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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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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.

FROM THE ENGINE ROOM UPPER LEVEL

Hey Y'all,

Well I was born in the south (southern Michigan), so I can use Y'all?

Anyhow, I hope y'all enjoyed the last issue (my first as All Clear editor. I know we have some work to do yet. I say we, because this is YOUR newsletter. I am just the "word-jammer" and paragraph "fitter". And as submariners I know you will "fuss and stammer" a bit, but in the end you will break-down and help. You can't help it, you are submariners.

"How can you do that?" you ask (as I know you are). Well, pictures are the easiest. Many of you have phones with cameras. Pictures and a short note, like who's who and any what, why, and where would be great and very helpful. Just send them to caropied_moe@twc.com.

While you are at it, e-mail me your birthday and Base, so I can update the list I have. I'm asking all the Base Officers to make sure I get a ROSTER for their Base. That way I can ensure my list of e-mail addresses is up-to-date. Some Bases include your DOB in their Roster and some don't. I'll take all the data and sort it, but first I need the information.

I hope each of you and your entire family a joyful and peaceful holiday season. May 2017 be peaceful and prosperous to us all. And as we all "wished" the Navy Rating are back!!!!-- Moe(SS)

FUNNY FILLER #1

In the year 2016, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in America and said:
"Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me."

"Build another ark and save 2 of every living thing along with a few good humans."

He gave Noah the blueprints, saying: "You have 6 months to build the ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no ark.

"Noah!" He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed. I needed a building permit. I've been arguing with the boat inspector about the need for a sprinkler system."

"My neighbors claim that I've violated the neighborhood by-laws by building the ark in my back yard and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the local Planning Committee for a decision."

"Then the local Council and the electric company demanded a shed load of money for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear none of it."

"Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the Greater Spotted Barn Owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!"

"Then when I started gathering the animals the ASPCA took me to court. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodations were too restrictive and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space.

Then the Environmental Protection Agency ruled that I couldn't build the ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood."

"I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building crew. The Immigration Dept. Is checking the visa status of most of the people who want to work. The trade unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only union workers with ark-building experience."

"And to make matters worse, the IRS seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species."

"So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this ark."

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky.

Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"

"No," said the Lord. "The Government beat me to it."

MOONSHINE MOUNTAIN “TALENT SHOW”

If you plan on going to Moonshine Mountain this year, then I hope you are planning to join in the 2nd Annual Half-way Night Talent Contest with your fellow Base members/spouses. Yes, that’s right spouses are welcome to compete and represent your Base. More info will be coming to your Base POCs in the early spring.

We all had fun last year, especially the guy with the paper bag on his head. If you were there, you know not much real talent was involved, so if you have some, you’ll represent your Base well. I’d like to see every Base represented with an act. So if you sing, pick, play an instrument, tell jokes, do magic, etc., you need to join us. Don’t be shy, we’re all shipmates. We all have done sillier stuff..., ...and lived!

If we can enough of you singers and pickers (and other instruments) together on Friday night, we may just have a “jam-session” on the porch. More details coming on that also.

The USS Asheville Base has worked hard to make the Moonshine Mountain a great spring-time event. For you that have never attended, what’s keeping you? It’s growing every year into a regional event with members coming from Texas, Florida, and even New York. Make your reservation early.

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

The current version of the USSVI C&B can be found by navigating the USSVI website as follows:

1. Go to the USSVI Home Page (<http://www.ussvi.org/home.asp>)
2. Click on the **Documents** button located on the left hand side
3. Click on the **Organization** button located on the left hand side
4. Select the 2014 USSVI Constitution.pdf link to view the constitution
5. Select the 2014 USSVI Bylaws.pdf link to view the bylaws

Or you can click on these links:

[USSVI Constitution](#)

[USSVI Bylaws](#)

THE BILGE RATS

I’m more than a little proud of this group. About six years ago, Carolina Piedmont formed a group that we have heard no other Base form, the Bilge Rats. The Bilge Rats is a group of SubVets and SubVetties that entertain at local Assisted-living homes around the Charlotte area.

With some talent and a lot more guts, this group puts-on about a 45 to 55 minute show for the residents. They have done skits, songs, and told jokes; but what works the best is a combination of short narratives and lots of music. That music is a mixture of live singing and guitar playing; singing to recorded music, and lip-synching while carrying-on and making the people laugh.

The “Rats” have done a history of rock and roll show; a CPB version of “Hee Haw”; The Ned Sullivan Show (Ed’s country cuzin’); and more. Their current show is “The Carolina Piedmont Weather Channel”, which pokes fun at the weather casters; and of course contains weather related songs.

The “Rats” have fun and encourage other Bases to get out as a group and at least visit area assisted-living homes.



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REGION DIRECTOR SOUTHEAST

Steve Bell, Southeast Regional Director



Steve Bell
USSVI Region Director
Southeast

By the time you read this the majority of the Holidays will be over. I do hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and also did not put on too much weight between both the Thanksgiving Holiday and the Christmas season. I would like wish all of you a Happy New Year and hope that 2017 will be a good year for you.

Now that the year is coming to a close, I must remind those of you who have not renewed your membership (assuming you pay annually) that it is really past time for you to do so. We need (and want) each of you to be part of our organization not only in 2017, but as far down the future road as possible.

I would again like to invite each of you (and your family) to come to Florida in May to the Southeast Regional Conference. Of course there will not be a whole lot of "conferencing" going on as far as the formal world is concerned. But especially for those of you who are not attending the National Convention it is a great opportunity for you to bring your family and see the Orlando area at a decent rate. I doubt you will get a hotel (with breakfast) for this price. I know it is Mother's Day Weekend, so give your family a treat and bring them down to this event.

We have made some major progress in the gathering of funds to get our mountain side WWII Memorial fixed like it should be. We are not quite there as yet but at the time I am writing this we have obligations that get us to around the 2/3 point in the funding necessary (at least based on the initial estimate we received). So please don't let up just yet, we still have a little ways to go. And, of course, it is better to have a little too much than not enough at all. This is our memorial and we, as a group, are responsible to take care of it. I am sure all of us will feel much better once this project is complete.

I mentioned earlier about retaining all members we currently have. But along with that, it is the responsibility of each one of us to try to gain new members as well. Please try to do your part and recruit at least one new member for USSVI (whether it is your base or not) in 2017. Our membership level has remained fairly constant over the last several years and we need to try to start getting that upward trend. So please try to do your part.

I would also like to ask each of you to consider doing just a little more for your base. I am not asking for full time volunteers, but those who never seem to do anything, see if you can add just a little bit of your time in your base functions. If they don't have a project ongoing that you would like to see, bring it up and see if it can get started. My goal as Regional Director is to try to get members just a little more involved in their base and to get the bases just a little more involved with their community. Each of these commitments is just healthy for USSVI (as well as your base).

Again, I hope that each of you has a good 2017. I look forward to seeing each one of you at some USSVI event in 2017. Thanks for your support of USSVI.

Steve Bell, Southeast Regional Director

SED1 DISTRICT COMMANDER AND TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER



David Campbell
SED1 District Commander
Tarheel Base Commander

NOW HEAR THIS! NOW HEAR THIS!

We are now entering the Holiday although I prefer the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season, which means we are more likely to be visiting family and friends and enjoying the benefits of living in the greatest country to ever have existed in this world. And these benefits of physical bounty, opportunity, and freedom came at a high cost and those costs are still being imposed due to continuing the war on terror world-wide. The US has lost over its history over 1.3 million service men and women historically in this struggle to protect our freedoms. This historic and ongoing cost includes long hours, long deployments and separations from family, struggles with old equipment, and sometimes with a political administration that places its protectors at the back of the line.

In our Pearl Harbor dinner, December 3rd this year, the North Carolina submarine veterans will continue the tradition to honor all of our shipmates still on patrol with a formal "TOLLING THE BOATS" lost in war and peace. And as we continue our membership as Submarine Veterans let us also remember and pray for today's submariners who are continuing to patrol the ocean in a troubled world that is seeing an increase in adversarial operations against the US and doing so with fewer and aging submarines.

It is dues time again, and to prevent a break in membership we need all 2017 dues in before February 1st for National membership. And although the bases have more flexibility it is requested that we have all dues in before the end of the year to ease the burden on our base treasurers. This is also important to the base treasurers in preparing the End Of Year (EOY) financial reports in preparation for USSVI tax report for 2016 and continuing the record of excellence in getting SERD-1 reports in early.

In our October TARHEEL BASE meeting we finalized the issue with the Torpedo Float, and under the leadership of the NC State Commander, Chuck Petitt, we purchase a leveling bar for use with the float to remediate the problem with the trailers tongue weight and established the basic requirements of the tow vehicle. The end result will be an increase in parade participation and much more visibility for the USSVI. In fact the Torpedo Float garnered an award at the Asheboro Veterans Day Parade this year, which is not a new occurrence.

As District One Commander, I was able to visit all but one of the district bases so far this year. I am impressed with the enthusiasm of base members at these meetings. But I also have noticed that we are an aging organization, and only one base, Hampton Roads had a signification increase in membership. One reason is they are in a target rich environment, being right there in the midst of a major submarine command and the infrastructure supporting it. But they are also very active and visible with this command and the community. For the rest of District 1 and many bases nation-wide, our visibility is a product of our getting onto the publics radar screen; parades, school activities, veterans events, etc. This is the main way for us to recruit, a necessary activity if we are to survive. Now in that light I want to pass along a BRAVO ZULU to Gene Rutter of the Tarheel Base and Gene Ipo of the USS Asheville Base for their efforts in getting the Moonshine Mountain Memorial event on TV's TARHEEL TRAVEL show. And a BRAVO ZULU to Tom McFadden of the Tarheel Base for his initiation, planning and execution in getting the submarine veterans a booth at this years North Carolina State Fair. Both events garnered lots of publicity - public visibility - and contact with several potential new members.

Challenges for next year; two jump to mind immediately, one is the Moonshine Mountain Memorial modification funding. Several bases have made substantial donations, which should bring us to about a third of the civil engineering reports estimated cost. Dick Kanning established with National, a fund inside USSVI's Charitable Fund that holds the money donated to date. Anyone wanting to donate to the repairs to this memorial should donate to this fund and remember that it is tax deductible. The second major challenge is one always with us, as mentioned above, it is recruiting. Most bases seem to be pursuing this challenge

individually and at different paces with different ideas. I would like to recommend a district wide approached with ideas collected from all the bases and formulated into a project plan with a team to implement and track. In addition and part of this challenge is getting more base membership involvement in base activities. This all becomes kind of circular; increase base membership involvement means more activities and events, which translates to increased visibility, which translates (hopefully) to increase an in membership, which means more base membership involvement. So look for more on this issue, as I try to formulate my own thoughts.

Lastly, best wishes to all District one bases and members and to be politically incorrect, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Next Meeting:

Saturday, 07 January 2017 at 10:00 AM at American Legion Post 67, 8523 Chapel Hill Road (NC Hwy 54), Cary, NC

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USSVI Membership Information

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



NATIONAL CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



William "Bill" "Butterbean" Dixon
USSVI National Chaplain

LUKE 2:

7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Savior:

Webster says: one who saves.

GOD SAYS: MY SON

We are all blessed to be here right now by the Grace of God.

Do we realize what a magnificent moment this very minute is in our lives right now?

As we ponder our Bucket List for 2017, let us consider our relationship with our God, and make sure it is what it should be.

God Bless America! - Butterbean, Nat Chap

NAVY RATINGS ARE BACK, JACK!

Now I could understand combining a few rates, but making everyone just a Petty Officer? Come what were they thinking?

Well problem avoided, the rates are back. I've gotten a lot of e-mails on the subject so I sure you have all heard the new by now. Someone pulled their head out of their orifice.

There are MMs again and other rates too. I was wonder how my fellow nukes would have worked that. I would not want to be a generic nuke. "I stood ERUL last watch, I want to be the Reactor Operator, it's my turn!"



CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE/NC SUBVETS COMMANDER



Rick Petitt Carolina
Piedmont
Base Commander
And NC SubVets
Commander

Another year is quickly coming to an end and it is a good time to look back at the accomplishments and shortfalls we have had with our USSVI organization at the local, regional and national levels. Here at the Carolina Piedmont Base, we have continued to be very busy with several diverse programs.

First we have to always start with recruiting. The overall USSVI membership is getting older which means bringing in new and sometimes, younger members has to be a priority. We added 6 new members this year and over a dozen in 2015. Yes, we did lose a few members from our roster but we have reached a new high with 108 members.

One of the things that appears to work well with our recruiting is that our members wear their submarine hats, shirts and jackets. Almost every time I go out with my qual boat hat on, someone comes up and lets me know they were in the Navy, many from the submarine service. When they do, you have to be able to give them information on your base and also get their contact info for follow up. Not everyone joins but quite a few will check you out.

Second once you sign them up, there needs to be activities and functions for them to participate in. Here at the Carolina Piedmont Base, we offer several diverse programs/projects for our member to get involved with. We have an active Color Guard that goes to ball games and other events; a Kaps-4-Kids (SS) program which visits children's camps and hospitals; halfway night shows for assisted living facilities; Submarine Education and Flag Etiquette classes for high school and middle school kids, and other miscellaneous activities.

Everyone in this organization can and should be doing their part to bring in new members and to help insure that we have a healthy and happy veterans group for the future.

Rick Petitt
Carolina Piedmont Base Commander

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

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"From the Mountains to the Sea"

We at the USS Asheville Base hope each and everyone had a great holiday season and are looking for a productive new year. As I read about the various missions our brother bases are doing I can only see good things in our future as "Brothers of the Phin".

I hope all of you will join with me in congratulating the following USS Asheville Base Members in achieving the covenant honor of "Holand Club Member": Art Barker USS Sailfish (SSR/SS-572), Thom Beach USS Seadragon (SSN-584) and Robert Moore USS Requin (SS/SSR/AGSS-481).

Congratulations to Tim Kast for his long and detected service to duty for over 10 years with USSVI, the title of "HONORARY SUBMARINER" was bestowed upon him with the duties and responsibilities that go with it.

A big "BZ" to the base members that volunteered to assist in various activities in and around the city of Asheville, NC; Bruce Stefanik helping the needy for the Salvation Army, Jim Seacord is diligence of duty to Hendersonville early elections and election day, Joe Schmidt for supporting our children at High school and NCAA swimming referee 20 meets, Jerry & Jerome Hoffart helping our Veterans at the Veterans Restoration Quarters (VRQ) support monthly and all the base members for helping in various ways with the Asheville Sea Cadets "Freedom Division".

An update on two of our base members children, Miranda Schmidt (daughter of Joe Schmidt) is midway through Clinical phase of Physicians Assistant program and 7 months until graduation then off to Newport RI for ODS and PFC Jarrett Ipox (Son of Gene Ipox) became a US Marine this summer and is 1 year from completing his BA degree. Please join me and all the base member in wishing the best for their future.

2017, the Asheville Base is hard at work getting everything ready for the 2017 Moonshine Mt. Services and the 2nd Quarter NC Subvets Meeting. Please reserve your rooms and register early, time is moving fast and you don't want to be a bell ringer.

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.

Gene (Pox) Ipox

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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:

[USS Asheville Base Website](#)

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WELCOME ABOARD !!

Our Newest NC SubVet Members

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Qualified</u> | <u>Boat</u> | <u>Lives in</u> | <u>Member of</u> |
|---------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Francis Davis | 1972 | SSBN -601 | Charlotte | Carolina Piedmont |

VIETNAM REMEMBERED (SUPPLIED BY JERRY LEPPART)

Just in case you've forgotten.....

The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old.

12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old.

5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.

1 soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.

997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam.

1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam.

31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.

31 sets of parents lost two of their sons.

54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia. I wonder why so many from one school.

8 Women are on the Wall. Nursing the wounded.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall.

Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.

West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.

The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 - 245 deaths.

The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred.

For most Americans who read this, they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.

NAVY SUBMARINE WORK DAY

The 18-hour day is dead and gone in the submarine force, and junior officers who were on the front lines for the change say the change has been a revolution for morale and alertness throughout the force. The submarine force began transitioning in 2014 from an 18-hour day, where sailors stood watch six hours and had 12 hours off for other duties and sleep. Five junior officers speaking on a panel at the Naval Submarine League's annual symposium all agreed that the change to eight-hour watches with 16 hours off had an immediate positive affect

"It has had an extraordinary impact on a couple of areas," said Lt. Travis Nicks, who was on a fast-attack boat when his ship switched to eight-on, 16-off watches. "Mission execution and alertness. I did one deployment with six hour watches and one deployment with eight-hour watches. And on the eight hour deployment, nobody fell asleep as the contact manager standing up. The officer of the deck wasn't leaning up against the scope with both eyes closed and being slapped by the junior officer of the deck to stay awake. "I know that sounds like whining to everyone in this room who went their whole career on six-hour watches but I wish you'd had the experience of eight-hour watches because it's life-changing," Nicks said. The impact was also immediately apparent for crew morale, he added.

"The second part is it dramatically improves morale on the ship," he said. "When guys are sleeping, I noticed immediately that guys are complaining less. They need fewer bathroom breaks. They're dipping less tobacco. Everything gets better with eight-hour watches." Experts such as Nita Shattuck, an associate professor at the Naval Postgraduate School, have argued for years that even without sunlight the body works best on a 24-hour clock and that the 18-hour day led to chronic sleep deprivation among sailors which has led to accidents over the years. In 2013, the heads of the Surface Navy released a statement saying that their force should also make a priority out of sleep.

"The aviation community has long embraced the concept of crew rest as a foundation for safe operations," said Vice Adm. Tom Copeman, then head of Naval Surface Forces, and Rear Adm. David Thomas, then head of Naval Surface Force Atlantic. "It has a place in the surface force, as well." For Lt. Jessica Wilcox, who served on the ballistic missile sub Wyoming, the benefits of sticking to a 24-hour clock underwater were written on her sailors' faces. "We implemented them on my last patrol and it was a godsend," she said. "Mostly the way I saw it was in my [engineers] and the bags that they didn't have under their eyes anymore." [Source: Navy Times | David B. Larter | October 28, 2016 ++]

OLD IS WHEN...

'OLD' IS WHEN...Your sweetie says, 'Let's go upstairs and make love,' and you answer, 'Pick one; I can't do both!'

'OLD' IS WHEN...Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.

'OLD' IS WHEN...A sexy babe catches your fancy and your pacemaker opens the garage door,.

'OLD' IS WHEN...You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.

'OLD' IS WHEN...You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police

'OLD' IS WHEN...'Getting a little action' means you don't need to take any fiber today.

'OLD' IS WHEN...'Getting lucky' means you find your car in the parking lot.

'OLD' IS WHEN...An 'all nighter' means not getting up to use the bathroom

NC SUBVETS CHARTER GET A REVISION

I am include all but the signature page of all Base Commanders. I feel this is important enough to publish every now and then, especial after a revision. As noted, the "changes" are in *Italic*. Thank you Chuck Jensen.

Purpose: To unify the traditions, efforts, and camaraderie of the members of the Albemarle Sound, Carolina-Piedmont, Coastal Carolina, Nathanael Greene, Tarheel, and USS Asheville Bases of United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. It is to carry on the tradition started in North Carolina by the former Tarheel Chapter of the United States Submarine Veterans of World War II.

Definitions:

1. **NC SubVets:** Acronym for United States Submarine Veterans of North Carolina, an organization consisting of members from North Carolina's USSVI Bases.
2. **USSVI:** Acronyms for the United States Submarine Veterans Incorporated, a National Organization.

Membership: Restricted to those members in good standing of the Albemarle Sound, Carolina-Piedmont, Coastal Carolina, Nathanael Greene, Tarheel, and USS Asheville Bases of USSVI

Associate Membership: Restricted to those associate members in good standing or any member of a related ladies auxiliary.

Dues: There are no dues imposed by NC SubVets. The dues assigned by the Albemarle Sound, Carolina-Piedmont, Coastal Carolina, Nathanael Greene, Tarheel, and USS Asheville Bases satisfy this need. An Associate Member shall be assessed only those dues as required by the parent base.

Positions: That body of members elected by members or appointed by the Commander(s) to serve in the position(s) specified. That person in that position of each parent organization should fill the Commander's position. Additional positions shall be established, as deemed necessary, by the members. Positions other than Commander may be satisfied by that respective position in participating organizations.

1. ***Float Coordinator:*** *shall maintain the list of dates for the use of the floats requested by any of the NC SubVets member bases.*

Rules and By-laws:

1. The officers shall be members in good standing of their respective Local and National Organization.
2. Nominations and elections shall be conducted per the local participating organizations' statutes, as authorized and specified per the National Organization.
3. The NC SubVets Commander's position shall be rotated annually among the **six** organizations' current commanders. The NC SubVets Vice Commander shall be the commander of the next organization in the rotation by alphabetic order to be the NC SubVets Commander.
4. Meeting minutes, if deemed necessary, shall be taken by the host organization.
5. An Executive Committee shall consist of the senior elected officer from each of the participating organizations.
6. Voting Rights are reserved for those members in good standing (dues paid) in the participating and National Parent organizations.
7. Any monies generated by NC SubVets shall be distributed as agreed to by the Executive Committee.

8. ***Any use of the NC SubVets organization float(s) shall be coordinated by the Float Coordinator. The float will be scheduled on a first requested basis. An individual that requests the float must be a member in good standing of an existing base in North Carolina. The member's base will be responsible for the pickup, use, return, and transportation cost for the float. A maintenance and fuel reimbursement funds will be maintained by the Nat Greene Base for the NC SubVets organization. Any North Carolina SubVet Base may construct, maintain and use its own float as it sees fit without interaction with the North Carolina SubVets Organization. In the event that a Base wishes to donate its float to the North Carolina SubVets Organization, it may make a proposal for the donation to the North Carolina SubVets Organization. The North Carolina SubVets Organization may consider the proposal and either accept or reject said proposal.***

Governing Documents: This Charter serves as the sole guidance of NC SubVets. The Constitution and By-Laws of USSVI are not to be compromised and shall stand as the directives of both National and Local Organizations. Conflicts shall revert to the National Organization for resolution.

Changes to This Charter: The right to alter, amend or repeal this charter is expressly reserved by and for the membership of NC SubVets upon submission, review and approval by said membership.

Meetings: Unified meetings ***when scheduled*** shall be hosted by one of member USSVI bases at various locations throughout the state as proposed and accepted by the members. Separate (exclusive) meetings of the USSVI Albemarle Sound, Carolina Piedmont, Coastal Carolina, Nathanael Greene, Tarheel, and USS Asheville Bases may be held by the groups without concurrence of the others.

Approvals:

Note: as state above, the Base Commander signature page has not been published due to room. Please see your Base Commander to see a copy.

“If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.” – Will Rogers

WORTH REPEATING:

NEWS-01: 2017 Orlando Convention RV Campground info
Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 11/21/2016

As you know, Orlando is the #1 tourist destination in the world. As such things get pretty busy around here and accommodations tend to fill up. We have been investigating possible campsites for the RV crowd for next year's convention. We have narrowed our search to two campgrounds that are the closest to the host hotel and would accommodate our members in an RV. The concern is that the Labor Day week-end is a maximum camping time in Orlando and the campgrounds will fill up fast. I was wondering if you could do a broadcast to all USSVI members encouraging those who are coming to the 2017 convention by RV to make their campground reservations now.

The two campgrounds that we are suggesting are:
Tropical Palms Resort and RV Park
2650 Holiday Trail
Kissimmee, FL 34746
(407) 396-4595

Orlando/Kissimmee KOA
2644 Happy Camper Place
Kissimmee, FL 34746
(407) 396-2400

Jay D Mack, Base Commander, Central Florida Base, 2017 National Convention Co-Chairman

TARHEEL BASE Attends the State Fair

Wednesday, October 19, was an exciting day for Submarine Veterans in North Carolina. For the first time ever, the USSVI was represented at the NC State Fair in Raleigh. Wednesday was Military Appreciation Day at the Fair - the weather was amazing and the crowds were impressive!

A separate area was established for veteran organizations around an outdoor stage near the center of the fairgrounds. Throughout the day various presentations and live music entertained a crowd and organizations were able to visit with individuals, share information and answer questions. Members from the North Carolina Tar Heel base and a representative from the Carolina Piedmont base manned a booth the entire day. The tent displayed a backdrop showing a collage of submarines and the table display had a variety of memorabilia and an impressive model collection of most classes of submarines (thank you to Robert Schilke from Carolina Piedmont).

The team met a variety of individuals. Some were just curious about the force, some had a family connection and some were submariners not familiar with the organization. One of the more notable interactions was with a nice gentleman who approached the tent and was asking if we knew where he could find a model of the Scorpion. After a brief discussion he shared that his father was a crewmember. He was a young boy and remembered attending the commissioning ceremony with his family. He revealed that his father transferred off just two weeks before the tragic accident. As you can imagine, he said, "My father has spent much of his life wondering why he was not on the sub that day."

Late morning NC Governor Pat McCrory gave a very encouraging and appreciative speech at the stage. After what was thought to be a humorous comment about "we should get our picture taken with the governor" Mike Runkle pursued the departing dignitary. When Mike approached security outside the governor's car and asked if the governor could take a picture with a "bunch of old sub guys", the governor jumped out of his car and returned to the presentation area. He seemed as excited as we were and kindly shook hands and took pictures. The governor was presented a star from a flag that was flown in combat and he said he would be giving it to his cousin who is a Navy Seal.

The day was a great success. The local base received contact information from several submariners and handed out a handful of applications. Who knows, we may have even created some future submariners – the discussions with a lot of young, curious minds may lead to the next generation of SubVets.



Carolina Piedmont and Tarheel members with Gov. McCrory

TARHEEL BASE ELECTION RESULTS

After checking for hanging chads and a careful recount, the results of the voting for the Election of 2017 Tarheel Base Officers is as follows:

48 Ballots were returned with no write-ins and zero No votes. Re-election of the incumbent officers for 2017 is confirmed.

The officers for 2017 are:

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Commander: | David Campbell |
| Vice Commander: | Jim Davis |
| Secretary: | William Lowe |
| Treasurer: | Tom McFadden |

In Life there are Spectators and Participants! Thank you to all of the Tarheel Base Members who participated in this base activity.

If your Base has an event, please send pictures to caropied_moe@twc.com.

USSVI CHARITABLE FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

For all USSVI BASE COMMANDERS for further distribution From the CHAIRMAN OF THE USSVI CHARITABLE FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The announcement of the 2016-2017 Academic Year USSVI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM was promulgated on or about 15 October 2016. The application documents (and supporting information) are posted on the USSVI.org Website. Any USSVI Member may download the documents and sponsor children and grandchildren. The application package may also be requested via email or telephone or by snail mail.

Base Commanders are requested to remind current scholarship students to provide their semester grades and any thank you/feedback letters to my email address.

I encourage all members with children or grandchildren who are college bound or currently attending a University, College, Technical School or similar pursuits of higher education to apply for this scholarship. Please log onto the USSVI website and review the program elements and application process and timeline.

Robert (Bob) E. Frick, RDML USN (Ret.) SS, Holland
Chairman of the USSVICF Scholarship Program

A PICTURE – WORTH A 1000 WORDS (HOW MANY IN METRIC WORDS?)



Here we have the Gals (Division Officers) of the Carolina Piedmont SubVetties and the Guys of the Carolina Piedmont Base; not all, but many of the active members of both groups. This is after our Christmas Meeting/Get together on December 17th. – Photo by Tom Kelly.
GOT PICTURES?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Hugh Andrews | George Depta | Jerome Hoffart, Jr. | Andrew Piwowarski | Winborne Springs |
| Robert Baker | Butterbean Dixon | Tom Hulme | William Robinson | Mark Thesier |
| Marvin Beaver | Tim Dolan | Gregory Liss | Kevin Ryan | Carl Walker |
| Tom Carr | Edward Dunton | Bill Lowe | Mike Ryan | John Wallace |
| Dennis Chaney | Ray Hagwood, Jr. | Doug Mays | John Rupertus | John Weaver |
| Brian Craig | Ron Hatley | David Nelson | Bob Schilke | Raymond Zieverink |
| Charles Cross | Greg Hice | David Peck, Jr. | Gary Sikes | |

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

If I missed your Birthday, Please let me know at caropied_Moe@twc.com . I can't fix it, if I don't know it's broke!

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](#)

BASE WEBSITES

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](#)

MISSING WIFE

Husband: My wife is missing. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home!

Sheriff: Height?

Husband: I'm not sure. A little over five-feet tall.

Sheriff: Weight?

Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat.

Sheriff: Color of eyes?

Husband: Sort of brown I think. Never really noticed.

Sheriff: Color of hair?

Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown now. I can't remember.

Sheriff: What was she wearing?

Husband: Could have been pants, or maybe a skirt or shorts. I don't know exactly.

Sheriff: What kind of vehicle did she leave in?

Husband: She went in my truck.

Sheriff: What kind of truck was it?

Husband: A 2016 pearl white Ram Limited 4X4 with 6.4l Hemi V8 engine ordered with the Ram Box bar and fridge option, led lighting, back up and front camera, Moose hide leather heated and cooled seats, climate-controlled air conditioning. It has a custom matching white cover for the bed, Weather Tech floor mats. Trailing package with gold hitch, sunroof, DVD with full GPS navigation, satellite radio, Cobra 75 WX ST 40-channel CB radio, six cup holders, 3 USB port, and 4 power outlets. I added special alloy wheels and off-road Toyo tires. It has custom retracting running boards and under-glow wheel well lighting.

At this point the husband started choking up.

Sheriff: Take it easy sir. We'll find your truck!!!



The latest edition of American Submariner is now available on line, just log into www.USSVI.org and go to **USSVI Magazine** on the left column, then click **Current Issue**

“What the heck is this box for?”, said the new editor of the All Clear. Must be for member input. “Members can have input?, you ask. “Just send it to caropied_Moe@twc.com,” said the editor.

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:

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PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

| 2017 EVENT SCHEDULE | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------------|
| DATE | DAY | DESCRIPTION |
| None Scheduled | | |
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Information updated when available on our website at <http://ncsubvets.org/>

NC Subvets Website

If your Base has an event, let's get it out so others can attend.

And...If you are going to the doctor, dentist, barber, or anywhere there is a waiting room; print out a copy of this newsletter and place it in the waiting room. Any information about the USSVI, especially local info, is a great recruiting tool. National Magazines with contact information works well also.

THEY CAN'T JOIN IF THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT US!!

CAROLINA PIEDMONT NIGHT AT CHARLOTTE CHECKERS HOCKEY

The Carolina Piedmont Base is putting another "Carolina Piedmont Night at the Checkers Hockey" game for Friday, February 10th. Tickets will be in the Attack Zone and will run \$16.09 (\$16 is close enough). You can get more info by calling Moe at 980-422-2749, or e-mailing me at CPBase_Events@twc.com. We currently have 70 seats reserved, but should be able to add some. If you have never been to a hockey game, here's your chance!!!! Bring the family or friends. - Moe

2017 NC SUBVETS BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

FRI 19 - SAT 20 May 2017

Pre-Registration Form – Cutoff Date 15 Apr 2017

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Primary Base: _____ Email: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Base: _____ NO. TOTAL

Pre-Registration Per Person \$20 _____

Late Registration Per Person \$25 _____

Pre-Saturday Banquet Per Person \$20 if not rooming at Hotel _____

Late Saturday Banquet Per Person \$25 _____

Breakfast and Dinner include in Room Rates _____

Total Included _____

Dinner count selection Chicken _____ Beef _____ Trout _____



TEAR OFF THIS SECTION AS A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

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

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

NO. TOTAL

Registration Per Person \$20 _____

Saturday Banquet Per Person \$20 if not rooming at Hotel _____

Total Included _____

Dinner count selection Chicken _____ Beef _____ Trout _____

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

Directions to Hotel: I-40, Exit 86 (Route 226). Take this bending, curving road all the way to Little Switzerland. When you see the Blue Ridge Parkway overpass, take a left turn, go 2 miles to the lodge.

Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of the individual. **DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL RATE IS 15 Apr 2017.** Web site <http://www.biglynnlodge.com/>

2017 SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Hosted by Sea Poacher Base, Bartow, FL

Thursday, May 11, 2017 to May 14, 2017

Park Inn by Radisson

3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34747

Reservations: 1-800-670-7275 code: USSUB

Reserve your room directly with the Park Inn

Standard room rate is \$89 plus tax (\$100.57) Includes 2 breakfasts/paid room/day.

Room rates are valid May 8 thru May 17 **RESERVATION CUT-OFF** date is April 7

2017 Southeast Regional Conference Registration

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

Spouse / Guest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

e-mail: _____ phone: _____

Emergency contact: _____ phone: _____

Qual. boat: USS _____ Hull no. _____ Qual year: _____ Holland Club: Y / N

| DATE | EVENT | COST | QTY | TOTAL |
|------|--|----------|-----|-------|
| | 2017 SER Conference Registration (per member) add \$5.00 after April 1, 2017 | \$ 25.00 | | |
| | SER Conf. reg for spouses / guests | \$ 10.00 | | |
| 5/12 | Motor caravan to Submarine Memorial in Bartow, FL | free | | |
| 5/13 | Buffet Banquet at 1800 in Royal Palm room B fee per person Price INCLUDES tax and gratuity | \$ 35.00 | | |

Total \$ _____

We are NOT scheduling any tours / trips. The Park Inn has an large activity department.
The Saturday evening banquet is BUFFET STYLE.

Your TEE shirt size: S M L XL XXL (circle one)

Please note: ATTENDANCE AT ANY USSVI SPONSORED EVENT REQUIRES PAID REGISTRATION WITH
THE CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION POLICY: NO REFUNDS AFTER 20 APRIL, 2017

Payment by: check or money order

Pay and mail to: George Parker.

140 Paradise Drive

Davenport, FL 33837-9590

Should you have any questions: contact George at gparker350@aol.com

THANK YOU and WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING and WELCOMING YOU

2017 SER CONFERENCE DATA SHEET

Please pass this information on to all of your membership

LOCATION: Park Inn by Radisson, 3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34747. www.piresortorlando.com is 2 miles WEST of Walt Disney World (WDW), "Orlando", FL. At the NW corner of the intersection of SR 192 (Irlo Bronson Dr.) and CR 545 (Lake Wilson Rd.) You MUST be driving WEST on 192 to be able to turn right onto Maingate Lane. Park Inn is 1/3 mi ahead.

From FL I - 4 exit # 64 West, travel 5 mi. west on SR 192 to Park Inn. **OR:** At the Florida intersection of US 27 and SR 192, go East 5 1/4 mi. At CR 545 / traffic signal and Park Inn on your left, get turned around to enter Maingate Lane, heading West.

Big, tall sign & an IHOP right out in front, on 192

REGISTRATION: Registration desk will be located IN the Hosp. Room.

Daily and overall schedule will be posted in the Hosp. Room.

FACILITIES: Park Inn has very large, free parking front and back. 3 pools and a nice dining room. See their web site. Sea Poacher Base will host a Hospitality Room 1100 - 2200 Thurs.- Sat.

TO DO: OMG, it's the world's largest tourist area.... We have NOT planned any tours. The hotel has tons of info for you to choose from.

Sea Poacher will have a u-drive it trip to our Submarine Memorial in Bartow, FL. Details in the Hosp. Room.

On WDW, the "Shades of Green" Resort and Dinning Facility is open to military and retirees. They have a BX and small, class 6 store operated by Patrick AFB.

As expected, Murphy will attend...

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THE SUB NET

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

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| More than 100 WWII Veterans arrive in Honolulu on Honor Flight | Article |
| Sailors Honor Fallen Pearl Harbor Heroes | Article |
| US Navy to Christen Submarine Colorado | Article |
| Retired USS Drum Sailors Reunite in San Diego | Article |
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Editor’s Note: Shipmates, This newsletter is your newsletter. It’s only as good as what you contribute. It has won Newsletter of the Year and with your support, WE can do it again. We can’t do it with all this “white space”. So pitch in and let’s make the All Clear great again. Next issue will be around the first of the year. Input is accepted anytime, I’ll sent a reminder out in the first week of December to the Base Commanders and POCs..

ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES



Joseph Howard Clark , MOMM3(SS)



Qualified in submarines on the USS Bream (SS-243) in 1945, made the boat's last 3 war patrols, and was a MOMM3(SS) when he left the Navy.

Son of the late Shube Samuel Clark, Sr. and Carrie Idol Clark he was born in Guilford County where he lived all his life. He graduated from Sumner High School in 1943.

He joined the Navy and became a Submariner on the USS Bream in WWII, from 1943-1946. He then operated a Hertz car and truck rental franchise for over 40 years. His membership with the Crescent Rotary Club was over 50 years. Delivering Mobile Meals for over 20 years was one of his fondest things to do. He was a lifelong member of Rehobeth United Methodist Church. Howard continued to be active with the USSVI Submarine Service Organization participating in meetings, parades, and memorials. He was very dedicated to the Submariners including placed pavers at the war memorial Carolina Field of Honor. He also began gifting to the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina since 1979. Howard will always be remembered for his generosity and kindness. He was loved by many and will be missed by all.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife Joan, brother and sister-in-law, Shube S. Clark, Jr., and Mildred Clark brother-in-law, Ernest Harrill, and niece Judy Clark Jinnette.

He is survived by his daughter, Debbie Baxter and Dixon of Wilmington, NC; son, Jim Freeman of Columbia, SC; sister, Mary Clark Harrill of Charlotte, NC; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins.



Base Representatives See Joe off on Eternal Patrol

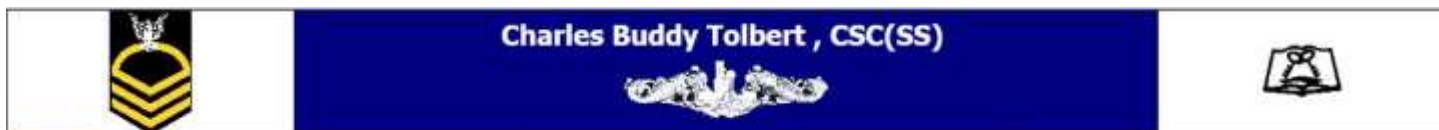


Qualified in submarines on the USS Torsk (SS-423) in 1952 and was a TMCM(SS) when he left the Navy. Dominic C. Pacilli, of Wilmington, passed away on October 6, 2016. He was born on November 17, 1930 in Franklin, PA to Nicola and Geraldine Pacilli.

Mr. Pacilli served in the United States Naval Submarine Force for 27 years, and retired in 1975 as Master Chief Torpedo Man.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Margaret and Helen, his brother Pasquale, and grandson Brandon. He is survived by his sons, Dino of Boise, Idaho, Antonio and wife Jeanne of Chandler, Arizona, Mario of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Vittorio and wife Kimberly of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Angelo of Albuquerque, New Mexico, step-son William Hedvig of Fairfax, Virginia, step-daughters Della Scarbrough and husband Delbert of Fredericksburg, Virginia, Stephanie Pedroni and husband John of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Heidi Lamy and husband Michael of Virginia Beach, Virginia, 19 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Dominic was a member and past-president of the Sons of Italy in Vallejo, California and a member of the Submarine Veterans Mare Island Base in Vallejo, and the Submarine Veterans Coastal Base, the Fleet Reserve Association Branch # 299, the VFW Post #2573 and the American Legion, Post 10, of Wilmington, North Carolina.



Qualified in submarines on the USS Sirago (SS-485) in 1958 and was a CSC(SS) when he left the Navy. Member of the Tarheel Base since 2000. Buddy served on three (3) Submarine: USS Angler (SS-240), USS Requin (SS-481), USS Sirago (SS-485). He was in the Navy 28 years, obtaining the rate of CSC (SS).



Qualified in submarines on the USS Andrew Jackson (SSBN-619) in 1969 and was a ETC(SS) when he retired from the Navy in 2005. "Mike" was a member of the Tarheel Base. Mike passed on December 21st.



William Elmo Edwards 90, sailed on his Eternal Patrol this morning, December 29, 2016. Bill was born April 8, 1926. He enlisted in the US Naval Reserve V-6 program and reported to active duty November 29, 1943. He qualified in submarines in USS Sea Robin (SS-207) in 1945 and was aboard for War Patrols 2 & 3 (both successful). Bill also served in CSD-321 and CSD-201 Relief Crews, and USS Gato (SS-212). He was SC3(SS) when released from active duty in February 1946. Bill and his daughter Terri attended the Tarheel Base's 2016 Pearl Harbor Memorial Dinner in early December (this month). Bill is survived by his wife, Lois. Funeral plans are incomplete

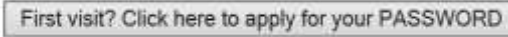



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