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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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**Lost Submarines—First Quarter**

**January**

**USS Scorpion (SS-278)**

Lost sometime after January 5, 1944 with the loss of 76 men while on her 4th war patrol in the Yellow Sea off China due to unknown causes. It is assumed she was sunk by a mine.



**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.



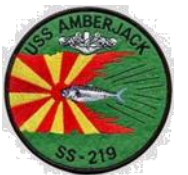
**USS Shark I (SS-174)**

Lost on February 11, 1942 with the loss of 59 men on her 1st war patrol 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.



**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 1st war patrol. 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 Vella Gulf near 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 in the East China Sea.



*The “New” look of the “All Clear” from the  
Engineroom Upper Level*

Hey Shipmates,

I believe that people get tired of the same old s....stuff! Because I know I do. So, I thought I’d take advantage of this fancy publishing program and change things around just a little.

I’m still learning all the “bells and whistles” of it, but I’ve played with it before and thought “this Nuke needs requal training; so there ya’ are.

I hate preaching every time, but this is your newsletter. I know you can at least type a few words at a time, so quit telling those “sea stories” and write them down, okay type them, but I will take written ones too, and then I’ll do the typing. Don’t let “your” history be lost. The history of the boat will be written somewhere, but your personal experiences may not be. Write them down, because we are not going to be here to tell those stories forever.

If you see a mistake or something you want to comment on, tell me. Okay, I hope you enjoy the new look— Moe(SS)

P.S.—I’m experimenting with FONTS, SIZES, and COLORS, so please tell me what pages you find the most “readable”.—Moe(SS)

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Your Sea Stories and  
 Input are always  
 WELCOME!!





## Southeast Regional Director — Steve Bell

Well, spring is finally here. Could have fooled me. Seems most of winter felt like spring and now spring is trying to act like winter. Maybe there is a message in that. I cannot figure it out.

As I write this we are shortly away from making the decision whether or not we will have the 2016 Southeast Regional Conference. It does not look good as we need more than 20 Subvets to sign up in the next week or so. I did not expect a lot of NC folks since Burnsville is the following week. And with that being the case, I expect to see lots of you folks at that event. It is always a good one. It seems to improve each year. Good job by all that are involved in that.

Our District Commander election is also right around the corner. Please take the few minutes it takes to vote and show support for you District Commander and your organization.

I will give you the latest on the update to our website. USSVI signed a contract with an organization to complete what has been done so far. They reviewed what had been completed and stated it looked good. Now they are pretty much going to tie it all together. It should be complete within the next few months. The plan is for it to run for several months, take in all the issues/comments then clean up what might be necessary. I know I am really looking forward to it as I too have some problems here and there getting things to work.

Another event that might have hurt the Regional is the National Convention, since it is pretty much in the same place. Here is a good chance to get down to visit the various venues of Orlando. I recently saw where some tags were added to the convention website (on the USSVI website) for discounts. Hope to see many of you down there as

well. I plan to bring some of my family with me (children and grandchildren) so they can enjoy it at a reasonable rate. Oh yeah, I will bring my wife too.

I am finally getting somewhat comfortable in my new position, but also realize that I have much to learn. In any case, I still feel that my primary duty is to serve our membership. I try to get information out to the District Commanders to forward on to the membership. I hope you don't feel overloaded with that. I still feel honored to be your Regional Director. Some of the job is enjoyable, but then again, there are those parts that one does not enjoy that much.

Our effort to get the funds necessary for some work on the Memorial in Burnsville has come along well, but collections have really slowed (as expected). The bases have done a good job as a base itself. However, we are now to the point where the rest is probably going have to come from individual contributions as well as money makers (like items at the Burnsville event) to get us to where we need to be. We are working towards the estimate we were given last year. Not sure how good that value is but it does give us something to work towards. Currently we are about \$4K short. Maybe each base can set a bucket (well maybe something smaller) out each meeting for contributions and maybe after a couple of meetings each we just might have a significant gain again. I will leave that up to the bases. It just would be nice to be able to start moving forward with a potential contractor to do the job.

I hope all have a great spring and I hope to see many of you at some event in the next quarter.

Steve Bell



## District Commander/Tarheel Base David Campbell



NOW HEAR THIS! NOW HEAR THIS!

Another year is nearly one quarter complete. My first thought is; how did it end up being March already and nearly April. We have to start thinking about the up-coming events for this calendar year. Next one on the docket is the South East Region Conference, which based on the latest scuttlebutt is far behind in attendance registrations. The Regional Director has indicated he may cancel this conference by the end of March if registrations levels do meet expectations, so look for communications relative to this event.

Immediately following, is the Moonshine Mountain Memorial event. Information will be forth coming on time and place. Please look to support this event and be aware this will also be a time for the North Carolina SUBVET State meeting. Based on the latest information our fund raising efforts to upgrade the memorial's site correcting the erosion problems have been impressive, in that we are nearly 2/3's there. Bravo Zulu to all individuals and bases that have contributed to this effort.

The next big event will be the National Convention located in Orlando FL. Keep an eye out for communications on this event. We already have had comments reminding those members wishing to attend and will be using RV / Camping sites of the need to get their reservations in early as this is a "major" vacation site and tourist destination.

In addition, the summer will as usual be a time of base picnics, and other outdoor events. To ensure most participation including having members from other district one base attend and support, please get

out the information on these events as soon as possible.

As district commander I will forward it to all district base commanders and POC's so that members that may find themselves in the area can, if they would like, attend these events and can provide advance notification of their desire to participate. It is a chance to meet members outside your immediate base. Who knows you might run into a long lost shipmate from some past command you shared.

Also, let me get into one of my key responsibilities as the district commander, and that is to remind ya'll that one of our major goals in meeting the USSVI purpose is to get visibility with the public to support recruiting and keep the remembrance of the sacrifices of our fallen submarine brethren alive. For Tarheel Base this year again,

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**Meets 1st Saturday of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, at 10:00 hrs at the Am. Legion Hall—Cary**

**December meeting is the Pearl Harbor Dinner-**



we are again going to try and get a booth location at the North Carolina State Fair on Veteran's Recognition Day as well as obtain a slot in the Veteran's recognition day parade. Subvets will be needed to man the booth and ride in the parade. So keep open the month of October in anticipation of this major event and if your attending the fair bring your vest and ball cap on this day and at least the ball cap on any other day you may be at the fair. In fact wear you Subvet ball-cap at every opportunity or any submarine veteran clothing to advertise USSVI and submarine service.

This year also, TARHEEL BASE will be having its first annual picnic (at least to my knowledge) and it will be base sponsor-supported, so base members please keep the month of October open for this event also. Reservations for planning purposes will be required. We are also planning a base supported day at the DURHAM BULLS ball park, look for more information coming up when we firm up a date.

TARHEEL BASE rode in this years Saint Patrick's day parade after a few of years of none participation. I would like to offer a sincere BRAVO ZULU to Jerry Leppart and Chuck Jensen who, as Butterbeans official drivers, again stepped forward and provided towing services for the Submarine and Torpedo floats. They then did a hand off to the Albemarle Sound Base to support their parade participation. Again BRAVO ZULU to these two members who always seem to be stepping over the "volunteer line" to support USSVI events.

In February the District again supported the COMSUBLANT Sailor of the year ceremony. My personal BRAVO ZULU to all bases who donated in support of this years event with funds for the participants; runner ups and winners. I talked to some of these impressive young men and it would appear the force is in good hands going forward. In addition a special BRAVO ZULU to the Hampton Roads Base for the continued support of this event with a large donation and a contingent of SubVets who attended representing the USSVI and District One.

**Some Flag Facts:** No one knows with absolute certainty who designed the first stars and stripes or who made it. Congressman Francis Hopkinson seems most likely to have designed it, and few historians believe that Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress, made the first one.

Until the Executive Order of June 24, 1912, neither the order of the stars nor the proportions of the flag was prescribed. Consequently, flags dating before this period sometimes show unusual arrangements of the stars and odd proportions, these features being left to the discretion of the flag maker. In general, however, straight rows of stars and proportions similar to those later adopted officially were used. The principal acts affecting the flag of the United States are the following: On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

Act of January 13, 1794 - provided for 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795.

Act of April 4, 1818 - provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state, signed by President Monroe.

Executive Order of President Taft dated June 24, 1912 - established proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward.

Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated January 3, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.

Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated August 21, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically





**National Chaplain  
William "Bill"  
"Butterbean" Dixon**

The Lord works in mysterious ways. The American Submariner Magazine in the last issue on page 7 got my telephone and email incorrect.

I have had very few responses to my column in the American Submariner over the last couple of years.

Since this incorrect info, I have had several contacts about seeking info that I was able to help with. Lord, please keep up the good work.

In service to SubVets - Butterbean National Chaplin

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The "Veterans' Legislative Day at the North Carolina General Assembly" is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 16 West Jones Street, Raleigh.

If at all possible, please make plans to attend this event. In doing so, it will let the Legislatures know that the Veterans of North Carolina are concerned about the bills that they are considering that affect us.

Your Base POC should have more info as it become available.

And since Butterbean left me some room...here's one from a RMCM(SS):

The rain had stopped and there was a big puddle in front of the bar just outside the VFW.

A rumped old Navy Chief Petty Officer was standing near the edge with a fishing line in the puddle.

A curious young Marine fighter pilot came over to him and asked what he was doing. "Fishing," the old Chief simply said. "Poor old loon," the Marine thought to himself, and invited the Chief into the bar for a drink.

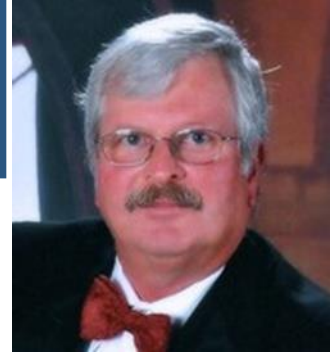
As he felt he should start a conversation while they were sipping their spirits, the young jet pilot winked at another pilot and asked, "How many have you caught today?" "You're number 14," the Chief answered, taking another sip from his double shot of 12 year old Scotch, "2 Air Force, 3 Army and 9 Marines."

NEVER NEVER UNDERESTIMATE A NAVY CHIEF





**NC SubVets  
Carolina Piedmont Commander Rick Petitt**



As we begin 2017, we are looking forward to many great events and most of them are right here in the Southeast. We start the year out right in Kissimmee, FL at the South East District Regional Convention. It will begin Thursday May 11 at the Park Inn Resort. We encourage everyone to try to attend this event and at this writing we need several more attendees to sign up. I love the Orlando area and hope to see many of you there.

Then we continue to enjoy May by attending our annual World War II Memorial event at Moonshine Mountain in Burnsville, NC. It is a great tribute to our submarine sailors lost during WWII. We get to enjoy the beautiful mountains of North Carolina and pay our respects to our lost brothers. This year it begins Friday May 19 and runs through the weekend. We will have our NC Subvet Halfway night competition on that Saturday and it is always entertaining. If you haven't booked yet you better hurry. Contact your local base for details.

September 1 brings us to the USSVI National Convention, again in the Orlando area. This year it will be held Sept 1 through Sept 6 at a wonderful resort, Rosen Shingle Creek. It should be a great event and I wouldn't miss this one. Details are on the USSVI web page.

Finally we get to the first weekend in November and we have the WWII celebration in Kings Bay, Ga. This is always a must to attend. The base at Kings Bay really knows how to host an event. The food is great and again we celebrate our WWII brothers.

All of these great events are within hours of us by car. No airfare needed. This is going to be a wonderful year for all of us submarine enthusiasts.

On a sad note, our base has just recently lost 2 of our senior members and they are now on eternal patrol. Tar Heel base also

lost one of our WWII heroes and I am sure all of our bases have lost shipmates in the past few years. It is a reminder to us to not take for granted our camaraderie and keep our shipmates close. Keep your base active and continue to recruit for new members. I can almost always find a former submarine sailor cast adrift needing to join our base.

Have a great spring, have fun and keep up our recruiting. We need to find those lost castaway submariners and bring them into our bases.

Rick Petitt

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**Meets every 4th Saturday w/e of May at the VFW Post 9138, Ft. Mill, SC— Dinner at 1730 and meeting at 1900**



*"From the Mountains to the Sea"*

**USS Asheville Base Eugene "Pox" IpoX**

The USS Asheville base was once more honored to be invited to have the base "Honor Guard" post Colors for the SoCon Championship Game for the 4th year in a row. After the game the SoCon coordinator presented the Honor Guard with free passes for all base members for the following nights SoCon Men's Championship Game "Home Town Heroes" night, both nights wear fun and great fellowship. Next year if you find yourself in the area or would just like a night at the games, please let us know and come out and have a night watching some great games.

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. Some of the NEW things going on are a "Jam Session" & "Live Auctions" on Friday night, so if you can play an instrument or sing, hum or just clap along with the music come and be a part of the fellowship.

A main item that most of you know about that will be raffled off is a Module of the USS Hake. Larry Travis rode the Hake for all three war patrols. He passed away last year and his son has graciously donated the module to the Nat

Greene Base. The module is worth \$650 and \$250 for the PVC case. The Nat Greene Base voted to raffle the module off and use the proceeds for MM memorial. Please get your tickets from your base representative or you can purchase them at the Moonshine Mt event, the drawing will be Saturday after the dinner.

The Asheville Tourist baseball team has asked if the base Honor Guard will perform Colors on Memorial Day (May 29th, 2017). If you would like to attend please let us know so we can give all the info for the game.

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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No Report this Quarter

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No Report this Quarter

**Nat Greene Base  
Ray Moore**



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

Update on Holland Club – We have four members eligible in 2017, Donald Godfrey, Ricky Donohue, Peter Thompson, and Al Zilinski. Base members at the Jan. 14th meeting voted to send \$5 for each Holland Club Member to the Holland Club Fund for a total of \$215.

We held a TOLLING Of THE BELL ceremony for all Nat Greene Base members that went on Eternal Patrol from 2011 to 2016.

We joined the Asheboro Air Museum, at an annual cost of \$42. This spreads the cost equally between the four bases that use the facility.

The raffle for the WWII submarine that Larry Travis served on is underway. I will have raffle tickets at the March meeting. Tickets are \$5 each and the drawing will be held in May at the Burnsville Memorial Service.

The base continues to support Joshua’s Angels of the Carolinas and the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal (VHVH) program. Dale introduced our guest speaker for the meeting. The gentleman was Mark Ford, Director of Operation from VHVH. Mr. Ford gave us a recap of what VHVH was about and the successes it has had in rehabilitating the young men that have gone through VHVH. Mr. Ford thanked the Nat. Greene Base for the donations we have given VHVH over the past 2 years.

“Hoppy” (Robert F. Hopkins) made a motion that we should make a donation to VHVH at this meeting. It was decided that whomever wins the 50/50 drawing would donate the winnings to VHVH. The motion was approved. Since Mr. Ford was to leave before our meeting ended, it was decided to do the drawing while Mr. Ford was present rather than wait until the end of our meeting. The drawing was made at this point of our meeting and Secretary Edward Galaviz was the winner. In addition to the

50/50 winner plus additional donations from members, including the base’s share of the 50/50 raffle, Mr. Ford was presented with \$110 in donations

The Nathanael Greene Base is supporting the Boat Sponsorship National Program by supporting the USS North Carolina (SSN777).

The Nathanael Greene Base had its July meeting at the Memorial Park in Kernersville on July 9th with more than 30 in attendance. A great meal was provided by Wayne Hauser. Everyone can help with membership by talking with vets and wearing something submarine related.

KAPS4 kids – we are scheduled to go to Camp Corral on April 29th.

Our July meeting is scheduled for Friday July 7th at The Carolina Field of Honor, shelter #4.

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**Meets a Am. Legion Post in Winston-Salem on the 1st Saturday of odd months.—1300 hours**



# NC SubVets support Sailor of the Year selection



See the Story at [http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=98911](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=98911)



**Happy Birthday Shipmates!**

**January Birthdays**

Thomas Beach, Dave Bergman, Jr, Perry Blake, Charles Boynton, Charles Cotter, 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, Doug 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 IpoX, Jack Jeffries, Dick Kanning, Ronald Lamon, Jerry "Spots" Leppart, Jerry "Patch" Paciorek, Eugene Peterman, Norman Richards, 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, Boyce Kline, William Lewis, Jr., John Markiewicz, William Martinez, 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

With this new format, we'll do things a little different. Instead of looking a belated birthdays, let's look ahead.

**April Birthdays**

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

**May Birthdays**

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

**June Birthdays**

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

If I missed your birthday, please contact me at [caropied\\_Moe@twc.com](mailto:caropied_Moe@twc.com)





Welcome  
New  
Members

Albemarle Sound Base

None Reported

Coastal Carolina Base

None Reported

Carolina Piedmont Base

Dan Capron—LCDR

George Davis—EMCS(SS)

Tom Carr—EM2(SS)

John Bosanek—MM1(SS)

Nat Greene Base

None Reported

Tarheel Base

None Reported

USS Asheville Base

None Reported

Thinking about it...

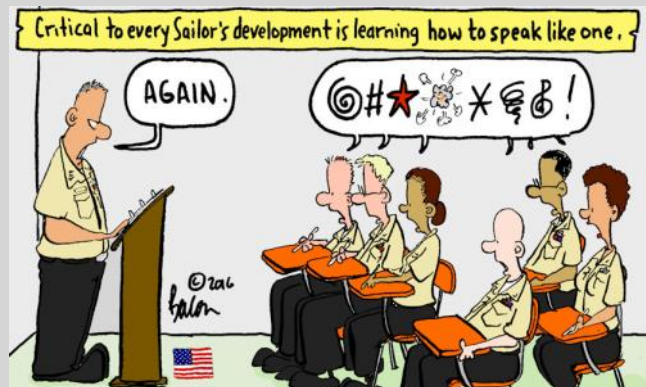
A guy brings his best golf buddy home, unannounced, for dinner at 6:30, after enjoying a day of golf.

His wife screams her head off while his friend sits at the kitchen table, open mouthed, listening to the tirade.

"My hair and makeup are not done; the house is a mess and the dishes are still in the sink. I'm completely exhausted! I didn't get enough sleep last night. Can't you see I'm still in my pajamas?

I can't be bothered with cooking tonight! Why did you bring him home without letting me know ahead of time, you stupid a\*\*hole!?"

"Because ... he's thinking of getting married..."



## 52 for Freedom

By Lamar Hodges, USS Atule 64-66

Early one December morning  
 On the Seventh, nineteen forty-one  
 That fateful day of Infamy  
 World War II had just begun  
 Those long sleek boats, the submarine  
 Dove into the depths  
 And fought a war of attrition  
 Right to Japan's front steps  
 From the very beginning  
 They knew they had a score  
 Now six million tons of enemy ships  
 Lie on the ocean's floor  
 They'd mark final range and bearing  
 And the Mark 14 would fly  
 And in a great explosion  
 An enemy ship would die  
 Inside the sub at every sinking  
 There was glee and there was joy  
 Over men and guns of the Rising Sun  
 That would never touch our boys  
 So they cleared the bridge and pulled the  
 vents  
 Then slid beneath the waves  
 Knowing each and every dive  
 Took them half way to their graves  
 Over sixty score gold and silver dolphins  
 Still lie beneath the waves  
 Men of the Silent Service  
 In their deep and hollowed graves  
 Men such as Dealey and Morton  
 In HARDER and WAHOO they lay  
 Not all that fought, but some that died  
 And can't be here today  
 So let's not forget those sailors  
 Still on their last patrol  
 They died for you and me and freedom  
 God rest their gallant souls

## Eight Bells (provided by Doc Hopkins)

Aboard Navy ships, bells are struck to designate the hours of being on watch. Each watch is four hours in length. One bell is struck after the first half-hour is passed; two bells after one hour has passed; three bells after an hour and a half; sounding two bells, a pause, and one bell; after two hours, two bells, a pause, and two more bells again; and so forth up to eight bells are struck at the completion of the four hours. Completing a watch with no incidents to report was "Eight bells and all is well."



The practice of using bells stems from the days of the sailing ships. Sailor couldn't afford to have their own timepieces and relied on the ship's bells to tell time. The ship's boy kept time by using a half-hour glass. Each

time the sand ran out, he would turn the glass over and ring appropriate number of bells.

The passing of a sailor is marked by the ringing of eight bells as a tradition of saying farewell to a shipmate, who is passing from the burgeoning Earthly Watch to the restful watch in Heaven.

At the passing of our shipmate, we ring the bell, signifying his transcendence into Heaven to end his toilsome earth-bound watch and begin his Eternal Patrol. We, his underwater shipmates, can attest to his caliber, character, intelligence and belief in the Lord. He will be sorely missed by his family and by his fellow submariners. We hereby commit his boat sail-or soul to the Lord, by ringing his "Eight Bells." Thank you for your unselfish service to the United States of America. Your memory will not fade because of the existence of the United States Submarine Veterans of North Carolina.





**USS ASHEVILLE HAPPENINGS**

The USS Asheville Base is busy getting ready for Moonshine Mountain and they hope you can make it. Info is included at later in this newsletter. The Base is also looking for a Ceremonial Bell. Please contact Gene Ipox if you know of one that is available. At the March meeting, 2 new members were inducted into the HOLLAND Club. Left to Right: Jerry Hoffart, Eugene Johnston, Eugene (Doc) Peterman, and the new inductees Robert Moore and Art Barker.



The "All Clear"  
Public Service  
Item of the Quarter



Don't snort Viagra



*Carolina Piedmont Base Happenings*



On January 25th the Carolina Piedmont Color Guard presented the Colors for the Charlotte Hornets and the Golden State Warriors. The arena had 19,639 spectators on hand for the game.

From left-to-right: Dale Moses (Moe), Jeff Nieberding, Regional Director Steve Bell, Base Command Rick Petitt, and Jim Goins. This is the 3rd time the Base has presented Colors for the Hornets

Here are the Carolina Piedmont “Bilge Rats” singing a number during their presentation of “The Carolina Piedmont Weather Channel” at a Charlotte area Assisted-living Home. The “Rats” are made-up of Base members and SubVettes from the Base. The “Rats” do about five shows per season at area homes and are into their sixth season. The Bilge Rats are (L-R starting in the front) Michele Nieberding, Steve Bell, Linda Zieverink, Anna Tuchfeld, Kathy Bunney, Bob Bunney; (row two, l-r) Rick Petitt, Cindy Petitt, Jeff Nieberding, Jim Goings (behind Bob) and in the back, Dale “Moe” Moses (looking away), Joel Tuchfeld. Not pictured are the “stage mother, Raymond Zieverink, and the “sound lady” and my bride, Colleen Moses. Ma Bell and Marsha Going are always there to lend help if needed. This project is very fun and very REWARDING.



**Morning Coffee for Grandma...**

One morning, a grandmother was surprised to find that her 7-year old grandson had made her coffee. Smiling, she choked down the worst cup of her life. When she finished, she found three little green Army men at the bottom. Puzzled, she asked, “Honey, what are these Army men doing in my coffee??”



Her grandson answered, “Like it says on TV, Grandma. “The best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup.”



**Interesting—supplied by Jerry Leppart**

The current OIC Nautilus/Museum Director, LCDR Preston, is doing a survey of docents and visitors about things like most favorite and least favorite things about the museum, what docents and visitors would like to see more of etc. One of my suggestions was about showing how submarine school training has evolved over the years. I was amazed in 2004 when I accompanied the Russians visiting for the Cold War at Sea Conference and the Naval War College arranged for them to visit Submarine School. It bore little resemblance to my experience there in 1962! I am told that there have been even more changes since 2004.

This is something I discovered on Monday while on museum docent duty: [http://www.navy.mil/ah\\_online/archpdf/ah201004.pdf](http://www.navy.mil/ah_online/archpdf/ah201004.pdf)

This is a link to an archived on line version of the April 2010 issue of All Hands magazine. While on docent duty on Monday I spent some time on the docent laptop there doing some “research”. As part of a survey of docents and visitors to the Submarine Force Museum, I have commented that I thought the museum should have more information about how one becomes a submariner. This issue of All Hands had an excellent article about Basic Enlisted Sub School. (At home later I downloaded this PDF and extracted the BESS article which I made into a Word document. I attached that as well.)

This was another link I found: <https://www.navy.com/careers/nuclear-power/submarine-officer-nuclear-submarines.html#ft-training-&-advancement>

This link has to do with how to become a submarine officer.

I thought these might be of interest to other Sea Owl shipmates.

**From Steve Bell**

The Southeast Regional Conference is scheduled for 11-14 May 2017. I am sure you all are aware of that. As it stands right now, there are only 15 Subvets registered. We have a block of 50 rooms and if we do not fill them, we are on the hook for them. We will have to make a decision to cancel this event at the end of this month if we do not have the requisite number of rooms filled. I cannot allow this organization to pick up that kind of bill. So if you are planning on attending please get your room reserved and your registration in now. Again, if we do not have what is necessary by the end of March, I will cancel this event for this year. I hate doing that as we seem to always have a good time at these events. There are no tours planned for a couple of reasons. We wanted to let you pick and choose where you want to go and when you want to go. Orlando has far too many places to go and see for us to set up the tours (and would probably pick the wrong ones anyway). Also, when you set the tours up, transportation cost becomes a real killer on that. That is why we are not doing tours. Our hotel is located where most things are easy to get to.

So the clock is running on whether or not we will have this conference. It is up to you, the members within the region, to determine if we can pull this off. And besides, the conference coordinator is really stressing over not having the amount needed. Should we cancel, it will be up to you to cancel your reservations. All submitted funds will be returned if necessary.

Thanks for your consideration and cooperation.

Steve Bell





The Holland Club. Qualified in Submarines for 50 years. This are the guys that taught and set the standard for us that are not yet members of this elite group. I just want to say "Thank You".

If your name is missing or spelled incorrectly, I apologize, I get my input from your Base. Give me a shout if something is wrong so I can get it fixed.—Moe

**Albemarle Sound Base:**

Theodore Barber Jr., Barry Danforth, Hershel Davis, Arvie Helle, James Lashbrook, Tola Lewis Jr. , Darrell McKinley Jr., Ronald Pervere, Donald Purbaugh, Kenneth Stephens, Chandler Ward

**Coastal Carolina Base:**

Jim Brincefield, George Cataldo, Howard Crist, Charlie Engelberger, Chuck Fletcher, Bob Govern, Dick Gudis, Charles E Hodges, PK Kraus, Robert Liland, Charles Patch, II, George Perhala, George Roderick, Mike Ryan, Bill Schmauss, Jim Simon, George Stalker

**Carolina Piedmont Base:**

Jack Anulies, Steve Bell, Perry Blake, Robert Boyd, Jim Brady, Ron Busila, Howard Dachs, John Dainotto, Donald W. Eggleston, Ray Fritz, James Hanks, Jim Harris, Don Haseley, Ron Hatley, Tom Holland, William F. Holzendorf, Robert Howell, Dan Jackson, Jack Jeffries, Terry Jones, Clarence Jordan, Bill King, Arnold Kirk ,Larry Lynch, Roland Miller, Rudy Ogas, David Peck, Bill Quailles, John F. Rupertus, Stan Schulz, Otis W. Sealy, Paul Simerly, Glen Snyder, Winborne Springs, Jim Taylor, Tom Tidd, Michael Toomey, Jr., Joel Tuchfeld, John Wallace, John Wardean, Al Westberry, Carl Wootten, Herman Ziegler

**Nat Greene Base:**

Michael Adams, Clarence Allen, Jim Balderas, George Bass, Jean-Loup Combemale, Charles E. Cross, Paul Crossland, Robert Dabbs, Ricky R. Donahue, Edward

Galaviz, Kerry Gentry, Donald Godfrey, Sr., Paul J. Greene, Fred Gunter, Jr., John Hanek, Dallas Jarrell , Charles L. Jensen, Colin Kagel, William King, Richard E. Kreh, Sr., Ken Lamine, William Lewis, Jr., James Martel, Bill McCormick, Ray Moore, James R. Myers, III, Dale Patterson, Thomas A. Richey, James Russell, Pete Thompson , John Trubee, Gary Vernon, Donald Whitehead, Jim Wilson

**Tarheel Base:**

William C. Abbruzzese, Hugh Andrews, Allen S. Ashdown, Sr., John E. Baublitz, Harold C. Bazzle, Kenneth W. Boyer, Robert H. Brame, III, Michael J. Burkholder, Richard L. Cimino, John C. Clark, Jr., John A. Crosson, William E. Culver, John H. J. Cunningham, Joel V. Daughtridge, James P. Davis, Mel Denis, Harold W. (Bill) Dixon, Jr., Charles T. Dorman, Jerry L. Emerson, Wolfgang J. Friedrich, Earl Nelson Gainey, Jr., Joseph Goarck, Robert W. Govern, Duane E. Gow, William Grogan, Henry B. Hagwood, Donald R. Haseley , George M. Hecker , Bobby L. Hepler , Manly B. Hudson, Ted R. Hurley, Donald R. Huston, James W. Jacobs, Jeff W. Joyner, Diederick Kanning, James R. Kinney, Martin S. Kirwan, Jr., Arvin H. Klemp, George W. Knouff , Renaud J. Lebonville , Gerard F. Leppart, Girard T. Lew, Richard H. Lewis, Edward R. Lloyd, William E. Lowe, Everett H. Morgan , Joseph E. Morgan , Donald F. Moyer, Donald G. Page, Alvin W. Powell, George E. Roderick, Gene E. Rutter, Gary Sikes, Clifton Snow, Harold S. Steed, Charles A. Stevenson, Herman Strickland, Linwood Sutton, Frans L. Van Baars, Thomas J. VandenHeuvel, Carl L. Walker , Daniel G. Wall, Donald L. Wells, Robert H. Werner, William W. Whelan , William B. Wood, Vincent J. Zolkowski

**USS Asheville Base:**

Art Barker, Thomas Beach, Jonathan Beatty, John Biesecker, Robert Carlon, Jerome Hoffart, Sr., Harold E Johnston, Robert Moore, Eugene A. Peterman, William Roberts, Milton Stark



***A story supplied by Dave Campbell***

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought the master, Captain John Phillips, the result:

The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0° 31' N and LON 179 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899.

"Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line".



Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime. He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ships position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark, then he adjusted the engine speed. The calm weather & clear night worked in his favor.

At midnight the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line! The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere & in the middle of summer.

The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.

The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899.

In the bow (forward) part it was 1 January 1900.

This ship was therefore not only in:

- Two different days,
- Two different months,
- Two different years,

Two different seasons

But in two different centuries - all at the same time.

To bring this to the current century, USS Topeka (SSN-754) did the same thing at the turn of the century from 1999 to 2000 but did it at a depth of 400 feet. Go Navy and Go Submarines!



**Okay, insert a funny here...**

The teacher asked the class to use the word "fascinate" in a sentence.

Molly put up her hand and said, "My family went to my granddad's farm, and we all saw his pet sheep. It was fascinating."

The teacher said, "That was good, but I wanted you to use the word 'fascinate,' not 'fascinating'."

Sally raised her hand. She said, "My family went to see Rock City and I was fascinated."

The teacher said, "Well, that was good Sally, but I wanted you to use the word 'fascinate'."

Little Bob O'Connor raised his hand, but the teacher hesitated because she had been burned by Little Bob O'Connor before.

She finally decided there was no way he could damage the word "fascinate," so she called on him.

Little Bob O'Connor said, "My Aunt Carolyn has a sweater with ten buttons, but her boobs are so big she can only fasten eight!"

The teacher sat down and cried.

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Every been to a movie and wanted to yell "Down in front" to the people standing-up?



The Boats –supplied 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.

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- **Moonshine Mountain Raffle Item**
- **See your Base Commander for Tickets and information:**



USS HAKE SS-256—was a Gato-class submarine of the United States Navy that served during World War II.

Her keel was laid down by the Electric Boat Company, Groton, Connecticut. She was launched 17 July 1942.



NC SubVets

Parades and Other Events

A large crowd was in Raleigh for the St Patrick's Day parade on Saturday March 11, 2017. The Submarine Veterans had both the MK 14 torpedo and the mini-sub displays in this parade.

Attending SubVets were:- Dave Campbell, Rich Cimino, Jim Davis, Wolfgang Friedrich, Bob Govern, Jim Jacobs, Chuck Jensen, Jerry Leppart, Bill Lowe, and Gene Rutter. A special thanks to Chuck Jensen and Jerry Leppart for towing our displays.

The crowd gave us a very hearty welcome and "thanks", which was appreciated. After the parade, the sub and torpedo were transferred to SubVets from Elizabeth City for their parade.

-Chaplain Gene Rutter, USSVI Tarheel Base





# Hampton Roads Submarine Birthday Ball

*Celebrate the Submarine Force's 117th Birthday!*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22 at 6 PM**

Waterside Marriott  
235 E Main St., Norfolk VA, 23510

To Purchase Tickets  
Contact your Command Representative





## 117<sup>TH</sup> SUBMARINE BIRTHDAY BALL

### DINNER:

- A COMBINATION PLATE OF GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST WITH CIDER REDUCTION AND SIGNATURE CRAB CAKE WITH LEMON BEURRE BLANC SAUCE SERVED WITH MASHED POTATOES AND CHEF'S CHOICE OF SEASONAL VEGETABLE.
- ALTERNATING CHOCOLATE TOFFEE MOUSE AND SALTED CARAMEL CAKE WILL BE SERVED FOR DESSERT.
- COFFEE, TEA, AND SOFT DRINKS ARE INCLUDED.
- A VEGETARIAN OPTION OF MANICOTTI WITH TOMATO AND SPINACH FONDUTA SERVED WITH CHEF'S CHOICE OF SEASONAL VEGETABLE IS AVAILABLE AS AN ALTERNATIVE.
  - IF YOU DESIRE THE VEGETARIAN MEAL, PLEASE INDICATE SO WHEN PURCHASING YOUR TICKETS.

### HOTEL PACKAGES:

- SPECIAL RATE ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NORFOLK WATERSIDE MARRIOTT AT A RATE OF \$89.00.
- INDIVIDUALS CAN CONTACT THE HOTEL AT 757-627-4200 AND IDENTIFY THEIR AFFILIATION WITH THE "SUBMARINE BIRTHDAY BALL" AT THE TIME OF BOOKING THEIR RESERVATION.

TICKET COST: \$75 PER PERSON (FOR USSVI)

DRESS: FORMAL WITHOUT GLOVES OR COVERS



**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 )	\$ 25.00		
	SER Conf. reg for spouses / guests	\$		
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



## 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](http://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...



**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: _____			<u>NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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

			<u>NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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/>

**Editor’s Note:** I personally challenge each Base attending to have an “act” (sing, play an instrument, magic, skit, etc.) in the 2nd Annual Moonshine Mountain Halfway Night Talent competition. Let’s have some laughs and fun!!! - Moe(SS)



The Sub Net

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

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**Women are the best financial planners**

Dan was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a wife with which to share his fortune.

One evening at an investment meeting, he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, but in just a few years, my father will die, and I'll inherit \$200 million."

Impressed, the woman obtained his business card and three days later, she became his step-mother. -Women are so much better at financial planning than men.



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...Sailor, rest your oar*



Donald Gene Duncan , CDR



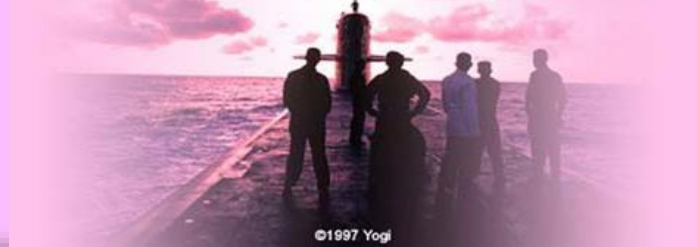
Qualified in submarines on the USS Sennet (SS-408) in 1963 and was a CDR when he left the Navy.

DUNCAN, Donald Gene, a long-time resident of Charlotte, died Sunday, Feb, 19, 2017. Born June 28, 1936 in Farmington AR, he was the second son of Norman Riley and Ellie Johnston Duncan. His brother, Dean Duncan of Fayetteville AR, survives him. After attending the University of Missouri on a NROTC scholarship, Mr. Duncan earned his BS in Chemical Engineering and was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. He served 12-years active duty primarily in the Submarine Service. In his final 2 years, after temporary duty as an instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy, he taught NROTC Celestial Navigation at the University of South Carolina where he also earned an MBA. He served an additional 6 years in the Naval Reserve, retiring with the rank of Commander. He moved to Charlotte in 1970 to work with insurance brokers mainly serving textile corporations. He ultimately became a corporate risk manager for one of the larger companies and after retirement, continued to serve as a consultant up until 2015 Mr. Duncan was predeceased by his partner of 45 years, Clyde H. Green. Jr. who died Feb. 22, 2017. He is survived by his daughters Molly Maloney (Joe) and Perry Merritt (Clark) both of Pensacola FL, his son Don Jr. (Debbie) of Moore OK, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his niece, Julie Perkins, and nephew, Jerry Duncan, and their families.

**MYATT, Thomas Allen, Sr.**, 77, son of the late Thomas B. and Lila Mae Mann Myatt passed away Wednesday March 15, 2017. A memorial service will be held 11:00 Saturday, March 18, 2017 in the Chapel of McLaurin Funeral Home with the family receiving friends one hour prior to the service from 10-11:00am. Mr. Myatt was born in Martin, TN and **was a US Navy veteran having served as a submariner.** A graduate of NC State University, he is survived by his wife of 60 years; Peggy K. Myatt, sons; Thomas A. "Tommy" Myatt, Jr. and his wife Tracy of Clayton, Randy S. Myatt and his wife Sheila of Coats, a daughter; Teresa Myatt Hayes of Clayton, grandchildren; Brandon J. Myatt, Crystal A. Hayes, Nyssa M. High and Ty Alexander Myatt, 7 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the [American Heart Association](#) , 7272 Greenville Ave. Dallas, TX 75231 or to the [American Cancer Society](#) , 1285 Rudy St # 103, Onalaska, WI 54650. Online condolences may be made to the Myatt family at [www.mclaurinatpinecrest.com](http://www.mclaurinatpinecrest.com). Arrangements are with McLaurin Funeral Home, Clayton. Published in The News & Observer on Mar. 17, 2017



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**Michael J Ryan , ET2(SS)**



Qualified in submarines on the USS Wahoo (SS-565) in 1962 and was a ET2(SS) when he left the Navy.



**Harold Dyson Rutter , RMSN(SS)**



Harold Dyson Rutter, Jr. passed away on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at the age of 88 years old, surrounded by loved ones, at his home in Fort Mill, SC.

He was born in Altoona, Pa. on February 9, 1929 to Harold Dyson Rutter, Sr. and Clair Helen (Croyle) Rutter. He was the first-born son of four children to whom he was very close. His oldest sister Joyce Arlene (Rutter) Shiplett lives in Kingston, PA; and youngest brother Gene Rutter lives in Raleigh, NC. His youngest sister, Edris (Rutter) Colyer, precedes him in death.

Harold never met a stranger he didn't like, was a seeker of information, a treasure trove of knowledge and was always ready with a hug or time for a conversation. Upon graduating from Altoona High School he volunteered and was accepted to the US Navy during WWII for the Submarine Service. He felt fortunate to serve on three different submarines, the USS Corsair SS435, the USS Trumftfish SS425, and a captured German U-Boat, USS Ex-U2513.

Following his honorable discharge from the service he attended Penn State University and worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad. It was during this time that he met and married the love of his life Dorla Rose Albright on May 26, 1956 in Winchester, VA. They both enjoyed playing card games, dancing, singing, Mexican train and their family.

International Business Machines (IBM) employed him from 1959 until 1991. During his time with IBM he worked in both New York and Virginia but a majority of his career was spent in San Jose, CA as an engineer. Following retirement and years of global travel, he and Dorla moved to Fort Mill, SC where they made great connections in the American Legion, the VFW in Fort Mill, the Fort Mill Moose Lodge and the Carolina Piedmont Submarine Veterans Base. These organizations of caring peers continued to be a part of his life even as his health began to fail.

He is survived by his wife, Dorla Rutter, his children; John Hammel and wife Jean of Lake Wylie, SC; Tom Hammel and his wife, Debra of Benson, AZ; Randy Rutter of San Jose, CA.; Dawn Kincade and husband, John of Vacaville, CA. and Shawn Rutter and his wife, Rebecca of Charlotte, NC. Harolds family has extended to 14 grandchildren and countless great grand children. His grandson, Evan Kincade of Vacaville, CA. precedes him in death.

A memorial service was held at Palmetto Funeral Home in Fort Mill, SC. on February 28th. Final interment was held at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. on March 10th.

Hal was an active member of the Carolina Piedmont Base and will greatly missed by it's members and members of the other NC Bases.

