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USSVI Creed:

"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward



Lost Boats for April

USS PICKEREL (SS 177)	April 3, 1943
USS GRENADIER (SS 210)	April 22, 1943
USS GUNGEON (SS 211)	April 18, 1944
USS SNOOK (SS 279)	April 8, 1945
USS THRESHER (SSN 593)	April 10, 1963

"Sailors, Rest your oars"

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The CO's Stateroom – Steve Bell, Commander

Spring is on us. Sure glad we do not have to do spring cleanup regarding our Subvets. However, spring means that right around the corner we are hosting the Burnsville Memorial event. If you have not registered as yet, please do so soon. The cutoff is 1 May and that will be upon you faster than we care to admit. I have the "Traveling Bar" and will replenish it prior to going up there. It doesn't need much. By the way, it not only includes what you are thinking, but also will have water, sodas, and munchies. We have the big hospitality room up there for both Friday and Saturday evening. The meal will be served there as well. Last year there was a good time had by all, mostly telling 'sea stories'. The area should be in full bloom and I anticipate it to be pretty up there. For those who have not decided, give it a shot, I am sure you will enjoy yourself.

We should have our new anchor patch by the Burnsville event as well as our Challenge coin. We can show them off to the members of the other bases that show up. We can be proud of both of those items. And we will also raffle off the American flag that was flown in Washington DC on VJ Day last year for the boats we lost in WWII. I look forward to seeing you there.

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XO's POD – Mike Hubbell, Sr. Vice-Cmdr –

No Report

--- Pride Runs Deep; at Carolina Piedmont Base -----

Comm Center- Jack Jeffries, Base Secretary

CAROLINA PIEDMONT BASE

27 March 2010 Minutes

1900- Meeting called to order by Commander Steve Bell, Benediction given by Chaplain Ray Fritz, Pledge of allegiance, tolling of Boats presented by Ray Fritz. Member introduction 27 members present.

Special Presentations. Commander Bell presented to base members the District Commander Award Certificate, that Dick Kanning, presented to us at the District Meeting held at Elizabeth City. Also presented was a letter of appreciation from the District Commander for the our base participation in donating to the COMSUBLANT SOY presentations. Steve presented 10 year USSVI membership pin to Howard Dachs.

Secretary Jack Jeffries read minutes of previous meeting, approved and seconded with minor corrections, St. Patrick's day parade date changed to 13 March, date of Azalea Festival parade to be April 10th, Autism Speaks participation scheduled for 9 October.

Treasurer Lee Hickerson presented financial report, Balance on hand, \$5376.59, Restricted funds, Burnsville Memorial \$1563.50, Kaps4Kids 1299.80, Refreshment Fund \$105.00, Spruce Pine Reservations\$540.00, Challenge Coin Reservations \$90.00, Outstanding Bills \$44.00, Available funds, \$1697.09 Approved and seconded as read

Storekeepers report, still have a few calendars on hand. Displayed USSVI jacket purchased by Hal Rutter, members present decided to have Jeff to handle orders for those desiring jackets. Jeff to advise us as to cost and distribute order forms for jackets

Old Business, Steve updated us on presentation at Victory Junction scheduled for 10 April, 32 Children as well as their siblings and parents to attend. Discussed Challenge coin design and approved both side designs. Members decided to have coins epoxy coated with rope (line) border 2 sides Sample should be ready shortly for presentation. Purchase price to be \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 non-members. Patch for base members honoring our Golden Anchor and Silver Anchor awards should be available within 2 weeks

New Business- We discussed the possibility of purchasing an ad for the program at the National Convention. The proposal was turned down by the members present. The members voted to send \$10.00 to the Holland Club for the members of our base. This will be added to the National pool of money and be used for supplying patches and certificates for new Holland Club members.

Good of the Order- Dale Moses stated that anyone can submit an article for our newsletter. We need inputs to make Dale's job easier. Don't be bashful, any article welcome. We commended Dale on the superb job he is accomplishing. We received a Thank You for our contribution to the USS DRUM restoration fund. The Executive Board held a short meeting before the general meeting to discuss the resignation of our Jr. Vice Commander due to health reasons. The board put it to the members at the general meeting and it was voted on that we not replace the position at the present time. Motion made and seconded. We discussed the upcoming National Elections and stressed the importance of each member casting their vote. The election slate of candidates is to be published in the next American Submariner edition. The Massing of the Colors that was held in Greenville, SC was discussed. Rick Petitt, Dale Moses and Walt Sealy represented our base. There are two more ceremonies slated, 18 April at Columbia, SC and 24 April at Rock Hill SC. Walt Sealy to coordinate these events. We need as many members as possible to attend. We discussed the upcoming Burnsville gathering and reservations need to be turned in to Steve Bell ASAP. If you need a reservation form please contact Jack Jeffries. We have 4 parades coming up, Azalea festival in Wilmington NC 10 April, Thomasville NC June 31, Faith NC 4 or 5 July, Newton NC and Troutman NC dates to be published when we know them. Dale Moses presented his proposal to bring Flag Awareness program to local schools, he has forwarded an initial program to Jack Jeffries for review. Steve Bell presented to us that he has an Eagle Scout Award scheduled for sometime in the month of May. He will inform us as to the exact date and location. The upcoming 2012 National Convention to be held in Norfolk, VA area was discussed. Volunteers from our base are needed for manning the registration desk. The possibility of a group outing to the Charlotte Knights Baseball Park in Ft Mill was briefly discussed, more info to come, Dale Moses checking on it. Howard Murray discussed an Easter egg hunt at the Ft Mill VFW on 3 April at 11AM, and **A SUPER BZ TO PAUL AND SANDRA MYERS FOR THEIR DONATION OF 980.00** to our KAPS4KIDS program. They raised this amount by raffling chances for a one week vacation at their condo at Myrtle Beach, all expenses paid. The winner of the raffle was Glenna Hubbell.

Next meeting scheduled for 24 April at VFW Ft. Mill

2030-Motion made and seconded for the meeting to end. Chaplin Ray Fritz gave the benediction.

Submitted,

Jack Jeffries, Secretary

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Keeper of the Coin - Lee Hickerson, Base Treasurer

Treasurers Report for the April 2010 CPP

Current Balance \$5427.59

Restricted Funds

Burnsville Memorial \$1563.50

Kaps For Kids \$1299.80

Refreshments \$105.00

Spruce Pine Mtg. \$540.00

Base Coin Reserve \$60.00

Base Funds Available \$1829.29

All monies deposited.

We owe for the Base Challenge Coin Order

As you may note, I am collecting monies for 2 new restricted funds.

If you plan on attending the May meeting at the Spruce Pine Lodge for the visit to Burnsville, feel free to send \$20.00 per person to cover dinner and incidental expenses to Steve Bell..

Any other money you wish to send should go to the address below.

Be sure to note on the checks what the money is for.

Carolina Piedmont Base USSVI

8410 Clear Meadow Lane

Charlotte, NC 28227

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Chaplin's Corner- Raymond Fritz, Base Chaplin

No Report

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COB's Words -Howard Dachs, Base COB

Here is some news about one of our members: <http://www.scgyr.org/gcrsm/>

I have included a movie review (from the COB) for those who are not on the "dink" list. Here is one for this month that is available at Netflix:

The Barbarian Invasions (Les Invasions Barbares) 2003R99 minutes

When 50-something divorcé Rémy (Rémy Girard) is hospitalized for terminal cancer, his estranged son, Sébastien (Stéphane Rousseau), returns home to make amends in this Oscar-winning sequel to Denys Arcand's Decline of the American Empire. As Sébastien steers through the moldering health care system to bring comfort to his father, he finds common ground with Rémy as he learns about the man through friends and lovers from his complicated past.

My comments: It is in French (Canadian French) with subtitles. Aside from the main plot it offers a lot on insight into the Canadian healthcare system, which we are heading for. We lived in the area this was filmed in and the health care situation portrayed is not an exaggeration.

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The Supply Shack- Jeff Nieberding

Some of you may wonder what the Base Storekeeper does. Well, just like on the boat, not much (sailor humor). Actually, I do order things that the base needs like flags, service pins, calendars, Holland Club patches, etc. I keep on hand a supply of Base and District Patches and soon challenge coins. I also order vests for the base's members if they desire one. I can also order items from the USSVI website if a base member wants something from them. As for individual boat patches, Shellback, Bluenose, etc. I can order those for you if you desire but it is cheaper if you do it yourself. Just Google "Submarine Patches" and you can find dozens of websites that sell them.

The base is also in the process of putting together an order for custom made jackets with the USSVI logo and base name on it, this order can also include jackets for our ladies. The young lady that does this is a Navy Wife and will also custom embroider T Shirts for us too. Please see the order form for prices.

----- Freedom, is not Free, Support our Troops-----

Holland Club Happenings- Walt Sealy- Holland Club Coordinator

For my Submariners, this is really good video. It is 61 minutes long, but easy listening talk by an obviously excellent author. I listened in three sittings. (Easy to do; unlike some videos, after it restarts, simply click on the time bar and go right to any time you wish.)

Excellent website <http://www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org/events/2009/11-07-robert-schultz.jsp> to hear excerpts from the author of a book about a Torpedoman's experience during WWII onboard the USS Tambor.

---- Pride Runs Deep; at Carolina Piedmont Base -----

Editor's Note -E. Dale Moses

Get those stories in. My goal is to have each issue of the Periscope out a week prior to our regular meeting. So if you get me your item a few days prior to that I should be able to get it in. Now sometimes there is just too much and I have to save your items for the next issue. I wish I had this problem more often. I usually won't put items in that have been sent to everyone via a Base e-mail; no sense in repeating something unless it's real important. Keep the items coming. - Moe(SS)

----- Get Involved with the Base-----

Happy Birthday to:

April

Jolanda Lynch 4/02
Linda Zieverink 4/09
Paul Simerly 4/09
Donna Blassingham 4/11
Linda Crystal 4/14
Emma Howell 4/22
Dee Rutter 4/30

May

Joel Tuchfeld 5/04
Colleen Moses 5/05
Glenn E. Harris 5/7
Tom Coffman 5/9
Larry Lynch 5/17
Robert Boyd 5/18
John Dainotto 5/19
Calvin Reese 5/25
Robert Bickford 5/30

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Mary and Robert Bickford - 4/21
Judy and William Hickerson - 4/23
Karen and Michael Toomey - 4/24
Dorla and Hal Rutter - 5/26
Colleen and Dale Moses - 5/27

----- Wear your Dolphins - you earned them! -----

Binnacle List:

All Crew Member healthy!

----- Pride Runs Deep -----

Welcome aboard to new members



Welcome **Jim Schenk!**

We more need names here – Just ask if they belong!

----- Pride Runs Deep -----

----- Grab your Dolphins and get to a meeting! -----



Let's Go Out to the Baseball Game

On Saturday May 29th, the Carolina Piedmont Base will present the Colors at the Charlotte Knights Baseball Game. This is really an honor for our Base to present on a Holiday weekend game. We are trying to let the public that we are here, so come on out to the ballgame. We need as many of us on the field as possible. Please call Moe(SS) at 704-248-7610 if you are interested in assisting in the presentation. It is really simple, if you can walk, you can present.

And, if you just want to watch the ballgame... They rarely offer discounts on Saturdays, however, I spoke to Sarah, who spoke with the Box Office Manager and we are offered to move forward with a \$10 Lower Level Reserve ticket for our Carolina Piedmont group, when purchased in advance. If I can give Sarah a rough estimate of how many tickets we would like, she will reserve them for the Base members and their families. I'll need final numbers no later than May 10th. It's the holiday weekend, so if you have family in town, take them out to the ballgame! Contact Moe(SS) at the number above, and let's show the Knights that the Carolina Piedmont Base are Fans. Fireworks after the Game, too. -

-----Pride Runs Deep-----

My Last Patrol

By Jim Schenk

I asked SubLant to grant me,
As my last earthborne wish,
A sailor's burial at sea,
Eternally with the fish.

My ashes for one last patrol,
On a boat from Squadron Six.
"Discharge me from Tube One, sir,
To the oceanic mix."

Chorus:

In the deep serene Atlantic,
In her depths let me reside.
Or on some beach Atlantic,
Flow-ebbing with her tide.

I patrolled in Cold War ops,
In fleet boats and in nukes.
Ready at my station,
Or beachbound with my dukes.

I fought the war I was given,
Where ever I did ride.
With shipmates yet unrivaled,
With everlasting pride.

We plied the seas together,k
Warm waters and ice cold.
We were so youngly feathered,
And brashly, proudly bold.

We did our job in silence,
Beneath the waves we rode.

And lived in quiet truculence,
Our rivals, how we showed,.

Our resolve did never fail,
When challenged to the max.
We dutifully did sail,
'Mid stresses never lax.

Our saga still continues,
'Neath the seas around the world.
Within our steel venues,
Old Glory sails unfurled.

My Dolphins lie on the bottom,
My spirit lives on land.
You may sometimes see me smiling,
At you upwards from the sand.

So, if you will not join me,
Remember me not with tears.
Beneath the waves I tarry now,
Forever through the years.

Repeat Chorus.

----- Put down the "remote" and get to a meeting! -----

First Patrol

By Jeff Nieberding ET1(SS)

Early summer of '77 and I'm standing on the dock waiting for the small boat to Ford Island. There are several destroyers (could'a been frigates for all I know) tied up nearby. It's late on a Saturday and Pearl Harbor is sleepy. I think to myself, was it like this 36 years ago before the Japanese descended from the skies? The small boat arrives and soon I can see the Arizona and the ever present oil slick. We debark on Ford Island and I am surrounded by history. After two years in the Navy I have arrived at my first real duty station.

I'd filled out my dream sheet at prototype and requested a boomer out of Pearl. Always heard that dream sheets were just that, but I got what I asked for. I had been assigned to the USS Thomas Jefferson SSBN 618 Blue crew reactor controls (RC) division and they were due in Pearl in a few days after completing a patrol. As I was checking into the BEQ the Chief on duty told me I had lucked out to pick up the boat on an off crew.

Off crew progressed nicely as I got to know my new shipmates and started picking up the culture of being a bubblehead. These guys are different I thought to myself, none of them are quite right, even the officers are off a little. The Captain would wear a T Shirt that said F*&# Forty, guess he did not like turning the big 40. Being only 20 at the time it was an alien concept to me. Looking back now I realize they were normal and it was the rest of the world that was off a little bit.

Too soon I found myself along with the rest of the crew on a 7 hour MAC flight from Hickam to Anderson AFB Guam. Landing on Guam in itself was an adventure for me. We kept dropping lower and lower and all I could see at the window was blue water, "where the hell is the runway" was going thru my mind but nobody else seemed concerned so I suffered in silence. Gazing out the window and still only seeing blue we abruptly touch down, come to find out that the end of the runway at Anderson is a cliff.

After gathering our seabags we were packed into a bus for the long drive to Polaris Point in Apra Harbor. We drove thru Agana and numerous other small villages along the way, gathering stares from the locals that did not always seem friendly. Since the Gold crew was still out on patrol and was not due in for a couple of days I figured they put us up in a comfy barracks until the boat arrived. Boy was I in for a shock. There was no barracks, there was this thing called "the Barge". My hat is off to you diesel boat boys because this barge was as close to being on a diesel boat as I would ever get. It was a dark, hot cramped, humid and smelly metal box tied up to the pier.

The next morning the COB took all of us new non quals on a bus trip around the island. I was surprised at the amount of WW II wreckage still on the island. The island itself was quite beautiful, even if it had some ugly scars of history on it. The COB relayed that the last Japanese defender had surrendered only a few years ago.

We returned to Polaris Point in time to participate in the beer ball game and cookout, our last fling before the boat comes thru the breakwater into Apra Harbor.

With the arrival of the boat the next day the chaos of turnover began. My LPO had warned me to watch the Goldies closely because their only thought was getting out of Guam and back to Pearl for those 30 days R&R. A concept that I did not fully grasp as of yet. Soon the Goldies were gone and the boat was ours. I of course got a choice top bunk right outside of the head, not that I got to spend much time in it.

Refit is just a clever way to spell work, 12 hour days were the norm and 16+ not uncommon. In addition, being a non qual I was putting time in on ships and engineering quals. On the plus side my shipmates were so concerned about my well being they made sure that I qualified shutdown electrical operator so I could stand the 0000 – 0400 watches. The long days soon delved into a blur of work and an occasional foray to Andy's Hut By The Sea to consume mass quantities of beer. It is truly amazing how much a bubblehead can drink and still get the work done.

Another unsung joy of refit that I discovered was stores load. Being in Engineering Dept. and thus the largest department on board we got to be topside to handle stores. Good, I thought, we get to be in the sunshine. For some reason I had forgotten that we were in Guam and that if the temperature dropped into the high 80s people were looking for a coat. Not to mention the rain squalls that you can see coming but you cannot escape. It was also during this time that I discovered that a #10 can can be lethal in slippery hands, especially if you are at the bottom of the torpedo room ladder handing off the can you had just received. And what are all these round weights we are loading for?

Soon enough we were underway for a couple days of sea trials after refit. Going out to make sure everything works and look for leaks I was told. Leaks I asked. Yeah, we go out and dive to test depth to look for leaks, came the reply. Holy s@#*, there has got to be a better way I thought. But noooo, that's what we did. I remember being in the machinery two upper level when the klaxon announced that we were going to dive. I guess I was expecting some kind of spiritual event or a revelation when we slipped beneath the waves. Nope, just a slight down angle and if you listened real close (I was) you hear a gentle swish as the ocean swallowed us. After some angles and dangles we proceeded to test depth in steps followed by announcements on the 1MC for all compartment to look for leaks at each step.

The boat returned to Apra Harbor after a couple of days to tie up loose ends and make the final preparations for getting under way on patrol. This also provided the last chance to consume beer for the next 75 days and send that last letter home. Most of us did just that.

There was no fanfare as we got underway for patrol. Just a fact of the cold war that most of what we did was unnoticed, did not seem odd to me, that was just the way it was. On the second day at sea MMCM (SS) Mowery told me (I was just a piss ant 3rd class) to clean the after escape trunk. Having learned early on not to mess with Master Chiefs (unlike Ensigns which were fair game) we proceeded to open the lower hatch so I could access the escape trunk. On my up into the trunk the Master Chief told not to dog down on the upper hatch as we would never be able to open it upon return to port. Wonderful I thought, I was already nervous enough being in the trunk with the sea just inches from my head. Trying not to think about it I busied myself in that time honored Navy tradition of cleaning that which did not need it. After several minutes I heard an extremely loud noise in the trunk which I was sure was the sea coming to visit me. I launched myself out of the trunk into engine room upper level in a desperate attempt to escape death. As I rolled to a stop I was greeted by hysterical laughter. The engine room upper level watch, and I am sure the Master Chief did nothing to dissuade him, had cracked open the 700 psi bleed air in the trunk right next to my ear. I looked around and noted that there was quite an audience, including the EOOW enjoying the festivities at the expense of the non qual. I sure that brown stain remained on the deck until the boat was scrapped.

The patrol soon settled into the familiar routine of a 1/3 bell at 130 ft with occasional trips to periscope depth. I quickly qualified throttleman and began working on quals in earnest. To add to the fun this was an ORSE patrol so there were plenty of drills to participate in. Getting familygrams and reading news that the radiomen had made up to monkey with somebody. But I made progress and by the end of the patrol I was a half qual.

Hump night arrived along with the Hump night poker games and skits. I let MMC (SS) Louthain talk me into doing a take off on Carnac which Johnny Carson had made famous. We had a blast and the crew loved it. I had laughed until I could laugh no more. So I did Carnac on every patrol after that.

The maneuvering watch was set and we were entering Apra Harbor to end a successful patrol. Soon the mountains of porno would appear on the decks in berthing as we cleaned up and got ready to give the boat back to the Goldies. On the 7 hour flight back to Pearl I pondered what had happened and marveled at the fact that it seemed like we had just emerged from a time machine while the rest of world had moved on. Nobody really knew what we did nor did some care I suspected. What mattered was that I needed to do to get ready to do it again. I had Dolphins to earn.

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Tell your story

We need stories. Your shipmates want to hear them. Please email them to me at donutdad@carolina.rr.com or mail them to: Dale Moses, 14826 Ashlight Dr. Charlotte, NC 28278.

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The First Annual Carolina Piedmont Cruise

The cruise is Monday October 4th thru Saturday October 8th and we are sailing to the Bahamas on the Carnival Fantasy out of Charleston. The cost for an inside cabin is \$300.50 and an outside cabin is \$400.50. A deposit of 200.00 per person will hold your reservation. You have until August 4th to reserve your cabin. To do so, call 1-866-721-3225 and ask for group booking # 55PZ08. For more information call Sandra at 704-289-4650. A valid passport is required.

Benefit for KAPS 4 KIDS – Myrtle Beach Condo Raffle

Thanks to Sandra and Paul for their generous donation of their Condo and congratulations to Glenna Hubbell. The raffle netted \$970.00 for the KAPS 4 KIDS program. Again THANK YOU SANDRA and PAUL.

2010 Azalea Festival Parade Notes

There were 17 subvets from the Tarheel and Coastal Carolina Bases participating in this year's parade including Harold Steed one of our WWII subvets. This is the biggest parade that we have ever been in to date, even bigger than the one in 2007 when the PCO of SSN 777 was the Grand Marshall. Attached are some pictures from the parade and in case you are wondering, Pat did wake up when the parade started.



Piedmont Funnies Page

This morning I went down to sign up my Dog for welfare. At first the lady said, Dogs are not eligible to draw welfare. I explained to her that my Dog is unemployed, lazy, can't speak English, and has no clue who his Daddy is. She looked in her policy book to see what it takes to qualify. My Dog gets his first check next Friday.

-----you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him grow moss-----

SUBMARINE SEARCH

Sent By Jerry Leppart
Tarheel Base Member

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73 SUBMARINE NAMES to locate in the puzzle above

ALABAMA
ALASKA
ALBANY
ALBUQUERQUE
ALEXANDRIA
ANNAPOLIS
ASHEVILLE
BOISE
BREMERTON
BUFFALO
CHARLOTTE
CHEYENNE
CHICAGO
CITYOFCORPUSCHRISTI
COLUMBIA
COLUMBUS
CONNECTICUT
DALLAS
FLORIDA

GEORGIA
GREENVILLE
HAMPTON
HARTFORD
HAWAII
HELENA
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-----Remember, half the people you know are below average-----

VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS: Veteran service organizations (VSOs) are designed for the benefit of the veteran and community. Most areas of the country have a local American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, or Veterans of Foreign Wars post/chapter. There are many more service organizations, such as the Marine Corps League, Viet Nam Veterans of America, Non-Commissioned Officers Association, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Fleet Reserve Association and others geared to particular groups of veterans. Each organization has its own individual requirements for membership, of which some are more stringent than others. The requirements range from honorable service during any time period to service in a combat zone to requiring a service-connected disability. These VSOs welcome any eligible member, regardless of age, race, religion or gender. Many of these organizations host auxiliaries so that spouses and other family members can also participate. These organizations provide countless hours of local community service. You'll see veterans proudly marching with our nation's flag at the forefront of parades or donating time and money to local causes. The firing squad and the person who presents the flag at a military funeral are members of veteran service organizations. Sometimes it's as simple as going to the VA hospital to play cards or bingo with the patients. Although they are all separate organizations, there is commonality in their goals:

- They are a voice for returning and currently deployed service members and their families;
- They monitor and lobby for legislation that directly impacts our veteran community;
- They help to develop the next generation of patriots through character-enhancing programs. VSOs sponsor Boy Scout troops, Badger Boy's State, Legion Baseball, scholarships and the annual oratorical contests.

Virtually all of our veteran's legislation has been driven by these VSOs or the combined efforts of 36 of them through the military coalition (TMC). The United States wouldn't have the GI Bill if not for them. Each of these groups has service officers who assist and advocate for veterans in filing claims for service-connected disabilities and negotiating the ways of the Veterans Administration. VSOs are responsible for getting post-traumatic stress disorder and the Agent Orange related diseases, among others, recognized by the Veterans Administration. VSOs are at the forefront of public policy related to national defense, services for homeless veterans, adequate funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs, concurrent receipt of retirement pay and disability compensation by disabled military retirees, veterans employment and training, POW/MIA accountability and flag protection. What can you do for them? Simply put, join one and participate. Contribute your time, energy, and assets. Take advantage of the camaraderie unique to military veterans. Help out at a fundraiser. There is strength in numbers. When the National Commanders go to Congress to lobby for veteran-friendly legislation, numbers count. Large organizations have clout. Nationwide, memberships in veteran service organizations are down. In order for these organizations to be around when you need them, they must be self-perpetuating. Joining one is something to consider the next time you are concerned about a veteran related issue. They are a voice for all of us. [Source: Jackson County WI Service Officer Randy Bjerke article 24 Mar 2010 ++]

HEALTH CARE REFORM Update 26: Here are the effective dates of major provisions of the health care overhaul legislation approved 21 MAR:

90 days after enactment:

Provide immediate access to high-risk pools for people with no insurance for at least six months because of pre-existing conditions.
Impose a 10% excise tax on indoor tanning for services provided on or after 1 JUL 2010

Six months after enactment:

Bar insurers from denying people coverage when they get sick.
Bar insurers from denying coverage to children with pre-existing conditions.
Bar insurers from imposing lifetime caps on coverage.
Require insurers to allow people to stay on their parents' policies until they turn 26.

Nine months after enactment – 50% of the donut hole will be covered. Eventually, the health care reform bill will close the donut hole entirely

Within A Year:

Provide a \$250 rebate this year to Medicare prescription drug beneficiaries whose initial benefits run out when they enter the donut hole.
Require new insurance policies to cover certain preventive-care measures with no out-of-pocket cost to the consumer.
Require Insurance companies to stop imposing lifetime coverage limits on your insurance.
Sharply limit annual caps on your insurance.
Require Insurers with unusually high administrative costs to offer rebates to their customers, and every insurance company has to reveal how much it spends on overhead.

2011:

Require individual and small group market plans to spend 80% of premium dollars on medical services. Large group plans would have to spend at least 85%.

Taxes begin being levied on drug manufacturers.

Physicians' Medicare fees will be cut more than 25% unless the sustainable growth rate is permanently repealed by Congress; -
Initiate Medicare bonus of 10% over five years for primary care and general surgery (family medicine, internal medicine, geriatrics and pediatrics)

2012 - Businesses must file Form 1099s for all business-to-business transactions of \$600 or more.

2013 :

Increase the Medicare payroll tax and expand it to dividend, interest and other unearned income for singles earning more than \$200,000 and joint filers making more than \$250,000.

Require public reporting of physician performance to begin.

Begin testing Medicare pilot programs care payments based on "quality over quantity" of services rendered.

Make fewer medical expenses tax deductible.

Raise wage taxes from 1.45% to 2.35%; - New tax of 3.8 percent levied on unearned income streams like interest and dividends; -

New tax of 2.9 percent on medical device sales.

2014:

Provide subsidies for families earning up to 400% of poverty level, currently about \$88,000 a year, to purchase health insurance.

Require most employers to provide coverage or face penalties.

Require most people to obtain coverage or face penalties for noncompliance.

Create state insurance exchanges for individuals and small businesses to purchase coverage.

Prohibit Insurance companies from denying coverage for pre-existing conditions.

Expand Medicaid to all Americans under age 65 earning up to 133% of the federal poverty level.

Increase Subsidies for some small business providing coverage to employees.

2015 - Initiate independent Payment Advisory to make recommendations for cutting Medicare costs.

2016:

Penalties for individuals refusing to purchase insurance rise to 2.5% of taxable income or \$695, whichever is greater.

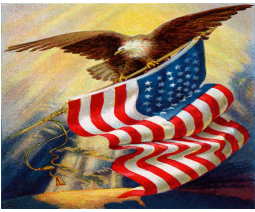
Multi-state compacts allowed to sell policies across state lines

2018 - Impose a 40% excise tax on high-end insurance policies.

2019 - Expand health insurance coverage to 32 million people.

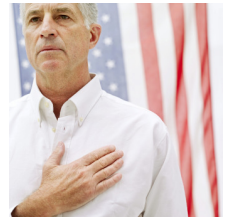
[Source: Speaker of the House, Congressional Budget Office, Kaiser Family Foundation via McClatchy Newspapers article 21 Mar 2010 ++]

US NAVY VETERANS ASSOCIATION: The St. Petersburg Times has run the first of a two-part series detailing its findings from a six-month investigation into US Navy Veterans Association, which it says is "steeped in secrecy" and whose management, money and records are "all but invisible." The group's website shows its CEO since its founding in 2002, as Jack L. Nimitz, but notes that the reporters "searched for Nimitz for six months but could not find him or 83 other executives and state officers whose names appear on tax forms filed with the IRS. The newspaper searched directories and online public records databases, including property records, court records and voter registration records," as well as LexisNexis, which has never profiled or quoted Nimitz. The paper also discloses that the national headquarters in Washington, DC listed by the organization, which claims 66,000 members in 41 chapters and reported over \$22 million in income last year, turns out to be a rented mailbox at a UPS shipping store. The article said that addresses listed for state chapters also turned out to be rented mailboxes, and the only locatable contact for its Florida chapter was "one man, the association's director of development, Bobby Thompson, and one place, his \$1,200-a-month rented duplex across from the Cuesta-Rey cigar factory in Ybor City." Thompson has claimed to be retired Navy lieutenant commander, but the paper said it could find no service record for him. The organization's website www.navyvets.org claims it is a nationally recognized U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Service Organization and is an Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(19) war membership organization, fully tax-exempt with contributions fully tax-deductible. [Source: The St. Petersburg Times Martin Testerman article 21 Mar 2010 ++]



FLAG FACTS

By Moe(SS)



Here's a little quiz about the Flag. Please print it out and pass it on to your friends. They will learn or remember something they forgot. – Moe(SS)

1. **When the Flag passes in a parade you should:**
 - a. Wave at the carrier
 - a. b. Turn and face east
 - b. Stand silent, remove your hat and place your right hand over your heart
 - c. Salute
2. **Who may order the Flag be flown at half-staff?**
 - a. The Mayor
 - b. Anyone
 - c. The President or Governor
 - d. The Postmaster General
3. **What is the significance of displaying the flag at half-staff?**
 - a. To publicly mourn the death of one or more people
 - b. Indicates a federal holiday
 - c. An excuse to close the banks
 - d. Flag pole maintenance
4. **When should the Flag be flown at half-staff?**
 - a. Memorial Day - sunrise to noon
 - b. By order of the President
 - c. By order of the Governor
 - d. All of the above
5. **Can the Flag be flown at night?**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Yes, if properly illuminated
6. **When the National Anthem is played, you should**
 - a. Stand
 - b. Remove your hat
 - c. Face the flag if you can see it
 - d. All of the above
7. **What is the proper manner of pledging allegiance to the Flag?**
 - a. Same as the National Anthem
 - b. No rules apply
 - c. None of the above
8. **The 13 stripes on the Flag represent;**
 - a. A baker's dozen
 - b. The 13 original colonies
 - c. Signifies good luck
 - d. None of the above
9. **If a new state were added to the U.S. on March 1st, when would a new star be added?**
 - a. March 2nd
 - b. Never - there isn't any room
 - c. July 4th
 - d. January 1st of the following year
10. **Old Flags;**
 - a. Can be used for clothing
 - b. Should be destroyed discreetly by burning
 - c. None of the above
 - d. B, but never A

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Vietnam Veterans



Welcome Home Celebration

This long overdue celebration will be held on April 24, 2010 in Rock Hill, SC at District 3 Stadium located at 122 S. Cherry Road. The celebration will reflect the community's sense of patriotism and gratitude to our Vietnam Veterans. In addition to a Welcome Home Ceremony, there will be a POW/MIA Ceremony, a Massing of the Colors as well as music, concessions and other activities. Gates open at 8:00am and ceremonies began at 9:30am. Admission is free.

Vietnam Veterans of all branches of service are welcome and are requested, but not required to pre-register. For more information, please contact the SCARNG 178th Engineering Battalion Family Readiness Group at 803.417.8600 or email: rhfrg@truvista.net.

Carolina Piedmont SubVettes



Hope u r doing great.....Hello Sassy Sisters hope all are doing well this month. This is just a reminder for you to remember your secret sisters. And please bring in something for example, hand sanitizer, nuts , travel size toothpaste etc., for 2 boxes to be sent to our April service project; one of which, is for our own sister's son who is on the USS Cole.

Our meal this month is your own specialty dish. If you forgot what you singed-up for, just give me a jingle @ 704-289-4650 or email me and I will get back with you. Vacation times are coming so remember our fellow friends in prayer for safe travel journeys. Hope to see you soon and may God Bless you and yours.

Recipe of the month = One Cup Cobbler

Melt 1 stick of butter in a baking dish in a 350 degree oven. Mix together 1 cup of self rising flour, 1 cup of milk, 1 teaspoon of vanilla, and 1 cup of sugar using a spatula. Pour into baking dish over the melted butter. Add a can of pie filling of your choice, I use fresh fruit too, but I put enough to cover the batter. Bake at 350 for about 40 minutes. This is very easy and really good warm with ice cream.

The Flower Sack - by Colleen B. Hubert

In that long ago time when things were saved, when roads were graveled and barrels were staved,
when worn-out clothing was used as rags, and there were no plastic wrap or bags,
and the well and the pump were way out back, a versatile item, was the flour sack.
"pillsbury's best," "mother's" and "gold medal", too stamped their names proudly in purple and blue.
The string sewn on top was pulled and kept; the flour emptied and spills were swept.
The bag was folded and stored in a sack that durable, practical flour sack..
The sack could be filled with feathers and down, for a pillow, or t'would make a nice sleeping gown.
It could carry a book and be a school bag, or become a mail sack slung over a nag.
It made a very convenient pack, that adaptable, cotton flour sack.
Bleached and sewn, it was dutifully worn as bibs, diapers, or kerchief adorned.
It was made into skirts, blouses and slips. And mom braided rugs from one hundred strips.
She made ruffled curtains for the house or shack, from that humble but treasured flour sack!
As a strainer for milk or apple juice, to wave men in, it was a very good use
as a sling for a sprained wrist or a break, to help mother roll up a jelly cake,
as a window shade or to stuff a crack, we used a sturdy, common flour sack!
As dish towels, embroidered or not, they covered up dough, helped pass pans so hot,
tied up dishes for neighbors in need, and for men out in the field to seed.
They dried dishes from pan, not rack, that absorbent, handy flour sack!
We polished and cleaned stove and table, scoured and scrubbed from cellar to gable,
we dusted the bureau and oak bed post, made costumes for October (a scary ghost)
and a parachute for a cat named jack. From that lowly, useful old flour sack!
So now my friends, when they ask you as curious youngsters often do,
"before plastic wrap, Elmers glue and paper towels, what did you do?"
tell them loudly and with pride don't lack, "grandmother had that wonderful flour sack!"

Basic Rules for Clotheslines

You have to be a certain age to appreciate this. I can hear mom now...

THE BASIC RULES FOR CLOTHESLINES: (If you don't know what clotheslines are, better skip this.)

1. You had to wash the clothesline before hanging any clothes-Walk the entire length of each line wiping the line with a damp cloth.

2. You had to hang the clothes in a certain order, and always hang "whites" with "whites," and hang them first.
3. You never hung a shirt by the shoulders - always by the tail! What would the neighbors think?
4. Wash day on a Monday . . . Never hang clothes on the weekend, certainly not Sunday, for Heaven's sake!
5. Hang the sheets and towels on the outside lines so you could hide your "unmentionables" in the middle (perverts & busybodies, y'know!)
6. It didn't matter if it was sub-zero weather . . . Clothes would "freeze-dry."
7. Always gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes! Pins left on the lines were "tacky!"
8. If you were efficient, you would line the clothes up so that each item did not need two clothes pins, but shared one of the clothes pins with the next washed item.
9. Clothes had to be off the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes basket, and ready to be ironed.
10. IRONED? Well, that's a whole other subject!

Zucchini and Sausage Salad

You'll Need:

- 12 cherry tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 t dried oregano
- 1/4 lb low-fat sausage, thinly sliced
- 1 t olive oil
- 1/2 head red leaf lettuce, torn into bite-size pieces
- 1 small head romaine lettuce, torn into bite-size pieces
- 1/4 c shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2 T white wine vinegar
- 3 zucchini, cut into 1/2-inch pieces



Directions

A warm garlicky dressing and mozzarella complement the sausage and tomatoes. Serve with crusty bread and raw veggie sticks for a complete meal.

In a nonstick skillet, cook the sausage until well browned, turning frequently. Drain on paper towel.

In a small bowl, combine the oil and oregano. Set aside. Toss the greens and mozzarella in a serving bowl.

Heat the oil mixture over medium-low heat. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute. Add the zucchini. Cook until the zucchini is tender, about 4 minutes. Add the vinegar and bring just to a boil. Immediately pour the vinegar dressing over the greens and mozzarella and toss well. Add the sausage and tomatoes and toss again. Season with pepper and serve immediately.

Answers to Flag quiz

1-c, 2-c, 3-a, 4-d, 5-c, 6-d, 7-a, 8-b, 9-c, 10-d



Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 Columbia Massing of the Colors 	19	20	21	22	23	24 Rockhill Massing of the Colors CP BASE Meeting 
25	26	27	28	29	30	May 1 May Day! May Day!
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9Happy Mother's Day (to all you CPOs too)	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Burnsville 	22 Burnsville 
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Charlotte Knights Colors 7:00 PM
30  Thomasville Parade		June 1	2	3	4	5