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**2012 National Winner
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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.

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

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USSVI CREED AND PURPOSE

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

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

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

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



LOST SUBMARINES - FIRST QUARTER

JANUARY

USS Scorpion (SS-278)

Lost sometime after January 5, 1944 with the loss of 77 men while on her 4th war patrol in the Yellow Sea off China, sunk by enemy mines.



USS Argonaut (SS-166)

Lost on January 10, 1943 with the loss of 102 men while on her 3rd war patrol southwest of New Britain. While attacking a convoy, she torpedoed a Japanese destroyer who along with two other destroyers depth charged her. As she tried to surface, the destroyers sunk her by gun fire.



USS Swordfish (SS-193)

Lost on January 12, 1945 with the loss of 89 men while on her 13th war patrol by a possible Japanese surface attack or mine somewhere near Okinawa.



USS S-36 (SS-141)

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



USS S-26 (SS-131)

Lost on January 24, 1942 with the loss of 46 men while on her 2nd war patrol in the Gulf of Panama, 14 miles west of San Jose Light. She was rammed by the USS Sturdy (PC-460) and sunk within seconds. The CO, XO and one lookout on the bridge were the only survivors.



FEBRUARY

USS Barbel (SS-316)

Lost on February 4, 1945 with the loss of 81 men while on her 4th war patrol during a Japanese air attack near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage in the South China Sea.



USS Shark I (SS-174)

Lost on February 11, 1942 with the loss of 59 men on her 2nd war patrol, sunk by depth charge attack after receiving orders to proceed to Makassar Strait via the north coast of Celebes. Shark was the 1st US submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific.



USS Amberjack (SS-219)

Lost on February 16, 1943 with the loss of 72 men while on her 3rd war patrol when she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane and surface craft off Rabaul in the Solomon Sea.



USS Grayback (SS-208)

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



LOST SUBMARINES - FIRST QUARTER (cont.)

FEBRUARY (cont.)

USS Trout (SS-202)

Lost on February 29, 1944 with the loss of 81 men on her 11th war patrol during a Japanese surface attack southeast of Okinawa in the Philippine Sea.



MARCH

USS Perch (SS-176)

Lost on March 3, 1942 with no immediate loss of life while on her 2nd war patrol in the Battle of the Java Sea. After two severe depth chargings in less than 200 feet of water by three Japanese destroyers, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 59 men taken prisoner, 6 men died as POWs, and 53 survived the war. Her wreckage has been located off the coast of Java.



USS Grampus (SS-207)

Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 71 men while on her 6th war patrol. She was lost after engaging two Japanese Destroyers in the Blackett Strait in the Solomon Islands.



USS H-1 (SS-28)

Lost on March 12, 1920 with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to shore after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. Vestal (AR-4) pulled her off the rocks on the morning of March 24th, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water.



USS Triton (SS-201)

Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men while on her 6th war patrol when she was sunk during a fight with three Japanese destroyers north of the Admiralty Islands, which are north of New Guinea.



USS Kete (SS-369)

Lost on March 20, 1945 with the loss of 87 men at the end of her 2nd war patrol between Okinawa and Midway, cause unknown. May have been sunk by a Japanese submarine that was subsequently lost.



USS F-4 (SS-23)

Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men after she foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu. Acid corrosion in the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. F-4 was the first commissioned U.S. submarine to be lost at sea. She was raised in August 1915.



USS Tullibee (SS-284)

Lost on March 26, 1944 with the loss of 79 men while on her 4th war patrol. It's believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes north of Palau. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.



USS Trigger (SS-237)

Lost on March 28, 1945 with the loss of 89 men while on her 12th war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft off the coast of Okinawa.



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

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DINNER

On Saturday, December 5th, the annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner was held at the NC State University Club in Raleigh, NC and was hosted by the Tarheel Base, as it was the previous year.

The room was filled with shipmates, their wives, family members, and friends.

During the introductions, everyone cheered Everett Morgan's announcement that he and his wife Margaret had been married for 74 years.

Jerry Emerson, in his last official duty as Tarheel Base Commander, did a fine job as the Master of Ceremonies. The SS Singers entertained with a selection of very appropriate songs.



The base officers for the Tarheel and Nathanael Greene Bases were sworn in for the upcoming year by SE Region Director Dick Kanning.



The Tolling of the Boats ceremony was very sobering and led by Past Tarheel Base Commander Gordon Banks. It was a time to reflect on the sacrifices made by our brothers still on Eternal Patrol. A wooden silhouette of each boat lost was placed on the tables and the nearby candle was blown out when the associated boat was tolled, which you have to experience to truly appreciate.

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

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DINNER (Cont.)

The following was read aloud by Jerry Leppart:

When you understand...

When the hatch closes over your head, the OOD says last man down and the COW says green board, you understand the meaning of adventure.

When the only thing between you and millions of gallons of seawater is a steel hull and some closed valves, you understand the meaning of courage.

When sonar calls out to the conn high speed screws in the water in hostile waters, you understand the meaning of fear.

When the messenger passes out the only family grams the satellite could catch and yours isn't one, you learn the meaning of loneliness.

When hissing water in the overhead turns from a slight annoyance to a terrifying rushing cascade bouncing off the hull and equipment, you understand the meaning of survival.

When you hear the quick sound that a curtain makes on your rack that indicates your watch is about to begin, you understand the meaning of irritation.

When you see a shipmate stand at attention while the Captain pins on the fish he worked so hard to earn, you understand the meaning of pride.

When you retire and they pipe you over the side for the very last time, you learn the meaning of great sadness.

When your eyes grow dim and your strength ebbs with age, you understand the meaning of envy every time you see a submarine getting underway.

When a shipmate from a time so long ago passes on and people say so many things they wish they had said before they departed, you understand regret.

Gee! Guess who won the 50/50 ... Again!



2015 WWII SUBVET MEMORIAL IN KINGS BAY, GA

Sub Vets Honor Fallen Shipmates from the Kings Bay Periscope

Article



USSVI 2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION

USSVI National Convention 2016
Reno, NV
August 15 – August 20, 2016

Time to make your plans to attend the 52nd USSVI National Convention. For much more information, click on the image above or visit the convention's website at <http://www.ussviconvention.org/2016/>.



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TARHEEL BASE AND SOUTHEAST DISTRICT 1 (SED1) COMMANDER

Let's get started, if you all will indulge me, I will title my District Commanders and TARHEEL BASE Commanders column "NOW HEAR THIS." Having started as a skimmer and serving on four different surface ships as well as submarines, including commanding the USS SAN ONOFRE ARD-30, I developed a love for all naval traditions. The term NOW HEAR THIS, was usually preceded by a Bos'n call whistle over the 1MC followed by directions or information. An example would be the call to sweepers, or as XO and Chief Engineer of an ASR, USS TRINGA ASR-16, the direction to "Lay before the mast all 8 o'clock reports," and as CO, the "NOW HERE THIS" it would be followed by "This is the captain, and then I would pass along the information to be provide ship wide. Submarines did not usually follow this naval tradition, at least on the boats I served on, but as I stated I love naval traditions.

As the new SE District One Commander, I really don't have any detailed USSVI related information to provide, but I hope to become far better informed and provide information on the direction of USSVI National, Regional, District and Bases and activities that will affect this direction.

As a general comment, one of the things I am most interested in is recruiting, getting more submarine veterans to become members, and of equal, if not more importance, is getting the present membership more actively involved in activities at the base level first and then hopefully region and national levels. I know most of you have heard about the 80 / 20 rule to describe activity levels versus membership participation level. A rule that can usually be applied to most volunteer organizations; scouting, church ministry's, charities, etc. Now this involvement includes those actually attending events and those working the event. The elephant in the room is; how do we change this to the positive? To be honest, I don't have an answer, never have and this includes being involved as a BSA Scout Master, the chair and developer of a Parish development program, Parish Council Member, Parish welcome committee member, Parish finance committee member, and now USSVI Base and District Commander. This is not condemnation, it is reality. My original reason for joining USSVI was to have some connection, some camaraderie with old shipmates, something that I missed being far removed from naval service due to retirement and physically removed from my beloved ocean, with just army facilities nearby. But things change.

This last Veteran's Day, I was asked to give a presentation to the Knights of Columbus at their Annual Veteran's Day lunch. It lasted about an hour and drew 15 minutes of questions afterwards and then some of these veterans and family members who came up with more questions on the submarine force. Basically, I just provided some anecdotes - sea stories - about some of my own submarine operation experiences. They ate it up! People are interested in the "Silent Service."

What I hope to do is get the TARHEEL BASE, as a beginning to be introspective, and using our base constitution and bylaws, ask ourselves what do we want to be? How much activity do we want to be involved in and what types? One base has a color guard, some have pot luck dinners which includes family members, some have community projects, or are involved in Boy Scouts. My personal feelings are, if we as a base choose to be insular, with no or very little outreach to the general public or our own base members, recruiting efforts will be greatly hampered-low visibility and low interest equals low participation. Us geezers are for sure getting older and we need to get younger submarine veterans to sign up, and therefore, need to find out what will draw them in and keep them onboard. Most are not retired and have families with younger children which is a tap on their free time, an element that us retired guys no longer need to worry about and need to remember.

In addition, what will get the present membership more involved? What will bring them to the meetings? What activities will get them more involved than just attending meetings? One thing that I personally miss, for example, is the Submarine Birthday Ball. A chance to take the wife to a dinner and to dance, to have a good time. A chance to recognize and honor the founding of the premier naval military force, that was key to victory in the Pacific and, having read Soviet military documents while on active duty, after their fall, was again one of if not the key factor in their demise of the USSR.



David Campbell
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander
and SED1 Commander

MORE FROM THE TARHEEL BASE AND SED1 COMMANDER

The local US Navy Recruiting District Commanding Officer has asked to meet with me to see how we can be of mutual assistance in recruiting. This type of co-operation would probably be more beneficial to his mission than our own, but it will hopefully get us increased visibility.

So, again I ask for forbearance as I try to fill Steve Bell's and Dick Kanning's shoes. But as this is not a military command type structure, the individual base membership will be the key in any movement in a positive direction relative to recruiting new members and getting more involvement from the present membership. I hope to help facilitate this movement assisting in whatever way I can.

"NOW HEAR THIS! NOW HEAR THIS!" My hope and prayers for you all will be a safe, prosperous and blessed new year. I hope to meet all you in the future during my base visits in coming year.

Concerning Sailor of the Year Base Donations - BRAVO ZULU! Again!

We more than made our goal of \$1,000 to ensure all 8 SOY Runner Ups will get \$125. In fact, we received a total of \$1,375. The additional \$375 will be given to the Hampton Roads Base to assist in funding support for the winners. It is appreciated very much and is a point of pride that this district will take on the support of this Pro Submarine Force sailor recognition program. This not done anywhere else in the US Submarine Force according Dick Kanning. In addition, my thanks to the individuals who donated separately, Gene Rutter (Tarheel Base) and Robert Liland (Coastal Carolina).

Next Meeting:

Saturday, 02 April 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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WELCOME ABOARD !!

Our Newest Tarheel Base Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Qualified</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Lives in</u>
Jim Jacobs	1964	SSBN-628	Raleigh
Gary Sikes	1967	SSN-651	Raleigh



NATHANAEL GREENE BASE

The results of the November Base Officers election: Ray Moore was elected Base Commander, Fred Gunter was elected Base Vice Commander, Ed Galaviz re-elected as Base Secretary and Chuck Jensen was re-elected as Base Treasurer.

As the new commander, I want to thank Jim Myers for leading the base for four years. His leadership will be hard to follow, but I will do my best.

Daniel Newcomer is our Kaps 4 Kids Chairman and is looking into some organizations to visit. If you have any inputs to this program, please contact Daniel or Ray Moore.

Holland Club induction: William McCormick will be inducted at the March meeting. Three others: Roger Bjerke, Lee Eubanks, and James Martel live out of the area and I will contact Base Commanders close to them to see if they will agree to conduct the awards.

The Base continues to support Joshua's Angels of the Carolinas and the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal programs.

The Base has submitted its National Reports.

The Base supports the Sailor of the Year awards and the Executive Board voting to donate \$225 (The money was due before the next base meeting).

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

With Jim Myers leading the way, base members are going to the NCDOT website to petition for the naming of a segment of the I-40 business in honor of US Submarines.

Ed Galaviz has offered to be liaison officer for the family of Miguel Almazan, First Class Petty Officer and Submariner out of Asheboro. In about 6 months, he will deploy to Guam to finish his last 2 years before retiring. The purpose is to assist the family with non-financial needs.

The Base is getting ready to have the July base meeting at the Field of Honor Memorial in Kernersville on July 9th. Details to follow later.

Everyone can help with membership by talking with vets and wearing something submarine related. As an example: While I was getting a haircut, I met a submariner who has not heard of the USSVI. He seemed interested, so I gave him my card. I was wearing a sweatshirt with dolphins and US Submarine Veteran printed on it.

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

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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CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE



Rick Petitt
USSVI Carolina-Piedmont
Base Commander

We have continued to be involved in multiple activities at the Carolina-Piedmont Base. Our "Halfway Nights" presentations that we perform at various Senior Citizen centers are done for the year. For those who don't know about our Halfway Night presentations, we put together a crew of about 12 to 15 and put on shows for the residents. We do funny skits, perform various musical acts, and generally just try to entertain everyone. We are heading into our 6th year and will be doing "Weather" related songs and skits. We continue our visits to Kyle Petty's Victory Junction presenting our Kaps-4-Kids program with another visit due this month. We still have a very active association with the Eagle Scout Program and our Color Guard has now presented Colors at a Charlotte Hornets basketball game. We are working at presenting colors at a Charlotte Checkers hockey game. Next on our agenda will be attending the Burnsville Memorial weekend, hosted by the USS Asheville Base. We also have a USSVI Regional meeting in Mobile this coming April. Can't say we don't have 'nothin' to do. Our USSVI organization continues to provide multiple outlets to promote our military both past and present and I can't imagine a better group of people to be associated with.

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Rick

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:

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

[USSVI Constitution](#)

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Did you know? USSVI Constitution Article IV - POLICY: The organization shall adopt no policy in conflict with the Constitution, Laws, and Practices of the United States.

USS ASHEVILLE BASE AND NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER



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

I would like to give a big thanks to all the NC SubVets for their help during my year as NC SubVets CDR. I not only got to know more of my shipmates but those shipmates help me open my eyes to old and new things and how they can come together for the best. I would also like to extend a hand and a warm welcome to the NEW NC Subvets Commander Rick Petitt, who is also the Carolina-Piedmont Base Commander. We at the Asheville Base received the honor of a base visit from him at the February meeting at which time an exchange of thoughts and ideas of how we (all NC SubVets members) could move forward and help each other in all areas.

On the same note, I would like to also SHOUT out for a "BZ" to two NC SubVets members for all the hard work, countless hours, personal sacrifice and blood/sweat/tears they put into making not only the NC SubVets move forward, but also their duty to us as USSVI members. Personally they helped me get the USS Asheville Base up and running and time after time on the phone each and every time I reached out for help. Let's all stand up and say thanks to Steve Bell and Jerry "Patch" Paciorek for giving so much to us all.

During the Christmas time we once more had the honor of participating in the "Asheville Holiday Parade" and also received a request by the city of Marshall officials to be part of the "Marshall Christmas Parade". We received a happy and warm welcome by everyone in the parade and all the towns' people. Although no awards were given to the participants, praise was given by the parade organizing committee and they stated that from everyone at the parade "The NC SubVets Float stole the show and asked if we would please return next year."

We would like to thank all the USS Asheville (SSN-758) crew for the Christmas package from the boat to the USS Asheville Base and the Asheville Sea Cadets "Freedom Division." Within the package were the boats brow banners (2), one for the base, one for the cadets, a thank you letter from the CO for the Christmas package of home baked goods and letters from the base members, friends and family.

1MC: The host hotel "Big Lynn Lodge" for the Moonshine Mountain Services and the NC SubVets 2nd Quarter Meeting is running out of rooms fast, last word 10 rooms are open and only a few have pre-registered. Please get your room ASAP and send in your registration in so we can ensure you have a great time.

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

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

[USS Asheville Base Web Page](#)

[USS Asheville Base Meeting Minutes](#)

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

[USS Asheville Base Website](#)

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SOUTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR

Sailor of the Year: Once again, Southeast District One excels in the outstanding support of this program. Hampton Roads Base has a SubVet who will be on the selection Board. The HR Base is also providing a monetary gift to each winner (4 total). The remaining Bases in SED1 have generously provided to SED1 CDR Dave Campbell sufficient donations that will allow each runner-up (8 in all). I'm proud to see this level of support of a program I started 10 years ago that remains unique. Thanks to all participants!

Awards: The nomination window is open! SED1 has been a leader in the nominations and selections of winners for numerous years. I again express my thanks for those who take the time and efforts in nominating worthy Shipmates. What is more humbling and is seeing many be recipients. Look around your Base. There are many unsung heroes who don't get paid, other than by their dedication, who are worthy of such recognition. Make an effort and get those nominations in, for an individual, your Base or for your newsletter. The Awards Manual, on the USSVI website, is for your assistance and selection of the many awards available and worthy of consideration.

Moonshine Mountain: This year's program is again being hosted by the USS Asheville Base. Rooms at the Big Lynn Lodge are getting scarce. Best make your plans ASAP. The Lodge will be the host location for numerous activities. A plus, of course, is the breakfast and dinner that is part of your lodging cost.

USSVI Mid-Term: As a voting member of our Board of Directors, I'll be in Orlando for this meet, 8-10 April. If anyone has a topic you'd like addressed, bring it before your Base officers for approval and have them send it to me. I hold this position as YOUR representative! It is best for me to act and decide based on the membership, NOT my personal whims!

Submarine Birthday Ball: An annual event that is a lot of fun, memorable and great socializing! This year, in Norfolk it will be at the Founder's Inn on 9 April. It is always a good time and the "Calling of all Qualified Bubbleheads" sure can show how old, or young you really are. Some years ago, I was the 3rd longest qualified, beat out by Ed Kracker, who qualified in 1943. Tickets are limited. If interested contact Craig Werner of the Hampton Roads Base at: gurmpyoldsquid@gmail.com or 1-757-373-3142.

Yours in Service,
Dick Kanning



Dick Kanning
USSVI SE Region Director

USSVI AWARD SUBMISSIONS

The 2016 USSVI Awards submission window is now open.

For all awards EXCEPT newsletters, the cut-off date for submission is **30 April 2016**.

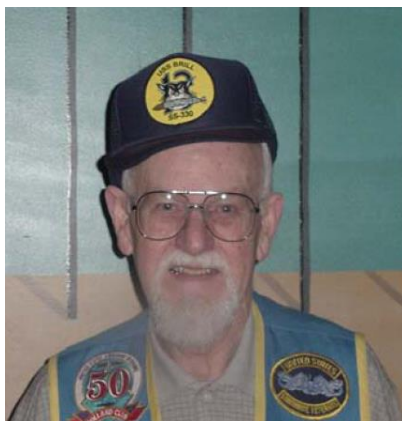
That means it must be in the chairman's hands by that date!

The newsletter cut-off date is **15 May 2016**.

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

[USSVI Awards Manual](#)

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



(Former Chaplain) Bill Whelan
USSVI Tarheel Base

Twenty-four years ago (on 31 October 1991), I volunteered to succeed Harvey E. Milsaps as Chaplain of the Tarheel Chapter of U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War Two. My volunteering, extended through the formation of the Tarheel Base of U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., ended a short time ago as age and stage finally caught up with me. This then will be my final "Corner," a two parter.

I hope that Part One, not original by any means, will serve my Tarheel Base shipmates as they (like me) find themselves "enjoying" God's greatest gift - aging gracefully. Similarly, I hope that Part Two will do something long neglected by me, extend thanks to many folks who have helped make chaplaining such a worthwhile and rewarding part of my life lo these many years.

PART ONE -- THE WORLD IS FINE - Author Unknown

Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many.

Today I saw a distinguished looking man seated in a downtown Cary store and wished I looked as distinguished.

When suddenly he rose to leave, I saw him hobble down the aisle.

He had one leg and used a crutch. But as he passed, he smiled at me.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two legs; the world is fine.

I stopped to buy some candy.

The lad who sold it had such charm.

I talked with him, he seemed so glad. If I were late, it'd do no harm.

And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you, you've been so kind.

It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see, "he said, I'm blind."

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes; the world is fine.

Later while walking down the street, I saw a child I knew.

He stood and watched the others play, but he did not know what to do.

I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why don't you join them?".

He looked ahead without a word. I forgot, he couldn't hear.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two ears; the world is fine.

With feet to take me where I'd go.

With eyes to see the sunset's glow.

With ears to hear what I'd know.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I've been blessed indeed, the world is fine.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER (Cont.)

PART TWO – MY THANKS TO SO MANY!

I'm now on truly dangerous ground. There follows a list of guys (well, mostly guys) whom I should have thanked individually over the years for helping me over the rough spots in my chaplaincy. First, I know I've unintentionally overlooked some. I blame my fading memory for those lapses. And second, a few are on Eternal Patrol: I wish I had said "thank you" while they were still with me.

My sincere gratitude for their (your) support over the years is extended to Bonnie Anderson, Gordon Banks, Steve Bell, Mike Burkholder, Joe Clark, Charlie Cross, Bill (Butterbean) Dixon, Ray Fritz, Ed Galaviz, Bob Govern, Duane Gow, Jim Harbin, Ken (Pigpen) Henry, Robert Hopkins, Chuck Jensen, Dick Kanning, Jerry Leppart, Bill Lowe, Harvey Milsaps, Jim Myers, Nick Nichols, Jerry (Patch) Paciorek, Wayne Powell, Joe Ratner, Jim Schenk, Don Small, Dave Thommarson, Oliver Thompson, and Jim Wallace.

Bless y'all.

Ex-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

[Albemarle Sound](#)

[Coastal Carolina](#)

[Carolina-Piedmont](#)

[Nat Greene](#)

[Tarheel](#)

[USS Asheville](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S INDUCTEES!

NAME	BASES
Roger Bjerke	Nat Greene
Dick Cimino	Tarheel
John Dainotto	Carolina-Piedmont
Lee Eubanks	Nat Greene
John Hanek	Hawkbill / Nat Greene
Kenneth Lamine	Hampton Roads / Nat Greene
James Lashbrook	Ablemarle Sound
Bill Lowe	Tarheel
James Martel	Nat Greene
Eugene Peterman	USS Asheville
James Taylor	Carolina-Piedmont

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS				
Thomas Beach Dave Bergman, Jr Perry Blake Charles Boynton John Cunningham Don Eggleston	Chuck Fletcher Joseph Goarck Larry Gordon Fred Gunter, Jr. William Hubbert Frank Jones	Kevin Kesterson Jim Kinney James Mayo, Jr. Gary Mitchell Ray Moore	RT Moore Mike Murphy Jim Reeves Roy Riley Richard Ruff	Ed Stank Kenny Stephens Pete Stephenson Dog Underwood Bill Whelan

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS				
Earl Buffaloe Howard Dachs Michael Fuller Donald Godfrey, Sr Bob Govern	Robert Green William Hickerson Robert Howell William Lewis, Jr. John Markiewicz	Darrell McKinley, Jr. Jim Myers, III Charlie Patch George Perhala Ron Pervere	Rick Petitt George Roderick Gene Rutter Gerald Sobulefsky Russell Toy	George Treusch Sylvan Walliser, III Donald Wells Edward Wilson

USSVI MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Membership Dues</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due no later than December 31st of each year for both National and Base</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact information for each USSVI base in North Carolina is listed in this newsletter</p>	<p>NATIONAL DUES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A for Life Members 5 Years = \$115 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 <p>LIFE MEMBERSHIP (for National) varies with age:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 45 years old = \$500 46-55 = \$400 56-65 = \$300 66-75 = \$200 76 and up = \$100 <p>BASE DUES (Separate from National / Life)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set by each Base! Usually \$10-15 (contact your base treasurer for specific information)
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Getting ready for St. Patrick's Day

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: NEW USSVI Award Certificate for Eagle Scouts
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 11/19/2015

Shipmates,

The NEW USSVI Award Certificate for Eagle Scouts is now posted on the USSVI Website under "Awards" / "Programs" – Eagle Scout Certificate.

It is as before an on line fillable format.

The National Storekeeper is producing the new patch shown in the upper right corner of the Certificate, estimated to be available in about 3 weeks.

Any questions/comments or suggestions contact.

David Farran, Waverly, IA
Central Region Director
USSVI Scouting Program Chair
bream243@q.com
Home 319 352 1015
Cell 319 269 7389

NEWS-01: Burial At Sea information.
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 12/14/2015

Shipmates,

Thanks to IPNC Michael Bircumshaw we now have Burial At Sea information up on the USSVI website.

The information is under Documents/Application or use the link below:

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

Pride Runs Deep,
Al Singleman, Jr. NC

NEWS-01: Membership Application and War Veteran Status
Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 1/2/2016

The USSVI Membership application has been [updated] on the website to reflect the new dues structure that started Jan 1st, 2016. There are two PDF fillable forms, 1 for MAL's and 1 for regular membership with Base preference. There is also 1 form in Word.doc that can be downloaded and modified for Base use.

Additionally, USSVI has maintained War Veteran Status for the calendar year 2016 by having at least 90% of its members serve during defined "war" periods. there are still many members with incomplete profiles in the database, so please check your profile and update information as necessary and insure all the blanks are filled in and the information is complete.

USSVI NEWS (cont.)

NEWS-01: 2016 Awards Program starts February 1st, 2016
Submitted by: Alfred H Singleman Jr on 1/26/2016

Shipmates,

The 2016 Awards Nomination Process starts this Monday February 1st, 2016. Please take the time to consider a shipmate for an Award for all the good things this shipmate, or Base may have done during 2015. Also nominate your Base newsletter for an Award. To get to the Awards Manual use the link below:

https://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Awards_Manuals_2016_USSVI_AWARDS_MANUAL.PDF

The 2016 Awards on Schedule and Process Timeline

FEBRUARY 1, 2016: All USSVI Members in good standing submit their Award nominations to the National Awards Committee Chairman John Stanford.

APRIL 30, 2016: All Award nominations (with exception of Newsletter Award) must be received by the National Awards Committee Chairman.

MAY 15, 2016: Deadline for submission of Newsletters for Newsletter of the Year Award.

Let us reward a shipmate for a job well done by nominating him or her for an Award this year. Review the manual and follow the directions. All Award Nominations go to the Awards Chairman John Stanford at: JStan131@comcast.net For any questions on the Awards call John Stanford at 904-743-3197. For Regular Mail use address below:

John G. Stanford
National Awards Committee Chairman
3026 Cesery Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32277-3527

Pride Runs Deep,
Al Singleman, Jr.NC

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.

Baffles	Area behind the boat which sonar cannot hear during operation due to screw noise or simply the physical shape of the boat. It's wise to turn the boat occasionally to search this area. This is then called "clearing the baffles."
Dogs	The handles/levers for securing a watertight door or hatch.
Klaxon	The diving/surfacing alarm. The "oooga oooga" sound.
Oolie	A difficult question that may not pertain to one's duties or one that tests one's system knowledge to the limit.
Rig For Red	To ensure all forward compartment lighting is red and of low intensity so as to preserve night vision. Used at night when surfaced for night vision to those on deck and periscope acuity.
Verdigris	The corrosion on copper fittings and pipes. Might also refer to what scrounges grow between their toes.

PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2016 EVENT SCHEDULE		
DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION
April 20 th - April 23 rd	Wed-Sat	Subvets Southeast Regional Convention – Mobile, AL
May 20 th - 21 st	Fri-Sat	Moonshine Mountain Submarine Memorial Meeting in Burnsville

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

NC Subvets Website

Asheboro Veterans Day Parade

November 11: we had 16 NC Subvets who participated in the first parade of this year using the Mk-14 Torpedo Float.

Thanks to Jerry Leppart for agreeing to pull the float with his truck and Chuck Jensen for pulling the submarine float.

For more details, click on the button:

Asheboro Parade



Asheville Holiday Parade

November 21: the parade was a great success with five members of the USS Asheville Base in attendance with family members. The “Freedom Division” of the Asheville Sea Cadets honored us as our escorts throughout the parade.

For more details, click on the button:

Asheville Parade

Marshall Christmas Parade

December 12: the parade was held on a bright and sunny day with members of the USS Asheville Base starting at the staging area on the island in the middle of the French Broad River. This was the first time the NC Subvets participated in this parade and it turned out to be a great success with the “Klaxon” sounding the way and a “Boatswain Pipe” making our presence known to all.

For more details, click on the button:

Marshall Parade

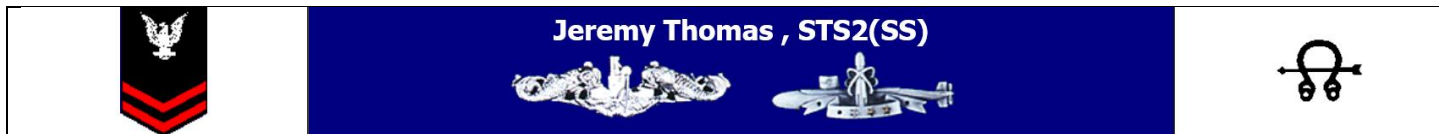


THE SUB NET

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

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Port Visits Resume for Nuclear-Armed Navy Subs	Article
Enlisted Women Report to Submariners in Early 2016	Article
Second Submarine Tender to Be Homeported in Guam	Article
New Nuclear LDO Designator Established	Article
NAVSEA Commander: Navy is 10 Subs Below its Needs	Article
Navy Personnel Chief Confident About Female Submariners	Article
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Submarine Aircraft by Art-Bat	Artwork

ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES



Jeremy Wayne Thomas, 32, of Siler City died Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

Jeremy was born in Louisville, Kentucky on November 20, 1983, the son of Richard Earl and Janet Faye Thomas. He was a veteran of the US Navy, a member of Moon's Chapel Baptist Church and was employed by Triangle Electrical of Chapel Hill. Jeremy was active in motorcycle ministries, Toys for Tots and US Submarine Veterans, Inc. of Raleigh but first and foremost was his love and commitment to his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of three years, Tamara Thomas; daughter, Julia Faye Thomas both of Siler City, NC; brothers, Paul Michael Thomas of Denver, CO, Richard Earl Thomas, II of Louisville, KY; aunts, Lisa Uhrick of Columbus, OH, Wendy Todd uncle, Ronald Thomas both of Louisville, KY.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 14, 2015 at Moon's Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Scott Faw and Rev. Steve Sells officiating.

Four Tarheel Base members - National Chaplain Bill "Butterbean" Dixon, National Treasurer Paul Hiser, Herman Strickland, and Chaplain Bill Whelan - handled lines for Jeremy Thomas and were accorded a warm welcome by Jeremy's widow Tamara (Tammy) and their family. Butterbean did his usual excellent job during the celebration of Jeremy's life. Of special significance was the presence of a group of motorcyclists and their flags honoring Jeremy and a military ceremony including a flag folding, rifle salute, and taps.

Jeremy qualified in submarines in 2003 onboard the USS Henry M Jackson (SSBN-730), served onboard USS Georgia (SSBN/SSGN-729) between 2003 - 2007 and was a STS2(SS) when he left the Navy. He joined as a member of USSVI and the Tarheel Base on April 25, 2015.

Tammy remains connected with the Tarheel Base as she joined us at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner in December and made an appearance at our Tarheel Base meeting in February.



James Ainsworth Effinger, 69, of Salisbury, NC, passed away Friday, November 13, 2015, at his residence. Born August 2, 1946, in Cleveland, OH, he was a son of the late Paul Effinger and Doris Thomson Effinger. He was a 1964 graduate of Berea High School, Berea, OH, and a graduate of Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, OH, with an associate degree in applied science. He served in the Merchant Marine, working on lake freighters on the Great Lakes for 3 years, and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving his country for 6 years on nuclear submarines. He was employed with Duke Energy for more than 30 years and was owner/operator of Effinger Enterprises since 2004. He was a member of Spencer Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder for 9 years, a Sunday School teacher for 2 years, and sang in the choir for 12 years. He was president of the Bonsai Society of the Carolinas for 15 years. Surviving are his wife, Nancy McNeely Effinger, whom he married October 25, 1998; sons Paul Effinger and wife Cara of Spencer, William Effinger and wife Tiffany of Charlotte; grandson Jonah Effinger of Spencer; brother Paul Effinger of Phoenix, AZ.; sister Lynne Schaefer and husband Bill of Tampa, FL; nieces Rachel Schaefer and Shannon Lacey; nephew Chad Lacey; and great-niece Reagan Lacey. The funeral service was conducted Sunday, November 15 at Spencer Presbyterian Church with Rev. Dr. Barrie Kirby, Pastor, officiating and Military Honors by the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

James qualified in submarines in 1971 onboard the USS Thomas A Edison (SSBN/SSN-610), after first serving on DD-944 in 1968. He also served onboard USS Billfish (SSN-676) between 1972 - 1973 and was a MM1(SS) when he left the Navy. He was a member of USSVI and the Nat Greene Base.

ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES (Cont.)



Arthur Franklin Rawson, Jr , CAPT



Arthur F. Rawson, Jr., CAPT, USN, Ret., 96, of Bethesda, MD, entered eternal rest on Saturday, November 28, 2015. Born March 26, 1919 in Roanoke, VA, he was the oldest of three children of Arthur F. Rawson, Sr. and Catharine Deaterley Rawson. He is survived by his children: Arthur F. Rawson, III (Arlene) of Derwood, MD; Catharine Prezzano of New York, NY; Patricia Bent (Rex) of Albita Springs, LA; Kevin Rawson of Cordova, TN; and Lee Pantuso (Tony) of San Mateo, CA; 19 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 69 years, Patricia O'Toole Rawson, who passed away six weeks earlier on October 17, 2015 and his daughter Margaret Tomlinson of Pittsburgh, PA. Art was a graduate of US Naval Academy class of '42. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, that class graduated in December 18, 1941. His first assignment was to the USS Lea, a four stack, open bridge destroyer doing North Atlantic convoy duty in January. After 3 months, Art volunteered for the submarine service and spent the rest of the war patrolling the Panama Canal Zone and the Pacific Ocean. He was one of a very small number of naval officers who served on ships in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. He met Patricia at the end of the war at Mare Island, CA where she was a Navy LTJG. Art went on to command a number of submarines, including the USS Hammerhead out of Pearl Harbor, HI and USS Conger out of New London, CT [also served in S-11, Boarfish, Caiman, Becuna]. He was the Operations Officer on the battleship USS Iowa and Captain of the destroyer USS Stribling in two different deployments to the Mediterranean out of Norfolk, VA during the height of the cold war. He was the Captain of the troop transport USS Magoffin during the Vietnam War out of San Diego, CA. He was Commanding Officer of the Military Sea Transportation Services - Mediterranean, stationed in Livorno, Italy. He retired from the US Navy after 30 years of outstanding service to our country. He was a very active member of St. Jane de Chantal Church, The Knights of Columbus, Potomac Chrysanthemum Society, Boy Scouts of America - DC Council, US Submarine Veterans of World War II, and the Naval Academy Alumni Association. Art enjoyed golfing, gardening and being the "mayor" of Camberley Avenue. He will be greatly missed by his family, neighbors and friends. Art qualified in submarines onboard S-11 (SS-116) in 1943. He was a member of USSVI and the Chesapeake and Tarheel Bases.



Charlie C. Dye, RM3(SS)



On Saturday the 27th of February, Charlie Dye 82, peacefully passed away after a long hard fought battle with cancer. He was home where he wanted to be. He was a Korean War Navy Veteran and proud of it. Charlie was the business owner of Oakwood Memorial Park Cemetery and Piedmont Memorial Park. He is survived by longtime wife, Michele Dyeson, Chase Dye and daughter, Chelsea Dye that all reside at the residence. Also surviving are son, Clay Dye Jr. and his fiancé' Leigh Buie followed by daughter, Donna Simpson and husband, Bob Simpson, two grandchildren, Bobby Simpson, wife Cassie Simpson and Heather Simpson; great-grandson, Cole; two sisters, Wilma Holt and longtime husband Ernest Holt and Marie Giofridda. He had many nieces and nephews. We will all miss him greatly, but we know he is now no longer suffering.

Charlie qualified in submarines on the USS Pompon (SS-267) in 1954 and was a RM3(SS) when he left the Navy. He was a member of USSVI and the Nathanael Greene Base. We had four Nat Greene Base Members (Fred Gunter, Ed Galaviz, Tom Richey, and Chuck Jensen) attend the funeral representing the NC Subvets. As requested at the funeral, Jim Schenk (Nat Greene Base Chaplain) will make up a "Book of Remembrance" for Charlie's family in the near future.



LATEST FROM THE FLEET

USS North Carolina (SSN 777) Wins 2015 Battle "E" in Pacific

[Article](#)



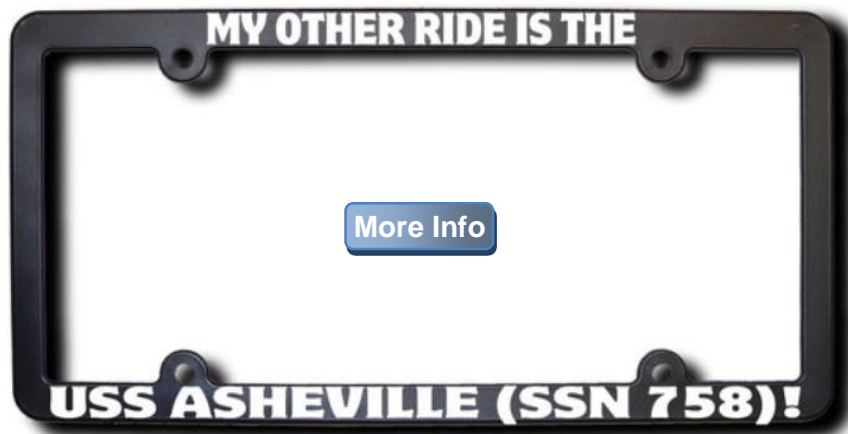
TOKYO BAY (Nov. 5, 2015) The Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS North Carolina (SSN 777) transits Tokyo Bay before arriving at Fleet Activities Yokosuka. North Carolina was visiting Yokosuka as a part of a scheduled port visit. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Brian G. Reynolds/Released)



USS Charlotte Visits Yokosuka During Western Pacific Deployment

[Article](#)

YOKOSUKA, Japan (Dec. 23 2015) USS Charlotte (SSN 766) moors outboard of USS Texas (SSN 775) at Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka. Commander, Submarine Group 7 provide support for submarines deployed to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Aaron Kakiel/ Released)



A BOOK YOU MIGHT CONSIDER ...

UNDERWAY DIESEL POWER



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by JACK H GALLIMORE

by JACK H GALLIMORE, USN RETIRED

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The story is dedicated to those who have served in our submarine service throughout the years. Always in harm's way, braving the pressure of the sea; they did their jobs.

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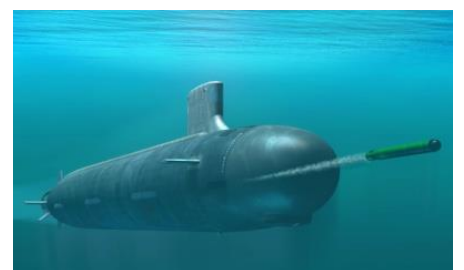
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SHIFT COLORS

The newest edition of **Shift Colors** is now available! You can visit the **Shift Colors** website and download the newsletter by copying and pasting the link below into your browser:

<http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/reference/publications/shiftcolors/Pages/default.aspx>

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2016 Southeast Regional Conference
 Hosted by USSVI Mobile Bay Base
 Wednesday April 20 - Saturday April 23, 2016

Holiday Inn Downtown
 301 Government Street Mobile, AL 36602
 Reservations: 251-694-0100 web www.holidayinn.com
 Reserve your room directly with the hotel. Make sure to tell the hotel rate code SRS.
 Standard Rooms Rate is \$89 + tax per night.
 Room Rates are valid April 18 through 25 April 2016.

2016 SE Conference Registration

Name (To be used on badge): _____ USSVI Base: _____

Spouse/Guests: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Qual Boat: _____ Hull Number: _____ Qual Year: _____

DATE	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
	2016 Conference Registration (per person) (add \$5.00 per person after 1 February 2015)	\$30.00		
Wed 4/20/16	Welcome to Alabama Party (starting 5 pm and going to 6:45 pm)			
Thu 4/21/16	?			
Thu 4/21/16	Pensacola Naval Air Museum 0900-1500	\$60		
Thu 4/21/16	Bellingrath Gardens 0900-1300	\$62		
Fri 4/22/16	?	\$20.00		
Fri 4/22/16	Historic Mobile and Battleship Memorial Park (USS DRUM)	65		
Sat 4/23/16	Tolling of the Boat Ceremony	Free		
Sat 4/23/16	SE Regional Conference Dinner	\$45.00		

Dinner Selections: Prime Rib: _____ Chicken/Fish tbd: _____ Total _____

NOTE: ATTENDANCE AT ANY USSVI SPONSORED ACTIVITY REQUIRES PAID REGISTRATION WITH THE CONFERENCE
 REGISTRATION REFUND POLICY: NO REFUND AFTER 20 MARCH 2016

Payment by check or money order made payable to:

USSVI Mobile Bay Base
 Tom Bowser.
 6845 Hwy 90E suite 105-187
 Daphne, AL 36526

Have a problem or question? Contact Tom Bowser tmb105@juno.com

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

2016 NC SUBVETS BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

FRI 20 - SAT 21 May 2016

Pre-Registration Form – Cutoff Date 07 May 2016

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Base: _____ Email: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Base: _____ NO. TOTAL

Registration Per Person \$15 _____

Saturday Banquet Per Person \$15 if not rooming at Hotel _____

Breakfast and Dinner include in Room Rates

Total Included _____

Dinner count selection Chicken _____ Beef _____ Trout _____ all baked

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TEAR OFF THIS SECTION AS A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

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

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

NO. TOTAL

Registration Per Person \$15 _____

Saturday Banquet Per Person \$15 if not rooming at Hotel _____

Total Included _____

Dinner count selection Chicken _____ Beef _____ Trout _____ all baked

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

Directions to Hotel: I-40, Exit 86 (Route 226). Take this bending, curving road all the way to Little Switzerland. When you see the Blue Ridge Parkway overpass, take a left turn, go 2 miles to the lodge. Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of the individual. **DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL RATE IS 07 MAY 2016.** Website <http://www.biglynnlodge.com/>



**Goodbyes are not forever.
Goodbyes are not the end.
They simply mean I'll miss you,
Until we meet again!**

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.
- Dr. Seuss

Patch gets a GREAT send off!



Left to right: Tarheel Base Treasurer Tom McFadden, Tarheel Base Vice Commander Jim Davis, Jerry "Patch" Paciorek, SE Region Director Dick Kanning, Tarheel Base Commander Dave Campbell. Photo by Tarheel Base Secretary Bill Lowe.

It has been my absolute honor and privilege to serve as the Tarheel Base Point of Contact, COB, Newsletter Editor, and Webmaster for many years. I will maintain my Tarheel Base membership and email address while living in Indiana. Here's wishing my shipmates ALL THE BEST!
- Jerry "Patch" Paciorek

Fair Winds and Following Seas!