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Please feel free to submit inputs anytime. A formal request for inputs is typically sent out a couple of weeks in advance of the deadline for the next issue.

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

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## USSVI CREED AND PURPOSE

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

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

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



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USS S-28 (SS-133) to the State of North Carolina**



# LOST SUBMARINES - THIRD QUARTER

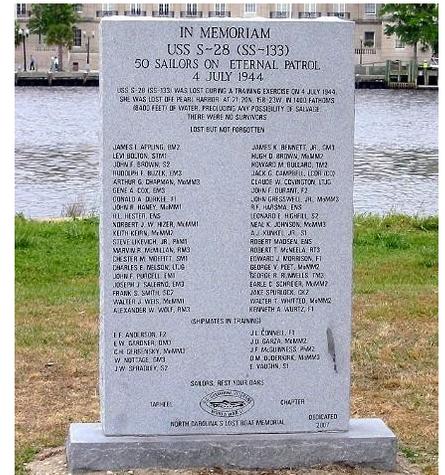
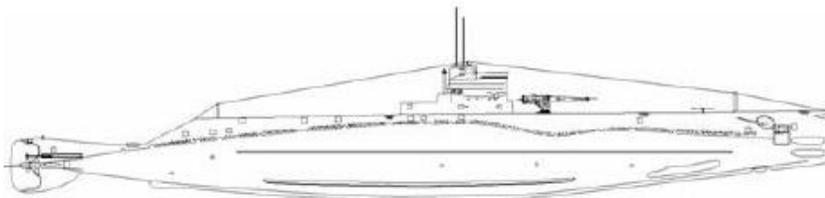
## JULY

### USS S-28 (SS-133)

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 men while conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found in the area where she had been operating. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery. Records and communication with his son make it clear that Levi Bolton was not lost with his shipmates, and survived the War.



### U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II assigned USS S-28 (SS-133) to the State of North Carolina



The official memorial to the S-28 is located in Riverside Park, adjacent to the Battleship USS North Carolina (BB 55) in Wilmington, NC. It was dedicated by the NC Subvets in May 2007.



## JULY (cont.)

### USS Robalo (SS-273)

Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 77 men while on her 3<sup>rd</sup> war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. 4 men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and were lost when that destroyer was sunk.



### USS Grunion (SS-216)

Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 men while on her 1<sup>st</sup> war patrol. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Her loss remains a mystery. Grunion's wreckage has been located off Kiska Island in the Aleutians.



## LOST SUBMARINES – THIRD QUARTER (cont.)

### AUGUST

#### USS Bullhead (SS-332)

Lost on August 6, 1945 with the loss of 84 men while on her 3<sup>rd</sup> war in the Lombok Strait off the Bali coast when sunk by a depth charge dropped by a Japanese Army plane. Bullhead was the last submarine lost during WWII.



#### USS Flier (SS-250)

Lost on August 13, 1944, with the loss of 78 men while on her 2<sup>nd</sup> war patrol. She was transiting on the surface when she was rocked by a massive explosion (probably a mine) and sank in less than a minute. 8 men survived and made it to shore where friendly natives guided them to a Coast Watcher and they were evacuated by the USS Redfin 6 days later. Flier's wreckage has been located south of Palawan Island near the Philippines' Balabac Strait.



#### USS S-39 (SS-144)

Lost on August 13, 1942 after grounding on a reef off Rossel Island (Yela), New Guinea while on her 5<sup>th</sup> war patrol. The entire crew was able to get off and was rescued by the HMAS Katoomba.



#### USS Harder (SS-257)

Lost on August 24, 1944 with the loss of 79 men while on her 6<sup>th</sup> war patrol near Bataan in the Philippines from a depth charge attack by a Japanese minesweeper.



#### USS Cochino (SS-345)

Lost on August 26, 1949 after being jolted by a violent polar gale off Norway caused an electrical fire and battery explosion that generated hydrogen and chlorine gasses. In extremely bad weather, men of Cochino and Tusk (SS-426) fought to save the submarine for 14 hours. After a 2<sup>nd</sup> battery explosion, Abandon Ship was ordered and Cochino sank. Tusk's crew rescued all of Cochino's men except for one civilian engineer. Six sailors from Tusk were lost during the rescue.



### SEPTEMBER

#### USS S-5 (SS-110)

Lost on September 1, 1920 when a practice dive went wrong and she sank bow-first, with her stem showing above the water. In a dramatic adventure, her exhausted crew was rescued during the next few days through a hole cut in the hull in the tiller room. Salvage attempts were unsuccessful. S-5 settled to the bottom and was abandoned off the Delaware Capes.



#### USS Grayling (SS-209)

Lost on September 9, 1943 with the loss of 76 men while on her 8<sup>th</sup> war patrol near the Tablas Strait in the Philippines to unknown causes.



#### USS Pompano (SS-181)

Lost with all hands, 76 men, while on her 7<sup>th</sup> war patrol probably by Japanese Air/Sea attack off Aomori Prefecture near Shiriya Zaki on September 17 1943.



## LOST SUBMARINES – THIRD QUARTER (cont.)

### SEPTEMBER (cont.)

#### USS S-51 (SS-162)

Lost on September 25, 1925 with the loss of 33 men when it was sunk after collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island, RI.



#### USS Cisco (SS-290)

Lost on September 28, 1943 with the loss of 76 men while on her 1<sup>st</sup> war patrol in the Sulu Sea, west of Mindinao in the Philippines, possibly sunk by Japanese bombs and depth charges.



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

Welcome to the 2014 Golden Anniversary USSVI Convention in San Francisco, Sept 1st to 7th, 2014

## 2014 USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION

Click on the graphic to the left to go to the convention website

**REMINDER!**  
The convention is only weeks away.

If you are going, you need to get your hotel reservations and registration in.

**The registration form is included in this newsletter on page 28**

# Happy Birthday to Three of Our Bases!

Base	Chartered On	Now Celebrating
Nathanael Greene	August 21, 2010	4 Years
Albemarle Sound	September 8, 2008	6 Years
Tarheel	September 27, 1997	17 Years

## USSVI NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ELECTIONS

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NEWS-02: USSVI National & Region Elections are now Open  
Submitted by: Tom Conlon - Elections Master on 5/30/2014

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The USSVI online voting booth is now open to all Regular members (US Submarine Qualified).

The Candidate's statements and the Various Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws are printed in The American Submariner. Please read them carefully and then vote for the candidate of your choice and vote to approve or reject the Proposed Amendments.

To vote online in the 2014 USSVI election, go to [WWW.USSVI.ORG](http://WWW.USSVI.ORG). When you get there, click on the green [VOTE NAT ELECTION] button (in the upper left corner). This will take you to the login page.

1. Enter your login name and password.
2. If you do NOT know your login info, CLICK the Red [GET PASSWORD] button and answer the questions there. (Last Name, First Name, Date of Birth, 3 digit hull number of your first qual boat)

This will, in turn, take you to the ballot page. When you get to the ballot page, make your choices accordingly and then cast your ballot.

The ballot is also printed in The American Submariner magazine. To vote using the paper ballot, remove the appropriate page from the magazine, mark your votes, include your name and Base on the ballot and send it to the Election Master at the address printed on the ballot. Make sure you include your name and Base, otherwise your vote will not count.

You can also download a copy of the ballot from the web site. Go to the USSVI web site, click on the green "Documents" button (lower left side) and then click on Elections. The ballot for the 2014 election will be available for you to download. Complete the ballot and send it to the Election Master.

A word to Base Commanders: you may print as many copies of the ballot as you require and bring them to your Base meetings between now and when the election closes. Members may complete their ballots at the Base meeting. However, each member MUST complete HIS OWN ballot in his own hand. Members may assist other members, but each member must complete his own ballot.

Also, you may bring a computer to your Base meeting for the convenience of members to vote online during the meeting. However, as before, each member must log in himself and complete his own ballot.

As a reminder, the USSVI Constitution does not allow "proxy" voting. Proxy voting means that one member casts a ballot for another member. The election Master will reject such ballots.

Finally, the electronic voting booth will remain open until **August 28, 2014**. If you are mailing your ballot, it MUST arrive at the Election Master **no later than August 28** as well. If you're mailing your ballot, make sure you mail it out early enough to reach the Election Master by that date.

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NEWS-01: Paper Ballot Voters take note!  
Submitted by: Tom Conlon - Election Master on 6/16/2014

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This is a reminder for our members who vote by paper ballot.

When voting for Regional Director, vote ONLY for the Regional Director for YOUR Region. If you're not sure which Region you're in, please ask your Base Commander.

Votes cast for Regional Directors outside of your Region will not be counted.

# TARHEEL BASE

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

We have started making some plans for our December Pearl Harbor meeting/dinner. The date will be Saturday, 6 December in Raleigh. Please mark your calendars as more information will be sent as it becomes available.

Only two more meetings left in 2014. If you have not made a meeting this year, here is your chance.

Okay, it's time to ask for 2015 dues. Please write your checks so we do not burden our treasurer at the end of the year.

Jerry Emerson has stepped up and will run for Base Commander in 2015 and Dave Campbell has stepped up and will run for Vice Commander in 2015. Well done to both of them. We still have a base historian and boat liaison position to fill.



Bill "Butterbean" Dixon  
USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

### Next Meeting:

Saturday, 04 October 2014 at 10:00 AM at  
American Legion Post 67, 8523 Chapel Hill Road  
(NC Hwy 54), Cary, NC

[Map and Directions](#)

For more information, visit our

[Tarheel Base Web Page](#)

All base meeting minutes are posted at

[Tarheel Base Meeting Minutes](#)

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## WELCOME ABOARD !!

### Our Newest Tarheel Base Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Qualified</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Lives in</u>
Tom Lindley	1976	SSBN-640	Raleigh
Perry Taylor	1974	SSBN-633	Cary
Robert Wells	1988	SSBN-641	Apex

## TARHEEL BASE ELECTION OF VICE COMMANDER

On July 1, the voting period for election of a new Vice Commander to fill the recently vacated Tarheel Base office was completed.

I am pleased to report that Gordon Banks received affirmative votes in 100% of the votes received. Therefore, Gordon Banks is confirmed as the new Tarheel Base Vice Commander for the remainder of the 2014 term of office.

Jim Davis  
Tarheel Base Election Master

**Nelson Gainey was presented with his  
Holland Club Certificate  
at the Tarheel Base Meeting on August 2, 2014  
by Jim Davis, Tarheel Base Holland Club Coordinator**

**CONGRATULATIONS !!!**



## **PROPOSED TARHEEL BASE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS**

The following two proposed Tarheel Base Constitution amendments are submitted to base membership at least 21 days prior to the October 4, 2014 meeting and will be presented at that meeting for vote. These changes have been checked against the USSVI C&B and are not in conflict with that document.

**Proposed amendment in order to provide a timely process for filling a vacant Elected Office and for the removal of a non-performing Elected Officer it is necessary to amend the Tarheel Base Constitution and Bylaws.**

Constitution Article VII, Executive Board, Section 4, add paragraphs D and E.

D. In the event the Commander's office is vacated, the Vice Commander shall assume the duties of the Commander. Any other vacated office will be filled by appointment by the Executive Board to fill the balance of the term of that office. At the end of the term the appointee is eligible to be elected to and serve his own term of office.

E. The Executive Board may remove any officer not fulfilling the duties of his office. That officer may appeal his termination to the Regular Base Members. The appeal will be by secret ballot and will be determined by a majority of votes received.

**Proposed amendment concerning the requirement for 8 members of the Executive Board to constitute a quorum could, under certain circumstances, be unattainable. Currently several Appointed Offices are held by one person who only has one vote. At times an appointed office could be vacant. The combination of these circumstances could make it difficult, if not impossible, to convene an 8 member quorum.**

Constitution Article IX, Quorum, section 2, change to read:

Section 2. Two thirds of the Executive Board eligible to cast 1 vote each, two of whom must be elected Base Officers, shall constitute a Quorum for approving Executive Board actions.

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# NATHANAEL GREENE BASE AND NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER

## BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

The Nathanael Greene Base has participated in several parades since last issue. The Troutman and Faith 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades were favored by several Carolina Piedmont, Tarheel and Nathanael Greene Base Members.

The Base is still supporting the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal (VHVH) in Winston Salem. This includes one member purchasing a year's subscription to the Winston Salem Journal and Sentinel and reimbursed by the Base. There is a Submarine Veteran at the Center now and he is very busy with work, doctor appointments and life in general. Dale Patterson is keeping tabs with him and brings him to the meeting when he can make it.

Our Kaps 4 Kids Chairman has set us up with Camp Carroll and we were at Camp Hanes July 15 talking with the kids and telling them a little about Submarine life. These kids are from a Military Family that has lost a member or has a member that was seriously wounded and try's to let them know that they are not alone. NC Sub Vets were recognized on the front page of the Winston Salem Journal and Sentinel and WXII Morning news.

The Base had a cook out before the last meeting and everyone had a good time. Several of the members supplied food and misc. for the cook out.



James R. Myers III  
USSVI Nathanael Greene  
Base Commander  
and  
USSVI NC Subvets  
State Commander,

## NC SUBVETS COMMANDER'S CORNER

The Memorial on Moonshine Mountain has been put into a permanent easement status for the NC Sub Vets and been blessed by USSVI National. The Asheville Base has stepped up and will now host the Burnsville meeting and Maintain the Memorial with help from the owner and the Sea Scouts.

Hopefully we will have a good showing of NC Sub Vets at the September National Convention, be safe in your travels and enjoy the Convention.

At the last Tarheel Meeting it was brought up about the District One Organization maybe hosting the National Convention in the future. If anyone has suggestions or input on this subject please feel free to contact myself or Steve Bell.

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

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## CAROLINA-PIEDMONT BASE AND SED1 DISTRICT COMMANDER

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Shipmates,

We are in the second month of our National Election. We are not doing well in voting. The District has only a little over 22% that have voted. Within the NC Bases, without identifying which bases these are, our performance is, 18%, 50%, 34%, 34%, 17%, and 11%. Those are not good numbers. We can all do better than that. It is a very easy process. It does not take very long to read about the candidates and the proposed amendments in the American Submariner (which we all receive and have online access to). And the actual voting process is even easier and shorter. So if you have not voted, please take the time and do so. It is your organization and we need your vote. I feel very confident that if the members within our District (and more specifically within NC) do not vote, then you are going to have a new member on the BOD that you may not want. So, again, please take the time to vote. I believe the polls close on 27 August. That is not very far away. Get your vote in early just in case I am wrong. Also, in the second issue of the American Submariner (where the biographies and proposed amendments are, there is also a page to do a paper ballot should you need to vote that way). And for those that have voted, I thank you very much. Tell your shipmates how easy it is.

It is also that time of year where your Base Commanders will start (if they haven't already) to address dues renewal. I know it seems early and it seems like we just finished this. But if they do not start early, it just gets tougher on those involved. So if you are an annual dues paying member, then please consider getting your dues in now. This prevents getting rushed at the end of the year (when other things are going on), and it just makes it much easier on those that have to do all the administrative work that is involved in getting members to pay their dues. You might even consider paying several years in advance and save a couple of bucks. If that is the case, you can get the prices on the USSVI website or just ask you Base Commander, he can make sure you get the information.

The National Convention is just around the corner. If you plan on going and have not sent in your registration and/or made your hotel reservations, then it is time to do that. There is no need to put it off anymore. I am sure we will have a smaller crowd from NC than normal considering the distance involved here, but for those that are attending; I look forward to seeing you there.

The parade season is not over as yet. There are still opportunities for you to participate in one. I know we had a couple of members that participated in their first parade in Faith this year and were duly impressed with it. The next parade is in Newton, NC on 21 August. Check out the NC Subvets website for upcoming parades and events. Patch does a good job in keeping us informed there (as long as people let him know of upcoming events).

We look forward to seeing each of you at some event down the road. It is always my pleasure to visit with you. Stay safe. I wish you all good health. May God bless each of you and the United States of America.

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# USS ASHEVILLE BASE



Eugene Ipox  
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Base Commander

## "From the Mountains to the Sea"

USS Asheville Base members would like to take this time to thank everyone that came to the "Moonshine Mt. Services" this year and we hope everyone had a great time. A special thanks to the Asheville Sea Cadets for parading the colors and the Bilge Rat Production Company for performing "Hee Haw."

The Base Honor Guard paraded the colors on Memorial Day at the Asheville Tourist baseball game for the second year in a row. CDR Douglas Bradley, Commanding Officer of the USS Asheville (SSN-758) threw out the first pitch.

The city of Asheville held a memorial service for the USS Asheville (PG-21) that lost all hand during WWII; USS Asheville Base members attended the services upon request of the Mayor's Board. The guest speaker was the Commanding Officer of the USS Asheville; the USS Asheville Sailor of the Year (SOY) was one of six (6) service members chosen to assist with the "Wreath Presentation."

USSVI USS Asheville Base hosted a dinner for the Commanding Officer & three (3) crew members (the USS Asheville SOY, the JR SOY & the Hot Running JO of the Wardroom) at the "Chestnut" restaurant.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2014, the USS Asheville Base held its first annual base picnic at the French Broad River in Marshall, NC. Members, family and friends attended and we all had a great time with good food and even better fellowship. The main event was the presentation of a USSVI College Scholarship, Dick Kanning (Southeast Region Director) presented the Scholarship to Jarrett Ipox, and Jarrett is entering his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of college at East Tennessee State University for a BS in Political Science and a Law Degree to follow.



CDR Bradley and three crew members posed with the Asheville Baseball Team.

Regional Director Dick Kanning and members of the USS Asheville Base present Jarrett Ipox with a USSVI College Scholarship



## MORE FROM THE USS ASHEVILLE BASE

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

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Gene (Pox) Ipox

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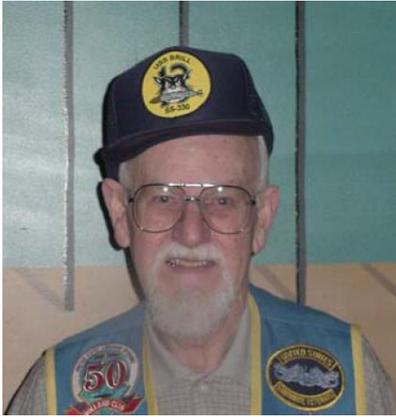
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## BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Chaplain of the Nathanael Greene Base has published his book in Kindle-version entitled, "COVERT SAILORS – Submariner Sea Stories" by Jim Schenk, exclusively for sale for a nominal fee from amazon.com. A portion of the royalties will tith to the church and another portion donated to USSVI.

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain Bill Whelan  
USSVI Tarheel Base

As requested, following a recent Tarheel Base meeting, where I shared this. Here's the submariner's version of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. It was adapted from the original by the late submariner John Cote of the USS WHALE (SS-239).

The Lord is my navigator.  
I shall not drift.  
He leadeth me through the dark waters.  
He steereth me in the deep channels.  
He keepeth my log.  
He guideth me by the star of His Holiness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I sail amid the thunders and tempests of life, I shall fear no evil.  
For Thou art near me.  
Thy love and Thy care, they shelter me.  
Thou prepareth a harbor before me in the land of eternity.  
Thou annointeth the waves with oil.  
My boat rideth calmly.  
Surely sunlight and starlight shall favor me on the patrol I take.  
Then I shall rest in the port of my God forever.

## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2014 EVENT SCHEDULE		
DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	Old Soldiers Parade in Newton
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> - Nov 8 <sup>th</sup> (Expected)	Many	Kings Bay WWII Subvets Memorial Service
November 10 <sup>th</sup> (Expected)	Monday	Veterans Day Parade in Asheboro
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner in Raleigh

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

NC Subvets Website

### 2014 Burnsville Meeting

On May 16-17, 2014, the USS Asheville Base hosted the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual NC Subvets Burnsville Meeting and Moonshine Mountain services and dinner.

For more details, click on the button:

Burnsville



## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)



### 2014 Washington DC Memorial Day Parade

On May 26, the NC Subvets participated in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington DC.

Jerry Leppart and son towed our WWII MK14 Torpedo float along with submarine floats from the USSVI Columbus Base (OH), Marblehead Base (MA) and Rhode Island Base.

The crowd along the parade route was estimated near 350,000.

For more details, click on the button:

[Memorial Day Parade](#)

### Carolina Field of Honor Memorial Dedication

On May 31, eight Subvets from the Nathanael Greene and Tarheel Bases, including two of our WWII Subvets - Joe Clark and Bill Whelan – joined NC Governor McCrory at the dedication of the Carolina Field of Honor Memorial at the Colfax Veterans Memorial Park in Kernersville, NC.

For more details, click on the button:

[CFH Memorial](#)



### War on Terror Memorial Dedication

On June 14, nine NC Subvets representing Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases were part of a large crowd that gathered in Holly Springs, NC to witness the dedication of this impressive memorial.

For more details, click on the button:

[WOT Memorial](#)

### 2014 Troutman Independence Celebration Parade

June 28, we had 20 NC Subvets representing USS Asheville, Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases along with four wives at this year's parade. The temperature was a lot cooler than previous years. Two of our WWII Subvets - Joe Clark and Don Haseley - were part of the group. A large number of parade spectators as usual.

For more details, click on the button:

[Troutman Parade](#)



## PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)

### 2014 Faith Fourth Parade

July 4, we had 25 NC Subvets representing USS Asheville, Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases at this year's parade. Best weather yet as the temperature was a lot cooler than previous years. Two of our WWII Subvets - Joe Clark and Bill Whelan - were part of the group. The biggest turnout of parade spectators to date with the great weather being a contributing factor.

For more details, click on the button:

[Faith Parade](#)



### 2014 Camp Corral

July 9, members of the Carolina Piedmont and Nat Greene Bases visited YMCA Camp Hanes in King, NC, one of this year's sites for nationwide Camp Corral program sponsored by Golden Corral. We had the parade submarine and the torpedo float on display.

For more details, click on the button:

[Camp Corral](#)

## HOLLAND CLUB NEWS

"Any Regular Member in good standing who has been designated "Qualified in Submarines" for fifty (50) years or more is eligible to become a member of the Holland Club within the organization."

Details of the Holland Club are located in Section 4 of the [USSVI Constitution](#)

[Holland Club History](#)

Each of our bases has a list of Holland Club members posted on our website. Click the buttons below to view

[Albemarle Sound](#)

[Coastal Carolina](#)

[Carolina-Piedmont](#)

[Nat Greene](#)

[Tarheel](#)

[USS Asheville](#)



## FROM YOUR REGION DIRECTOR

**Burnsville:** First and foremost is the completion of the perpetual easement on the Moonshine Mountain memorial. The generosity of Tony and Linda Valovich to the NC SubVets is priceless! The efforts and legwork done by your DC, Steve Bell is particularly noteworthy. We, the NC SubVets and whoever succeeds us have the responsibility to ensure that the perpetuity of the memorial is maintained. We are fortunate that the USS Asheville Base has accepted this task and is proud to so be assigned.

**AWARDS:** Steve and I were both involved in the USSVI Awards program again this year. It is disappointing in that there were so few nominees for various categories. More for Robert Link than Golden Silver or Meritorious. In fact the only competition in Golden Anchor was in Group II, as the other size (group) entries had but ONE nominee, thus making three of four "shoe-in winners."

I guess I'm preaching to the masses, again but for some time SED1 and NC SubVets was well represented in and for Awards. There is Always next year.

**2014 Voting:** As of several days ago, the NC SubVets had a total of 85 votes cast electronically. I realize I can't access those hard mailed, but if the past is indicative, email voting accounts for 90% plus. That's a sad showing of a walloping 24%. We all volunteered to get our fish, we've probably all griped about "They, Them, and National." With this years' slate of National Officers there is a majority of new faces with a lot of experience. Just in the SE Region, we have 3 candidates for National Officers: John Markiewicz, NSVC; Bill Andrea, NJVC; and Tarheel member Paul Hiser for NTres. Even I have a challenger running for SERD. As NSec candidate, I fully support Ray Wewers, primarily for his work ethics and past impressive endeavors.

Additionally, there are several proposed amendments on the ballot. While the BoD has recommended them for approval, it is YOUR vote and selection that determines the outcome.

Look at the candidates bios in American Submariner. Ask if you have a ??? on a particular candidate. Steve and/or I will do our best to help you. Rally at the poll and **VOTE!**

**BZ:** I continue to be impressed with the participation in parades and the camaraderie of you all. There is one person, who flies below the radar in assuring "the word" is put out. Patch, THANKS! for all you continue to do in such fine fashion.

D.E. Kanning

### USSVI MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

**MEMBERSHIP RULES:** Dues are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> 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

### USSVI CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

This foundation is the charitable arm of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. and was formed to further the creed of USSVI by assuming the responsibility of some of our USSVI activities which are charitable in nature.

The USSV Charitable Foundation (USSVCF) is administered by a Board of Directors made up of non-paid elected and appointed members. Expenses incurred by the Charitable Foundation are minimal and consist of expenses such as postage, certificates, website fees, stationary supplies, and informative brochures.

For more information, visit the USSVI Charitable Foundation webpage:

[Charitable Foundation](#)

## 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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NEWS-01: The Arizona Silent Service Memorial is Law!

Submitted by: Office on 4/25/2014

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Thursday, April 24, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer signed into law the bill authorizing an Arizona Silent Service Memorial on the "front lawn" of the State Capitol, the Wesley Bolin Plaza.

The memorial, spearheaded by Phoenix's Perch Base USSVI, will be the State's tribute to all members past and present of the U.S. Navy's Silent Service.

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NEWS-01: Brothers beneath the waves: Groton Subvets celebrates 50 years

Submitted by: Office on 5/4/2014

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Groton - Looking into the audience of submarine veterans of different eras, Rear Adm. Richard Breckenridge told them that "submariners are submariners" and "the symbols we wear on our chest transcend time and war and circumstance."

"What binds us together, what carries us through the challenges and pressures of five decades, what makes us stronger today more than ever, is the common heritage of demanding service and sacrifice beneath the waves," said Breckenridge, the director of the Warfare Integration Division.

Go to the link for the story...

<http://theday.com/article/20140504/NWS09/305049950#.U2bR6gueH1k.facebook>

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NEWS-02: Submarines: Cheaper By The Dozen

Submitted by: Office on 5/6/2014

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At the end of April 2014 the U.S. Navy ordered ten Block IV Virginia class SSNs (nuclear attack sub) at a cost of \$1.8 billion each. These are to be delivered at the rate of two a year through 2018.

Go to the link for the story...

[www.strategypage.com/htm/htsub/articles/20140506.aspx](http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htsub/articles/20140506.aspx)

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NEWS-06: Submarine Themed 5 x 7 Greeting cards now available

Submitted by: Office on 5/14/2014

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Order through your Base or National Storekeeper!

Submarine Themed 5 x 7 Greeting cards with envelopes are now available in packs of 25 cards ea. The USSVI logo is inside the card and the package features a diesel 'fleet boat', a 'skipjack' class SSN and a "Boomer."

The cost of the package is \$ 25.00 plus shipping. That breaks down to only \$ 1.00 a card a screaming deal compared to most commercially available greeting cards!

Uses for the cards includes special invitations, base chaplain use for cheering up members on the binnacle list, Condolences to family members of a member on eternal patrol, general correspondence, birthday greetings and more.

Go to the link below to see the cards,

<http://tinyurl.com/SubGreetCard> or go to <http://store.ussvinationalstorekeeper.com> and choose Stationary

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-03: NeRDs for the Nukes  
Submitted by: Office on 5/11/2014

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As a security measure the U.S. Navy limits the number of electronic devices the crews of SSBNs (ballistic missile carrying nuclear subs) can bring on board.

That means no electronic book reading devices (like iPads or Kindles).

That's annoying to the crew, who like to read in what little spare time they have. Space is limited on a sub and you can't bring that many books (even paperbacks) on board. So the navy came up with a solution, a book reader with no networking capability and no data connectors (like USB).

Called the NeRD (Navy eReader Device) it is pre-loaded with 300 books and only has a port to have its battery recharged. Five are being sent to each nuclear sub so the crews can try them out.

Books can be added or but you have to disassemble the device and replace the NAND Flash data chips. This does not make it impossible for a spy on a nuclear sub to use a NeRD device to store data stolen from submarine systems, but it would be impractical.

For the effort required there are easier ways to take data. That appears to be the thinking behind the way NeRD was designed. If the user tests are a success a device like NeRD has space for thousands of books.

The navy runs surveys to find out reading preferences of its submariners and thus periodically update on the NeRDs.

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NEWS-04: Volunteer Base Memorial Report  
Submitted by: Office on 5/13/2014

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Volunteer Base Cdr Vinny McCrum reports "We are submitting the application this week to allow our USSVI base sponsored USS Darter memorial to be placed on the Legislative Plaza in Nashville next to the WWII Lost Submarines memorial. Tennessee was assigned to memorialize the Darter by the US Submarine Veterans of WWII but we are 1 of 3 states that has not placed a memorial for their designated submarine."

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NEWS-01: Submarine Related Museums around the USA  
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 5/22/2014

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Click on the link and then the "balloon" for specific info on the museum and/or there. (Blue Balloons are memorials, Red Balloons are submarines.)

There is a tool to show the directions from your address to each location as well.

This map was a collaboration of work by Pat Householder and Ron Martini. We hope you enjoy using it.

[www.zeemaps.com/pub?group=969895](http://www.zeemaps.com/pub?group=969895)

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NEWS-02: Hail to the Deep: A Strategy for Submarines  
Submitted by: Office on 6/26/2014

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IT'S EASY to forget the virtues of submarines, which lurk beneath not only the waters but also the consciousness of most Americans. They aren't as iconic as fighter jets or as visceral as tanks. But they can deny a stronger enemy navy control of important waters. Afterward they can exercise command of the sea, blockading or projecting power onto enemy shores with impunity. These elusive warships, in other words, pack an outsized punch.

Go to the link for the story...

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/hail-the-deep-strategy-submarines-10750>

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-02: Chicago TV: Crash Dive Base: Chicago Memorial  
Submitted by: Office on 6/11/2014

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Vice Commander Steve Benicke of the U.S.S. Chicago base for the U.S. Submarine Veterans and Vice Commander of the Crash Dive Base, Frank Voznak spoke about their efforts for a submarine memorial project for the city of Chicago.

Go to the link...

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ktW7yvyHxRA&list=UUSX8WhMhwsTGe8MeC\\_R3sqq](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ktW7yvyHxRA&list=UUSX8WhMhwsTGe8MeC_R3sqq)

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NEWS-01: Celebrating 50 years of USSVI  
Submitted by: Michael Bircumshaw Natl Cdr on 6/9/2014

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On the 24th of May 2014, to the day exactly 50 years since the official launching of USSVI, we honored the creation of our organization with the dedication of a historical plaque now forever enshrined in the Navy Memorial in Washington DC.

Officially dedicated, the USSVI plaque is now displayed in the Naval Memorial Foundation building in Washington, DC.

It is to be noted that the USSVI plaque is on the obverse side of a rotating panel on which is mounted the WWII Sub Vets plaque that was initiated and completed by Charley "Scurvy" Brown (recently deceased) a WWII Submariner Stew Burner, whom I was privileged to know and in fact spoke with him on the day (13 May 2014) he went on Eternal Patrol. His last words to me were, "Please don't forget us." I promised him that we would not ever forget.

There were about 100 shipmates and guests in attendance and I was honored to read the history of USSVI as written by Peter Koester. I will admit that I had trouble reading about the Thresher SSN 593, which was one of the primary motivating factors in Joe Negri's desire to form USSVI. I lost one of my best friends, Laird Heiser MM1 (SS) and the shipmate I went to SINS school with in 1961, Roger Van Pelt, who took the SINS job on the Thresher so I could go the USS Scamp SSN-588.

Sincere congratulations to everyone involved in the celebration, from Al Singleman NJVC, who organized it and made it happen to Paul Halle, Director of the Memorial, to RADM Fritz Rogge of OPNAV and RADM Walker, who always improves the quality of personnel in attendance, wherever he shows up.

The parade on Monday was a hoot. I rode with Pete Koester in his jeep with no top, which allowed me the opportunity to stand in a precarious manner for the entire parade, not know or ever having seen the "King" wave, I went ahead and used the "Queen" wave for the duration of the ride.

Four bases had floats in the parade, Columbus Base, Rhode Island Base, Marblehead Base and Nathan Green Base.

Most of us wandered around the museums and memorials. The WWII memorial was particularly impressive and to tell the truth, Not only myself, but everyone that I spoke to within our group had a great time and USSVI was very well represented by the marchers and the Bases who pulled the floats and sounded those Klaxons.

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NEWS-03: Veterans Affairs Committee Volunteers needed.  
Submitted by: Brian Steffen - Veterans Affairs Committee Chair on 6/26/2014

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The purpose of this committee is to maintain liaison with the local facilities of the Veterans Administration to include providing assistance to USSVI members in obtaining medical care, providing claims assistance to include appeals and initial claims, and in obtaining replacement copies of DD-214.

Brian Steffen, Chairman of this committee, is seeking additional Subvet members in each region to assist other members as needed. Members who are already qualified Veterans Service Officers through the DAV, VFW or AMERICAN LEGION are preferred.

Contact Brian Steffnn at [bsing4evr@aol.com](mailto:bsing4evr@aol.com) or 803-897-2480 for more details.

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## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-01: A tour of the French ballistic missile nuclear submarine Redoutable  
Submitted by: Office on 6/27/2014

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After 20 years at sea, traversing more than 685,000 nautical miles, the ballistic missile submarine Le Redoutable now rests in a drydock in Cherbourg, France. It is the largest tourable submarine, and one of the only ballistic missile subs accessible to the general public.

Go to the link and click the IMAGE GALLERY for the tour...

<http://www.cnet.com/news/a-tour-of-the-ballistic-missile-nuclear-submarine-redoutable/>

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CHARITABLE-01: 2014 Scholarship Awards  
Submitted by: Paul Orstad on 6/26/2014

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The USSVI Scholarship Committee is proud to announce our scholarship winners for 2014-2015 school year. We had to make difficult decisions again or as usual. All these kids who entered are winners but we had to pick the "Best of the Best". There was a lot of surprises in the college group who normally had been previous winners and did make it this year which was a big surprise. The total purse including three previous Joe "Henry" Sneft winners is \$40,950.00 and I think that is a record to date. We picked 18 Students in each group.

Our congratulations go out to Skyler Jaques, daughter of Jon Jaques of Volunteer Base, who is this year Joe "Henry" Sneft \$4,000.00 winner and will get \$1,000.00 for the next four years, provided she follows to rules we have.

She will be told in her award letter. Also congratulations to Kara A. Sidoti, who was first place in all six judges ranking. Than is an accomplishment in itself, normally that does not happen.

Base Commanders who would like to present checks to the shipmates children will be contacted by me. Reason being Sponsor live in state 'A' and recipient lives in state 'B'. So I will do the calling to the base commander where this does not happen over the week end. The checks are being cut now and are being sent to me for distribution. My plan is to have all the checks and cover letter sent out by 1 July 2014 or before the 4th of July. Thank you.

Green board,  
Paul Orstad  
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[www.ussvi.org/Documents/Scholarship\\_Winners\\_2014Scholarshipons.pdf](http://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Scholarship_Winners_2014Scholarshipons.pdf)

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NEWS-01: BOD ONLINE MEETING JUNE 2014  
Submitted by: T Michael Bircumshaw Natl Cdr on 6/30/2014

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1. After a five year search we have finally located and signed up a national liability insurance coverage. We will be putting out a common language explanation of the policy and there will be a web site for any and all to read and learn. Big thanks to Al Singleman NJVC for his efforts in putting this policy together.

2. As a result of serious effort by the Carolina Piedmont Base, and in particular, Steve Bell DCOY 2013-2014 and easement has be acquired to protect and perpetuate a WWII Submarine memorial, which can be located on the USSVI website. Bravo Zulu to all concerned.

3. The mandated USSVI Audit committee for 2014 has been established and approved. Chair: Carl Schmidt, members: 1-John Jaques 2-John Peters 3-Al Singleman. The committee will meet at the 2014 USSVI national convention.

4. The USSVI online Board meeting for June of 2014 was closed at 10:24 on 29 June 2014

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NEWS-02: Submarine Crew History Project - 2014  
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 7/26/2014

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Look up your shipmates at [www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org) under the Boats and Crews button, either by Boat Name or the individual's name.

Started in 2006, now over 105,000 submariners, living or on Eternal Patrol, are accounted for in the database and linked to each submarine they served aboard, and the record grows daily.

[www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online\\_Organization\\_Submariner\\_History\\_Project\\_2014.pdf](http://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Organization_Submariner_History_Project_2014.pdf)

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-01: Revision to the Lost Boats listing (Tolling)  
Submitted by: Office on 7/4/2014

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IPNC Pat Householder was contacted by Base 51 member, Merle Hendricks, who did some research on the lost boats on our official listing but also used more info available from Paul Wittmer's research and listed at [www.oneternalpatrol.com](http://www.oneternalpatrol.com)

The changes Merle brought forth mainly involved crew counts for several boats, and new information more precisely pinning down the date (or date range) of sinking.

After having verified Merle's recommended changes, a motion was made to the Board of Directors to update the official list, which passed on July 4, 2014.

The corrected list is linked to this message and replaces all older listings. The listing will be updated in the Policies and Procedures Manual and the PowerPoint program will be updated as well.

[www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online\\_Manuals\\_Tolling\\_List\\_of\\_US\\_Submarines\\_Lost.pdf](http://www.ussvi.org/Documents/Online_Manuals_Tolling_List_of_US_Submarines_Lost.pdf)

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NEWS-02: Robert "DEX" Armstrong, Legendary 'After Battery Rat' on Eternal Patrol  
Submitted by: Pat Householder on 7/8/2014

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Dex cast off the lines of life at 6:20 AM EST July 8, 2014 and sailed off on his final patrol.

A larger than life character with a remarkable talent for writing thoughts and actions that all diesel boat sailors could relate to and say with a smile, "That was me when I was just young squid too!"

Dex will join his beloved Solveig in a shared plot at Arlington National Cemetery at a time and date yet to be announced.

To all who sent cards to DEX, THANK YOU! His Nurse said the stack is bigger than any she has ever seen come in on one day and she enjoyed reading them to Dex on what turned out to be his last night.

Dex, irreverent rascal that he was, would want us all to enjoy his submarine tales and a link to his AFTER BATTERY RAT tales is linked here.

Rest your oar, shipmate! We who remain will keep your memory alive, and thanks for the precious memories!

[www.olgoat.com/substuff/abr.htm](http://www.olgoat.com/substuff/abr.htm)

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NEWS-01: The Death Dance of the American SSNs  
Submitted by: Office on 7/13/2014

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July 13, 2014: The U.S. Navy is adjusting the retirement schedule of its elderly Los Angeles (SSN 688) class SSNs (nuclear attack submarines) to maximize the number of years the remaining Los Angeles boats will be available for service as well as save money and spread around the SSN upgrade and maintenance work more evenly to eliminate bottlenecks and reduce these costs.

Thus the recent announcement to delay the retirement of the 32 year old USS Dallas (SSN 700) while retiring the 31 year old USS Norfolk (SSN 714) sooner. More of this sort of thing is expected.

For more, go to the link...

[www.strategypage.com/htm/htsub/articles/20140713.aspx](http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htsub/articles/20140713.aspx)

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NEWS-01: Enlisted women to serve on attack submarines after 2020  
Submitted by: Office on 7/24/2014

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By 2020, the Navy plans to have women make up 20 percent of the enlisted crew on seven of the 18 Ohio-class submarines, according to the Navy's latest integration plan. The plan also calls for enlisted women to begin serving on attack submarines after 2020, when the Block IV Virginia-class submarines begin entering the service.

Go to the link for the story...

[www.navytimes.com/article/20140723/NEWS/307230055/Enlisted-women-serve-attack-submarines-after-2020](http://www.navytimes.com/article/20140723/NEWS/307230055/Enlisted-women-serve-attack-submarines-after-2020)

## USSVI NEWS (cont.)

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NEWS-03: The Story of Submarine Warfare in the Pacific (1946)

Submitted by: Office on 7/27/2014

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This film was completed shortly after the end of the War and contains rare footage on US submarine operations you won't find anywhere else.

There is a cameo appearance by Japanese Fleet Admiral Nagano who discusses (in English) the effect of US sub operations on the ability of the Japanese to make war. That because the "pig boats" inflicted military and transport losses on the enemy that were far beyond their own tiny numbers.

The program is introduced by Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, Jr, the legendary commander of Pacific submarine forces.

Go to the link for the video...

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbyQutt902Y](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbyQutt902Y)

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NEWS-02: The Value of Sea Based Strategic Deterrence

Submitted by: Office on 8/4/2014

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In response to the recent release of the Navy's 30-year ship building plan, there have been a number of articles in the media highlighting the impact of procuring the Ohio Replacement (OR) SSBN on other Navy shipbuilding programs.

Go to the link for the story...

<http://navylive.dodlive.mil/2014/07/31/the-value-of-sea-based-strategic-deterrence/>

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NEWS-03: Following in the Wake of USS Nautilus – a Renewed Focus on the Arctic

Submitted by: Office on 8/4/2014

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On August 3, 1958, USS Nautilus (SSN 571), the world's first nuclear powered submarine, also became the first submarine to complete a submerged transit to the geographic North Pole. While that achievement captivated the world, the real accomplishment was that Nautilus sailed from the Pacific Ocean through the Bering Strait, transited through the Arctic Basin completely under ice, and surfaced to the northeast of Greenland in the Atlantic Ocean. This was the first time a submarine had used the Arctic basin as a transit between the two major oceans.

Go to the link for the story...

<http://navylive.dodlive.mil/2014/08/03/following-in-the-wake-of-uss-nautilus-a-renewed-focus-on-the-arctic/>

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NEWS-04: Web Master Needed

Submitted by: T. Michael Bircumshaw on 8/6/2014

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Shipmates,

We are in need of some 21st Century Web work with which to advance the cause and purpose of USSVI. If you are particularly Web talented and would like to help us move forward, please contact me at NC@USSVI.org and let's talk about what we can do to make it better. Basically, I am looking for two websites to support and promote the USSVI national conventions and I am looking for either an existing website or a new website to facilitate the payment of all member dues on line. Additionally, I am vitally interested in setting up an "APP" for USSVI. If this challenge interests you, I look forward to hearing from you. Be sure and send me your contact number or you can call me at 951-308-6479 and leave a message, once again please leave your name and number clearly, I seem to have aged a bit in the past four years. Base Broadcast receivers, as with all other broadcasts, please see that this goes to all of your Base Members.

Best,

Michael

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Robert Andrews	Robert Dabbs	Elvie Jackson	Tola Lewis, Jr.	Henry Thrul
Jonathan Beatty	Joel Daughtridge	Shane Jones	Gene Loeffler	Waverly Traylor
Gregg Bockover	Craig Gorham	Clarence Jordan	Joe Martin	Frans Van Baars
Mike Burkholder	Paul Green	Colin Kagel	Donald Page	Al Westberry
J.C. Clark	Greg Hand	George Knouff	Mike Runkle	John Williamson
Spencer Combos	Tom Holland	Larry Kostbade	Gerald Schemanski	Ken Yates
Greg Crystal	Mike Hubbell	Tom Lee	Bill Schmauss	Vincent Zolkowski
William Culver	Clarence Huffman	Dick Lewis	Clif Snow	

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Torrance Adams	Andrew Brown	Wolfgang Friedrich	Michael King	Joe Schmidt
Al Ashdown, Sr.	Bob Bunney	Bill Grogan	Ken Lamine	Stan Schulz
Art Barker	Dave Campbell	Jerome Hoffart, Sr.	Robert Liland	Steve Sutton
Steve Bell	Steve Clay	Robert E. Hopkins	Dale Patterson	Paul Trexler
Ronald Bixby	Jack Crosson	Harold Johnston	Scott Powell	Donald Whitehead
Roger Bjerke	Barry Danforth	Terry Jones	Jay Pritchett	Willie Willems
Frank Blackmon	Jim Effinger	Walter Joyce	Donald Purbaugh	Mike Zimmerman
Al Bremer	John Ellinwood	Tom Kelly	William Santoni	

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Michael Adams	Jerry Emerson	Squirrel Herina	Charles Nelson	Wayne Smith
Al Allen	Charlie Engelberger	Jeff Joyner	John Norosky	Harold Steed
Clarence Allen	Ernest Evans	Tim Kesling	Ephraim Pressley, III	Thomas Stribling
George Bass	Steven Fornicola	Arnold Kirk	Emmett Redmon	Ricky Tart
Jim Brincefield	John Gary	Marty Kirwan	Steven Rodgers	Allan Toomer
Phil Brown	Robert Gill	PK Kraus	John Rupertus	Mike Toomey
Thomas Clayton	Leonard Guest	Bernie Maguire	Kenneth Sandridge	Michael Turner
Steve Croom	Henry Hagwood	James Martel	Jim Seacord	John Wardean
Raymond Deming	Phyliss Hauck	Dick Meader	Dan Shields	Tom Watkins
Charlie Dye	Jerry Hawks	Dale Moses	Jim Simon	Robert Wells

## UNIQUE LANGUAGE OF SUBMARINERS

**Jargon** is terminology that relates to a specific activity, profession, or group. Much like slang, it develops as a kind of shorthand, to quickly express ideas that are frequently discussed between members of a group. The following are from the SUBMARINER'S COMPENDIUM of Terms & TAR's HANDBOOK OF NAVAL VERBIAGE and Retired guys Re-familiarization Manual with permission from Editor Ron Martini.

<b>Flick</b>	Movie. Shown in the crew's mess after evening meal. Dinks could not attend.
<b>IceEx</b>	A joint venture of a U.S. Navy submarine and the scientific community to experiment under the ice areas of the world.
<b>PIM</b>	Position of Intended Movement.
<b>Tube Steak</b>	Hot Dogs or dangling sirloin.
<b>Whiz Quiz</b>	Piss test or urinalysis.
<b>Zoomies</b>	Term for radiation.

## THE SUB NET

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

The newly revised C&B are on the USSVI website. They include changes made by the PA's in the latest (2012) election cycle. The changes to the documents are highlighted in red.

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 2012\_USSVI\_Constitution\_Revised\_September\_9\_2012.pdf link to view the constitution
5. Select the 2012\_USSVI\_Bylaws\_Revised\_September\_9\_2012.pdf link to view the bylaws

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### DID YOU KNOW?

The USSVI Bylaws, in Article VI, contains the duties, responsibilities, and definitions concerning all USSVI committees, including the committees for Membership, Scholarship, Ways and Means, Long Range Planning, Memorials And Ceremonies, Public Relations and Publicity, Nominations, National Archives, New Base Development, Constitution and Bylaws, Veterans Affairs, Awards, National Convention, Technology, Audit, Disciplinary, and the Base Commanders Group

## FROM THE FLEET - LATEST ON OUR NORTH CAROLINA BOATS

### North Carolina Visits Yokosuka During Western Pacific Deployment

Lt. j.g. Tyler Vaughn, USS North Carolina Public Affairs, June 9

The Virginia-class, fast-attack submarine USS North Carolina (SSN 777) arrived in Yokosuka June 8 for a routine visit as part of its second deployment to the Western Pacific.

With a crew of about 140, North Carolina will conduct a multitude of missions and showcase the latest capabilities of the submarine fleet.

"The crew of the North Carolina is honored to be guests in Japan and is looking forward to enjoying some liberty," said Cmdr. Richard Rhinehart, North Carolina's commanding officer. "It has been very professionally rewarding for the crew to be deployed to the Asia-Pacific region working closely with other forward deployed U.S. Navy units and those of our regional partners such as Japan."

North Carolina is the fourth submarine in the Virginia-class, the Navy's newest class of submarine and the first ship designed for the post Cold-War environment. It is designed to operate with stealth, agility and endurance in the world's littoral regions, as well as the deep oceans. Designed to accomplish a wide variety of missions as required per its operational commanders, the crew spent the previous six-months operating in the Asia-Pacific region.

"The crew of the North Carolina has overcome numerous obstacles during the deployment and has maintained an exceptional attitude throughout," Said Chief of the Boat, Command Master Chief Petty Officer J.R. O'Donnell. "They have been eagerly waiting this visit to Yokosuka, Japan."

For many of the crew members, this is not only their first deployment, but also their first time visiting Japan. For those that have been here before, it is a welcome return.

"I have been eagerly looking forward to seeing Japan again since I left Okinawa in 2008," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Benjamin Kramer, ship's corpsman. "The culture and people are always welcoming and the food is exceptional."

Measuring more than 350 feet long and weighing more than 7,800 tons when submerged, North Carolina is one of the stealthiest and most advanced submarines in the world. North Carolina brings to the region the capability to conduct the full spectrum of potential submarine missions including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and mine warfare.

North Carolina is home ported Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and was commissioned in 2008. This is the boat's second deployment to the Western Pacific.

For the latest on USS North Carolina and submarine operations in the Indo-Asia-Pacific, follow Submarine Group 7 at [www.facebook.com/submarinegroup7](http://www.facebook.com/submarinegroup7) or [www.csg7.navy.mil](http://www.csg7.navy.mil).

For more news from Commander Submarine Group 7, visit [www.navy.mil/local/csg7/](http://www.navy.mil/local/csg7/).

## USS North Carolina Returns to Pearl Harbor

Clayton Wakida, kitv.com, June 19

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii —The Virginia-class fast attack submarine USS North Carolina returned home to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Thursday following a deployment to the Western Pacific region.

The 140-man crew was greeted by with signs, banners, and lei as family and friends gathered at the submarine piers.

The submarine's commanding officer, Cmdr. Richard Rhinehart said he is proud of his Sailors and their hard work.

"Conducting forward-deployed operations is one of the most professionally rewarding experiences a Sailor can have," said Rhinehart. "There is no more challenging or strategically more vital a region of the world than the Western Pacific."

Rhinehart said being forward deployed is a culmination of years of training and many months of preparation and certification.

In addition to gaining the experience of operating in the Western Pacific for several months, the deployment afforded Sailors the opportunity to work on qualifications.

Despite half of the crew being on their first deployment, 22 enlisted personnel and eight officers became submarine qualified and are now entitled to wear their respective submarine warfare "dolphin" insignia.

"As a young Sailor, there is no better opportunity to learn than while on deployment," said Rhinehart. "Deployments pack a lot of experience into a fairly short period of time. We spent more than 80 percent of our time deployed at sea."

For spouse Dani Allred, having her husband home, Electronics Technician 1st Class Mike Allred, brought smiles of joy.

"I'm so overwhelmed, it's surreal," said Allred. "I can't believe this day is here, and we are looking forward to starting our life together again!"

## USS North Carolina Changes Command

MC1 Steven Khor, Submarine Force Pacific Fleet Public Affairs, June 24

PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII - A time-honored change of command ceremony was held today, June 24, 2014, for the Virginia-class fast attack submarine USS North Carolina (SSN 777) at the submarine piers on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Commander Richard Rhinehart was relieved by Cmdr. Gary Montalvo as commanding officer of USS North Carolina.

Rhinehart was emotional as he addressed his Sailors for the last time as their commander. He noted how proud he is of having had the opportunity to be in command of North Carolina and working with some amazing Sailors.

"What makes this job so amazing are the people and the crew," said Rhinehart. "Each and every one of you have a shared heritage; not just being fellow brothers of the fin, but of being shipmates on the North Carolina. Together, we took the finest ship of the Pacific Fleet to sea."

In command for more than three years, Rhinehart took his submarine and crew on two lengthy Western Pacific deployments, and numerous shorter underway periods.



"Together, we fought to keep the boat at sea, operationally proficient and ready to execute any and all tasking," said Rhinehart. "I couldn't be more grateful for the sacrifices you made, or more proud of what you accomplished."

The ceremony's guest speaker, Rear Adm. Phillip Sawyer, commander of the Pacific Fleet's submarine force, praised Rhinehart for a job well done, having taken the submarine on every Western Pacific deployment the submarine has made.

"Rich, you and your team have had across-the-board success," said Sawyer. "These are successes for the submarine force, the U.S. Navy, and for our nation. You can be justifiably proud of what you've accomplished. Congratulations on a highly successful tour."

Sawyer also spoke to the assembled crew and guests about the Chief of Naval Operations' three guiding tenets of Warfighting First, Operate Forward, and Be Ready. Sawyer added that North Carolina exemplified these tenets while playing an important role in achieving national objectives.

During the ceremony, Rhinehart was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his successes in command of North Carolina from April 2011 to June 2014.

As Montalvo assumed command of North Carolina, he thanked Rhinehart for turning over a great ship and a highly enthusiastic crew.

"It is a time like this that reminds me that the strength of the North Carolina is more than just technology and design," said Montalvo, referring to the importance of the crew on board. "I look forward to being a part of the North Carolina Tar Heel team for the next few years."

Commissioned May 2008, North Carolina is the fourth U.S. Navy ship to carry the name North Carolina. The Virginia-class boat was built by General Dynamics Electric Boat Division in Groton, Conn., and Newport News Shipbuilding in Newport News, Va., and joined the fleet in December 2006.

The state-of-the-art submarine is capable of supporting a multitude of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, naval special warfare involving special operations forces, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.

## ETERNAL PATROL NOTICES

### Service for Don Small

Chaplain Bill,

I'm not sure I told you, but just the family had a memorial service for Don the day after Christmas. With school and work schedules it was the only time the 4 boys and all of our families could get together. We used a 40 passenger tour boat and placed a wreath and most of his ashes in Albemarle Sound. Since it was only family we plan to have a second service this September over the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. If any of the SubVets crew can make that, we would be pleased to welcome them. Since it is after Labor Day, accommodations on the beach should be easier to find. Service will held ocean front at 116 Ocean Blvd., Southern Shores, NC. Please pass the word and have anyone needing directions or more information contact me; either by email or my cell # 252-256-3016.

My son Scott recently saw Mike Kelly and thanked him for sponsoring the St. Pats Day parade and told him how much that meant to Don. It was the last time Dad was out of the house. The cold weather took a lot out of him, but mentally and emotionally it really pumped him up; it was a great time for him. Thanks to Mike Kelly and the SubVets; it was a wonderful day for Don and all the Small clan.

Here are links to the parade video and a memorial video...please share them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-1EXqO-DOLE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMft3CfyBLI>

Thanks again,

Lyn Small



**USSVI 2014 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL CONVENTION**

September 1 - September 7, 2014  
 Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport  
 1333 Bayshore Hwy  
 Burlingame, CA 94010

**2014 Convention Registration Form**

Name (To be used on badge): \_\_\_\_\_ /Base Officer: Y/N Position? \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Qual. Boat: \_\_\_\_\_ Hull Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Qual. Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Event	Cost	Qty	Total
<b>DRAWING</b>	<b>-----EARLY REGISTRATION DRAWING-----</b> <i>We will have a free drawing for two tour packages</i> <i>Only 2014 registration forms received by May 16, 2014, will be eligible for this drawing ( 1 entry per form)</i> <b>First prize:</b> 2 Free passes to the Alcatraz Tour <b>Second prize:</b> 2 Free passes to the Napa Valley Winery Tour <b>Drawing May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 Winner to be Notified by: June 1, 2014</b>	<b>FREE</b>		
	2014 Convention Registration (per person) <b>(add \$10.00 per person after 1, JULY, 2014)</b>	\$35.00		
Mon. 9/1/14	Sports Event (Game Time 1305 hrs.) Oakland A's vs. Seattle Mariners (Transportation not included)	\$30.00		
Tues. 9/2/14	Crystal Springs Golf Outing (Includes Golf, Cart, Range Balls, Lunch & Prizes)	\$60.00		
Tues. 9/2/14	Mare Island Base Tour, Lunch & Brewery Tour <b>EVENT SOLD OUT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</b>	\$50.00	<b>SOLD</b>	<b>OUT</b>
Tues. 9/2/14	Welcome Aboard Party (Poolside Pavilion)	\$15.00		
Tues. 9/2/14	Sight Seeing Bus Trip in the City of San Francisco	\$40.00		
Wed. 9/3/14	WWII Veterans & Holland Club Breakfast	\$30.00		
Wed. 9/3/14	Alcatraz / Pier 39 Experience Tour	\$55.00		
Wed. 9/3/14	Bingo Night at the Hyatt	\$25.00		
Thurs.9/4/14	Men's Luncheon	\$45.00		
Thurs.9/4/14	Ladies' Luncheon	\$45.00		
Thurs.9/4/14	Dinner Cruise	\$85.00		
Thurs.9/4/14	Sight Seeing Bus Trip in the City of San Francisco	\$40.00		
Fri. 9/5/14	Napa Valley Winery Tours & Lunch (Tasting Fees not included)	\$55.00		
Sat. 9/6/14	13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Submarine Film Festival	\$5.00		
Sat. 9/6/14	USSVI Convention Awards Banquet /Entertainment Meals: Grilled Flat Iron Steak: _____ Roasted Chicken Breast: _____ Vegetarian: _____	\$65.00		
<b>RAFFLE</b>	<b>-----ROOM RAFFLE-----</b> <i>We will be raffling off two 6 night stays at the Hyatt Hotel for use during the 2014 National Convention (Approx. \$700. Value)</i> <b>First prize:</b> 1 Premier Suite for the nights of 9/1 thru 9/6 <b>Second Prize:</b> 1 Standard room for the nights of 9/1 thru 9/6 <b>Drawing July 01, 2014 Winner to be Notified by: July 15, 2014</b> <b>TO BE USED FOR THE 2014 CONVENTION (ONLY)</b>	\$10.00ea. 6 for \$45.00		
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>				

**NOTE: ATTENDANCE AT ANY USSVI SPONSORED ACTIVITY REQUIRES PAID REGISTRATION WITH THE CONVENTION**  
**REGISTRATION REFUND POLICY: NO REFUNDS AFTER 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2014**

**Payment by check or money order made payable to:**

USSVI Mare Island Base  
 PO. Box. 4510  
 Vallejo, CA. 94590

**Website: <http://www.ussvigoldenanniversary2014sf.org/>**



# *Submarine Veterans' Gulf Coast* *2014 Annual Christmas Party*



▲ *Thursday Dec 11th thru Sunday Dec 14th 2014*

## *Holiday Inn Resort*

*(Ninth year at this great Hotel)*

**11127 Front Beach Rd, Panama City Beach, FL 32407**

**1-850-234-1111 or 1-800-633-0266 (toll-free)**

**Rooms \$59.00 plus tax (10.57%)**

**Hospitality Room *and* Banquet \$45.00**

*(Hospitality Room includes Morning Coffee & Donuts, Free Libations & Assorted Snacks)*

***Hosted by John Duncan, Seawolf Base (narwhalssn@yahoo.com)***

***and Jim Hunnicutt, Drum Base (mcpo.ss@peoplepc.com)***

***This is a Christmas Party – Gifts Optional (to receive a gift, you must bring a gift)***

***Everyone Bring a Present (around \$15) - Men bring a Guy's gift and Ladies bring a gal's gift***

***Banquet Christmas Party Saturday Night***

***Banquet will have a Cash Bar starting at 5 P.M. followed by Dinner and Party at 6:00 P.M.***

### **MENU – SANTA'S FAVORITE BUFFET**

*Garden Fresh Salad*

*Tender Roasted Tom Turkey with Giblet Gravy - Spiral Honey Glazed Ham*

*Country Style Sausage Cornbread Stuffing - Whipped Potatoes - Candied Yams*

*Green Bean Almandine - Fresh Whole Kernel Corn - Freshly Baked Rolls*

*Dessert Selections - Freshly Baked Pumpkin, Apple Pie or Cobbler - Iced Tea or Coffee*

***Memorial Service 11 A.M. Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>***

***Nightly Bar 50/50 Raffles (w/extra prizes) - 6 for \$5.00***

***Large Split the Pot 50/50 Saturday Night Raffle (w/extra prizes) - 6 for \$5.00***

*(This is not a profit maker - Any Residual Funds will go to a Submarine Related Project)*



*Season's Greetings 2006*

***Mail Reservations for Banquet and Hospitality Room to***

***Jim Hunnicutt - 11114 Little Creek Ln, Pensacola FL 32506-8261***

***Make check payable to Submarine Christmas Party***

***Reservations have to be in hand NLT November 30th to guarantee your banquet seating***

*(Refunds for Banquet after December 1st, 2014 cannot be guaranteed)*

*Problems or Questions? Contact Jim Hunnicutt @ 1-850-457-3584 or mcpo.ss@peoplepc.com*

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse /Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Tel)** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Chapter/Base** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Banquet & Hospitality Room:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Number for Hospitality Room Only (*Not Attending Banquet*):** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Night 50/50 Raffle (6 tickets for \$5) How Many:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Remitted: \$** \_\_\_\_\_