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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 May

USS LAGARTO (SS 371)	May 3, 1945
USS SQUALUS (SS 192)	May 23, 1939
USS SCORPION (SSN 589)	May 27, 1968
USS RUNNER (SS 275)	May 28, 1943
USS STICKLEBACK (SS 415)	May 29, 1958

"Sailors, Rest your oars"

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The CO's Stateroom – Steve Bell, Commander

The convention in Florida was very enjoyable. Got to see an old shipmate and met lots of folks that I look forward to seeing again. The business meeting consisted mostly of reviewing the resolutions to the National By-laws and Constitution that will be on the ballot in the near future. I will not go over each of them as I would probably mess them up. When they are in the American Submariner (soon to be distributed), please read them over. You will be asked to vote on them. These, just like the people you can vote for (or against), will determine how certain things are run within our organization. So please review them and cast your vote as you see fit.

The Regional Convention next year will be in Ocala, Florida. The plan is for it to be from 29 April through 1 May 2011. Keep that in mind for you planning should you desire to attend.

Burnsville will be shortly and our list of attendees has grown to a nice size. If you still desire to attend, let me know and we will see what we can do for you. This event is scheduled for 21-22 May, therefore our regularly scheduled meeting will not occur in May. Our next meeting will be 26 June. Hope to see all of you there. And please do not forget our baseball night with the Charlotte Knights on 29 May.

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

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

Meeting Minutes, 24 April 26, 2010

1900 hrs. Meeting called to order by Base Cmdr. Steve Bell, Benediction given by Chaplain Ray Fritz. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Steve Bell. Tolling of the Boats presented by Ray Fritz. Member introductions given with 21 members present.

Special Presentation for John Wardean, John received his 10 year pin as a member of USSVI.

SR. Vice Cmdr Mike Hubbell read the minutes from 27 March 2010. One correction was made for the date of the Thomasville NC parade from June 31 to May 31. Minutes were approved and seconded.

The Treasurer's report was given by Base Treasurer Lee Hickerson. The base has a total balance on hand of \$4660.09. Restricted funds for Burnsville Memorial \$1563.50, Kaps for Kids \$1299.80, Refreshment \$105.00, Base Challenge Coin \$90.00, and Spruce Pine \$540.00. A total remainder of \$1061.79 is currently available.

The Store Keepers Report was given by Base Store Keeper Jeff Nieberding. There are currently 8 Submarine Calendars remaining for \$5.00 each. Forms for base jackets and t-shirts were handed out. It was decided that only prepaid orders for the 2011 Calendars.

Old Business-

Victory Junction Camp

Steve Bell reported that this month's planned visit to Victory Junction Camp was cancelled because the lack of children this month. The June visit is still scheduled. Clarence Jordan is to provide the additional Certificates needed, and Jack Jeffries is to order 100 hats.

Base Challenge Coin

Steve Bell presented the changes to the coin. It will now have a raised rope edge and raised lettering in bronze. This change was recommended by the manufacturer for a better look. Delivery of the coins are expected late May 2010.

New Business-

There was no new business to report

Good of the Order-

Steve Bell reminded all members to make the effort to vote in this year's USSVI National Elections. Next month's issue of American Submariner will have the ballot and all pertinent information.

Glenn Harris reported that 7 members were represented the base for the Massing of the Colors in Columbia SC on April 17, 2010. He also reported that 7 members represented the base for the Massing of the Colors in Rock Hill on April 24, 2010. Pictures from both events will be posted on our base Face Book page by Glenn Harris.

Steve Bell reminded all that plan to attend the NC SUBVETS meeting in Spruce Pines to get their hotel reservations made before May 1st, and to get their registration form back to Steve ASAP. Steve showed the brass Dolphins that Dick Kanning is raffling off and had tickets on hand. The Dolphin raffle will be held during the meeting in Spruce Pines.

Dale Moses reported the base will have the honor of Presenting the Color's at the Knight's baseball game on the evening of Saturday May 29th, 2010. Dale will be making the arrangements and will E-Mail all members with the latest information.

Ray Fritz opened a discussion on a DVD presentation of past base events. It was decided that he would have one ready for the Burnsville/Spruce Pine meeting. He will also make one for the Christmas Party as well. Anyone who has pictures from past events should e-mail Ray a copy.

There will not be a base meeting in May, the next base meeting will be June 26th, 2010.

1948 hrs, the motion was made and seconded to close the meeting, Chaplin Ray Fritz gave the benediction.

Submitted, Acting Secretary

Mike Hubbell, SR Vice Cmdr

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

Keeper of the Coin - Lee Hickerson, Base Treasurer

No Report

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Chaplin's Corner- Raymond Fritz, Base Chaplin

No Report

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COB's Words -Howard Dachs, Base COB

No Report

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The Supply Shack- Jeff Nieberding

No Report

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

Holland Club Happenings - Walt Sealy- Holland Club Coordinator

I want to thank each participant in "Massing the Colors" in Greenville, Columbia and Rock Hill. Those presenting the colors did us proud. The Americanism Committee of the Scottish Rite will be sending a Thank You letter to all participants. I have received lots of comments about the event. Some that have seen many massings in the past commented that the Rock Hill was the best they had seen. I'm proud to be a part of the Subvets. - Walt---- [Pride Runs Deep; at Carolina Piedmont Base](#) -----

Editor's Note -E. Dale Moses

The summer months are coming, and along with that comes a lot of activity. Burnsville and the Knights game this month, and parades in June and July. Now, when it gets too hot and you are sitting in the house, don't pick up that remote. Pick up a pen and write for twenty minutes. Write that story about the time you were on liberty with Joe Bloe, or the time you got sea-sick on your first time out. . There are lots of things to write about, if you'd stop and think. And if you don't write it down, that little part of history will be lost. - Moe(SS)

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CPB says

Happy Birthday to:

May

Joel Tuchfeld 5/4
Colleen Moses 5/5
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

June

Tom Salts 6/04
Rodger Ellingwood 6/07
Howard Nudi 6/11
Otis Sealy 6/11
William Holzendorf 6/26

----- [You are not too old to join in the FUN, come to a meeting!!](#) -----

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Dorla and Hal Rutter - 5/26
Colleen and Dale Moses - 5/27
Anne and Paul Trexler - 6/25
Glenna and Michael Hubbell - 6/27
Christie and Clarence Senn - 6/29

----- [Wear your Dolphins - you earned them!](#) -----

Binnacle List:

[All Crew Member healthy!](#)

Welcome aboard to new members

Rudy Ogas from Texarkana, Tx
Terry Jones from Hobbs, NM
Bill Widell from Tecumseh, OK
Steve Passen from Etowah, NC
Tom Holland transferred from the Tarheel base



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

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

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



Carolina Piedmont Base Goes 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. So far our list of attendees are:

Dale Moses (2)	Steve Bell (2)	John Rupertus (3)
Glenn Harris (2)	Calvin Reese (2)	Jim Harris (2)
Ray Fritz (2)	Howard Dachs (2)	Howard Murray (2)
Jack Jeffries (3)	Rick Pettit (2)	Tom Kelly (2)

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. **IF YOU ARE JUST READING THIS AND WANT TO ATTEND, CONTACT THE Moe(SS) ASAP!** 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-----

Thomasville Parade Info

The Thomasville Parade is on Monday 31 May at 11:00 AM. Line-up is at 10:00 AM at the same place as last year. See a Parade attendant for exact place upon arrival.

The Army Golden Knights will parachute in at 2:00 PM at the stadium. There will be Memorials for the families of 21 Iraq and Afgan Veterans that are deceased.

JED's BBQ is no longer in Business and a decision on food has not been finalized, there will information on any changes later. Bring a \$10 bill just in case.

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

**NEXT MEETING IS IN BURNSVILLE –
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

**JUNE MEETING WILL BE BACK AT THE
VFW IN FORT MILL**

----- You are not too old to join in the FUN, come to a meeting!! -----

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.

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

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.

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

Jack's Reunion Results

Lady J and I have just returned from the 4th reunion of USS NATHANAEL GREENE SSBN 636 that was held in Springfield Mo. Super time had by all and even got to go to Branson for a show. We were honored to have 4 of the National Board of USSVI present as guests at our banquet, Pat Householder, National Commander, Jon Jaques, Senior Vice Commander, Mike Bircumshaw, Junior Vice Commander and USSVI-WWII 1st Vice President, Bud Burchell.

Mike was aguest speaker and promoted USSVI to the crew, very effective and well received. During his presentation he told the story of a fairly new base but one that rates high with National for all they have been doing for the promotion of the organization and the local community, guess who that base is? US! Besides myself and Lady J, Larry Lynch and his bride Jolanda, Paul Simerly and his bride Vicki and Blackie were there to represent us. While there, we recruited 5 new USSVI members from the crew. Rudy Ogas from Texarkana, TX, Terry Jones from Hobbs, NM, Bill Widell from Tecumseh, OK and Steve Passen from Etowah, NC for our base and a member for the Grayback Base in GA. You see, it's not hard to recruit members for this organization. All you have to do is let other Submariners know of our existence. Look, if I can do it, so can you.

Dig into your memory bank of guys from your past and let them know there are thousands of us there for them to communicate with..They can't bitch about the price of dues. They can't complain about the fellowship. So I challenge you to call a pal and tell them about USSVI. Dive deeper and stay longer, Jack

An Invite from Jonney T. Grunnet, Base Commander of the Denizens of the Deep Base -Aiken, SC

Two years ago, the Denizens of the Deep Base hosted a get together for all the bases in the GA/SC region. For those of you or your members that attended, we had a great time despite \$4+ gasoline. Well, we've decided to do it again!

Please let your members know that we will be hosting this get together on Saturday, June 19th at 1300. This will be at VFW Post 5877, 116 Midway Circle, Aiken, SC 29801 ([Directions](#)). This event is FREE to everyone attending. We will either have this catered by a local BBQ place or we will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixings. (We haven't decided, yet). We will also be providing keg beer and sodas (for as long as they last). (Mixed drinks will be on your own.)

One request: If someone from each base could give me an approximate number of people from their respective bases who would most likely attend that will help us with our total head count for the purposes of food determination.

Also, we're checking on possible hotel discounts for attendees. Can't promise anything at this time, but we'll keep you posted. Hope y'all can make it. Thanks, Jonney

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

The Float and Torpedo will be on display at the:

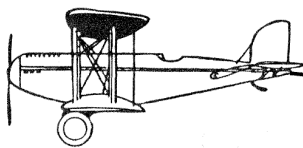
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Piedmont Funnies Page

Scam Targeting Older Men Clever Scam - Please warn your gentlemen friends.

I wanted to pass it on in case you haven't heard about it. A 'heads up' for those men who may be regular Lowe's or Home Depot customers. This one caught me by surprise.

Over the last month I became a victim of a clever scam while out Shopping. Simply going out to get supplies has turned out to be quite traumatic. Don't be naive enough to think it couldn't happen to you or your friends. Here's how the scam works:

Two seriously good-looking 20-something girls come over to your car as you are packing your shopping into the trunk. They both start wiping your windshield with a rag and Windex, with their breasts almost falling out of their skimpy T-shirts. It is impossible not to look. When you thank them and offer them a tip, they say, 'No' and instead ask you for a ride to McDonald's.

You agree and they get into the back seat. On the way, they start undressing.. Then one of them climbs over into the front seat and starts crawling all over you, while the other one steals your wallet. I had my wallet stolen June 4th, 9th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 20th, 24th, & 29th. Also July 1st & 4th, twice on the 8th, 16th, 23rd, 26th & 28th, three times last Monday and very likely again this upcoming weekend.

So tell your friends to be careful. What a horrible way to take advantage of older men. Warn your friends to be vigilant.

Wal-Mart has wallets on sale for \$2.99 each. I found cheaper ones for \$1.99 at Dollar General and the Dollar Store and bought them out. Also, you never will get to eat at McDonald's. I've already lost 11 pounds just running back and forth to Lowe's and Home Depot. (provided by Jack Jeffries)

----- **On the other hand, you have different fingers** -----

A marine biologist developed a race of genetically engineered dolphins that could live forever if they were fed a steady diet of seagulls. One day, his supply of the birds ran out so he had to go out and trap some more. On the way back, he spied two lions asleep on the road. Afraid to wake them, he gingerly stepped over them. Immediately, he was arrested and charged with-- transporting gulls across sedate lions for immortal porpoises.

----- **42.7% of all statistics are made-up on the spot** -----

Back in the 1800's the Tate's Watch Company of Massachusetts wanted to produce other products, and since they already made the cases for watches, they used them to produce compasses. The new compasses were so bad that people often ended up in Canada or Mexico rather than California. This, of course, is the origin of the expression -- "He who has a Tate's is lost!"

----- **Support Bacteria, it's the only culture some of us have** -----

A famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register. His wife insisted on complaining to the local civic official who apologized profusely saying, "I must have taken Leif off my census."

----- **Marriage is the only war where you get to sleep with the enemy** -----

See what you get when you don't send me stuff for this newsletter? -- Moe(SS)

How Are a South Carolina Tornado And a Tennessee Divorce The Same? [Somebody's Gonna Lose A Trailer](#)

----- **Place your one-liner here** -----

When I was a kid, adults used to bore me to tears with their tedious diatribes about how hard things were. When they were growing up; what with walking twenty-five miles to school every morning...Uphill...Barefoot... BOTH ways yadda, yadda, yadda

And I remember promising myself that when I grew up, there was no way in hell I was going to lay a bunch of crap like that on my kids about how hard I had it and how easy they've got it!

But now that I'm over the ripe old age of fifty, I can't help but look around and notice the youth of today. You've got it so easy! I mean, compared to my childhood, you live in a damn Utopia! And I hate to say it, but you kids today, you don't know how good you've got it!

I mean, when I was a kid we didn't have the Internet. If we wanted to know something, we had to go to the damn library and look it up ourselves, in the card catalog!!

There was no email!! We had to actually write somebody a letter - with a pen! Then you had to walk all the way across the street and put it in the mailbox, and it would take like a week to get there! Stamps were 10 cents!

Child Protective Services didn't care if our parents beat us. As a matter of fact, the parents of all my friends also had permission to kick our ass! Nowhere was safe!

There were no MP3's or Napsters or iTunes! If you wanted to steal music, you had to hitchhike to the record store and shoplift it yourself!

Or you had to wait around all day to tape it off the radio, and the DJ would usually talk over the beginning and @#*% it all up! There were no CD players! We had tape decks in our car..We'd play our favorite tape and "eject" it when finished, and then the tape would come undone rendering it useless. Cause, hey, that's how we rolled, Baby! Dig?

We didn't have fancy crap like Call Waiting! If you were on the phone and somebody else called, they got a busy signal, that's it!

There weren't any freakin' cell phones either. If you left the house, you just didn't make a damn call or receive one. You actually had to be out of touch with your "friends". OH MY GOD!!! Think of the horror...not being in touch with someone 24/7!!! And then there's TEXTING. Yeah, right. Please! You kids have no idea how annoying you are.

And we didn't have fancy Caller ID either! When the phone rang, you had no idea who it was! It could be your school, your parents, your boss, your bookie, your drug dealer, the collection agent...you just didn't know!!! You had to pick it up and take your chances, mister!

We didn't have any fancy PlayStation or Xbox video games with high-resolution 3-D graphics! We had the Atari 2600! With games like 'Space Invaders' and 'Asteroids'. Your screen guy was a little square! You actually had to use your imagination!!! And there were no multiple levels or screens, it was just one screen...Forever! And you could never win. The game just kept getting harder and harder and faster and faster until you died! Just like LIFE!

You had to use a little book called a TV Guide to find out what was on! You were screwed when it came to channel surfing! You had to get off your ass and walk over to the TV to change the channel!!!! NO REMOTES!!! Oh, no, what's the world coming to?!?!

There was no Cartoon Network either! You could only get cartoons on Saturday Morning. Do you hear what I'm saying? We had to wait ALL WEEK for cartoons, you spoiled little rat-finks!

And we didn't have microwaves. If we wanted to heat something up, we had to use the stove! Imagine that!

And our parents told us to stay outside and play...all day long. Oh, no, no electronics to soothe and comfort. And if you came back inside...you were doing chores!

And car seats - oh, please! Mom threw you in the back seat and you hung on. If you were luckily, you got the "safety arm" across the chest at the last moment if she had to stop suddenly, and if your head hit the dashboard, well that was your fault for calling "shot gun" in the first place! See! That's exactly what I'm talking about! You kids today have got it too easy. You're spoiled rotten! You guys wouldn't have lasted five minutes back in 1980 or any time before!

----- Now none of those Nun jokes -----

Three Michigan nuns attended a play-off baseball game and three men were sitting directly behind cheering for the Yankees. Because the nuns' habits were partially blocking their view, they decided to badger the nuns hoping that they'd get annoyed enough to move to another area.

In a very loud voice, the first guy said,

"I think I'm going to move to Utah. There are only 100 nuns living there."

The second guy spoke up and said, "I want to go to Montana. There are only 50 nuns living there."

The third guy said, "I want to go to Idaho. There are only 25 nuns living there."

The Mother Superior turned around, looked at the men, and in a very sweet and calm voice said, "Why don't you go to hell ... There aren't any nuns there!"

----- Sometimes don't you just miss the bilge? If you think about it, life was so simple then.-----

Veteran's News – with assistance from the RAO Bulletin

U.S. NAVY DATA BREACH Update 04: The Navy waited 17 months before alerting employees at a California facility that their personal information -- including Social Security numbers -- had been compromised, according to a report in the 2 APR edition of the Washington Post. Someone inadvertently sent the personal data to three employees whose security access had already been suspended, the Post reported. That happened in MAY 08 but the Navy didn't inform the compromised employees until OCT 09. Post reporters learned of the incident through e-mail messages, but the report did not specify their source. A total of 244 employees at the Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center in Port Hueneme, Calif., were compromised, according to the report. An e-mail

message dated 9 JUN 08, from the Navy's privacy team leader, warned top officials that they had to inform the employees that they were at an increased risk of identity theft, due to the release of their information. It took the Navy more than a year after that to do so.

According to the Ventura County Star, which first broke the story, Rodney Raether, president of the National Association of Government Employees local in Port Hueneme, wants the Navy to provide identity theft insurance to the affected employees. "Employees are at risk and face loss of reputation and then face loss of their security clearance for failure of command to act to protect them and to ensure that procedures are followed to make it harder for it to happen again," Raether wrote in a letter to the Navy, quoted in the Star. "We ask that you see something is done rather than provide lip service and delays." The Star also reported that the three civilian employees who received the information had their security access suspended because they had failed to correct security problems they had been asked to deal with. The employees denied the allegations and said in formal grievance filings that they had been asked to correct several years' worth of accumulated security problems in only 10 months. The reports were unclear on whether the three were civilian government employees or contractors. [Source: Federal Computer Week Michael Hardy article 5 Apr 2010 ++]

MOBILIZED RESERVE 6 APR 2010: The Department of Defense announced the current number of reservists on active duty as of 6 FEB 2010. The net collective result is 3200 fewer reservists mobilized than last reported in the 1 APR 09 Bulletin. At any given time, services may activate some units and individuals while deactivating others, making it possible for these figures to either increase or decrease. The total number currently on active duty from the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 104,607; Navy Reserve, 6,465; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 16,302; Marine Corps Reserve, 6,417; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 718. This brings the total National Guard and Reserve personnel who have been activated to 134,509, including both units and individual augmentees. A cumulative roster of all National Guard and Reserve personnel who are currently activated may be found at <http://www.defense.gov/news/d20100406ngr.pdf>. [Source: DoD News Release No.27410 dtd 7 Apr 2010 ++]

MILITARY FUNERAL DISORDERLY CONDUCT Update 11: Outraged that the father of a dead Marine was ordered to pay some court costs incurred by a group he had sued for picketing his son's funeral, people from across the country have launched a grass-roots fundraising effort to help the grieving family. "I was appalled," said Sally Giannini, a 72-year-old retired bookkeeper from Spokane, Wash., who had called The Baltimore Sun after seeing an article about the court decision against Albert Snyder. "I believe in free speech, but this goes too far." Living on a fixed income, Giannini said she could send only \$10 toward the \$16,510.80 that the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered Snyder to pay to Fred Phelps, leader of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., an anti-gay group that travels the country picketing military funerals. The group says military deaths are God's punishment for America's tolerance of homosexuality. Snyder sued Westboro because its members waved signs saying "God hates fags" and "God hates the USA" at the 2006 funeral in Westminster of his son, Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder, who had been killed in Iraq. A federal jury in Baltimore awarded Snyder \$11 million in damages in 2007, saying Phelps' group intentionally inflicted emotional distress on the family. The award was later reduced to \$5 million, and eventually overturned on appeal.

As news of the order to pay some of the court costs spread through the news media and online, strangers were moved to send money and set up funds to support Snyder's court battle. On 30 MAY, commentator Bill O'Reilly of Fox News Channel offered to pay the court costs owed by Snyder, according to WBAL Radio. Mark C. Seavey, new-media director for the American Legion, also posted a message 30 MAY on his Legion-affiliated blog, The Burn Pit, urging readers to donate to the Albert Snyder Fund. The American Legion's message was picked up by conservative political blogger Michelle Malkin, who called the Westboro protesters "evil miscreants" and urged readers to donate. "Regardless of how you feel about the merits of the Snyders' suit, the Snyders deserve to know that Americans are forever grateful for their son's heroism and for the family's sacrifice. We shouldn't stand by and watch them bankrupted," Malkin wrote.

Money from donations will go toward covering the money owed to Phelps, and beyond that, toward preparing further appeals, Seavey said. In a phone interview 30 MAR, Snyder said he was "exhausted" by the long legal ordeal but heartened by the outpouring of support. He said he has received about 3,000 e-mail messages from people across the country who planned to contribute. "It kind of restores your faith in mankind after dealing with this wacko church," Snyder said. "Win or lose, I'll know that I did everything I could for Matt, and for all the soldiers and

Marines who are still coming home dying." From Web sites to Twitter pages, people were galled that the grieving father of a fallen Marine would have to pay a group that uses such inflammatory tactics. A Facebook group called "I support Al Snyder in His fight against Westboro Baptist Church" had drawn nearly 12,000 members by the end of the day 30 MAR.

In SEP 09, the 4th Circuit Court threw out the Baltimore jury's award to Snyder on free-speech grounds. A month later, Westboro filed a motion to recoup court costs from both the original suit and the appeal, for a total of \$96,740.21. Friday's judgment covers only some costs from the appeal. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed this month to hear a new appeal of the case, which experts say is being closely watched by 1st Amendment advocates. If the Supreme Court sides with Snyder, he won't have to pay Westboro. "The most alarming part is that [the 4th Circuit] sat on it for months, and only ruled on it after the Supreme Court agreed to hear it," said Sean E. Summers, Snyder's York, Pa.-based lawyer. "The other troubling fact was that we were trying to raise about \$20,000 to file a Supreme Court brief. Now we have [to raise] another \$16,500. ... There are definitely extenuating circumstances, given that Mr. Snyder doesn't have the resources to pay." Snyder, who lives in York, does in-house sales for a small electronics firm and, according to court filings, earns \$43,000 a year.

Gene Policinski, executive director of the First Amendment Center in Nashville, Tenn., predicted that the Supreme Court will not address issues of where protesters are permitted to demonstrate, as it has in the past in the case of abortion protesters. Instead, he said, the case is important because "it has the potential to define whether we're going to create a new exemption to freedom of speech that is emotionally distressing." "You can imagine that Martin Luther King and others inflicted emotional distress on people, if they were committed to segregation," he said. "I shudder to think if those people were armed with the weapon of suing him because the issue itself was repugnant to them." For some supporters, the issue is not so much the right to free speech as the right to a peaceful burial of fallen troops. [Source: Baltimore Sun Robbie Whelan article 31 Mar 2010 ++]

MILITARY TRIVIA Update 01:

The only U.S. battleship to be present at both the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, on December 7, 1941, and at the D-Day invasion, on June 6, 1944 was the U.S.S. Nevada.

The height and width of modern American battleships was originally determined by the ability for the ships to go beneath the Brooklyn Bridge and through the Panama Canal.

The first U.S. Navy ship named in honor of a black person was the U.S.S. Harmon, named after Leonard Roy Harmon, a mess attendant who was killed at Guadalcanal on July 25, 1943.

The name of the Japanese destroyer that sank PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, on August 2, 1943 was the Amigiri.

The name of the British commander who ordered the ill-fated attack in the charge of the Light Brigade during the Crimean war was Lord Raglan. The attack was led by the 7th Earl of Cardigan. Both men are better remembered for fashions they introduced during the war. Cardigan for the woolen jacket he designed for his troops and Raglan for the unique sleeves on the coat he wore.

Hermann Goering, who went on to become one of Adolf Hitler's closest associates, became commander of his "Flying circus" fighter squadron after German flying ace Manfred von Richthofen was killed in action in World War I

The meaning of the Comanche phrase posah-tai-vo, the term Indian code-talkers in the Army Signal Corps used on the battlefield during World War II to refer to Adolf Hitler, was crazy white man.

The aircraft type used to drop bombs in the first German air raids on London in 1915 was a Zeppelin.

Switzerland's army in 1996 was the last in the world to disband its carrier pigeon service.

The code names for the five beachheads invaded by the Allies on D-Day, June 6, 1944 were Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword.

The message transmitted to the French resistance during World War II that the D-Day landings were about to begin was first line of the Paul Verlaine poem Autumn Song "The long sobs/Of the violins of autumn".

A GI Moe was World War II American army slang for an army mule.

The Coast Guard Academy was the first to admit women in July 1976.

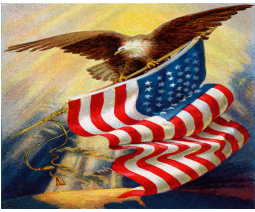
The nuclear submarine USS Triton during its historic 1960 underwater circumnavigation of the globe surfaced only twice. Once to remove a sick crew member and once to pay tribute to Ferdinand Magellan on the island of Mactan in the Philippines, where the explorer was killed in 1521 during his circumnavigation of the globe.

The color khaki was first used for uniforms in the Afghan War in 1880. The color was considered good camouflage.

General John J. Pershing was issued ID number 01 when the U.S. military started issuing dog tags in 1918.

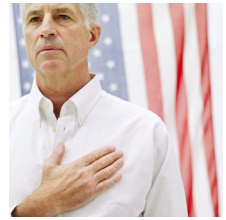
The Carthaginians catapulted earthenware pots of poisonous snakes onto the decks of the Roman ships to defeat the Romans at sea during the third century B.C.

[Source: [www.triviacountry.com/19 Military Trivia.htm](http://www.triviacountry.com/19_Military_Trivia.htm) Apr 2010 ++]



FLAG FACTS

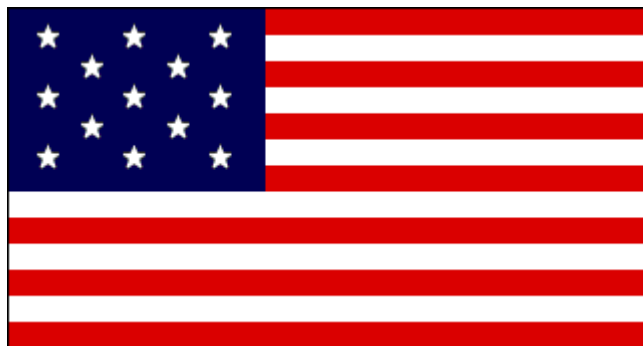
From www.USFlag.org



The First Official United States Flag: This 13-Star Flag became the Official United States Flag on June 14th, 1777 and is the result of the congressional action that took place on that date. Much evidence exists pointing to Congressman Francis Hopkinson as the person responsible for its design. The only President to serve under this flag was George Washington (1789-1797). This Flag was to last for a period of 18 years.

Each star *and* stripe represented a Colony of which there were thirteen, united nearly one year earlier by the Declaration of Independence. The thirteen Colonies are listed below with the date that each ratified the Constitution and became a State.

- (1st) Delaware December 7th, 1787
- (2nd) Pennsylvania December 12th, 1787
- (3rd) New Jersey December 18th, 1787
- (4th) Georgia January 2nd, 1788
- (5th) Connecticut January 9th, 1788
- (6th) Massachusetts February 6th, 1788
- (7th) Maryland April 28th, 1788
- (8th) South Carolina May 23rd, 1788
- (9th) New Hampshire June 21st, 1788
- (10th) Virginia June 25th, 1788
- (11th) New York July 25th, 1788
- (12th) North Carolina November 21st, 1789
- (13th) Rhode Island May 29th, 1790



Please visit USFlag.org for more info on each of the 1st thirteen States.

An Interesting Story – supplied by Ma Bell

Starting in 1941, an increasing number of British Airmen found themselves as the involuntary guests of the Third Reich, and the Crown was casting about for ways and means to facilitate their escape. Now obviously, one of the most helpful aids to that end is a useful and accurate map, one showing not only where stuff was, but also showing the locations of 'safe houses' where a POW on-the-lam could go for food and shelter.

Paper maps had some real drawbacks -- they make a lot of noise when you open and fold them, they wear out rapidly, and if they get wet, they turn into mush.

Someone in MI-5 (similar to America's OSS) got the idea of printing escape maps on silk. It's durable, can be scrunched-up into tiny wads, and unfolded as many times as needed, and makes no noise whatsoever.

At that time, there was only one manufacturer in Great Britain that had perfected the technology of printing on silk, and that was John Waddington, Ltd. When approached by the government, the firm was only too happy to do its bit for the war effort.

By pure coincidence, Waddington was also the U.K. Licensee for the popular American board game, Monopoly. As it happened, 'games and pastimes' was a category of item qualified for insertion into 'CARE packages', dispatched by the International Red Cross to prisoners of war.

Under the strictest of secrecy, in a securely guarded and inaccessible old workshop on the grounds of Waddington's, a group of sworn-to-secrecy employees began mass producing escape maps, keyed to each region of Germany or Italy where Allied POW camps were regional system). When processed, these maps could be folded into such tiny dots that they would actually fit inside a Monopoly playing piece.

As long as they were at it, the clever workmen at Waddington's also managed to add:

1. A playing token, containing a small magnetic compass
2. A two-part metal file that could easily be screwed together
3. Useful amounts of genuine high-denomination German, Italian, and French currency, hidden within the piles of Monopoly money!

British and American air crews were advised, before taking off on their first mission, how to identify a 'rigged' Monopoly set -- by means of a tiny red dot, one cleverly rigged to look like an ordinary printing glitch, located in the corner of the Free Parking square.

Of the estimated 35,000 Allied POWs who successfully escaped, an estimated one-third were aided in their flight by the rigged Monopoly sets... Everyone who did so was sworn to secrecy indefinitely, since the British Government might want to use this highly successful ruse in still another, future war. The story wasn't declassified until 2007, when the surviving craftsmen from Waddington's, as well as the firm itself, were finally honored in a public ceremony. It's always nice when you can play that 'Get Out of Jail' Free' card!

I realize most of you are (probably) too young to have any personal connection to WWII (Dec. '41 to Aug. '45), but this is still interesting.

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



Here is part of the crew attending the Massing of the Colors in Columbia. – Hey Howard, What's in the cup?

Carolina Piedmont SubVettes



Hello Sassy SistersHope all of you have had a great month. Thank you ladies for the goodies sent to our service members I know they will love them. There will be no meeting at Fort Mill VFW this month due to our trip to Burnsville and I hope to see .you there. Should you feel like doing why not send an email to any service member thanking them for their service. Vacation time is here so please have a safe and happy journey. During my time with my sister -in-law, Susan, we went to Myrtle Beach and went shopping at Tanger Outlets. We went to Harry and David's where we purchased two energy bars that were sent to any service member thru Harry and David's so if you happen to visit think about sending two bars to our heroes. Have a happy Mother's Day and may God bless you and our great country the USA. – Sandra

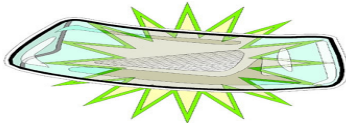


Useful information (provided by Roseann Halbert)

Get rid of Ants



Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it 'home,' can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!



Foggy Windshield?

Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!



Re open ing envelopes

If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Viola! It unseals easily.



Conditioner

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Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought but didn't like when you tried it in your hair. **Editor's note: The RMs say that they have been using this for years!**



Goodbye Fruit Flies

To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass, fill it 1/2' with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid; mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

Reducing Static Cling

Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing panty hose. Place pin in seam of slacks and ... ta da! ... static is gone.



Measuring Cups

Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.

Butterscotch Pie

If you prefer, you can substitute plain low-fat yogurt for the vanilla and stir in a small amount of sugar or honey once the yogurt has been drained.

You'll need:

- 1-1/2 cups low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1-1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs (9 ounces)
- 4 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 4 teaspoons light olive oil
- 2-1/4 cups low-fat (1%) milk
- 1/3 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup cornstarch

Directions:

Spoon yogurt into a fine-meshed sieve and refrigerate at least 4 hours or up to overnight.

Preheat oven to 350°F. In medium bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, 2 tablespoons of granulated sugar, oil, and 1/4 cup of milk and pulse until mixture comes together. Pat into bottom and up sides of 9-inch pie plate. Bake 10 minutes until set. Cool on wire rack.

Meanwhile, in medium saucepan, combine remaining 2 cups milk, brown sugar, and salt. Bring to a boil over medium heat. In a small bowl whisk together cornstarch and remaining 2 tablespoons granulated sugar. Whisk about 1/2 cup of hot milk mixture into cornstarch, then whisk warmed cornstarch mixture back into saucepan. Simmer, whisking, until thickened, about 1 minute. Remove pudding from heat. Stir in vanilla. Spoon mixture into cooled pie shell, smoothing top. Serve pie at room temperature or chilled, with a dollop of thickened yogurt topping..

Nutritional Information

Per wedge: 298 calories, 6.7g total fat (1.6g saturated), 5mg cholesterol, 1.1g dietary fiber (0g soluble), 53g carbohydrate, 7g protein, 352mg sodium. Good source of: calcium, iron, riboflavin, vitamin B12.





Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 Happy Mother's Day (to all you LTs 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
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	 14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Victory Junction Gang Camp - Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS)	23	24	25	26 Meeting Ft Mill 