

### Carolina Piedmont Base of the USSVI presents the

# Piedmont Periscope

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October 2016

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### **USSVI Creed**

Nearly 4,000 submariners have sacrificed their lives on the altar of American freedoms. It is the primary mission of USSVI to perpetuate their memory through memorials and "tolling the boats" memorial services. Per the USSVI Constitution Article III the Purpose/Creed consists of three sections:

### Sections of the USSVI Creed

### Creed:

Section 1: To perpetuate the memory of our ship-mates 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.

### Camaraderie

Section 2: In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, USSVI provides a way for all Submariners to gather for mutual benefit and enjoyment. The common heritage as Submariners is strengthened by camaraderie. USSVI supports a strong United States Submarine Force.

### **Perpetual remembrance**

Section 3: The organization engages in various projects and deeds that bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. USSVI also endeavors to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services United States submariners performed and how the sacrifices of lost shipmates made possible the freedom and lifestyle Americans enjoy today.







### Lost Boats for October "Sailors, rest your oars"

USS 0-5 (SS 66)

October 11, 1923

USS S 44 (SS 155)

October 7, 1943

USS WAHOO (SS 238)

October 11, 1943

USS SEAWOLF (SS 197) October 3, 1944

USS ESCOLAR (SS 294) October 17, 1944

USS DARTER (SS 227) October 24, 1944

USS SHARK II (SS 314) October 24, 1944

USS TANG (SS 306)

October 24, 1944

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### CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt





Commander's Stateroom

Over the next several months we have one special event after another. We start by having a guest speaker at our October meeting. Dave Campbell, our regional director will attend and speak at our meeting. On October 28th, we will participate in the Levine Children's Hospital Halloween party.

The November meeting will be our Thanksgiving feast, featuring my deep-fried turkeys. It was a hit last year so make sure you don't miss out. Also, the first weekend in November is the World War II Submarine Veterans Memorial at Kings Bay. This is always a great celebration and if you only attend a couple of events a year, this is one you shouldn't miss. Also in November, our country will elect a new President. The results will be interesting to say the least and a major topic of discussion for a very long time.

In December we begin preparing for Christmas and other holiday celebrations. While I am thinking about it, if you haven't paid your dues by December, that would be a great time to take care of that.

Our Subvettes organization has been given a reprieve and will continue under the leadership of Glenna Hubble as National Commander and Cindy Petitt as National Treasurer/Secretary. Over the next few months, they will be very busy putting their organization back on track.

We are still trying to find someone willing to tow our torpedo float and with a truck large enough to do the job. If we find someone to do this we can plan to get back into the many parades in our area for 2017. If anyone wants to volunteer or has any recommendations, please let us know.

Rick



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XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries

Welcome to the fall weather. I want to start by thanking Raymond and Linda Zieverink for the fantastic job they did for hosting our annual picnic, I believe all enjoyed the day. We had a raffle of one Richard Petty signed K4K cap and the latest book from Rick Campbell to help fill the K4K funds and raised \$165.00, thank you for your donations. We were scheduled to have a visit to Victory Junction on the 9th of October but event was cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew, we will try to fit it in that best fits our schedule. We are sched-

uled to present our K4K program at the Levine Children's Hospital October 28th at 2 PM. OK now lets get to annual dues, both base and national is due by Dec 31, we still have several who have not brought their dues up to date, as a reminder, National is \$25 per year with 3 years at \$70 and 5 years is \$115, base dues are still \$10 per year and \$27.50 for 3 years, please get this into Raymond Zieverink, our keeper of the coin ASAP, if you mail it, his address is 3003 Lakeland Dr. Rock Hill, SC 29730-9560. If National dues is not paid, you will be dropped from the National roster, if base dues is not paid you will be dropped from our base roster and put into the MAL national file, so please get it in ASAP.













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### Meeting Minutes: Meeting Date: September 24th, 2016

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Carolina-Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petit called the meeting to order @1452 hrs. at the home of Raymond Zieverink. A special thank you to Raymond and his lovely bride Linda for hosting our annual picnic.

### **INVOCATION**

Base Chaplain Ray Fritz gave the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All joined together in saying our nation's Pledge of Allegiance.

### **USSVI CREED**

The USSVI Creed was read by Paul Trexler

#### TOLLING OF THE BOATS

The Tolling of the boats for September was presented by Ray Fritz Joel Sparnon and Jack Jeffries

### **MEMBER INTRODUCTION**

There were 22 members present at this month's meeting.

#### **AWARDS**

Ray Fritz gave a special presentation award to Walt Sealy.

Ladies President gave special award for the year, The Gloria Myers Award to Missy Enes

### READING/APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes; no discussion and the motion passed.

### READING/APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink presented the Treasurer's report through September 24, 2016.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the September treasurer's report as presented and the motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

### SK REPORT

Base Storekeeper Jeff Nieberding is now taking orders for the 2017 USSVI calendars. Jeff also reminded everyone that he can order just about anything we need in the way of patches, pins, shirts, etc.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Subvettes Organization Update. Base Commander Rick Pettit updated us on the disbanding of the ladies

group. He stated that this is being looked into and more will be published at the next meeting.

Updates: Flag Etiquette, Bilge Rats. Moe reported that he will be presenting a program at the Stallings Elementary School for approximately 100 students. Next on the list of schools is the Walter Bickett in Monroe. We need more volunteers to help with the Flag Etiquette presentations. Anyone who is interested please contact Moe. The Flag Etiquette program is targeting fourth and fifth grade classes. Moe also addressed the Bilge Rats. Again, we need more volunteers to help make this a successful program. The 2017 season is now in dress rehearsal but more individuals are needed.

**Update:** Levine Visit for Halloween. Base Commander Rick Pettit informed us that the hospital has given us permission to join them in the Atrium at the hospital for a Halloween party. All are encouraged to attend.

**Update:** Jack is setting up a visit to the Jeff Gordon hospital. This is a small but successful hospital. Anyone interested in going please contact Jack. Jack will be providing more information in the near future.

**Update:** Volunteers are needed for submarine stories for high schools. If you are interested please volunteer. Side note: Not sure who made the statement but it seems like only a small percentage of our group is volunteering. A lot is being done by a small group of people. WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS.

**Update:** Kings Bay 2016. Base Commander Rick Pettit spoke on how great this is. The visit will be 2, 3, 4 November. If you plan on getting a tour of a submarine your application has to be submitted ASAP. Jack will be sending out an email concerning the Kings Bay visit.

**Update:** Dues. Base Commander Rick Pettit ask that everyone check with Raymond to see if you are behind in your dues.

**Update:** Jack stated that we need donations for Kaps (SS)4Kids Program. The program is getting very low on funding and needs donations. If you can help, please do. Jack donated one signed book by Rick Campbell for the raffle to be held. Also donated by Jack was one signed ball cap signed by Richard Petty. The raffle earned \$165.00.

### PIEDMONT PERISCOPE

All hands are reminded that any news items they want included or considered for the next issue of the Piedmont Periscope newsletter that all submissions need to be sent to Robert Schilke no later than the 15th of each month.

### **NEXT BASE MEETING**

Our next Base Meeting will be on October 22, 2016.

### MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1540 hrs. Motion carried.

### BENEDICTION

The Benediction was given by Base Chaplain Ray Fritz.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

John Brough

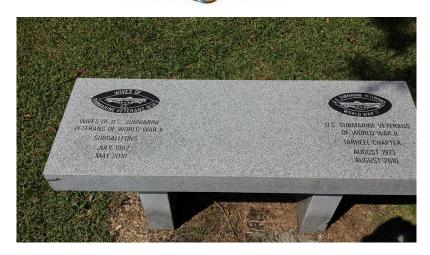
Assistant Base Secretary

### Wilmington Submarine Memorial











From The COB—Joel Sparnon MM2(SS)



I know I have been MIA from my newsletter article in the recent past, all I can say is sometimes life gets in the way, and we all can relate to that.

Secondly I wanted to send out a big thank you to the COB working party folks that helped put up and take down the items for the picnic at Raymond's house. It was greatly appreciated and I think it went very smoothly. I cannot speak for everyone but it sure looked like a good time was had by all. A special huge thank you to Raymond and Linda Zieverink for hosting this year's picnic.

Over the Labor Day weekend my wife Karen and I took all our kids to Kure Beach just outside Wilmington for a nice relaxing weekend and not being one to ever pass up an opportunity to get some time around anything Navy. (Even though it is a giant target) We took an afternoon and went to the Battleship North Carolina Museum ship. I had never taken time to visit the lost boats and eternal patrol memorial stone that is on the property of the battleship during my many visits to the battleship. The stone is near the edge of the water and is in a lovely spot very calming location, far enough away from the main entrance that it is not caught up in the hustle and bustle of tourists coming and going. I have included with this article some picture of the stone, and if you get to Wilmington take a minute and stop and check it out it is well worth the time.

Stay safe out there and I will see you all at the meeting.

Remember recruit, recruit, recruit new members!

Joel Sparnon MM2/SS A-Gang

**Base COB** 

### **Need Supplies?**



### **The Supply Shack-**

Jeff Nieberding - SK

Carolina Piedmont Jackets are still available to order, several members have ordered theirs already. Just let the SK know and he'll fix you up with an order form.

USSVI Calendars are also available with great Submarine pictures for each month.

USSVI vests can be ordered thru the SK as well.

We can get Patches!

The SK is now able to order patches from BC Patch LLC at wholesale prices. This is usually \$2 - \$3 less per patch than we normally see. Let the SK know what you need.



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## Chaplain's Corner, Ray Fritz





Chaplan Kay July
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### The Submariner's Prayer

Almighty, Everlasting God, the Protector of all those who put their trust in Thee: hear our prayers in behalf of Thy servants who sail their vessels beneath the seas.

We beseech Thee to keep in

Thy sustaining care all who are in submarines, that they may be delivered from the hidden dangers of the deep.

Grant them courage, and a devotion to fulfill their duties, that they may better serve Thee and their native land.

Though acquainted with the depths of the ocean, deliver them from the depths of despair and the dark hours of the absence of friendliness and grant them a good ship's spirit.

Bless all their kindred and loved ones from whom they are separated.

When they surface their ships, may they praise Thee for Thou art there as well as in the deep.

Fill them with Thy Spirit that they may be sure in their reckonings, unwavering in duty, high in purpose, and upholding the



honor of their nation.
Amen

#### **Psalms for Sailors**

The Lord is my pilot, I shall not drift.

He guides me across the dark waters.

He steers me through deep channels.

He keeps my log.

Yea, though I sail 'mid the thunders

and tempest of life,

I shall dread no anger, for He is with me:

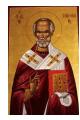
His love and His care, shelter me.

He prepares a quiet harbor before me.

He anoints the waves with oil My ship rides calmly.

Surely sunlight and starlight shall guide me on the voyage I take.

And I will rest in the heaven's port forever.



Saint Nicholas - Patron Saint of Mariners

### **Bilge Rat Productions**

Become a "Bilge Rat"!

The "Bilge Rats", as they have become to be known are looking for new volunteers to join there group of "traveling performers". These are the Base members and Subvettes who travel to the various Assisted Living Homes around the area and put-on a "Halfway Night Show" for the local residents.

If you can sing, play an instrument, or just lip-sync like and want to have a good time like the rest of us, then you need to join in the fun. It really is rewarding. This will start our fifth season. We do skits, sing-alongs, anything to get the "old folk" to have a good time and bring some much needed smiles.

Rehearsal for our "Ned Sullivan Show", an Ed Sullivan Show parody is now being held. If you and/or your spouse are interested, please contact Moe(SS) at 980-422-2749 in the late afternoon or early evenings. Or e-mail Moe (SS) at donutdad@att.net and he will return your call/e-mail.

Moe (SS)

### Potato Balls......



The USS NAUTILUS made history by cruising submerged from the pacific to the Atlantic Ocean, passing under the North Pole at 11:15 p.m. EDST on August 3, 1958.

USS SKATE and USS SEADRAGON, after affecting a historic rendezvous under the ice, surfaced together at the North Pole through an opening in the ice on August 1962

The USS SKATE (SSN 578) was the first vessel ever to surface at the North Pole, when on March 17, 1959 she surfaced there to conduct memorial services for the renowned Arctic explorer Sir Hubert Wilkins.

United States Submarines destroyed a total of 1,314 Japanese ships during World War II, including one battleship, eight aircraft carriers, fifteen cruisers, forty-two destroyers, and twenty-three submarines. Against this score, fifty-two U.S. Submarines were lost.

The USS SKIPJACK was the first submarine designed from the keel up for top underwater performance using nuclear power. An earlier SKIPJACK was the first U.S. submarine to cross the Atlantic ocean under her own power (Newport, Rhode Island to Ponta Delgada, Azores, in 1917).

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### **Para-viz Shots**

## Photos from Recent Events:





North Carolina State Fair, Table Top Fleet Mission to support Tar Heel base recruiting - OPORD 1019-2016 Tar Heel Base was honored that North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory stood with us for a photo. He was also presented with a star from a retired flag to give to the members of his family who served.



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### **Para-Vis Continued**

### September Annual Picnic at Ray's house!





Atta Boy! Lots of good Food





Our table for lost shipmates  ${\bf r}$ 

A lotta yarn spinning....!!!



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## New members

"Have you recruited your new members for the base yet?"

Judy Hickerson Hal & Dee Rutter

Mike Toomey's son

Diana Fitz

Tom Hulme

Robert Howell

Cathy Davison

Gail Rybcyzk

Jim Schenk

**Monica Dachs** 

**Carol Jeffries** 





Marvin Beaver—Nov 20 Tom Carr-Nov 30 Charles Cross—Nov 19 Edward Dunton-Nov 17 Ron Hatley—Nov 29 Tom Hulme—Nov 8 David Peck Jr.—Nov 13 Bob Schilke—Nov 11 Winborne Springs—Nov 2 John Wallace—Nov 1 Ray Zieverink—Nov 16

Rick & Cindy Petitt-Nov 13





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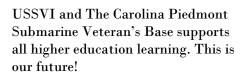
### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

### <u>USSVI 2015 SCHOLARSHIP</u> <u>WINNERS</u>



Robert "Robbie" Robertson Memorial Scholarship Award \$1000.00 William L. Hulme, Son of Shipmate,
Tom Lee Hulme, Carolina Piedmont
Base

USS Tunney Association Scholarship \$1000.00 Andrew Dunton, Son of Shipmate, Edward S. Dunton, Carolina Piedmont Base







### From the school visit coordinator:

If you have not yet visited a school for a session, now is your chance. See Jack for time and a place.

### Mission—OPORD 10192016

Our Table Top Feet recently deployed to the North Carolina State Fair during Military Appreciation Day in support of TAR Heel Base's mission "Operation Recruit Members".

Tar Heel Base recruited 10+ potential new members to their base during the day.



North Carolina State Governor Pat McCrory was invited by the base for a photo shoot with the Tar Heel Base. Photo in Para-vis!

# Piedmont Funnies Page

### A real Fisherman by Ed Meushaw

A man was on the water for his weekly fishing trip. He began his day with an 8-pound bass on the first cast and a 7-pounder on the second. On the third cast he had just caught his first ever bass over 11 pounds when his cell phone rang.

It was a doctor notifying him that his wife had just been in a terrible accident and was in critical condition and in the ICU. The man told the doctor to inform his wife where he was, and that he'd be there as soon as possible. As he hung up he realized he was leaving what was shaping up to be his best day ever on the water.

He decided to get in a couple of more casts before heading to the hospital. He ended up fishing the rest of the morning, finishing his trip with a stringer like he'd never seen, with 3 bass over 10 pounds. He was jubilant.

Then he remembered his wife. Feeling guilty, he dashed to the hospital. He saw the doctor in the corridor and asked about his wife's condition.

The doctor glared at him and shouted, "You went ahead and finished your fishing trip didn't you! I hope you're proud of yourself! While you were out for the past four hours enjoying yourself on the pond, your wife has been anguishing in the ICU! It's just as well you went ahead and finished, because it will be more than likely the last fishing trip you ever take! For the rest of her life she will require 'round the clock care. And you'll be her care giver forever!"

The man was feeling so guilty he broke down and sobbed.

The doctor then chuckled and said, "I'm just pulling your leg. She's dead. What'd you catch?"

### Fishing or Sex????

Four married guys go fishing. After an hour, the following conversation took place:

First guy: "You have no idea what I had to do to be able to come out fishing this weekend. I had to promise my wife that I will paint every room in the house next weekend.

Second guy: "That's nothing, I had to promise my wife that I'll build her a new deck for the pool.

Third guy: "Man, you both have it easy! I had to promise my wife that I'll remodel the kitchen for her."

They continue to fish when they realized the fourth guy has not said a word. So they asked him. "You haven't said anything about what you had to do to be able to come fishing this weekend. What's the deal?"

Fourth guy: "I just set my alarm for 5:30 AM. When it went off, I shut off the alarm, gave the wife a nudge and said, "Fishing or Sex" and she said, "Wear a sweater."

### Carolina Piedmont Base Awards

2009 Silver Anchor,

2009 Golden Anchor,

2011 Golden Anchor,

2011 Newsletter of the Year,

2011 Robert E. Link Award,

2012, Newsletter of the Year,

2013 Newsletter of the year,

2013 National Newsletter of the Year,

2013 Golden Anchor,

2014 Meritorious,

2014 Newsletter of the year,

2014 National Newsletter of the Year

2015 Golden Anchor,

2015 Meritorious.

2015 1st Runner up Newsletter Group 3

2016 1st Runner up News Letter Group 3









Our dinners prior to our meetings are usually "pot-luck". Our ladies, who take really good care of us and support our efforts as well as their own projects, put together a great meal.

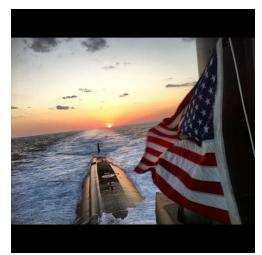
It is pot luck, and everyone that attends the dinner should contribute something, whether home -made or store-bought.

The meal also is one of our main fund raisers. A seven dollar donation is suggested for each person eating. From that seven dollars, a dollar goes to the USSVI Scholarship Fund. A dollar gos to the VFW base. The remainder is divided between the Base treasury and the SubVettes treasury.

All in all, the money is put to good use supporting the activities of both groups. The meals are always great, and there are usually plenty for those who wants seconds.

So please, if you are going to attend the meal, please bring something and please contribute to our causes. You're not going to get that great of deal at any restaurant. And you'll be supporting great causes.

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**Base Commanders** 



Glenn Harris- 2007 to 2009

**Steve Bell- 2009 to 2015** 



Rick Petitt-2015 to Present











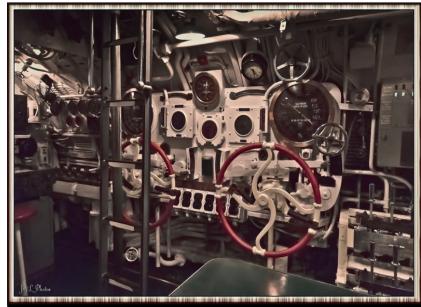
### **Next Meeting:**

Base gathering on October 22th at VFW post. Meal 1730, Meeting 1900











Every Boat Sailor has stories. You can find one, clean it up and send it in an e-mail. Send it to rschilke66@gmail.com



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Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
16 October	17	18	19 Support Tar Heel Base recruiting	20	21	22 Base meeting VFW	
23	24	25	26	27	28 Levine Children's Hospital	29	
30	31 Halloween	1 November	2	3	4	5	
6 Day Light Saving's Time Ends	7	8 Election Day	9	10	11 Veteran's Day Veterans	12 VFW Break- fast	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24 Thanks Giving Day	25	26 Meeting at VFW Post Ft. Mill	
27	28	29	30	1 December	2	3	

One way to support VFW Post 9138 is to attend their Saturday Morning Breakfast held on the second Saturday of each month from 8am to 11am— Come on out!



## World War II Veterans











### This Place of Honor is dedicated to our Carolina Piedmont Base Brothers who have served in WWII

RM1(SS) Bill King - Qual Boat:  $SS\text{-}486\ 1959$ 

 $RM3(SS)\ Hal\ Rutter\$  - Qual Boat: U-2513  $\ 1946$ 

TM3(SS) Don Haseley  $\,$  - Qual Boat:  $SS\text{-}244\quad 1945$ 





### **MEMORIAL**







For our Carolina Piedmont Base Submariners who have left on their Eternal Patrol, taken gently into our Lords mighty everlasting embrace.



Heavenly Father: we pray to you for those on the perilous ocean that you will embrace them with your mighty protection and grant them success in all their rightful undertakings. Grant them in all hours of need to see that they have a God who remembers them, and grant them grace in the hour of danger to commit their souls into your hands. 0 Lord Jesus Christ, who can rebuke the storm and bring it to silence, and lay the roaring waves to rest, show them who call to you out of the deep that you hear their prayer and will save them. And finally bring us all home to your safe port where we can be with you to close of the age. Amen.

Rudolfo Hernandez— MEDAL OF HONOR CPL-MOH—Hope Mills, NC Passed away on 12/21/2013

Gary Lee Cruzan, LT—Hickory, NC, Passed away on 7/20/2010

Donald Morton, SN(SS) - Matthews, NC, Passed away on 9/22/2007

Everett Edward Erb Jr, TM2(SS) - Charlotte, NC, Passed away on 12/19/2013

Roger W. Fuller LCDR, Tega Cay, SC, Passed away on 12/13/2007

# Holland Club



### New 2015 Inductees:

Dan Jackson MM1(SS)

Jack Anulies FTB1(SS)

Jack Jeffries RM1(SS)

Larry Lynch MMCM(SS)

Rudy Ogas MM1(SS)

Ron Busila MMC(SS)

Bill Quailes MMC(SS)



This Page is dedicated to our Submarine Brothers who have been qualified more than 50 years in the United States Submarine force.

### **Current Members of the Holland Club at the Carolina Piedmont Base:**

Al Allen - MMCM(SS)

Jack Anulies FTB1(SS)

Steve Bell - RMCM(SS)

Perry Blake - IC3(SS)

Robert Boyd - RMCS(SS)

Ron Busila—MMC(SS)

Rudy Ogas - MM1(SS)

Charles E. Cross - ICC(SS)

Howard Dachs—IC2(SS)

Don Duncan - CDR(SS)

Donald W. Eggleston - ET3(SS)

Ray Fritz - EM1(SS)

James Hanks - MM1(SS)

Jim Harris - QM3(SS)

Ron Hatley - ET1(SS)

Don Hasley - QM3(SS)

William F. Holzendorf - CWO4(SS)

Robert Howell - EM1(SS)

Dan Jackson - MM1(SS)

Jack Jeffries - RM1(SS)





Gene Johnston - QMC(SS)

Terry Jones - CSC(SS)

Bill King - RM1(SS)

Arnold Kirk - YN3(SS)

Larry Lynch - MMCM(SS)

Bill Quailes MMC(SS)

David Peck Jr. - MTC(SS)

Hal Rutter - RM3(SS)

Otis W. Sealy - RMC(SS)

Stan Shultz—FTB2(SS)

Glen Synder - LCDR

Winborne Springs - SN(SS)

Tom Tidd - CDR(SS)

Michael J. Toomey, Jr. - CAPT(SS)

John Wallace - ETC(SS)

John Wardean - CWO4(SS)

Al Westberry - SO2(SS)

Herman Ziegler - EM3(SS)