards Nominations

Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 3/10/2015

Shipmates, as of this date, March 10, we are approximately halfway through the nominations for the USSVI Awards Program. There have only been a total of 9 submissions so far (total, all categories). Do not wait until the last minute to nominate one or more of your shipmates or base for one of the awards. The nomination process began on Feb 1st, 2015, and will end on April 30, 2015: All Award nominations (with exception of Newsletter Award, which deadline is May 15, 2015) must be received by the National Awards Committee Chairman by these dates.

Please review the Awards Manual, located on the website, www.ussvi.org. From the home page, go to "Documents", then "Manuals". The instructions for submission are specific, so please follow the directions. Also, please read the qualification guidelines for each of the specific awards, and insure your nominee fits into those guidelines.

This is an important program for USSVI, and we should honor those shipmates and bases that "go the extra mile" to make this a better organization.

Bill Andrea
NJVC

NEWS-01: USSVI Awards Program Reminder.

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 4/13/2015

Shipmates,

There is still time to nominate a Shipmate, your Base, your Base newsletter, a District Commander, a Regional Director or a National Officer for an Award as part of the USSVI 2015 Awards Program. This is USSVI's way of recognizing our shipmates and those Bases who have done an outstanding effort to advance USSVI and our CREED. Please take the time to review the 2015 Awards Manual by clicking on the link below for details and requirements for this year's Awards Program.

https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Awards_Manuals_2015_USSVI_National_Awards_Manual.pdf

The present deadline for the Awards nominations is April 30, 2015.

Please send your nominations to John Stanford National Awards Chairman at:

JStan131@comcast.net or John Stanford, 3026 Cesery Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32277-3527

Pride Runs Deep,
Al Singleman, Jr. NC

NEWS-02: War Veteran's Status Tax Deductions reminder

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 4/13/2015

Shipmates,

There has been a lot questions and misconceptions on our War Veterans Status Tax Deduction process. Please click on the link below to review the process, the explanation, the sample donation letter and the IRS code.

https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Organization_War_Veteran_Status_doc.pdf

PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2015 EVENT SCHEDULE		
DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION
May 1 st	Fri	Nat. Greene Base Meeting at the Field of Honor near Kernersville
May 15 th -16 th	Fri-Sat	Moonshine Mountain Submarine Memorial Meeting in Burnsville
May 25 th	Monday	Memorial Day Parade in Thomasville
June 27 th	Saturday	Independence Celebration Parade in Troutman
July 4 th	Saturday	Fourth of July Parade in Faith
August 20 th	Thursday	Old Soldiers Parade in Newton
November 6 th	Friday	WWII Subvets Memorial Service in Kings Bay, GA
November 11 th	Wednesday	Veterans Day Parade in Asheboro
December 5 th	Saturday	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner in Raleigh

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

NC Subvets Website

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.

Anchor Pool	The betting pool on the hour and minute the ship will drop anchor or tie up.
Night Orders	The CO's written orders to the OOD while the ship is underway at night including proper speed and course and what to do in the event of an emergency or enemy contact.
Shoot	The preferred term for "Fire" when talking about launching a torpedo. Fire to a submariner is a damage control problem.
Porpoise	The action of a submarine or torpedo that frequently broaches the surface.
TVG	Temperature Voltage Gasses. Those three critical point in battery charging when all three are at their maximum values. The OOD would be notified as well as Engineering Officer and CO.
Subsafe	The changes in systems and procedures designed to increase the safety factor of submarines after the loss of the USS Thresher.
Pecker Head	A dumb sailor or one who makes a dumb mistake. Also a term used to describe the housing on motors and generators containing the electrical connections.
Set and Drift	Refers to the behavior of a ship under the influence of wind and current; both deflect the ship from its intended course. 'Set' is the direction of that deflection, and 'drift' is the speed in knots of the displacement. A vector.
Lucky Bag	A locker maintained by the COB where gear adrift is stored. Personnel can retrieve gear adrift items by working off EMI. If after a period of time the items are not claimed, they are sold with the funds going to the Rec (now referred to as MWR) Fund.
Heavie	A lead weight usually wrapped with a special knot attached to a light line that is thrown to other ships or pier personnel to achieve getting mooring lines over. Commonly called a "monkey's fist."
Fail Open	1) Inability to fall asleep. 2) Systems, components that fail open when power is lost.
Davy Jones Locker	The bottom of the sea or you could say there are many more planes in Davy Jones Locker than submarines.

THE SUB NET

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

50 Years Later, a Look at What Really Sank the Thresher	Article
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China has More Submarines than the US	Article
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ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES



Norman Fearing Skiles, 92, departed on Eternal Patrol on March 19, 2015. Born in Elizabeth City, NC on January 18, 1923 to Roberson C. Skiles and Cassie Toler Skiles. He was married to the late Gladys Skiles for forty four wonderful years. He served his country in the United States Navy working on a submarine crew [Harder, CSD-121, CSD-122, Corporal, Spikefish, Sarda, Sea Cat, Cubera, Sea Poacher] and was a World War II Veteran. Following his military career, he went on to work for the US Postal service. In his retirement, he found joy in serving the Lord as a Deacon and visiting the sick and shut in. Those left to cherish his memories include: daughters Joan Shanks and husband Jack, Janet High and Jean Glenn and husband Doug; grandchildren Stephanie High, Brent High and Josh Glenn; siblings June Taylor and Evelyn Sawyer. Services were held on Monday, March 23, 2015 at McEwen Chapel. The family of Mr. Norman F. Skiles request donations be made in his honor to Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region located at: 1420 East Seventh Street, Charlotte, NC 28204. Condolences can be left at: www.mcewenfs.com.



Clarence Lee Huffman, 86, of Mount Airy, departed on Eternal Patrol on March 23, 2015. Born July 2, 1928 in Wilkes County, the oldest of seven children born to the late Daniel Franklin and Callie Virginia Haymore Huffman. Clarence graduated from White Plains School and later attended Draughn's Business College in Winston-Salem. He proudly served our country as a seaman first class in the United States Navy, stationed in Hawaii. Qualified in submarines on the USS Razorback (SS-394) in 1947. Clarence worked as a truck driver for many years with Hennis Freight Lines, later known as Spector Freight Lines. Following his retirement from A.C. Nielson Inc., he was an employee of the County of Surry. Clarence was a longtime member of Renfro Masonic Lodge #691 AF and AM and a dedicated supporter of the Mount Airy Public Library. In his later years, he became a member of the US Submarine Veterans of WWII and the USSVI Nathanael Greene Base.

Clarence was a faithful member of Piney Grove Baptist Church until his health declined. Throughout the years, he served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and a member of various committees, including the Building Committee, Cemetery Committee, Transition Committee, and Pastor Search Committee. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Leona Badgett Huffman of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly Huffman and Jeffrey Whitsett of Mount Airy; a sister, Alene Bowman of Mount Airy; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Dr. Gilbert and Mellie Huffman of Mount Airy, Clate Huffman of Winston-Salem, and Ralph and Peggy Huffman of Whiteville; and many beloved nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mr. Huffman was preceded in death by a sister and two brothers-in-law, Coleen and E. Gray Dollyhigh and John Bowman; and a brother and sister-in-law, Donald Rex Huffman and Nell Huffman Martin.

A service of worship and a celebration of Clarence's life was held on March 25, 2015, at 3:00 PM at Piney Grove Baptist Church, with the Rev. Mark A. Reece, Jr. and the Rev. Kermit L. Gray officiating. Three Nat Greene Base Members attended the services and tended lines for Clarence. Chaplain Jim Schenk had created a Book of Remembrance for the family and it was presented to Leona Huffman, wife of Clarence for 66 years. Interment followed in the church cemetery. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Piney Grove Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1022, Mount Airy, NC 27030.

SAILOR, REST YOUR OAR

Sailor, rest your oar
When your final dive is made, and your battery's running low,
You'll know there lies a boat for you many fathoms here below,
With your annunciators jammed on full and your depth gauge needles bent,
Your accumulator's dry of oil and your air banks all are spent,
It's then you get to wonderin', "is my life's boat rigged for dive?"
Your guessing drill commences, "am I dead or still alive?"
You pace the flooded decks with scorn and curse the flaws of man.
Into realms of rex you've stepped, and here you'll make your stand.
To live your life, as sailors must, at the bottom of the sea.
There's one you'll have to reckon-that one, my friend, is thee.
Will your conscience do you justice when the final muster's in?
Did you lead the kind of life you should in every port you've been?
The answers to these questions and many, many more,
Are locked in the hearts of sailormen from Cannes to Singapore.
So, when your day for mast rolls 'round. The choice is up to you,
Sailor chart your course of life right now. Chart it straight and true.
Now's the time to flood your tanks and trim up 'fore and aft.
It's a trifle late when the klaxon sounds to square away your craft.
Your final billet lies below, on "old ocean's" floor.
So, be ready when that last word's passed.
Sailor, rest your oar!

[Source - Goat Locker](#)

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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.

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

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2015 NC SUBVETS BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

FRI 15- SAT 16 May 2015

Pre-Registration Form – Cutoff Date 2 May 2015

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Base: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

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_____				

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Registration	Per Person	\$15	_____	_____
Saturday Banquet	Per Person	\$15 if not rooming at Hotel	_____	_____
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Dinner count selection Chicken _____ Beef_____ Trout_____				

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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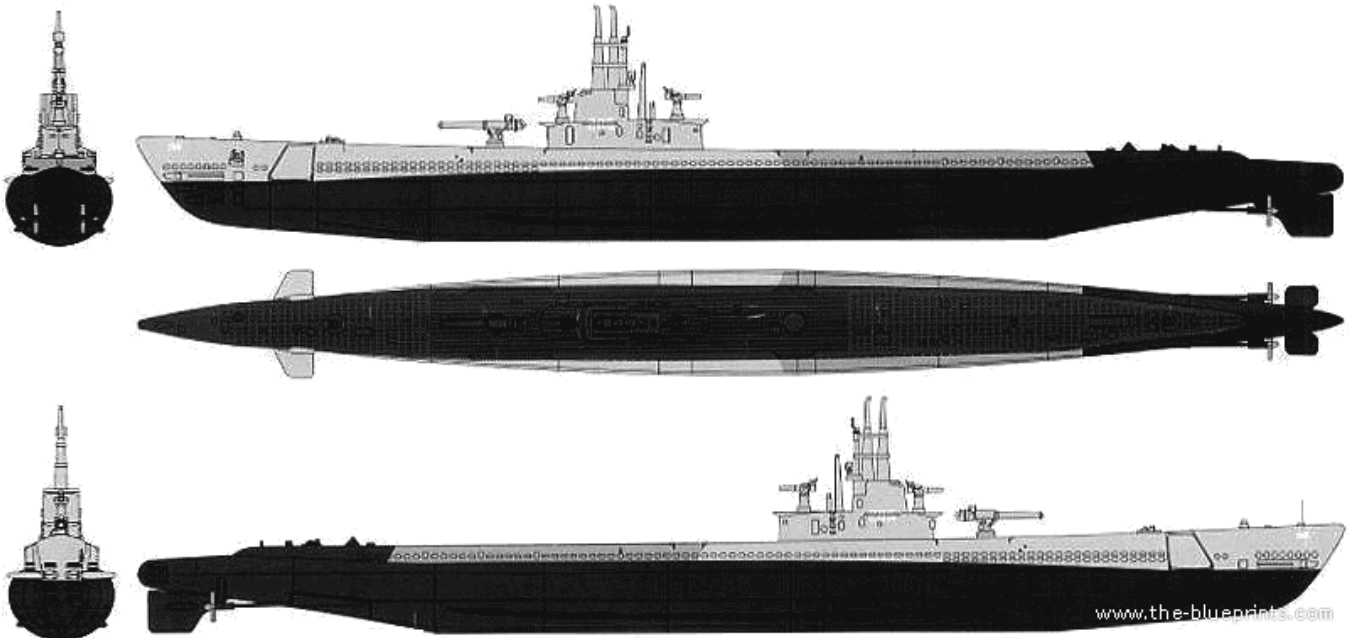
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USS Balao (SS/AGSS-285)

The lead ship of the United States Navy's Balao-class submarines during World War II and named for the balao. Balao 's keel was laid down on 26 June 1942 at the Portsmouth Navy Yard in Kittery, Maine.



Balao is an ocean-going species of fish in the family Hemiramphidae. These sparkling and silvery fish are closely related to the flyingfish and needlefish.

