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

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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 - THIRD QUARTER

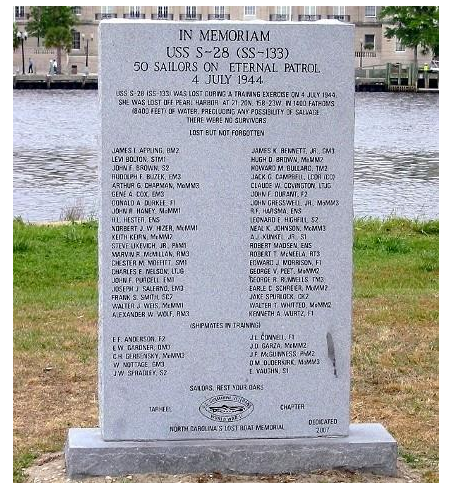
## JULY

### USS S-28 (SS-133)

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 men while conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found in the area where she had been operating. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery. Records and communication with his son make it clear that Levi Bolton was not lost with his shipmates, and survived the War.



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



The official memorial to the S-28 is located in Riverside Park, adjacent to the Battleship USS North Carolina (BB 55) in Wilmington, NC. It was dedicated by the NC Subvets in May 2007.



## JULY (cont.)

### USS Robalo (SS-273)

Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 77 men while on her 3<sup>rd</sup> war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. 4 men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and were lost when that destroyer was sunk.



### USS Grunion (SS-216)

Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 men while on her 1<sup>st</sup> war patrol. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Believed to have been sunk during a submerged attack on a Japanese warship. Grunion's wreckage has been located off Kiska Island in the Aleutians.





## LOST SUBMARINES – THIRD QUARTER (cont.)

### AUGUST

#### USS Bullhead (SS-332)

Lost on August 6, 1945 with the loss of 84 men while on her 3<sup>rd</sup> war in the Lombok Strait off the Bali coast when sunk by a depth charge dropped by a Japanese Army plane. Bullhead was the last submarine lost during WWII.



#### USS S-39 (SS-144)

Lost on August 13, 1942 after grounding on a reef off Rossel Island (Yela), New Guinea while on her 5<sup>th</sup> war patrol. The entire crew was able to get off and was rescued by the HMAS Katoomba.



#### USS Flier (SS-250)

Lost on August 13, 1944, with the loss of 78 men while on her 2<sup>nd</sup> war patrol. She was transiting on the surface when she was rocked by a massive explosion (probably a mine) and sank in less than a minute. 8 men survived and made it to shore where friendly natives guided them to a Coast Watcher and they were evacuated by the USS Redfin 6 days later. Flier's wreckage has been located south of Palawan Island near the Philippines' Balabac Strait.



#### USS Harder (SS-257)

Lost on August 24, 1944 with the loss of 79 men while on her 6<sup>th</sup> war patrol near Bataan in the Philippines from a depth charge attack by a Japanese minesweeper.



#### USS Cochino (SS-345)

Lost on August 26, 1949 after being jolted by a violent polar gale off Norway caused an electrical fire and battery explosion that generated hydrogen and chlorine gasses. In extremely bad weather, men of Cochino and Tusk (SS-426) fought to save the submarine for 14 hours. After a 2<sup>nd</sup> battery explosion, Abandon Ship was ordered and Cochino sank. Tusk's crew rescued all of Cochino's men except for one civilian engineer. Six sailors from Tusk were lost during the rescue.



### SEPTEMBER

#### USS S-5 (SS-110)

Lost on September 1, 1920 when a practice dive went wrong and she sank bow-first, with her stem showing above the water. In a dramatic adventure, her exhausted crew was rescued during the next few days through a hole cut in the hull in the tiller room. Salvage attempts were unsuccessful. S-5 settled to the bottom and was abandoned off the Delaware Capes, 40 miles offshore.



#### USS Grayling (SS-209)

Lost on September 9, 1943 with the loss of 76 men while on her 8<sup>th</sup> war patrol near the Tablas Strait in the Philippines to unknown causes.



#### USS Pompano (SS-181)

Lost on September 17, 1943 with the loss of 77 men while on her 7<sup>th</sup> war patrol off Honshu, sunk by enemy mine.



## LOST SUBMARINES – THIRD QUARTER (cont.)

### SEPTEMBER (cont.)

#### USS S-51 (SS-162)

Lost on September 25, 1925 with the loss of 33 men when it was sunk after collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island, RI.



#### USS Cisco (SS-290)

Lost on September 28, 1943 with the loss of 76 men while on her 1<sup>st</sup> war patrol in the Sulu Sea, west of Mindinao in the Philippines, sunk by surface craft and aerial bombs.

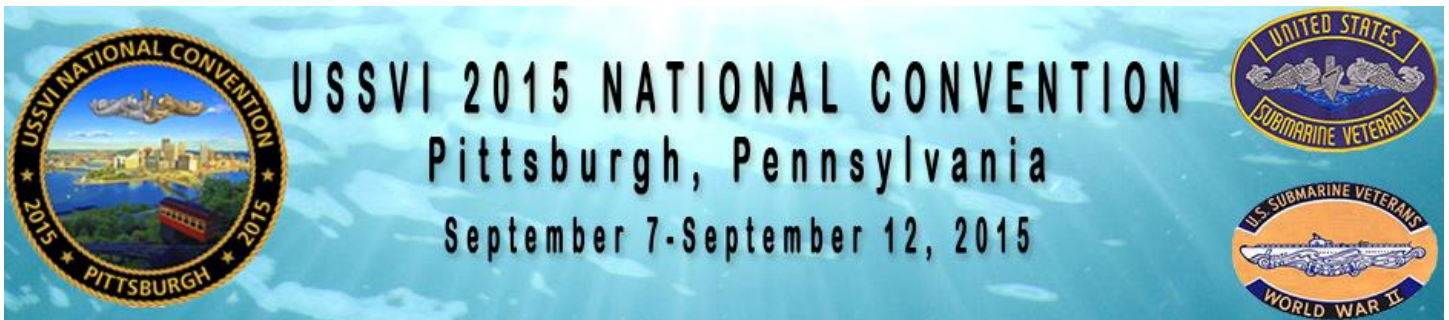


For much more information, click the [Lost Boats](#) Button on the [USSVI Website](#) Home Page.

.... For those in peril on the sea ....



### 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.ussvconventionsteelcity2015.org/>

# TARHEEL BASE

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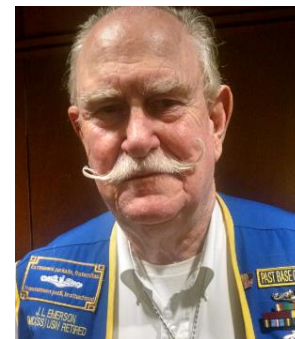
SHIPMATES: The Tarheel Base August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was informative and productive. The Coastal Carolina Base Commander, Chuck Fletcher, attended our meeting. Also attending were the USSVI National Treasurer, Paul Hiser, Regional Director, Dick Kanning, the newly elected District Commander, Dave Campbell, and the newly appointed USSVI National Chaplin, Bill (Butterbean) Dixon.

Tarheel base members should be and are proud that the Tarheel Base has such a large representation of USSVI National Officers as base members. These members volunteer their time and dedication to the USSVI organization on a greater scale than just being a member. This dedication to the various National Offices takes much more time and commitment than being a member of the Tarheel Base or a base elected or appointed officer.

Being a base elected or appointed officer does take some time and effort. Probably the most demanding offices, in my opinion, are that of the *All Clear* Editor and the Storekeeper. Any elected or appointed officer can devote as much time as he desires or deems necessary to perform the duties. As Dick Kanning stated, it takes a crew to run a submarine and it takes all base members to run a base. As I have said before, you are all volunteers and submarine qualified, and any submariner can do anything.

The Tarheel Base members need to step up and share the positions and duties required to operate the Tarheel Base. It would be outstanding if some of the "younger" members would step up and volunteer for an elected or appointed office. It appears that anyone less than 65 is a younger member!

At the next Tarheel Base meeting in October, nominations for offices will be made. Talk to your fellow members and submit names at this meeting. As I stated, I will not remain as the Base Commander.



Jerry Emerson  
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

### Next Meeting:

Saturday, 03 October 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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## WELCOME ABOARD !!

### Our Newest Tarheel Base Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Qualified</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Lives in</u>
Steve Gillespie	1990	SSN-724	Apex
Jeremy Thomas	2003	SSBN-730	Siler City

# NATHANAEL GREENE BASE

The Nathanael Greene Base is gearing up for officer nominations and elections in November. The Base has increased its membership by one with two prospects in the last month. Our new Kaps 4 Kids Chairman (Daniel Newcomer) has hit the road running; we have visited Camp Corral at the YMCA camp outside of King, NC. He has us set up for visiting Camp Corral at the Weaver Camp grounds in Guilford County and a visit to the Children's Home in Thomasville.

Nathanael Greene Base is supporting the Boat Sponsorship National Program by supporting the USS North Carolina (SSN-777).

One of our new members has come to us from the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal Association and we continue to support them. Joshua's Angels President (Tammy Hazelwood) has put Dale Patterson onto a church in the foothills that is helping with this organization by donating clothing. Dale Patterson bought and delivered needed items to VHVH with funds donated by one of our members.

The North Carolina Air Museum had its annual "fly-in" on June 13 with several members there displayed and discussing our two floats that are stored there when not in use by the NC Sub Vets.

I would like to insert a personnel note: As the outgoing Commander of the North Carolina Sub Veterans, I want to thank all the NC Bases for their support and help during the last couple of years. As the outgoing Nathanael Greene Base Commander, I want to thank all the members for their support and help for the last 4 years. It has been my good fortune to have served this organization and I hope to continue to support and help where I can.

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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James R. Myers III  
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# Happy Birthday to Three of Our Bases!

Base	Chartered On	Now Celebrating
Nathanael Greene	August 21, 2010	5 Years
Albemarle Sound	September 8, 2008	7 Years
Tarheel	September 27, 1997	18 Years



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## USSVI CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (C&B) SCHOOL OF THE BOAT

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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# USS ASHEVILLE BASE AND NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER



Eugene Ipox  
USSVI USS Asheville  
Base Commander  
and  
USSVI NC Subvets  
State Commander

Good Day Shipmates!

Update on the Moonshine Mountain Memorial: I have gotten in contact with the Army Corps of Engineers, they have stated that each year they receive requests for help and assistance and they would be in contact but could not give me a definite date.

Update on the Torpedo Float: The North Carolina Subvets had to make hard decisions this year about parades, with bases not having an adequate vehicle to pull the trailer some parades we could not attend this year. Once again, I asked each base to poll their members to see if they have members that would volunteer to be a designated driver (if only for a certain distance), this was the base that is in charge of scheduling the USSVI entree into a parade will know if they have a driver or will need assistance.

An idea has come up about removing the MK-14 Torpedo from the float and placing a mockup MK-14 in its place, it would allow for smaller vehicles to be used in pulling the trailer. With this idea comes with a few thoughts; first we need to know how all NC Subvets feel on this subject, second, how to make the mockup, and third, what to do with the MK-14 Torpedo if removed.

Base Commanders I ask that you check with your members about the trailer, torpedo and drivers and please send me the results and or ideas.

In July, I recognized Jerome Hoffart Jr. as the USS Asheville Base Sailor of the Year for all his hard work and dedication to our web page and all the behind the scene volunteer skills.

Lastly, if you have any thoughts on the items listed above or anything at all please feel free to drop a line or call me at home, please leave a message if I am not at home and I will return the call as soon as I can. My door is always open

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[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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## SED1 DISTRICT COMMANDER

Shipmates:

I thought I had written my last article and was free of doing anymore. Well I guess I was wrong.

As most of you know, Dave Campbell has been properly elected as my relief as the District One Commander. This article will be his in the future. I must say it has been my honor and privilege to have served as your District Commander for the past three years. I can only hope I didn't mess it up too much.

Most of you know Dave, but let me give those who do not know him some background on him. First, I think you will find it a pleasure to be around him. Dave rates both Silver and Gold Dolphins. If my math is correct, Dave did 28 years in the Navy before retiring in 1995 as a CDR. He is a member of the Tarheel Base and is currently their Vice Commander. He has served as their Base Treasurer as well. Dave will be giving a talk at the National Convention this year (so if you are going, attend his lecture). Now, Dave Campbell is not Steve Bell, just like Steve Bell was not Dick Kanning. He is his own person and I think you will be fully satisfied with him as your District Commander. Good luck Dave.



Steve Bell  
USSVI SED1 Commander

By the time you read this, it will be almost too late to sign up for the National Convention, but I am sure you can still squeak in if you desire. I hope to see many of you there. There is great potential for a good time. I am sure I will enjoy myself. Heck, I get to walk away and have the same level of responsibility as most of you have. But don't think I am done just yet. I just want a little break (been going at it heavy for six plus years now) and you just might see me stepping up for something next year. But we will just have to see how things go for me during my little down time. I might just enjoy that too much.

I am sure somewhere else in this newsletter has some information regarding the Regional for 2016. It is to be held in Mobile, AL during the period 20-23 April 2016. The host hotel will be the Downtown Holiday Inn. One of the treats there will be an opportunity to tour the USS Drum. You can see the restoration efforts that have been put on down there. I understand that it is quite impressive.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support during my tour as District One Commander. One cannot function in these positions without support and I seem to have gotten some pretty good support during my tour. I ask that you keep that up for Dave. It just makes the job more enjoyable.

It was nice of Dave to stand up for the position of District Commander. I know he would have preferred to have completed a tour as Base Commander, but he still stood up. Take note of that. Each of you can easily take a position within a base. None are really all that difficult, including being Base Commander. I am sure that at most of the bases there are open positions that could be filled. If so, consider looking into one of them. We get out of this what we put in to it. We can all help make our organization better, just put forth a little effort. I know many of you do many good things, but more of you can help the rest of us out.

And please don't forget to recruit a new member. We not only want them, but need them to be with us.

I look forward to seeing each of you. May God bless you and may God bless America.

Steve



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Carolina Piedmont was proud to be asked to present the Colors at the ball park for Memorial Day celebration and game. Beautiful background of some of the Charlotte Skyline. This photo was on the Sports front page section of the Charlotte Observer. Pictured from left: Dale Moses, Jeff Nieberding, Jack Jeffries, Rick Petitt, and Joel Tuchfeld

### 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

Largely due to the cost of providing printed copies of the American Submariner to those who still receive our magazine by mail, Annual National Dues will be **\$25 per year if paid after December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year.** However, Life Membership rates are not affected by this change.

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**Congratulations** and **Thank You** to our own **Bill "Butterbean" Dixon** for taking on the duties as the USSVI National Chaplain.


Did you know?

- The USSVI National Chaplain is appointed by the National Commander and confirmed by the Board of Directors.
- The Chaplain's Manual is to be used as a guideline for the office of chaplain of the USSVI. It is not intended to be strictly followed by the chaplain - only to supply him with thoughts, outlines and helps to equip him to do a satisfactory job and assist him to be of spiritual blessing and to help his shipmates.
- The Chaplain's Manual can be found on the USSVI website (log in required) at:

[https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online\\_Manuals\\_USSVI\\_Chaplains\\_Manual\\_2011.pdf](https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Manuals_USSVI_Chaplains_Manual_2011.pdf)

The following can be found on the USSVI website (log in required) at:

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Title	Name (click to see profile)	Photo	Bio
National Chaplain 2015 - present	<a href="#">Harold William Dixon Jr</a> 416 Carolyn Ct Cary, NC 27511-4004 919-467-7597		Qualified in 1964 on USS James Monroe (SSBN-622) Life Member Holland Club

You can learn much more about our Past Tarheel Base Commander on the USSVI website (log in required) at:

<https://www.ussvi.org/showmember.asp?dpa=26019>



## Harold William Dixon Jr , TM1(SS)







USSVI Life Member





Holland Club  
Submarine  
Qualified  
50 years ago

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**Personal Information**

Nickname	Butterbean
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Let's all keep our new National Chaplain and loveable shipmate in our prayers.



**Leadership** ... is not popular.  
... is not always easy.  
... can be fun.  
... is never optional.

-- Jerry "Patch" Paciorek



## THANKS TO TRIPLE BILL AND BOB

From Gordon Banks, Tarheel Base

Most of the Tarheel Base knows of my wife's adventures in Paris as we finished a cruise including the beaches at Normandy. She broke her right femur falling down steps in a restaurant, spent 10 days in a hospital there, then three more days in WakeMed Hospital here, and 17 days in a rehab facility here. Though finally at home, she is still cobbled to a wheelchair most of the time.

As a result, a little heralded team of Tarheel shipmates swung into action and visited us. They brought some food, a prayer and lots of laughter to Pat and me. The visit was truly appreciated.

I have dubbed them **Triple Bill & Bob**: Bill Whelan, Bill Dixon, Bill Lowe and Bob Govern.

These core shipmates, supplemented from time-to-time by various other members, carry out a meaningful service to submariners in NC. They attend numbers of funerals for submariners, including Base non-members, and carry out hospital and at-home visits. They do this fine work without applause, merely knowing they are making a significant contribution to the Submarine Community.

My goal here is to shine a light on this simple effort carried out completely in the background by four fine fellow members.

I know you join me in thanking Triple Bill & Bob for such selfless service year after year.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY BIRTHDAYS				
Jay Andress Robert Andrews Jonathan Beatty Gregg Bockover Mike Burkholder J.C. Clark Spencer Combos	Greg Crystal William Culver Robert Dabbs Joel Daughtridge "Stretch" Gollehon Craig Gorham Paul Green	Greg Hand Tom Holland Mike Hubbell Elvie Jackson Shane Jones Clarence Jordan Colin Kagel	George Knouff Tom Lee Dick Lewis Tola Lewis, Jr. Donald Page Gerald Schemanski Bill Schmauss	Clif Snow Waverly Traylor Frans Van Baars Al Westberry John Williamson Ken Yates Vincent Zolkowski

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS				
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## 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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### 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>Family Gram</b>	A message sent from a family member to a sailor at sea via the Navy’s network. Limited to 20 words and three per patrol.
<b>List</b>	The leaning to one side of the other, not balanced from side to side. Measured in degrees port or starboard.
<b>Mud</b>	Coffee.
<b>PCO</b>	Prospective Commanding Officer.
<b>S1W</b>	The first “submarine” nuclear reactor used. The prototype was in Idaho. The “W” is for Westinghouse. The reactor in current use is the S6G and the “G” is for General Electric. This facility in Idaho was near the A1W prototype which was the plant used for aircraft carriers. Many submarine sailors trained on this plant because of the pressing demands for trained people in the early 60’s.
<b>Snake Pit</b>	Void space in LL Ops on 616 & 640 class boomers. The location of #2 sanitary hull valve, blow & vent manifold. Good place for aux-men to ride the vents during all hands field days.
<b>Tubes Aft</b>	After Torpedo Room.



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# USSVI NEWS

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

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## NEWS-01: USSVI HIGHWAY RECOGNITION PROJECT

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 6/16/2015

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### USSVI HIGHWAY RECOGNITION PROJECT

Shipmates,

As we are all aware a portion of our purpose in USSVI is to promote and make the public citizenry aware of the existence of and the history of the United States Submarine service.

To that end I am pleased to inform you that the USSVI Board of Directors has approved a Highway Project that each and every Shipmate, Base, District, and Region can be actively involved in supporting and pursuing. There are a multitude of levels that can be attained and it only takes one shipmate (while more can easily be involved) to make it happen.

The project is rather simple in scope which is to get local, county, state, and federal authorities to accept and put into action the naming of Highways as

### THE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Each level of authority must be approached individually and the approach will differ with each state, although the federal system will be pretty much the same in each case. The federal highways are best approached by contacting your favorite Congressman or Senator and getting them to initiate a bill making it happen in your area. The state highways would be similar in approaching a State Congressman or Senator and getting a Bill passed at the state level. The plitical contact approach is most likely the best way and less work for our shipmates.

Another manner of using the Highways and Byways is to contact the Department of Transportation at the various levels and getting your Base signed up and the signs posted that your Base has the responsibility for the "CLEANLINESS" of a particular part of a strip of asphalt, thereby giving your Base immediate roadside publicity, along with Burma Shave. This is known as the Adopt-a-Highway program. There are companies who do the cleaning by contract and they even provide a list of roads available for the signs and participation.

Consideration should be also given to the naming of Bridges, Overpasses, Underpasses, etc.

The object is to get our name into the public domain, to make people aware that we might be the "Silent Service", but we do not have to remain the "Invisible Service".

There is at least one Shipmate in every Base who is looking for something to do, just ask, you could get lucky.

Submitted by:

T Michael Bircumshaw

Past National Commander 2010-2014

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## NEWS-01: 2016 National Dues

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 7/7/2015

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Shipmates,

Some of you are starting to send in National Dues for 2016. The Board of Directors voted for a \$5.00 dues increase for 2016 to cover the increased cost of the American Submariner Magazine. This dues increase does not take effect until January 1, 2016. If you pay your 2016 National dues during 2015 you DO NOT have to pay the \$5.00 increase. 2016 National dues paid in 2015 are \$20.00 and the current multi-year discounts are still in effect. There is no change to the Life Member Rates. Dues after the convention (Sept. 13, 2015) will be \$5.00 for the last quarter of 2015 and \$20.00 for 2016 because the dues increase is not in effect yet! Pass the word around, renew now or before the January 1, 2016 deadline and save \$5.00.

Pride Runs deep,

Al Singleman, Jr. NC

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-01: 2015 Pittsburgh Convention Reminder.  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 7/7/2015

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2015 USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION PITTSBURGH, PA SEPTEMBER 7-12, 2015

The 2015 Submarine Veterans National Convention is on schedule and ready to go.

Starting with the Labor Day Parade in downtown Pittsburgh. The parade forms in front of our host hotel The Westin. USSVI members who are in town can feel free to march in the parade and showcase our organization.

The rest of the week is exciting and eventful. There will be a chartered bus trip and SSMC ride to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA on Tuesday.

The golf outing at the Lakeview Golf Course and concluding with the Welcome Aboard Party at the Westin Hotel.

On Wednesday, we present the Duquesne Incline and National Avery tour, Strip District Walking Food tour and a fun filled Brewery tour.

Thursday is the fabulous Dinner Cruise on the Gateway Clipper.

Friday is special, with the 9-11/Tolling of the Boats Memorial Service followed by touring the USS REQUIN and The Carnegie Science Center. Walking Food/Brewery Tours have been added to complete your daylight enjoyment. A Pittsburgh Pirate baseball game has been added in the evening.

Saturday has the annual Film Festival and concludes with the USSVI Awards Banquet.

An extra attraction will be the WWII LST 325. She will be docked on the Ohio River just forward of the USS REQUIN SS-481 from September 6-9, 2015.

Pittsburgh has a wealth of cultural attractions and points of interest to explore at your leisure. So if you have a hobby or something special you wish to pursue, take time to check it out before you arrive.

Check out our convention website for all the details [www.ussviconventionsteelcity2015.org](http://www.ussviconventionsteelcity2015.org)

We are anxious to see all of you at what promises to be a very special National Convention.

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NEWS-01: 2015 USSVI Scholarship Winners  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 7/20/2015

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Shipmates,

The 2015 USSVI Scholarship Winners are now posted on the website on the link below:

[https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Scholarship\\_Winners\\_2015\\_scholarship\\_Winners.pdf](https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Scholarship_Winners_2015_scholarship_Winners.pdf)

Congratulations to all!

Pride Runs Deep,  
Al Singleman, Jr. NC

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FLASH-01: 2015 Convention Host Hotel Room Rates extended until Aug 14,2015  
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 8/7/2015

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Shipmates,

The 2015 Host Hotel ( the Weston Convention Center) has extended the Convention Room Rate of \$104.00 until August 14th. If you have not booked your room yet please do so before the 14th or you will pay an increased rate after that date.

The 2015 Convention will be a great way to see old shipmates and have a fantastic time.

Use the link below, go to registration, host hotel and click on book a room.

<http://www.ussviconventionsteelcity2015.org>

Hope to see you there.

Pride Runs Deep,  
Al Singleman, Jr. NC

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## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-01: 2016 USSVI Calendars

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 8/7/2015

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2016 FULL COLOR National Submarine Calendar: Dedicated to all U.S. submariners who manned our submarines - from the commissioning of USS Holland (SS-1) in 1900 through the newest nuclear submarines in the fleet.

Submariners have always performed a vital service to our nation. U.S. Submariners sank more than 1,392 Japanese ships during WWII, landed raiding parties during the Korean War, monitored the Soviet Navy, and conducted intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions during the Cold War.

From the late 50s until 1964 submariners conducted Regulus cruise missile patrols and since 1960 the submariners serving aboard Strategic Ballistic Missile subs have maintained a continuous nuclear deterrent force at sea.

Today's submariners provide covert intelligence and tactical missile strikes when needed in support of the Global War on Terror as well as carrying out continuous deterrent nuclear missile patrols. For 115 years, U.S. submariners have provided and continue to provide a vital service to our nation and we salute them all!

<http://tinyurl.com/2016-USSVI-Calendar>

"Attention Storekeeper and Calendar Sales Coordinators: The 2016 calendars are in full color this year and will be available at the 2015 National Convention. Please preorder if you intend to pick up the calendars at the convention. Orders for convention pickup must be placed by 21 August. The NSK office will closed on Monday, 24 August for travel to a boat reunion and then the convention. All other orders will be filled after our return. The prices were slightly raised this year to offset the extra cost of a full color calendar."

2016 Calendar pricing

1-4	\$10.95 each
5-9	\$8.50
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## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-01: Dolphin insignia request  
Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 8/3/2015

Shipmates/Brothers of the Phin,

Respectfully Request:

I am trying to complete a special project and need your help. I collect submarine breast insignias from all over the world and am looking for two pins which I need to complete this project. I am looking for: (1) the old US Submarine Engineering Officer pin this pin had the two dolphins with an "E" in its center which replaced the bow on submarine; (US submarine WW11 combat patrol pin in the deep wave configuration; this pin is usually made of sterling silver. I will gladly pay a fair price for both of these pins. My aim is to complete six (6) shadow boxes, containing approximately one-hundred and forty (140) pins, in the near future. Once this project is finished I will do a show and tell at my life member bases; Gudgeon base Prescott, AZ. and Perch base Phoenix, AZ. after which I will request the editor of American Submariner Chuck Emmett, also Commander of Perch base to help with photos and a write up for the American Submariner and at the same time I will communicate with the various Submarine museums throughout the USA to offer the pin displays to them for one year on a strictly loan bases only. When I single up for "Eternal Patrol" I will have designated the pins to one of the US Submarine museums for permanent display. Your help would be greatly appreciated toward the completion of this project.

If you would kindly communicate with your respective local bases to determine if these pins are available and if the owners would be willing to give them up for this worthy project, this would greatly shorten the time to complete this project. I am aiming for a completion time of around November, 2015.

I have an extremely large sum of money invested into this project and once I acquire the two mentioned pins and add them to the collection I will consider these six shadow boxes as property of our US Submarine museums. I will take possession only to transfer the collection to a different submarine museum each year. I would not trust having them shipped. I do not have any particular submarine museum in mind at this time for permanent display.

\*\* Honorable mention, Ed Brooks a brother of the Phin, Ret. Mustang LT, former NUC, I won't hold that against him, has done the major work in producing the six shadow boxes. He is an expert wood worker and I greatly appreciate his help in this project.

Most of these pins will surprise even the most hardened submarine sea-dog.

Respectfully requested:

Bill Larime STCM (SS)/CWO Ret.  
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Prescott, AZ. 86305  
928-899-0133  
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## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2015 EVENT SCHEDULE		
DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	Christmas Parade in Asheville
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner in Raleigh

The NC Subvets float will not be in the "Old Soldiers Parade" due to lack of a vehicle to pull it.

Contact Gordon Banks if you have questions about the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner

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

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

## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (Cont.)

### 2015 Moonshine Mountain (Burnsville) Meeting

On May 15-16, the USS Asheville Base hosted the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual NC Subvets Burnsville Meeting and Moonshine Mountain services and dinner.

For more details, click on the button:

[Moonshine Mountain](#)



### 2015 Camp Corral

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, we had six members of the Nat Greene Base visit a Camp Corral site at Camp Hanes, a YMCA camp located in King, NC. We brought along the parade submarine to display as well as participating in a small parade at the camp. A number of the kids mentioned that they remember us from previous years.

[Camp Corral](#)

## FIRST ENLISTED WOMEN TO SERVE ON SUBMARINES ANNOUNCED

U.S. Navy, By Rear Admiral Chas Richard, Commander, Submarine Group Ten; Enlisted Women in Submarines Task Force Commander, [navylive.dodlive.mil](mailto:navylive.dodlive.mil), June 22

History continues to be made in the submarine force as the first enlisted female Sailors to serve on submarines have been selected. NAVADMIN 142/15 lists the 38 Chiefs and Petty Officers selected to report onboard the Ohio-class guided-missile submarine USS Michigan (SSGN 727) in Bangor, Wash. after completion of requisite training needed to convert into their submarine ratings.

We received an overwhelming response from women currently serving across the fleet in a variety of concentration areas, from the surface fleet, to our aviation community, to Seabees, to Sailors in the Fleet Reserve. Thank you once again to every Sailor who applied, and to the commands that supported their Sailors' interest in exploring the chance to become one of the first enlisted women to serve on a submarine.

It wasn't easy to select from the large number of highly skilled and talented women who applied to fill a fixed number of billets, as every single one of the Sailors who applied were the best of the best at what they have done during their naval careers.

For the Sailors who applied but were not selected for this round of enlisted female submariners, I first want to thank you for your courage, initiative and interest to apply for the opportunity to join the submarine community. Secondly, I want to encourage you to keep charging hard, as you are all hard-chargers for even considering this new, ground-breaking experience. There will be future iterations of enlisted female submariner selections made, so stay tuned for the announcement of the next application window planned for July of 2015.

Additionally, your submitted application will automatically be considered for the next cohort, unless you request to withdraw the application, but I urge you to keep your application in the mix, as you are part of the talent pool we want in the submarine force. You will also have the opportunity to update your application.

Now that the selectees have been identified, they will need to complete their medical screenings as soon as possible, after which they will receive orders for their tailored training pipeline, ultimately reporting to USS Michigan (SSGN 727), home ported in Bangor, Washington.

As the Commander for the Enlisted Women in Submarines Task Force, I want to welcome the selected Sailors to our community, and take the time to congratulate you on this momentous accomplishment. I look forward to serving with you, shipmates!

## THE SUB NET

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

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### REPLACE A DD-214 WITH A VETERANS ID CARD?

On June 22, the U.S. Senate amended and passed with unanimous consent a bill from Congressman Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., which ensures every veteran receives an ID card from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs without burdening taxpayers. The House passed the bill last month with 402 representatives backing it and no votes cast against it.

[Full Story](#)



## ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES



**Robert Atlas Harris , TM3**



Robert Atlas R.A. Harris, 91, formerly of Henderson, NC passed away peacefully in his sleep Thursday, June 18, 2015 at Trinity Elms in Clemmons, NC.

Born April 3, 1924 in Vance County, he was the son of the late Norman Lee and Luna Myrtle Juanita Merry Christmas Harris. He was the widower of Margie Parrish Harris.

Mr. Harris graduated from Henderson High School in 1942. He was a retired employee of Burkart Inc. He was a member of North Henderson Baptist Church (Deacon, former Choir Director, former teacher of David Stokes Sunday School Class), Henderson Masonic Lodge #229 AF & AM (Past Master and District Deputy Grand Master), the Henderson Shrine Club, Gideons International, and the Disabled American Veterans. He served on a submarine in the United States Navy during World War II.



Qualified in submarines on the USS Cobia (SS-245) in 1944 and was a TM3 when he left the Navy.

RA was a life member of Tarheel Chapter of USSVWW2 and served as a torpedoman aboard the submarines USS R-4, COBIA, and DRUM. Condolences have been extended to RA's Family.



**William Graham Baldwin , TM2(SS)**



Holland Club



Submarine Qualified  
50 years ago

Our friend, golf buddy, and Grampy, Mr. William G. (Bill) Baldwin, Sr., 90, passed away peacefully May 6, 2015 surrounded by friends and family.

Bill enjoyed life and told many great, as well as humorous stories about growing up in the Depression, military service, golf, life, and a wide range of other subjects. He was a very loved and generous man.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife, Nellie (2000), son Bill, Jr. (2006), and grandson Will (2002). He was the last living child of Madie and Gaston Baldwin. He was pre-deceased by siblings Dorothy, Billie, Gaston, and Lois. Bill's nieces and nephews include Barbara McGee and husband Ron, and son Vince McGee, Roy (Butch) Ingle, children Payson Ingle, Paige Ingle, and Beth Rials and husband Jason), Buddy Baldwin, Grant Butcher, Graham Butcher and wife Carrie, Greg Butcher and wife Evelyn.

Bill was introduced to Nellie upon his return from the war to Greensboro in 1944 by his sister, Lois. Lois worked with Nellie at Southern Bell Telephone. When they first started dating, Bill went over to Nellie's (Eleanor at that time) house on a motorcycle. Being the Southern Belle she was, she told him in no uncertain terms to never come to her house again on a motorcycle. They were married in 1947 and remain married for 53 ½ years until Nellie's passing in 2001. He is survived by son Gary and wife Karen, granddaughter Ellie (named after her grandmother Eleanor) whom he loved dearly.

Bill served his country faithfully in World War II, and the Korean War. He served in the Navy in the submarine fleet as a torpedo man in WWII and remained in the Naval Reserve afterward. He was called back into action for the Korean War and was honorably discharged as a Torpedo Mate 2<sup>nd</sup> class. He served on the USS Loggerhead (SS-374) in WWII in the Pacific Southwest Fleet. One of his greatest memories was coming into San Francisco Bay with the Golden Gate Bridge lined with cheering Americans cheering their return. This epic moment was overshadowed by the realization that many soldiers did not return.

He also served on: SS-340, SS-79, and AS-22 and was a member of SubVets of WWII and USSVI Tarheel Base.

## ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES (Cont.)

Bill was also a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Mason, member of the Scottish Rite, a Life member of the Oriental Shrine Club, and a Jester. He was past Captain of the Oriental Band. In 2014, Bill was recognized with 55 years of service to the band. He was also a life member of the Elks Club. Through these associations, Bill developed many, many life-long friendships.

Bill was also an avid golfer. He played until his health no longer allowed him to do so. He was a member of Green Valley Golf Club and charter member of The Cardinal Golf Club. At the Cardinal, he served as chairman of the membership committee. He relished the role of being an "ambassador" of the club. He was a member of several local senior golf groups. One of his favorite rituals was "putting teams together" at Ed and Peggy Kinard's house on Sunday nights.

Bill's business career started with Grant Piston Ring Company. He loved selling but did not like the travel. He would tell of stories of traveling in his company car (before air conditioning) and having to change clothes before going into appointments. He then went to work for Western Electric. He tired of having ours always. He then interviewed with a company that was new to Greensboro, State Farm Insurance. Once hired, he moved his agency in downtown Greensboro. He was the 3<sup>rd</sup> agent here. He moved his office out to Oakcrest Ave in 1980 and remained there until he retired in 1995. He loved his association with State Farm. He also made many friends within the company. He also did business the same way, making many customers his friends.

### 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](#)

### 2016 SOUTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING

2016 Southeast Regional Meeting will be in Mobile Alabama 20-23 April 2016.

The host hotel is the Downtown Holiday Inn.

More info to follow regarding registrations and reservations!

### CARY CITIZEN

Covering news, sports, community, business, events, arts and more across Cary, North Carolina and surrounding communities.

Check in from time to time, as you may find items of interest to Subvets, including Tarheel Base meetings.

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## THRESHER WIDOW REUNITED AND RESTING IN PEACE WITH LOST HUSBAND AT SEA

Lt. j.g. Daniel Mongiove, The Dolphin, Jun 18

ATLANTIC OCEAN - About 200 nautical miles east of Cape Cod, Mass., USS Annapolis (SSN 760) fulfilled the final request of devoted Navy wife and mother Irene Harvey, by laying her cremains to rest at sea with her husband, Lt. Cmdr. John "Wes" Harvey, on April 23.

Wes was the commanding officer of USS Thresher (SSN 593) when the submarine was lost at sea, on April 10, 1963, during sea trials.

All persons aboard perished, including 112 Navy personnel and 17 Portsmouth Naval Shipyard civilian workers and contractors.

Irene's idyllic life, having married her high school sweetheart when he graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1950, and raising two young sons (Bruce and John), was shattered, along with the lives of all family members who suffered loss that day.

"When [my father] died I was 8 years old," recalled Bruce. "We always did things as a family, like going to the beach or visiting the pool at the officer's club."

In the face of tragedy, Irene persevered, noted Bruce with pride.

"She believed that the meaning of life is not to be found in mere survival. Instead, life's purpose is to be found somewhere in the process of caring, sharing, and loving," said Bruce. "As a nurse and Navy widow, [Irene] touched many lives."

Irene passed away at 87 years of age, on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, leaving behind Bruce; his brother John; Bruce's wife Maresa; and, two grandchildren, Laura and John.

She also left behind a last request: to be buried at sea alongside her husband.

In a solemn Navy tradition, USS Annapolis (SSN 760) fulfilled Irene's wish.

As the Los Angeles Class, fast-attack submarine transited from its homeport in Groton, Conn., to a shipyard maintenance period in Kittery, Maine, Annapolis paused near the last known location of Thresher.

With engines and all unnecessary work stopped, lights dimmed to low-level, and the national ensign lowered to half-mast, Annapolis Executive Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Jared Severson, conducted a religious service and the committal of Irene's cremains. A gun salute and the playing of taps concluded the ceremony.

The chance to fulfill a Navy widow's wish, honor a Submariner who had made the ultimate sacrifice, and reflect on the loss of Thresher, was an important opportunity for the entire Annapolis crew, said the submarine's Commanding Officer Cmdr. Kurt Balagna.

"To reunite Cmdr. and Mrs. Harvey at sea was an honor," stated Balagna.

It was also somber, he said, as he thought about Thresher's loss due to a series of catastrophic events while conducting sea trials. After Annapolis' shipyard period, the submarine and crew will be conducting similar trials.

"My crew will be in a similar situation in two years when Annapolis conducts its own sea trials," noted Balagna. "The burial reminds us that submarining is a dangerous business and it's every Submariner's responsibility to remain vigilant and alert to ensure the safety of everyone aboard."

Such vigilance is the foundation of the Submarine Safety Program (SUBSAFE), instituted on Dec. 20, 1963, after the loss of Thresher, said Annapolis' Chief of the Boat, Master Chief Jason Avin.

"The men who lost their lives on USS Thresher paved the way for submarine force safety and process improvement," said Avin.

SUBSAFE provides maximum reasonable assurance that a U.S Navy submarine maintains watertight integrity and the ability to surface should a boat experience flooding.

"By doing things right every day and staying vigilant, we do our best to honor the Sailors who took Thresher on eternal patrol," assured Avin.


For Bruce Harvey, Annapolis has done more than that; Annapolis honored his father and mother by reuniting them on eternal patrol.

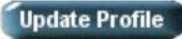
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## KEEPING YOUR USSVI INFORMATION UP TO DATE

Updating your information on the USSVI website is easy! And here's how to do it!

Go to <http://www.ussvi.org> and select the  button, and enter your Login Name and Password.

If you have not logged in before, click on 

Once you've logged in, click on this button 

You can now update your information as often as you like on any or all of the tabs shown below:



**UPDATING YOUR PROFILE:** instead of one huge page, your information is broken up into several TABS. Most entries should be self-explanatory. All fields have a "?" button next to them to give you tips or the rules for entering data into that field.

**SHIPS, SHORE DUTY, ASSOCIATION and WEBSITE tabs:** Changes you make on these tabs are not reported to your base and are immediately shown on many other websites for submarines or other submarine veteran related websites. You cannot delete or add other USSVI bases on the ASSOCIATION tab. Only a base membership chairperson or designee can make changes to base membership information.

**HOW TO ENTER DATA:** The most important thing to remember is that what you change here can seriously affect others being able to contact this member. So, when you change their mailing address or e-mail address, please be careful and review your changes before saving.

**CHANGES YOU MAKE TO YOUR DATA** are entered in the USSVI National Database which is used by the USSVI National Office. The information is maintained for internal use only. Please inform your base of changes to your phone number and email or mailing address so your base can continue to provide communication about news, activities and other necessary membership information.

**Please DO NOT use all CAPITAL or LOWER CASE letters.** Many people think it is OK to type everything using all CAPS or lower case while doing anything on the Internet. It makes things harder to read. Plus, if their information is printed from your record for an award or special recognition, it will look awkward. Enter the information like you were taught to write in school (1<sup>st</sup> letter capitalized and others in lower case).

**MAKE SURE YOU SAVE YOUR CHANGES** by using the button at the bottom on each tab page.



## SHIPMATES HELPING SHIPMATES

Use the button below to navigate to a tool available on the USSVI website, which was put together by USSVI shipmates to assist shipmates, shipmate's survivors and to help USSVI member's better order their own affairs to make life easier for their survivors.

While much of the information is geared to the retired military member, there is good information for members who are not military retirees as well.





## IMPORTANT TO SHARE WITH YOUR LOVED ONES !!

In the case of my death, please immediately notify the U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc., (USSVI) at 877-542-3483 or 360-337-2978 and give the person on duty the information regarding my death, funeral, and burial arrangements, plus who they can contact for follow-up and support.

Please ask them to contact my local chapter's Base Commander with this information as well (they can look it up in their membership records).

This information can alternatively be E-Mailed to the National Office at [office@ussvi.org](mailto:office@ussvi.org).

## AUX TANK #5 – ETERNAL PATROL INFORMATION

Visit the NC Subvets website to review the information posted there.

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From Shift Colors, The Newsletter for Navy Retirees: [Website](#)

[How to Report a Retiree's Death](#)

[Retiree Need-To-Know Info](#)

[What Survivors Should Know](#)

[Shipmates Helping Shipmates](#)

[In the Case of My Death](#)

[Who Will Receive Your Final Pay Check?](#)

[Burial at Sea Information](#)

## PLAN TO VISIT THE USS REQUIN IN PITTSBURGH



On a frigid New Year's Day morning in 1945, the nearly completed hull of the U.S. Navy's newest submarine, USS Requin, entered the water for the first time. As she readied for battle, the world was drastically changing. However, the Requin never actually entered battle. Her scheduled departure date was August 21, 1945. Fortunately World War II officially ended on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Today, the USS Requin Submarine serves a very different purpose, educating hundreds of thousands of visitors about life and science aboard a submarine from over 40 years ago. Preserved within her 312-foot-long hull is the technology of a bygone era. Fifty years after she was commissioned, the submarine is a far cry from the sleek nuclear-powered behemoths that now patrol our seas.

[Exhibit Website](#)

[Requin Home Page](#)

[A Cold War Sub](#)

[Requin on YouTube](#)



# *Submarine Veterans' Gulf Coast* *2015 Annual Christmas Party*



*Thursday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> --- Sunday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 2015*

***Holiday Inn Resort***

*(Eleventh year at this great Hotel)*

**11127 Front Beach Rd, Panama City Beach, FL 32407**

**1-850-234-1111 or 1-800-633-0266 (toll-free)**

**Rooms \$59.00 plus tax (10.57%)**

**Hospitality Room and Banquet \$45.00**

*(Hospitality Room includes Morning Coffee & Donuts, Free Libations & Assorted Snacks)*

***Hosted by John Duncan, Seawolf Base (narwhalssn@yahoo.com)***

***and Lamarr Seader, Drum Base (seaderl@bellsouth.net)***

***This is a Christmas Party – Gifts Optional (to receive a gift, you must bring a gift)***

*Everyone Bring a Present (around \$15) - Men bring a Guy's gift and Ladies bring a gal's gift*

**Banquet Christmas Party Saturday Night**

*Banquet will have a **Cash Bar** starting at 5 P.M. followed by Dinner and Party at 6:00 P.M.*

## **MENU – SANTA'S FAVORITE BUFFET**

*Garden Fresh Salad*

*Tender Roasted Tom Turkey with Giblet Gravy - Spiral Honey Glazed Ham*

*Country Style Sausage Cornbread Stuffing - Whipped Potatoes - Candied Yams*

*Green Bean Almandine - Fresh Whole Kernel Corn - Freshly Baked Rolls*

*Dessert Selections - Freshly Baked Pumpkin, Apple Pie or Cobbler - Iced Tea or Coffee*

**Memorial Service 11 A.M. Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Nightly Bar 50/50 Raffles (w/extra prizes) - 6 for \$5.00**

**Large Split the Pot 50/50 Saturday Night Raffle (w/extra prizes) - 6 for \$5.00**

*(This is not a profit maker - Any Residual Funds will go to a Submarine Related Project)*



Season's Greetings 2006

**Mail Reservations for Banquet and Hospitality Room to**

**Lamarr Seader - 3855 Windsor Castle Blvd, Milton FL 32583-5005**

**Make check payable to Submarine Christmas Party**

***Registrations received by Oct 31<sup>st</sup> in drawing for free hotel nights***

***Reservations have to be in hand NLT November 30<sup>th</sup> to guarantee your banquet seating***

**Only 140 seats are available for the banquet**

*(Refunds for Banquet after December 1st, 2015 cannot be guaranteed)*

*Problems or Questions? Contact Lamarr Seader @ 1-850-529-8366 or [seaderl@bellsouth.net](mailto:seaderl@bellsouth.net)*

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse /Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Tel)** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Chapter/Base** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Banquet & Hospitality Room:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Number for Hospitality Room Only (*Not Attending Banquet*):** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Night 50/50 Raffle (6 tickets for \$5) How Many:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Remitted:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_