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Fourth Quarter 2015

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Inputs are always welcome!

Formal requests for inputs are made at Tarheel Base meetings and sent out via email a couple of weeks prior to 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 - FOURTH QUARTER

OCTOBER

USS Seawolf (SS-197)

Lost on October 3, 1944 with the loss of 83 crew members and 17 U.S. Army personnel on her 15th war patrol when she was sunk just north of Moritai by USS Rowell, a Destroyer Escort (DE). In this tragic error, Rowell mistook Seawolf for a Japanese submarine that had just sunk another Destroyer. Seawolf ranks 7th for enemy ships sunk.



USS S-44 (SS-155)

Lost on October 7, 1943 with the loss of 56 men when it was sunk off Paramushiru, Kuriles. S-44 was on her 5th war patrol after attacking a target thought to be a merchant on the surface, S-44 found herself in a losing gun battle with a heavily armed Japanese destroyer. Two men were taken prisoner and survived the war.



USS Wahoo (SS-238)

Lost on October 11, 1943 with the loss of 80 men near La Perouse Strait. Under command of one of the great sub skippers of World War II, LCDR "Mush" Morton, Wahoo was on her 7th war patrol. Wahoo had won a Presidential Unit Citation and ranks 5th in the number of enemy ships sunk. She was sunk by combined air and surface attack.



USS Dorado (SS-248)

Lost on October 12, 1943 with the loss of 77 men when she was sunk in the western Atlantic near Cuba. Newly commissioned, she had departed New London and was en route to Panama. She may have been sunk by a U.S. patrol plane that received faulty instructions regarding bombing restriction areas.



USS Escolar (SS-294)

Lost on or after October 17, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. She was on her 1st war patrol and was lost to a mine in the Yellow Sea.



USS Shark II (SS-314)

Lost on October 24, 1944 with the loss of 87 men when she was sunk in the Luzon Strait near Hainan. The second boat to carry this name during World War II, she was on her 3rd war patrol. Shark was sunk by escorts after attacking and sinking a lone freighter. Compounding the tragedy, it turned out that the freighter had 1800 U.S. POWs on board.



USS Darter (SS-227)

Lost on October 24, 1944 while on her 4th war patrol when she became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan and was then destroyed to prevent her falling into enemy hands intact. The entire crew was rescued by USS Dace. Winner of one Navy Unit Commendation, Darter had sunk a heavy cruiser and damaged another and went aground while attempting an "end around" on an enemy formation in hopes of getting in an attack on a battleship.



USS Tang (SS-306)

Lost on October 25, 1944 with the loss of 78 men in the Formosa Strait while on her 5th war patrol. Tang ranks 2nd in the number of ships sunk and 4th in tonnage, and had won two Presidential Unit Citations. During a daring night surface attack, Tang was lost to a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. Nine of the crew were taken prisoner, including CDR. O'Kane and five who had gained the surface from her final resting place 180 feet below. All survived the war, and CDR O'Kane was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



USS O-5 (SS-66)

Lost on October 29, 1923 with the loss of 3 men when rammed and sunk by SS Ababgarez off the Panama Canal. Torpedoman's Mate 2d Class (SS) Henry Berault received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions.



LOST SUBMARINES - FOURTH QUARTER (cont.)

NOVEMBER

USS Albacore (SS-218)

Lost on November 7, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her 11th war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.



USS Growler (SS-215)

Lost on November 8, 1944 with the loss of 86 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 11th war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy as a result of a depth charge attack.



USS Corvina (SS-226)

Lost on November 16, 1943 with the loss of 82 men on her 1st war patrol when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was lost to the torpedoes from a Japanese submarine.



USS Scamp (SS-277)

Lost on November 16, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay on her 8th war patrol. She may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate her and destroy her with depth charges.



USS Sculpin (SS-191)

Lost on November 19, 1943 with the loss of 43 men near Truk on her 9th war patrol. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. 41 men were taken prisoner; only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT Cromwell, aboard as a potential wolf pack commander, he rode the Sculpin down, and fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



DECEMBER

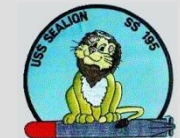
USS Capelin (SS-289)

Lost on or in the days prior to December 3, 1943 with the loss of 76 men on her 2nd war patrol, but her exact location in the Celebes Sea and cause of loss remain a mystery. She may have been lost to mines or an operational casualty.



USS Sealion (SS-195)

Lost on December 10, 1941 with the loss of 4 men. To prevent her from falling into enemy hands, she was scuttled in Manila Bay after incurring severe bomb damage during the initial Japanese attack.



USS F-1 / Carp (SS-20)

Lost on December 17, 1917 with the loss of 19 men when it was sunk after collision with the USS F-3 (Pickerell) (SS-22) off San Clemente, CA. 5 men survived the collision.



USS S-4 (SS-109)

Lost on December 17, 1927 with the loss of 40 and men when it was sunk after being rammed by USCG Paulding off Cape Cod near Provincetown, MA. Salvaged in 1928 and recommissioned.



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

USSVI MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

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

Dues Paid Prior to December 31, 2015

NATIONAL DUES:

- N/A for Life Members
- 5 Years = \$90
- 3 Years = \$55
- 1 Year (Jan-Sept) = \$20
- 1 Year (Oct-Dec) = \$25, which adds 4th quarter dues of \$5 plus the next year's dues of \$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

BASE DUES (Separate from National / Life)

- Set by each Base!

Dues Paid After December 31, 2015

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- 3 Years = \$70
- 1 Year (Jan-Sept) = \$25
- 1 Year (Oct-Dec) = \$30, which adds 4th quarter dues of \$5 plus the next year's dues of \$25

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BASE DUES (Separate from National / Life)

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TARHEEL BASE ANNUAL DUES: \$15 per year (you can pay in advance for up to 5 years if you choose)

Each Tarheel Base member was recently sent a notice about their individual dues status, if not paid for 2016.

Please send a check payable to USSVI Tarheel Base to the Tarheel Base Treasurer:

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NOTE: Contact information for each USSVI Base Treasurer in North Carolina is listed in this newsletter

USSVI 2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION

2015 Award Recipients

Robert Link, Individual

Paul Hiser - Tarheel Base

William Lowe - Tarheel Base

James Schenk - Nathaniel Greene Base

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Class III – Carolina-Piedmont Base

Newsletter of the Year

Class II Winner - Tarheel Base "*All Clear*"

Class III Winner - Coastal Carolina Base "*The Below Decks Watch*"

Class III First Runner Up – Carolina-Piedmont Base "*Piedmont Periscope*"

Robert Link, Base

USS Asheville Base

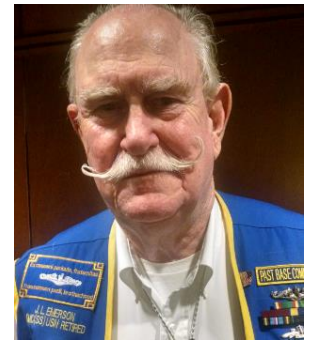
Meritorious, Base

Carolina-Piedmont Base

Congrats!

TARHEEL BASE

This is my last article as Tarheel Base Commander. Therefore, I would like to offer my review of the North Carolina Submarine Veterans evolution. I rejoined USSVI and the Tarheel Base in 2000, the Tarheel Base had already been in existence since 1997 and had about 100 members. In conjunction with the WWII Submarine Veterans, the base would hold quarterly meetings in different parts of the state, a barbeque in Rocky Mount, a regional in Elizabeth City, a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner near Greensboro. Marching in parades with Subvets being driven to the parade in the haze gray and underway submarine bus donated and operated by one of the Tarheel Base founders. With determination and insight a mock up submarine was acquired and used in the various parades. Through the efforts of members recruiting other submariners the Tarheel Base was growing and started to hold meeting in Cary. Someone in the base found or was informed about a memorial on Moonshine Mountain in western North Carolina and the base started to hold yearly memorial services and meeting in Burnsville NC. Again through determination and perseverance, the memorial was able to be legally preserved and became a responsibility of the NC Subvets. With much determination by members of the base, a MK 14 torpedo was acquired, preserved and mounted on a trailer and became the Torpedo Float. Some members attended the Hunley internment services in Charleston, SC. A group from the Tarheel Base split off and formed the Carolina Piedmont Base in 2007. Several members of both bases attended the Alaskan Cruise for the 2007 National Convention. NC Subvets continued to grow as the Coastal Carolina Base in Wilmington and the Albemarle Sound base in Elizabeth City formed.



Jerry Emerson
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

The North Carolina Subvets developed a stone memorial monument, carved, shipped and installed it in Battleship Park in Wilmington, NC in memory of the lost submarine S-28. Many Subvets and thousands of people attended the commissioning of the USS North Carolina (SSN 777) in Wilmington, NC. The Nathanael Green Base formed in 2010 and the USS Asheville Base formed in 2012. I have not named the dedicated people that thought of, organized, prepared and followed these events, ideas and projects to their completion, you know who you are and the rest of the North Carolina Subvets should. My apologies for missing the many events, projects and dedicated individuals who over the last 15 years have contributed to the growth and continued evolution of the North Carolina Subvets. The NC Subvets have evolved from one USSVI base and one WWII chapter to USSVI six bases. Membership has increased from about 100 to over 400. I urge you all to continue to wear on your person or on your vehicle something that indicates that you are a Submariner.

Next Meetings:

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner on Saturday,
05 December 2015 and then ...

Saturday, 06 February 2016 at 10:00 AM at
American Legion Post 67, 8523 Chapel Hill Road
(NC Hwy 54), Cary, NC

[Map and Directions](#)

For more information, visit our

[Tarheel Base Web Page](#)

All base meeting minutes are posted at

[Tarheel Base Meeting Minutes](#)

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ELECTION OF TARHEEL BASE OFFICERS FOR 2016

With 48 ballots (36%) received, and voting now closed, congratulations to the newly elected Tarheel Base Officers!

Base Commander: David Campbell
Vice Commander: Jim Davis

Base Secretary: William Lowe
Base Treasurer: Tom McFadden

ALL CLEAR IS A WINNER ... AGAIN!



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2015

Presented to the Class Two Winner

ALL CLEAR TARHEEL BASE

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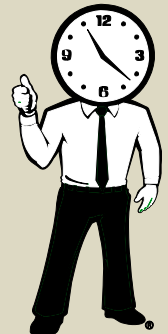
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NATHANAEL GREENE BASE

The Nathanael Greene Base elections for Base officers will be announced at the November 14 meeting. Nathanael Greene Base is supporting the Boat Sponsorship National Program by supporting the USS North Carolina (SSN777).

We have participated in Kaps for Kids events at Camps Hanes and Weaver. Also went to Thomasville Children's Home for a visit with these kids.

One of our new members has come to us from the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal Association and we continue to support them. Dale Patterson bought and delivered needed items to VHVH with funds voting for by our members. Joshua's Angels President (Tammy Hazelwood) has had a 20 acre field donated for hay from now on. The hay was baled recently and around 400 bales were formed and she was able to sell a few bales to make money for the Joshua's Angels.

Remember we will be in the Asheboro Parade on November 11 and our annual Pearle Harbor Dinner is on Dec 5, all info is in the *All Clear* at www.ncsubvets.org.

I would like to insert a personnel note, 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.

This will be my last input for the *All Clear*. Having previously served as the editor of the *All Clear*, taking over for the WWII editors Shorty and Dauline, and then Patch taking over for me, this newsletter is the best of the best. Great work Patch, Bravo Zulu.

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

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*Here's wishing you and yours
a most glorious holiday season!*



Merry Christmas

CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE



USSVI Carolina Piedmont
Base Commander

The past few months, our Carolina-Piedmont Base has been extremely busy. We presented four Eagle Scout Awards. Charlie Cross, Jack Jefferies, Walt Sealy and I (Rick Petitt) have all participated in the presentations. Last month, we visited Victory Junction for their fall event. They had everything set up like a mystery adventure for the children. Myself, Jack Jefferies, Marvin Beaver and Zeke Rybczyk passed out Kaps (Kaps4Kids) and Honorary Submariner Certificates to the kids and their families. It was very rewarding and humbling to bring a smile to these sick children's lives. Last month, we had our annual meeting at the Jeffries' ranch out in the country. The rain didn't deter us. The local Cowboy Church was gracious enough to allow us to have our dinner at their facility. We also had a Submarine Education class and a couple of Flag Etiquette classes at some of the local high schools. We have done 2 'Bilge Rat' productions this fall at some of our local Assisted Living homes. The amount of talent we have doing these performances is unbelievable. Really unbelievable. We are very lucky to have a lot of members so active in our community. Fall is always busy with lots of activities all the time. As I write this article, we have about 10 of our members returning from our Carolina Piedmont Carnival Cruise trip. I'm sure they all enjoyed the trip. We'll find out next month.

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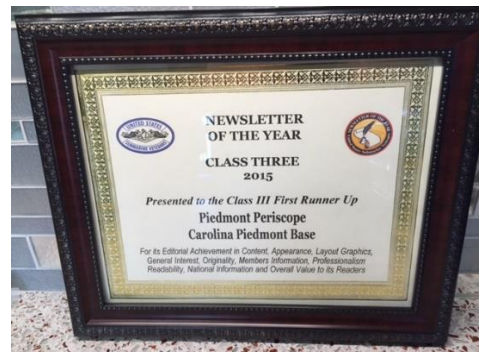
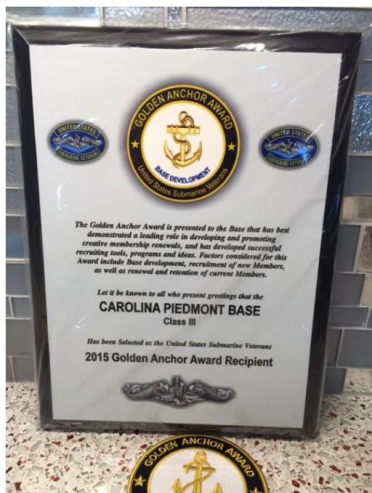
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PICTURES OF 2015 NATIONAL AWARDS FOR OUR BASE



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

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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 USSVI Bylaws Edited 092015.pdf link to view the bylaws
6. Or you can click on the links provided to the right

[USSVI Constitution](#)

[USSVI Bylaws](#)

Did you know? The USSVI Bylaws were edited in September 2015: The latest version of the USSVI Bylaws was edited by the Parliamentarian and committee and then approved by The Board at the Pre-ABM meeting in September in Pittsburgh. There were no intent changes, only grammatical and structure changes.

USS ASHEVILLE BASE AND NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER



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

Moonshine Mountain has a NEW OWNER, nothing has changed and they are happy to do whatever we need to ensure its success in the future. On Saturday, Oct 24th, members of the base and members of the Asheville Sea Cadets mustered for a work detail for preservation and clean-up. During the day, it was noticed that a small area on the top rock wall needs some cement work and it was thought that putting in a leach line in the back of the wall might help drain the water that keeps overflowing the top wall by directing it to the drain and driveway.

Lastly, I would like to report that I have contacted the local and state agencies (Yancey County Manager and NC State Historic Preservation Office) so they can look at the Lost Boat Memorial (Moonshine Mt.), the Army Corp. of Engineers can only take request from a local or state agency for any kind of assistance. It will take some time before I receive any information.

From all the members of the USS Asheville Base, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

On Monday, August 17th, Joe Schmidt swore his daughter, Miranda into the Navy at the Veterans' Memorial in Asheville. She is currently enrolled in a scholarship program at Lincoln Memorial University's Physicians' Assistant Program.

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.



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

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SED1 DISTRICT COMMANDER

Shipmates

Recently, I assumed the elected position of SE District 1 Commander. I would like to thank Steve Bell, for all his assistance in the turnover process and hope I can match the footprint of performance he left as the outgoing commander.

USSVI has a history of my service in the Navy and USSVI. But if you'll bear with me, I will try to summarize it in a narrative that will hopefully give you a sense of what formed my life professionally and personally.

I was raised in Southern California, in the San Fernando Valley to be precise. I went to public school until the 8th grade, when I entered the Catholic School system, and graduated from Crespi Carmelite High School, an all-boys Catholic High in 1963. It had no female teachers, just priest, brothers and layman. We were the first freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Our class name was The Animals. 82 of the 120 who started with the class, graduated. To give you an idea what we strived to become like; our inspiration was Father Gilbert O'Carroll, who came to us from a tour as Chaplain at Joliet State Prison, Illinois. He was also in the 3rd wave to hit the beaches of Okinawa as a military Chaplain during WWII. As members of our football team, we would attend "Devil Pups" training for two weeks at Pendleton Marine Corp Base in the summer. So a military profession was not far from most of that first class.

After two years of college at Cal State University, Northridge, CA, I enlisted in the Navy in 1969. I was a surfer, skin diver, spear fisherman, and wanted to join the new Navy unit the SEALs, but they, at that time, did not take direct inputs, or so the detailer told me. High GCT ARI scores ended up with my going into nuclear power and submarines. After recruit training San Diego May 1965, I attended MMA School Great Lakes, then went to a tender awaiting a Nuclear Power School date. Attended Nuclear Power School Mare Island 1965 and then Prototype at the National Reactor Testing Station Idaho Falls. Retained for staff instructor for two years. AC&R School, then to USS GUARDFISH SSN-612 going into overhaul at Ingalls S/Y Pascagoula MS. After return to Pearl Harbor in 1971, the boat went through workup for deployment to WestPac. During the work up I took the test for CPO, Officers Battery and the Warrant Officer program. During deployment in June of 1972 I was commissioned a warrant officer moving from breakfast in the crews mess to lunch in the wardroom. Qualified as Diving Officer of the Watch and after return to port in Guam was sent to Washington DC for the Rickover interview, where I was accepted and given orders back to the boats. Did two TAD Tours, on HADDOCK SSN-621 and TAUTOG SSN-639 to help the boats pass their ORSE Board inspections. Reported to USS ASPRO SSN-648 where I became the A-Div Officer and took the boat for another overhaul tour for me in Pascagoula MS. Upon return to Pearl I was the Sonar / FC Officer for the return trip and work up for WestPac, but was transferred off before deployment to the USS TRINGA ASR-16 as Chief Engineer.

As TRINGA's chief engineer, we performed an 80% operation tempo, and deployed to the North Atlantic as the support and tow ship for the first TS SCI deployment of the NR-1. We did two TS Operations and one UNCLASS operation to take Bob "I found the Titanic" Ballard up to Iceland to look at thermal vents and tube worms. I decommissioned the TRINGA as XO, transferring to Portsmouth NSY Kittery ME. Spent five years as a Senior Ship Superintendent for submarine overhauls, I had USS SAM RAYBURN, USS TECUMSEH, and USS TULLIBEE, with the TULLIBEE's refueling overhaul lasting for over three years.

Was then sent to Holy Loch to the USS HUNLEY AS-31 as the Production Officer, two years later was transferred to TTF Bangor as the Engineering Department Training Director. After nine months was selected for Command and transferred to San Diego and command of the USS SAN ONOFRE ARD-30. Next tour was as Squadron Engineer for Submarine Development Group One San Diego. After three years was ordered back to Washington DC to be the Submarine Directorate PERS 42, as Branch Head for LDO/WO detailing and major command placement officer. After 18 months was transferred to a highly classified billet on the CNO Staff, retiring in October 1993.

After retirement worked as a senior engineering analyst for Coleman Research Corporation supporting operations at the FERNALD Uranium Fuel processing plant in Cincinnati OH and its clean up and remediation as a superfund site. A year later was hired by Lockheed Martin to write the Safety Analysis Report and develop the Configuration Management Program for the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion uranium enrichment plant Paducah KY and support the plant's shift to regulatory oversight by the NRC and privatization. After 14 years at PGDP I finally retired and moved to Raleigh NC to be near children and grandchildren.



David Campbell
USSVI SED1 Commander

SED1 DISTRICT COMMANDER (Cont.)

Qualifications and Industry Certifications

- Submarine and Surface Warfare Officer
- Diesel Engineer Marine
- Supervision and Operation of Submarine and Surface Ship Nuclear Power Plants
- Command at Sea
- Quality Assurance Officer and Government Inspector
- Floating Drydock Dock Master (NAVSEA)
- OTC for Manned and Un-manned Deep Submergence Operations
- Configuration Management Professional CMII (Univ. of Arizona and Leeds Univ. GB)
- Project Management Professional CMI
- Six Sigma Green Belt

I've have been married for 45 years to the former April Cobb of Norwich CT, have 4 children and 10 grandchildren. My son, Jonathan went into the family business, enlisting the Navy and following me into the Submarines. He has served on KENTUCKY GOLD SSBN-626, and SCRANTON SSN-759. I have been involved in the community as; a Scout Master 7 years, Parish Council member, Parish Financial Committee member, Parish & School Development Chairman, Special Minister of the Eucharist to the Sick and Homebound, as well as helped build three Habitat for Humanity Homes, and in my spare time I manage a Little League team for two years whose record was 2 and 28. Today as a retiree, I golf three times a week, do wood working projects, hiking, will take up surf fishing again after 40 years, and of course I have the ever popular Honey-do List that just seems to get bigger to procrastinate on.

In 2009 in accepted a breakfast invitation from the TARHEEL BASE with the hopes of maybe meeting some old shipmates. I decided to join with that same anticipation-for the camaraderie. My involvement has moved from there when asked to be base treasurer and then vice commander and now district commander. With Steve's help and all of you, the rest of the district members, I hope I can help improve the organization while making it fun to be involved. I hope to meet many of you in the near future when I visit each base. GREEN BOARD, and may God bless and keep you all and your families.

FROM YOUR REGION DIRECTOR

Bits & Pieces: The results of the 2015 National Awards for the NC SubVets and the SE Region showed we really do excel. SED1 garnered 20% of the awards, while the SE Region garnered over 65%! To me, this is reason to be proud, especially for the winners. It also shows a concerted effort of the members who made the effort to nominate the candidates. It is really a milestone to again see our *All Clear* as a winner! Patch, THANK YOU for the fantastic job!

On this same subject, the winners are just that. Also those behind the scenes, the Base Officers along with the shakers and doers warrant your notes of appreciation for all they do. The storekeeper, the raffle man, the librarian and the membership chair: Think how dull our meetings would be, if they even continued, without these volunteers. Do yourself a favor and offer YOUR THANKS for all who continue to serve us!

USSVI: The 2016 USSVI Scholarship program is up and on our website. It is NOT too early to make headway on completing the application. The cut-off date is 15 April. This is money from OUR Charitable Foundation, which is from members and donors investments in our kinfolks (sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters, nieces and nephews) education.

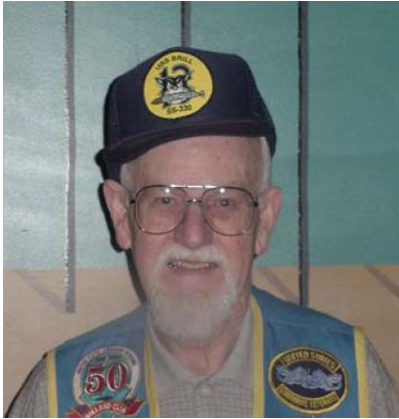
DUES: Yes, National Dues goes to \$25 starting 1 Jan. Want to beat it? SIMPLE: pay now and have it into National by 15 Dec. Want to help hold costs? Simple: Opt out of a snail mail copy of American Submariner and get it electronically.

Officers: As you know, Dave Campbell is our new District CDR. If, as exemplified by his presentation in Pittsburgh; we have a real winner and go-getter. The transfer of the DC position was probably the most detailed and formal I've been attuned to since being a member. Steve Bell did us all a GREAT service during his tenure. Thanks, STEVE!

It is NOT too early to be thinking of 2016 National Elections. Up this year will be the 4 National officers and the 4 Region Directors (that includes me). Bear in mind, the job has no salary, requires a good understanding of our Bylaws and Policies and Procedures, as well as a set of broad shoulders and a kind heart to accommodate the membership. The satisfaction comes in ensuring our shipmates are accommodated and assisted. In my case, getting justified awards submitted in an above reproach manner, answering any ??? thrown my way, and serving on the Scholarship Selection committee are my pay!

Yours in Service,
Dick

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain Bill Whelan
USSVI Tarheel Base

SUBMARINERS ARE BROTHERS REGARDLESS OF THEIR FLAG

Stuffed into my Bible is a worn copy of the order of worship from the National Convention of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II, held in Phoenix, AZ, some 15 years ago. I hang on to that scrap of paper because of a single sentence that it contains: "We ask that you join all submarine veterans of the world, from all nations, and of all religions in a prayer for the souls of the Russian submarine KURSK, and for their families and friends."

That sentence reflects my personal belief that in very few places is the brotherhood of man more evident than in the submarine service, regardless of the flag under which they serve.

I was reminded of that belief when I chanced across the book, "A Measureless Peril" by Richard Snow. It contains an eloquent reinforcement of that belief based on the memoirs of Karl Doenitz, a name that should be familiar to most of you. A German, a submariner's submariner, his career extended through both World Wars, and culminated in his becoming Hitler's successor and Supreme Commander of the German Armed Forces.

Read the following excerpt from Snow's book and see if you don't agree that the description doesn't fit any submariner, regardless of his flag.

"I had been fascinated by that unique characteristic of the submarine service, which requires a submariner to stand on his own feet and sets him a task in the great spaces of the oceans, the fulfillment of which demands a stout heart and ready skill; I was fascinated by that unique spirit of comradeship engendered by destiny and hardship shared in the community of a submarine's crew, where every man's well-being was in the hands of all and where every single man was an indispensable part of the whole. Every submariner, I am sure, has experienced in his heart the glow of the open sea and the task entrusted to him, has felt himself to be as rich as a king, and would change places with no other man."

Bless submariners the world over!

Chaplain Bill
Tarheel Base, USSVI

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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jack Anulies	Hershel Davis	David Holm	Andrew Miller	C.W. Senn
Jim Balderas	Barbara Dixon	Eddie Howze	Don Moyer	George Shepard
Ken Boyer	Ricky Donahhue	Ted Hurley	Howard Murray	Charles Stevenson
Kris Bridges	Joseph Finotti	Raymond Kilduff	Paul Myers	Perry Taylor
George Cataldo	Nelson Gainey, Jr	Shorty Lebonville	Dan Newcomer	Pete Thompson
Joe Clark	Kerry Gentry	Tom McFadden	James Russell	Tony Valovich
Paul Crossland	Larry Hauser			

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Andy Andrews	Butterbean Dixon	Jerome Hoffart, Jr.	Dominic Pacilli	Mark Thesier
Robert Baker	Tim Dolan	Scott Hughes	David Peck, Jr.	Jeremy Thomas
Marvin Beaver	Edward Dunton	Tom Hulme	William Robinson	Carl Walker
Tom Carr	Hal Exum	Gregory Liss	Mike Ryan	John Wallace
Brian Craig	Ray Hagwood, Jr.	Bill Lowe	Bob Schilke	John Weaver
Charles Cross	Ron Hatley	Doug Mays	Winborne Springs	Raymond Zieverink
George Depta	Greg Hice	David Nelson		

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

James Anderson	Bruce Fensley	Dallas Jarrell	Jeff Nieberding	Bill Schneider
Michael Arcaro	Ray Fritz	Richard Kreh, Sr.	Alvin Powell	Mark Siewert
Charles Breese	James Hanks	Gary Lew	Joe Pulawski	Glen Snyder
Ron Busila	Robert Heim	Edward Lloyd	Frank Reno	Tom VandenHeuvel
Robert Capra	Bobby Hepler	John McHugh	John Robbins	Mike Ward
Greg Claypool	Paul Hiser	Ernest Morgan	Jerry Rowe	O. Fenton Wells
Charles Dorman	Doc Hopkins	Everett Morgan		

NIGHT OF THANKSGIVING

T'was the night of Thanksgiving, but I just couldn't sleep.
 I tried counting backwards, tried counting sheep.
 The leftovers beckoned - the dark meat and white.
 But I fought the temptation with all my might.
 Tossing and turning with anticipation.
 The thought of a snack became infatuation.
 So I raced to the kitchen, flung open the door,
 And gazed at the fridge full of goodies galore.
 I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,
 Pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes,
 I felt myself swelling, so plump and so round.
 Till all of a sudden, I rose off the ground.
 I crashed through the ceiling, floating to the sky,
 With a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie.
 But I managed to yell as I soared past the trees,
 Happy eating to all; Pass the cranberries, Please!
 May your stuffing be tasty, may your turkey be plump,
 May your potatoes n' gravy have nary a lump.
 May your yams be delicious, may your pies take the prize.
 May your Thanksgiving dinner stay off your thighs!

Happy Thanksgiving!
 John Rupertus
 Nathanael Greene Base

USSVI NEWS

USSVI News articles are sent to your base's Point of Contact (POC) for email distribution and are available on the USSVI website using this buttons:

SubVet News

Flash Traffic

Veteran News

Charitable Fund

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

NEWS-01: USSVCF Scholarship Committee now accepting Application request for 2016 - 2017 College School year
Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 10/15/2015

Announcement:

The USSVCF Scholarship Committee is now accepting Application request for the 2016 - 2017 College School year. It will also be on the web page under "Charitable Fund" on left hand side in "Blue" Click on that and then follow "scholarship" To "Application" that should bring you to the 2016 scholarship package with three down loads. If you have any problems please call me and I will get you an application either by mail or down loading.

Paul Orstad
NSC
hogan343@aol.com
860-334-6457

FLASH-01: Boy Scouts of America logo use issues! This is an important notice!
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 10/21/2015

Due to a ruling by the Boy Scouts of America Licensing Department, USSVI cannot issue any certificates or patches that contain a representation of any Boys Scouts Badge or Patch. This means we need to redesign our Eagle Scout Certificate as well as the Sea Scout Quartermaster Certificate and the associated patches.

Don't use any certificates or patches you may have hand and destroy them so they cannot be used in the future by error.

We are in process of creating new program documentation, patches, and certificates and we will inform the membership via POC when they are available. A temporary certificate will be available shortly.

David Farran
USSVI Scouting Program Chair

NEWS-01: Temporary Eagle Scout Certificate on the website
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 10/27/2015

Shipmates,

There is a Temporary Eagle Scout Certificate up on the USSVI website as a WORD.Doc that you can fill in and modify for your Base. A new certificate that does not have any Boy Scout logos on it plus a new patch are in the design stages. The new certificate is under Awards/programs. Click the green Awards button, then click on the blue Programs button and the temporary certificate is at the top of the page.

Pride Runs Deep,
Al Singleman, Jr. NC

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-01: Base Name Changes.

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 10/27/2015

Shipmates,

You CANNOT change your Base Name while we are on the old/present data base. Your Base Name is officially what you see when you look for your Base on the present USSVI website. Why? First because your Base Name is embedded in too many files in the present data base and we are not doing any changes to this data base at this time while we are working on the new system. Second some years ago the Board voted not to do name changes for the above reason and the present Base Development Handbook states in the DC checkoff sheet that you cannot change your Base name in the future and this is still valid. With the new data Base we "MAY" be able to do Base Name Changes. I know a lot of Bases have been around for many years and their present name does not fit the Base. We are trying to take this into consideration in the new data base rewrite. Please be patient as we are trying to get this right the first time and still meet all your concerns.

Pride Runs Deep,
Al Singleman, Jr. NC

NEWS-01: Looking for Social media Specialist!

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 10/28/2015

Shipmates,

I am looking for a member to volunteer to become the USSVI Social Media Specialist/Manger. USSVI has to increase its Social Media availability and presence. I need someone with experience setting up Facebook, Tweeter and other social media sites for USSVI National, USSVI Bases, USSVI Districts and Regions. You would need to make a how to manual for setting up these sites, plus give advice on security issues and other pitfalls involved in social media usage. You would make a Standard USSVI naming convention for these sites and oversee the Social Media Program for USSVI. You would be advisor to the USSVI Board of Director on all Social Media issues and keep track of new ways to increase our presence on Social Media. If you think you are this person please send me an E-mail at al@ssbn657.com or call me at 518-355-2119.

Thank you,
Al Singleman, Jr. NC

NEWS-01: 2016 Proposed Amendments to the C&Bs

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 11/5/2015

Shipmates,

2016 is an election year and any member in good standing may submit proposed amendments to amend the Constitution and Bylaws by forwarding the proposed amendments to the Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee on or by March 1st, 2016.

The Constitution and Bylaws Chairman is Skip Turnbull, sub351@aol.com

Pride Runs Deep,
Al Singleman, Jr. NC



USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-01: First Call for 2016 National Officer Nominations for Elections!

Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 11/5/2015

Shipmates,

2016 is an election year and the following National Officer positions are available:

1. National Commander- Nominees for National Commander must have completed at least two years as a voting member of the Board of Directors by the time they take office as National Commander.
2. National Senior Vice Commander- Nominees for Senior Vice-Commander must have completed at least two years as a Member of the Board of Directors, and must certify that they have or will develop a working familiarity of the USSVI bookkeeping software.
3. National Junior Vice Commander - Nominees for Junior Vice-Commander must have completed at least two years as a Member of the Board of Directors.
4. National Treasurer – Must be a Regular member in good standing and Nominees for National Treasurer must have some experience in bookkeeping, certify that they have, or will develop a working knowledge of the USSVI approved bookkeeping software, use the USSVI approved software as part of his/her duties as National Treasurer, and cannot change to another software package without the Board of Director's approval.
5. National Secretary- Must be a Regular member in good standing.
6. Regional Director- Must be a member in good standing of a Base within the Region.

Note: All nominations must be sent to the Nominations Committee Chairman on or before March 1st, 2016. The nomination is accompanied by a letter from the Nominee indicating his willingness to accept the nomination and willingness to serve if elected.

The Nomination Letter includes details of the nominee's qualifications in less than one hundred (100) words.

The 2016 Nominations Committee Chairman is IPNC Michael Bircumshaw. Email: eboardussvi@yahoo.com

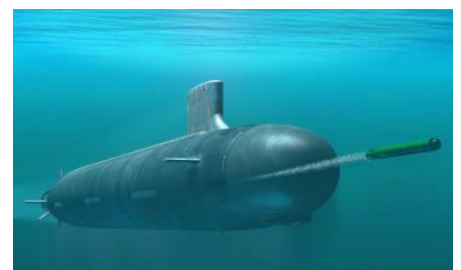
PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2015 EVENT SCHEDULE		
DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION
November 11 th	Wednesday	Veterans Day Parade in Asheboro
November 21 st	Saturday	Christmas Parade in Asheville
December 5 th	Saturday	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner in Raleigh

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/)

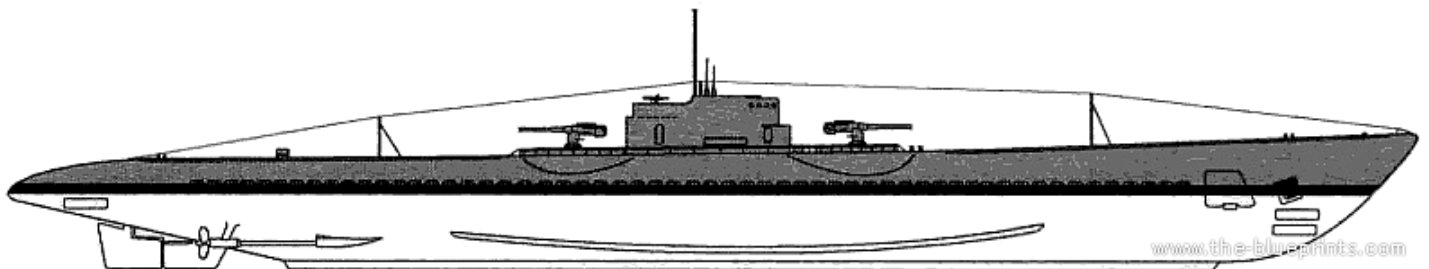


NOTES FROM KINGS BAY 2015

This year, none of our WWII Subvets were able to attend the annual WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial Service. However, there were 15 NC Subvets in attendance, representing 3 of our 6 USSVI bases in North Carolina; Carolina-Piedmont, Nathanael Greene, and USS Asheville Bases.

The guest speaker was Vice Admiral "Big Al" Konetzni.

This is the official photograph of the 24 WWII Subvets who attended along with "Big Al". The additional WWII veteran in the picture, wearing a red ball cap, is a marine who was Admiral Nimitz's personnel bodyguard throughout WWII.



ANOTHER CHANCE FOR HISTORIC SUB

Charleston Post and Courier, Aug 31

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150831/PC1002/150839933/1022/another-chance-for-historic-sub>

The historic submarine Clamagore, once slated to be towed from Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum and sunk off the coast of Florida, has been given a reprieve. Those who support keeping the Cold War-era submarine at the museum should seize the unexpected opportunity to rescue the vessel.

The Clamagore, one of three large vessels on display at the state museum in Mount Pleasant, was to have been taken off Florida's shore and sunk as a diving attraction. But funding for the proposal fell through in Florida, and the Clamagore remains at its berth near the aircraft carrier Yorktown.

While the aircraft carrier Yorktown is the central exhibit of Patriots Point, the Clamagore ranks second in popularity, according to a 2011 review of the museum by the Legislative Audit Council.

The World War II destroyer Laffey ranks third. The Laffey almost sank at its mooring seven years ago, and was saved only by an emergency \$11 million loan from the state Bond Review Committee. That was fortuitous for the Laffey, known as the "Ship that Wouldn't Die." But it eliminated similar consideration for the Clamagore, which needs \$6 million in repairs, according to the latest estimate from Patriots Point.

There has been a turnaround at the museum, both in an improved bottom line and in plans to use a portion of the museum property for resort development, and another nearby site as the Medal of Honor Museum.

But the Patriots Point board hasn't changed its mind about getting rid of the Clamagore. Patriots Point director Mac Burdette says the options include donating the ship to another museum, sinking it offshore as a reef and scrapping it.

"We're not going to be able to keep the submarine," he said. Patriots Point officials are concerned that the sub could be swamped during a hurricane and sink at its berth.

Meanwhile, museum officials have added to the attractions by bolstering its Vietnam War exhibit, which now includes one of the few surviving river patrol boats from that conflict.

Certainly, the Vietnam War deserves to be recognized at the museum, as a defining historical period affecting many veterans and their families. Meanwhile, World War II is becoming more and more a memory as the number of veterans declines daily.

The Clamagore's years of service span three wars — WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. It was built during World War II and was decommissioned in 1975. It serves as a fitting memorial to the Navy's submarine service during the Cold War between Western democracies and the Soviet Union and its satellite states.

The Cold War was a defining period of international tension and nuclear peril, and the Clamagore offers a unique example of the rugged conditions under which some submariners served.

Turning it into a reef would cost Patriots Point an estimated \$2 million. That could serve as a down payment for its restoration.

The Clamagore deserves any consideration it can get from the Patriots Point board, veterans groups and the state, for a plan that will restore the vessel and keep it at the naval museum.

Don't give up the ship.

SUBMAWEINERS



THE SUB NET

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

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T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS - SUBMARINE STYLE

By Sean Keck, Base Secretary of Lockwood Internet Base

T'was the night before Christmas, and what no one could see,
The men with the dolphins were under the sea.
Most of the crew was flat on their backs,
Snoring and dreaming all snug in their racks.

Those men on watch were making their rounds,
Some manning the planes or listening for sounds.
Back in Maneuvering or down in the room,
They all hoped the oncoming watch would come soon.

I'd finished some PMs whose time was now due,
And hoped for some sleep, even an hour or two.
Against better judgment I took a short stroll,
And found myself wandering into control.

The Nav had the conn, the COW was in place,
The COB had the dive and a scowl on his face.
The helm and the planes were relaxed but aware,
The QM and ET were discussing a dare.

To comply with the orders the Nav told the dive,
To bring the boat up with minimum rise.
The orders were given and soon they were there,
At periscope depth with a scope in the air.

The QM confirmed our position with care,
The broadcast was copied, we brought in some air.
The Nav on the scope let out a small cry,
He shook his head twice and rubbed at his eyes.

He looked once again to find what it was,
That interrupted his sweep and caused him to pause.
Try as he might there was nothing to see,
So down went the scope and us to the deep.

I asked what it was that caused his dismay,
He sheepishly said, "I'm embarrassed to say."
It could have been northern lights or a cloud,
Or a meteorite he wondered aloud.

But to tell you the truth I guess I must say,
Whatever it was it looked like a sleigh.
And though it passed quickly and never was clear,
I almost believe it was pulled by reindeer.

We laughed and teased him and I got up to go,
When our moment was broken by "Conn, Radio."
They told us a message was just coming in,
We looked at the depth gauge and started to grin.

"Radio, Conn, I feel safe to say,
Your attempt at a joke is too long delayed.
If it had been sooner it might have been neat,
But I doubt we're receiving at four-hundred feet."

"Conn, Radio, you can come down and see,
We're not playing games to any degree."
I headed aft with nothing better to do,
Surprised by the fact it was still coming through.

It stopped and was sent to control to be read,
The Nav read it slowly and scratched at his head.
Then again he began but this time aloud,
To those that now waited, a curious crowd.

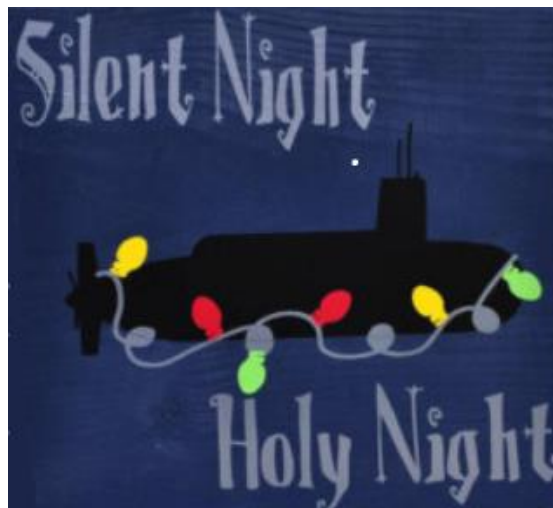
"To you Denizens of the Deep and men of the sea,
Who risk your life daily so others stay free.
I rarely have seen you on this, my big night,
For far too often you are hidden from sight.

But purely by luck I saw you tonight,
As your scope coaxed the plankton to glow in the night.
And lucky for me I've finally won,
The chance to say thanks for all you have done.

I know that you miss your families at home,
And sometimes you feel as if you're alone.
But trust what I say and I'll do what's right,
I'll take something special to your families tonight.

Along with the gifts I'll take to your kin,
I'll visit their dreams and leave word within.
They'll hear of your love, and how you miss them,
I'll tell them that soon you'll be home again.

It might not be much I know that is true,
To thank you for all the things that you do.
But I'll do what I can, while you do what's right,
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."



ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES



Hugh Ellsworth McCracken , MSCM(SS)



Hugh E. McCracken, 92, of Canvasback Dr., Currituck, NC died Friday, October 9, 2015 at Sentara Albemarle Medical Center. He was born in Reynoldsville, PA on October 11, 1922 to the late David Byron McCracken and Alice McCracken. He retired as a master chief after 30 years in the US Navy, a member of American Legion Post 288, member and Past Master of the Currituck Masonic Lodge # 463 AF and AM, member and Past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #218, Sudan Shrine Temple in New Bern, NC, member of the Elizabeth City Shrine Club, member of the Model "A" Ford Club, a charter member of the Albemarle Sound Base of United States Submarines Veterans, Inc., a member of the USSVI Tarheel Base and Holland Club, the World War II Submarine Veterans Organization, and Mt. Zion UMC in Grandy, NC.

Master Chief McCracken is survived by his wife of 70 years, Doris "Dot" Lean McCracken of the home, two daughters, Nancy M. Morrison and husband, Ware, of Virginia Beach, VA, and Dianne McCracken of Virginia Beach, VA; one brother, Robert McCracken of Madison, TN. Also, he is survived by one granddaughter, Kari Lynn Oliff and husband, Brian, of Montrose, VA, a granddaughter-in-law, Robin Catron of Harrisonburg, VA, three great grandchildren, Dillon Oliff and Garrett Oliff both of Montrose, VA and Kahlynn Catron of Harrisonburg, VA and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Mark Catron.

A memorial service was conducted October 15, 2015 at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church by the Rev. Capt. Glenn McCranie, USN, ret. Burial with military honors followed in the Laurel Memorial Gardens, Poplar Branch, NC. Online memorial condolences may be expressed to the family at www.twifordfh.com.

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!

And it was recently as the Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic (SUBLANT) current, past, and future Force Master Chiefs (FORCM) descended upon a health care facility in northeastern North Carolina for a visit to the first SUBLANT Force Master Chief. FORCM(SS) Wes Koshoffer, current SUBLANT FORCM, shakes hands with CSCM(SS) Hugh McCracken, SUBLANT's first FORCM, while CMDM(SS) Kirk Saunders (left), former SUBLANT FORCM, and CMDM(SS) Stephen Capps (right), future SUBLANT FORCM and currently command master chief at Commander, Submarine Squadron Six in Norfolk, enjoy the moment. McCracken joined the Navy in 1943, qualifying in submarines onboard the Gato-class submarine USS HALIBUT (SS 232) also in 1943. McCracken served on nine submarines before serving as SUBLANT's first FORCM from 1971-1975, retiring from active duty in 1975. He became a charter member of the United States Submarine Veterans Incorporated's Albemarle Sound Base, Elizabeth City, NC, in 2008.



ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES (Cont.)



William Jerome "Bill" Elmore Jr., born May 21, 1933, sailed on his eternal patrol from his home in Greensboro, NC on August 7, 2015. He was a submarine vet and proudly shared his adventures with friends and strangers. He was a lifelong outdoorsman and passed this enthusiasm onto others, including his children and grandchildren. His other passion was for his Alma Mater, FSU, which he supported with vigor. He loved watching his two sons grow up. He celebrated in their wins and helped recover in defeats. He loved his grandchildren and attended every game, concert and performance he was able. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Peggy Jo Blackwell Elmore, whom he dearly loved. He is survived by his son Chuck Elmore and wife Ava of Waxhaw, NC and son Greg Elmore and wife Kara of Randleman, NC; grandsons Carson, Ean and Grant.



Bill served in the Navy from June 16, 1952 to June 6, 1956, qualified in submarines on the USS Archerfish (SS-311) in 1953, and also served aboard AGSS-569 and SS-350. He was a member of the USSVI Nathanael Greene Base since 2007.

Bill Elmore's Memorial Service was held on August 28, 2015 and had seven Nathanael Greene Base Members tending the lines for the service. Bill was interned in a Military ammunitions box by his son Chuck with about 30 family and close friends attending. He was eulogized by several people as being a person to not mess with. The Subvets gave Bill a **Fair Winds and Following Seas** send off.

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.

Adrift	Not secured, scattered about, not properly stowed, out of place or floating without control.
CO2 Scrubber	Machine that removes CO2 from the atmosphere.
Hot Run	A torpedo, which lodges in its tube when fired, or which activates itself without being fired. A very dangerous situation, as the warhead could easily "cook off" from the heat buildup.
Nest	Two or more boats moored alongside one another and usually beside a tender.
Pull the Plug	To submerge or dive the boat.
RPPO	Divisional Repair Parts Petty Officer.
Steel Beach Party	Topside barbecue. Often hosted by a department to give the cooks a break.
Ustafish	General term for a previous submarine command one has served in. Often used as "That's not how we did it aboard the USTAFISH."
WEPS	The Weapons Officer.
Zarf	A plastisoled cup holder.

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

