



# Piedmont Periscope

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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 greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution."



### **Lost Boats for July**

USS GRUNION (SS 216) July 30, 1942

USS S 28 (SS 133) July 4, 1944

USS ROBALO (SS 273) July 26, 1944

"Sailors, Rest your oars"

### **Who's Who & What's Where...**

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### **The CO's Stateroom** – Steve Bell, Commander

What a busy time we have had lately. As most of you know, we made another trip to Victory Junction Gang Camp. We were fortunate enough to be able to get Paul and Sandra Myers to come with us this time. After what they have done for our KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) I think this was a good reward for them. How this turns out in the future remains to be seen.

We had a good time on our venture down to Aiken SC with several bases from SC. The meal was outstanding and the sea stories were plenty. We also participated in the parades at Troutman, NC and Faith, NC. We had a pretty good representation at each of them. Thanks to those that showed up.

Once again, I would like to encourage those who have not voted yet to vote in the USSVI national elections. As of this writing, we have had 19 members vote. That is around 30%. I am sure we can do much better than that. Please take a few moments to log in to USSVI, then vote. It is actually quite painless. If you have problems, Jack said he is more than happy to help you out.

A couple of items that will coming down the road for you planning purposes. The beginning of September is the National Convention. For those attending, we will be trying to get a table (or two if necessary) for us to sit together. Also, in September, the Carolina Coastal Base will be hosting a meeting there, but the details are yet to be worked out on that. In October the annual WWII ceremony will be held in Kings Bay. That is a good one to attend. Currently we are also looking at having our October meeting at Jack's house, but those details are not finalized yet. And in December the Tarheel Base will host a meeting and Pearl Harbor dinner in Wilson, NC. The actual date of that will be forthcoming. So if you are interested in any of these, start planning for them now.

I hope all of you had a good and safe Fourth of July weekend. I look forward to seeing you later this month at our normal meeting.

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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

26 June 2010

1900-Meeting called to order by Base Commander Steve Bell. Invocation delivered by Chaplain Ray Fritz. Pledge of Allegiance.

Tolling of the Boats- Chaplain Ray Fritz. Member introduction-28

in attendance. Welcome to new members George Birmingham,

Winborne Springs, James Taylor and Ken Evans.

Reading of minutes from last meeting- approved and seconded with 1

correction, Glenn Harris reported on Massing of the Colors in Rock Hill

not Walt Sealy.

Reading of Treasurers report by Secretary Jack Jeffries. Current Balance-\$2573.32, Memorial Restoration fund-\$63.50. Kaps4Kids fund

\$955.80, Refreshment fund-105.00 Approved and seconded as read.

Old Business- Paul and Sandra Myers gave a report on their experience while at the Victory Junction presentation June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We distributed 85 Kaps and certificates and museum photos.

New Business-Commander Bell presented program describing the USSVI scholarship program. Base members voted to donate \$75.00 in addition to the funds raised from raffle of American Flag and Eagle leather framed artwork donated by Steve Bell. Total of funds donated by the base to the Scholarship Fund was \$232.00. Dale Moses discussed the possibility of forming a Color Guard for ceremonies involving Veterans. More research into the feasibility of such an undertaking to be conducted. Membership voted to make annual payment of National Dues for Medal of Honor recipient and associate member Rudy Hernandez. Members present voted to donate \$50.00 for a commemorative brick at the Military Sea Service Museum located in Sebring FL.

SK report. Jeff Nieberding reported we still have 5 calendars remaining. Price is \$5.00 each. He also reported he is ordering a few A-Gang patches for those desiring them.

Good of the Order.. Carolina Piedmont base was represented at 7 different venues during the Memorial Day holidays. We participated in the parade in Thomasville NC. Paul and Sandra Myers made a presentation and Tolling of the Boats at the Union County Memorial Day Ceremony in Monroe, NC, The Carolina Piedmont Color Guard did the opening ceremony at the Charlotte Knights ball game, Rick and Cindy Pettit participated at the picnic for veterans at the Veterans Home in Salisbury. Members of the base participated at the Massing of the Colors in Rock Hill, SC. Joel Tuchfeld participated in a choral group that presented a group of patriotic songs in Huntersville, NC. Jack Jeffries attended the dedication of a Korean War Veterans Memorial in Mint Hill, N.C. with associate member Rudy Hernandez, Medal of Honor Recipient and his daughter Martha. Steve Bell made a report on the Barbeque given by the Denizens of the Deep Base in Aiken SC. This was an event attended by members of the SC/GA bases. A report on the Annual weekend at the Burnsville Memorial on Moonshine Mountain and housed at the Pinebridge Inn located in Spruce Pines, NC that was well attended by members of the NC Subvets and their wives. The Carolina Piedmont Base hosted the event and realized a profit of \$300.00. At this event, Rudy Hernandez Korean War veteran and Medal of Honor recipient was presented with Honorary Submarine Certificate and cap as well as induction into the Carolina Piedmont Base as an associate member. The owners of the property where the memorial is located was also awarded honorary Submariner Certificates and caps. They are associate members of the Tarheel Base. Upcoming parades at Troutman and Faith were discussed by John Rupertus and all members are urged to attend. The upcoming National convention being held in the Cincinnati area was discussed, several base members plan to attend. Commander Steve Bell urged everyone to vote in the ongoing National election.. We discussed the formation of the new base in the Triad area, this base is to be named the Nathanael Greene base in honor of General Nathanael Greene. Next base meeting is scheduled for July Benediction given by Chaplain Ray Fritz.

2040 motion to adjourn. seconded Respectfully submitted, Jack Jeffries, Base Secretary

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### **Keeper of the Coin - Lee Hickerson, Base Treasurer**

Treasurer's Report as of 8 June, 2010

Current Balance \$2,593.32

Restricted Funds

Memorial Restoration Funds Available \$63.50

Kaps 4 Kids \$955.80

Refreshments \$105.00

Base Coins -\$47.00

Base Funds Available \$1,516.02

\$1,500.00 from Memorial Restoration Fund distributed to Tony Valovich for repairs to Burnsville Memorial.

Only 50 CPB coins available. Get yours before they're gone.

Jacket Order paid

Your Treasurer will not be at the meeting on June 26.

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### **Chaplin's Corner- Raymond Fritz, Base Chaplin**

One of our grandsons is into Legos big time! Just recently the Toy Retailer Association named them the "Toy of the Century." I had blocks of wood and Lincoln Logs when I was growing up. Today, if you look for them, you can still find Lincoln Logs. But the genius of Legos is that the possibilities are as great as a child's imagination. The individual bricks are important but what can be done when they are all put together into some grand scheme is enormous.

As a follower of Christ I am a "brick" in God's design. At least that is what Peter says to followers of Christ: 1 Peter 2:5 (NIV) "... you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. "

Of course USSVI (Subvets) is not a church or synagogue but we do, as an organization, some pretty significant things. The K-4-Kids program, visiting veterans, being involved with the USO, etc. are all

significant services to our communities. I'm proud to be a member.

On the spiritual side, as we are involved in doing good things, it is also important to make sure of the well-being of our "brick." Jesus asked: Matthew 16:26(NIV) "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

I'm only a messenger. You can, of course, get mad at me if you so desire. Or you can consider Jesus' words. They indicate the tremendous possibilities that lay before each one of us. We can except them and do something about them or we can ignore them.

Jim Elliott, a missionary killed by the Acca Indians in 1957, said this:  
"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

May God's richest blessings be upon you and your loved ones.  
Chaplain Ray

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### **COB's Words** –Howard Dachs, Base COB

My movie pick for this month: [Taking Chance](#)(2008) [NR](#)

Based on an article by Marine Lt. Col. Michael Strobl, this HBO original film tells the story of Strobl's emotional experience traveling across America as a volunteer escort officer for the body of fallen 19-year-old marine Chance Phelps. Along the 2004 journey to Phelps' hometown in Wyoming, Strobl (portrayed by Golden Globe winner [Kevin Bacon](#)) witnesses -- and is moved by -- acts of respect by everyday Americans.

This is available from Netflix. My comments: Very moving, not typical Hollywood

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### **The Supply Shack**- Jeff Nieberding

No Report

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

### **Editor's Note** –E. Dale Moses

Guys and Gals,

WOW, that taking away your birthday threat last month really worked. What a flood of articles and info I got for this month's Piedmont Periscope. Thanks a bunch. But remember I always need "stuff", so all of you that didn't send me something there is always next month. Keep it coming, – Moe(SS)

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CPB says

# Happy Birthday to:

## **July**

Carol Jeffries 7/06  
Mary Bickford 7/09  
Libby Reese 7/09  
James Halbert 7/11  
Anne Trexler 7/18  
Clarence Jordan 7/19  
Greg Crystal 7/24  
Michael Hubbell 7/28

## **August**

Steve Bell 8/07  
Diana Fritz 8/09  
Bob Bunney 8/14  
Rob Stalnaker 8/20  
Tom Kelly 8/23  
Janet Snyder 8/27  
Steve Clay 8/29  
Paul Trexler 8/29

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

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Nancy and Arnold Kirk - 7/4  
Emma and Robert Howell - 7/15  
Ma and Steve Bell - 8/15  
Ruth and Howard Murray - 8/17  
Jean and John Wallace - 8/18  
Vicki and Paul Simerly - 8/21  
Diana and Ray Fritz - 8/22

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

## Binnacle List:

No one to report – stay healthy

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

## Welcome aboard to new members

George Birmingham  
Winborne Springs  
Adm. Charles Larson  
James Taylor  
Ken Evans



Welcome to your new Base!  
We more need names here – Just ask if they belong!

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

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### Parade Information

The NC Subvets marched on Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 6th Annual Iredell County Independence Celebration Parade in Troutman, NC. There were members from a least three bases that rode the Mk-14 torpedo float. On Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> the turnout was even bigger for the Faith, NC parade. Lots of fun.





“Hurry-up and Wait” prior to the Faith Parade (Jack Jeffries) “Proud to have Served” – Troutman Parade (Jack Jeffries)

### Old Soldiers Parade

This year's Old Soldiers Parade will be held on Thursday August 19th. Parade participants need to meet around 1500 so we can be at our parade designated spot before 1600 because of the potential congestion in the lineup area. The parade starts at 1700. Below is the meeting location and directions.

Western Steer  
334 SW Blvd.  
Newton, NC 28658-3956

#### Directions:

From (Cary / Greensboro) I-40W: Take the Rock Barn Exit then go Left, 3rd light turn left, the steakhouse is located at the 5th light (corner of Hwy 321 & Hwy 10).

For those coming from the Charlotte area, take NC-16 to Newton. As you enter Newton NC-16 you will merge with NC-10. Stay on NC-10 to the junction of Business 321 South where the restaurant is located.

----- Put down the “remote” and get to a meeting! -----

## THE AUGUST MEETING IS ON THE 28TH AT THE VFW IN FORT MILL

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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](mailto:donutdad@carolina.rr.com) or mail them to: Dale Moses, 14826 Ashlight Dr. Charlotte, NC 28278.

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### Going back to Sea

The cruise is Monday October 4th thru Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **Taps for One**

By Rick Petitt

At one time or another, everyone ponders their own mortality. We write our "Last Will and Testament". We purchase life insurance for our loved ones to be able to continue on without us. It forces us to examine our lives. We look at our successes and our failures and what could we have done to make our lives different. What would our life be like now if only.....

Veterans wonder if we should have stayed in the military longer. What could we have accomplished if we had left earlier. We think about our comrades who never had an opportunity to continue their lives after the military. We 'toll the boats'.

Today I stopped by the North Carolina Veterans Nursing Home to visit some of the guys and to figure out what we could do next to make their lives a little better. I wanted to give them some companionship and to let them know that someone cares about them.

As I left the facility, there they were, sitting in their wheelchairs. Some were taking in the sunshine. Some just gazing over at the tombstones at the National VA Veterans cemetery located just outside the front door. All in their own little world. Probably pondering their ultimate fate, wondering how much longer they would be around and remembering better days gone by.

As I was leaving, I looked at the cemetery trying to see what everyone was watching. A military funeral was getting ready to commence. The VFW honor squad was preparing for the ceremony. The weapons were being distributed. The bugler was preparing to play.

In the gazebo, where the service was to take place, was the flag draped coffin. Two uniformed soldiers were on either side, staging themselves for the ceremony. The Chaplin was there, Bible in hand. In the rear were two men, obviously from the funeral home and a lady who looked like a VA administrator with a clipboard.

But there was no one else there!

As I approached, the administrator walked toward me smiling and shook my hand. Her smile turned to dismay when I informed her that I was not a family member, just an interested bystander. She turned and told the Chaplin and the funeral directors to wait another 10 minutes in hopes that someone would come.

They didn't.

The Army sergeant from the VA was visibly upset that no one came to pay their last respects, yet he gave his dissertation about the loss of another veteran. I heard this speech before at my friend Richard's funeral with dozens of loving family and friends in attendance. The difference this time was that I was the only person in attendance and a stranger at that.

The guns were fired. The bugler played Taps. The Chaplin gave his sermon. The soldiers folded the flag and formally handed it to the funeral director.

I did not know the man in the coffin. He was a 58-year-old Vietnam Veteran who served in the Army. I know nothing about his life. I don't know his name. There was no obituary. I do know he died alone with no friends, no family, no acquaintances and no caretakers. No one was there but a stranger who had just wandered into his service.

This experience was very emotional for me. It reaffirms and re-energizes my dedication to the USSVI and to the work we want to do with the North Carolina Veterans Nursing Home. We should never forget our fellow veterans!! No one should die completely alone. No one should leave this earth without someone to care that they are gone.

I hope this speaks to your heart. I know it did mine. - Rick Petitt ETC (SS) USSVI Carolina Piedmont



### **The Diving Alarm Ballet by Mike Hemming**

As I pass between the controllermen, the oogah, oogah, "Dive!", "Dive!" comes over the speakers and they leap to their sticks and rheostats. The engine shut down air lever is hit, rheostats spun down, sticks are thrown, as the ballet begins. Generator electricity wanes as the huge storage batteries are called on for power. Sticks pulled to new positions and rheostats spun back up to keep the motors turning. The flurry of intense activity over, minor adjustments made and times logged while listening, always for the sound of water doing something it shouldn't.

As I walk forward at the same time into the engineroom, the two men in each one do the shutdown dance. Throttles are slapped down, hydraulic levers pulled to the closed position to shut exhaust valves and drains opened by the throttleman. As his oiler spins the inboard exhaust valves the 32 turns to shut it, either the oiler or the throttleman (depending on who is closer) will have yanked the pin holding the great intake air valve open so it falls shut with a loud clang. His inboard exhaust valves shut, the oiler drops below to secure the sea valves that allow the seawater to cool the engines. Then, the throttleman checks everything secure one more time.

In the control room, the other area of great activity on a dive, lookouts almost free fall to their diving stations on the bow and stern planes. Quickly the bow planesman rigs out his planes and both he and the stern planesman set their charges to the prescribed angles for the dive. Arriving soon after the planesmen, the OOD, now the diving officer, gives the ordered depth to reach and the angle to do it. Then he checks that all is well and will watch the planesmen to learn if the trim needs changing.

The Chief of the Watch having closed the huge main air induction valve, will watch the Christmas Tree to see that all hull openings are closed. Then he pulls the vents to flood the main ballast tanks and watches the depth to signal the auxiliaryman on the air manifold when to blow negative tank to the mark to stop our descent into the depths. The manifold operator will hammer open the valve and then close off > the roaring rush of compressed air, as needed.

By this time, the trim manifold operator will have arrived from the engine room. After climbing over the stern planesman he will be ready to pump and flood seawater to the tanks. This will trim up the boat to neutral buoyancy.

In the conn, the helmsman will have rung up standard speed so the boat will be driven under by the screws. The QM of the watch will dog the conning tower hatch when the OOD, the last man down from the bridge, pulls the lanyard to close it. There is no music to guide this dance except calm orders given and acknowledged. Started in a flurry of activity, it will end by winding down quietly to a state of relaxed vigilance by men practiced and confident of themselves and each other. They have done this many times, this graceful and awkward descent into the depths. They do it as fast as is safely possible. This is where they belong, with many feet of sea hiding the strong steel of the hull. Men asleep in bunks half-awakened by the raucous alarm and noisy ballet, drift back to deep sleep, confident they are at home where they should be.

### **USS Skate SS(N)578 Adventures**

By Ray Fritz

My good shipmate George Bible, from Tennessee, reported aboard the Skate in August of 1958. We were both transferred to Nuclear Power School on January 1, 1960. Just before we were to leave the COB told us to paint the starboard shaft alley. The Skate had two screws rather than only one like later nuclear subs.

When I reported aboard the Skate it was only a year old. It has made its first run under the polar ice cap just before. I was a fireman, fresh out of Electrician's Mate School in Great Lakes, IL and Sub School in New London, CT. While aboard I was the Helm and Bowplanes man and messcook!

One of the first tasks I was assigned was to clean out the periscope wells. A tiny little place that I would not fit into today! Being from farm country and working with manure, etc. I rolled up my pant legs, took my shoes off, and climbed in. When you have stood in manure, oil and scum in the periscope wells is nothing! I cleaned it



from top to bottom. The COB, Chief Norberg, was astounded and said, "As long as I am COB you will never have another job like this." He was good to his word.

One of the last tasks aboard the Skate was painting. They gave George and I spray guns. Bad decision! Neither of us had ever used one but we did what we were told to do. I can still see the paint dripping off the pipes, gauges, and bulkhead. We were transferred the next day so I don't know what anyone thought when they inspected the shaft alley but I am sure it was still dripping when it Skate was decommissioned years later!  
Chaplain Ray

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### **52 for Freedom**

**By Lamar Hodges, USS Atule 64-66 (shipmate of John Rupertus)**

Early one December morning  
On the Seventh, nineteen forty-one  
That fateful day of Infamy  
World War II had just begun

Those long sleek boats, the submarine  
Dove into the depths  
And fought a war of attrition  
Right to Japan's front steps

From the very beginning  
They knew they had a score  
Now six million tons of enemy ships  
Lie on the ocean's floor

They'd mark final range and bearing  
And the Mark 14 would fly  
And in a great explosion  
An enemy ship would die

Inside the sub at every sinking  
There was glee and there was joy  
Over men and guns of the Rising Sun  
That would never touch our boys

So they cleared the bridge and pulled the vents  
Then slid beneath the waves  
Knowing each and every dive  
Took them half way to their graves

Over sixty score gold and silver dolphins  
Still lie beneath the waves  
Men of the Silent Service  
In their deep and hollowed graves

Men such as Dealey and Morton  
In HARDER and WAHOO they lay  
Not all that fought, but some that died  
And can't be here today

So let's not forget those sailors  
Still on their last patrol  
They died for you and me and freedom  
God rest their gallant souls

----- Your Base in the News -----

# Piedmont Funnies Page

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

## Splinters (Blame goes to Jack)

A woman from Los Angeles , CA who was a tree hugger, a democrat, and an anti-hunter, purchased a piece of timberland, near Colville , WA .

There was a large tree on one of the highest points in the tract. She wanted a good view of the natural splendor of her land so she started to climb the big tree. As she neared the top she encountered a spotted owl that attacked her. In her haste to escape, the woman slid down the tree to the ground and got many splinters in her crotch. In considerable pain, she hurried to Mt. Carmel ER to see a Doctor. She told him she was an environmentalist, a democrat, and an anti-hunter and how she came to get all the splinters. The doctor listened to her story with great patience and then told her to go wait in the examining room and he would see if he could help her. She sat and waited three hours before the doctor reappeared. The angry woman demanded, "What took you so long?"

He smiled and then told her, "Well, I had to get permits from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management before I could remove old-growth timber from a recreational area. I'm sorry, but they turned me down."

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## Shirley & Marcy

A mom was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want her to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but still know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. She asked, that since her neighbor was up early with her toddler anyway, wouldn't it be a good way for them to get some exercise as well? The neighbor agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her toddler set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with a little neighbor girl who was also in kindergarten. The mother's friend and her toddler followed the two kindergartner's for the whole week.

As the boy and his friend walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them, as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?' Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.' The little girl said, 'Well, who is she?'

'That's just Shirley Goodnest,' Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy.'

'Shirley Goodnest? Who is that and why is she following us?'

'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, "Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life"; so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!'

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace" and...

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always.

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

Gossip (provided by Howard Murray)

Mildred, the church gossip, and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her extracurricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence. She made a mistake, however, when she accused Frank, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon.

She emphatically told Frank (and several others) that every one seeing it there WOULD KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING !

Frank, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He said nothing.

Later that evening, Frank quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house... walked home... and left it there all night.

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The Haircut

A guy stuck his head into a barbershop and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?'

The barber looked around the shop full of customers and said, 'About 2 hours.'

The guy left.

A few days later, the same guy stuck his head in the door and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?'

The barber looked around at the shop and said, 'About 3 hours.'

The guy left.

A week later, the same guy stuck his head in the shop and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?'

The barber looked around the shop and said, 'About an hour and a half .

The guy left.

The barber turned to his friend and said, 'Hey, Bob, do me a favor, follow him and see where he goes. He keeps asking how long he has to wait for a haircut, but he never comes back.'

A little while later, Bob returned to the shop, laughing hysterically.

The barber asked, 'So, where does he go when he leaves?'

Bob looked up, wiped the tears from his eyes and said, 'Your house!'

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

### **Things that I found helpful by living this long.**

The purpose of fighting is to win.

The sword is more important than the shield, and skill is more important than either... The final weapon is the brain. All else is supplemental.

Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.

If you find yourself in a fair fight, your tactics suck.

I carry a gun because a cop is too heavy.

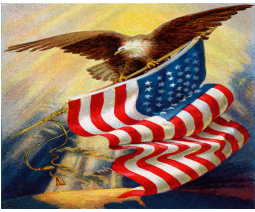
When seconds count, the cops are just minutes away.

A reporter did a human-interest piece on the Texas Rangers. The reporter recognized the Colt Model 1911 the Ranger was carrying and asked him 'Why do you carry a 45?' The Ranger responded, 'Because they don't make a 46.

The old sheriff was attending an awards dinner when a lady commented on his wearing his sidearm. 'Sheriff, I see you have your pistol. Are you expecting trouble?' 'No Ma'am. If I were expecting trouble, I would have brought my shotgun.'

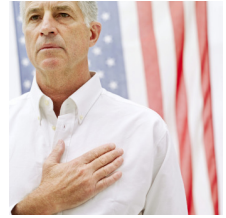
Beware the man who only carries one gun. HE PROBABLY KNOWS HOW TO USE IT!!!  
But wait, there's more!

I was once asked by a lady visiting if I had a gun in the house. I said I did. She said 'Well I certainly hope it isn't loaded!' To which I said, of course it is loaded, it can't work without bullets!' She then asked, 'Are you that afraid of someone evil coming into your house?' My reply was, "No not at all. I am not afraid of the house catching fire either, but I have fire extinguishers around, and they are all loaded too".

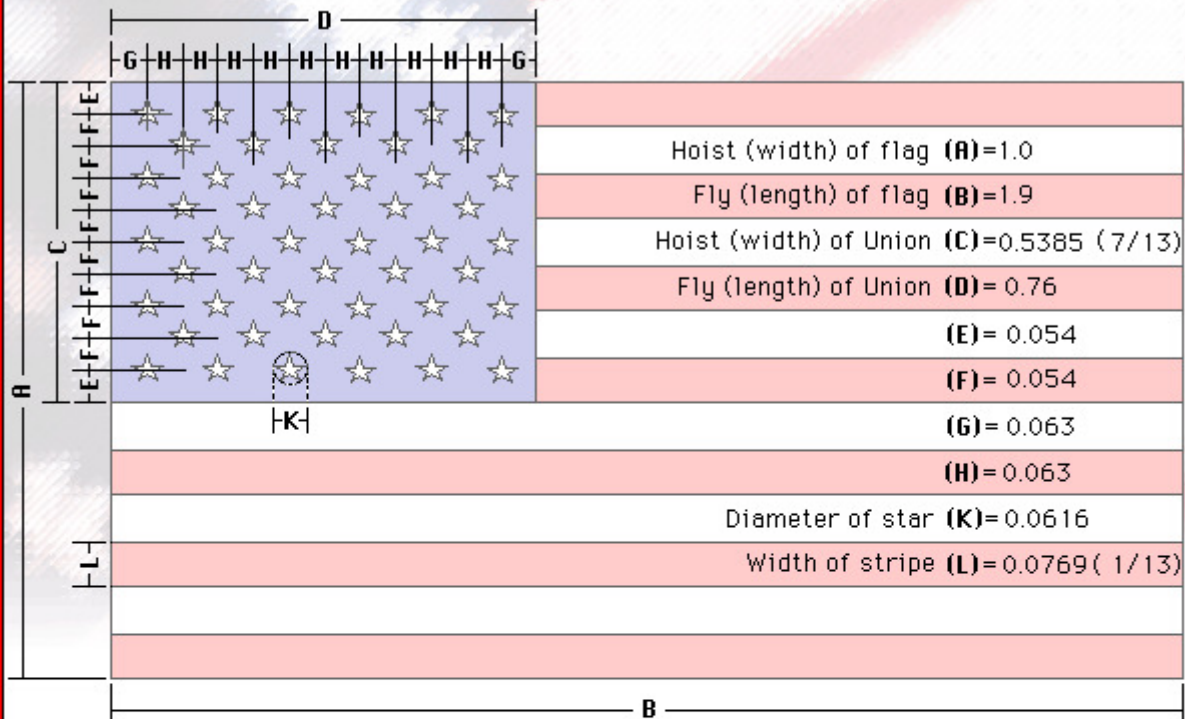


# FLAG FACTS

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## Standard Proportions For The United States Flag



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Hoist (width) of flag **(A)** 1.0  
Fly (length) of flag **(B)** 1.9  
Hoist (width) of Union **(C)** 0.5385 (7/13)  
Fly (length) of Union **(D)** 0.76  
**(E)** 0.054  
**(F)** 0.054  
**(G)** 0.063  
**(H)** 0.063  
Diameter of star **(I)** 0.0616  
Width of stripe **(L)** 0.0769 (1/13)



## A close-up photograph of a white plate filled with orzo, a small, rice-shaped pasta. The orzo is coated in a thick, reddish-orange tomato-based sauce. Several pieces of dark, cooked meat are visible, nestled within the pasta. The dish is garnished with a generous layer of melted, light-colored cheese and thin, sliced almonds scattered across the top. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.



### Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday                        | Friday | Saturday  |
|----------|--------|---------|-----------|---------------------------------|--------|---|
| 11       | 12     | 13      | 14        | 15                              | 16     | 17  |
| 18       | 19     | 20      | 21        | 22                              | 23     | 24<br>Meeting<br>Ft Mill<br>           |
| 25       | 26     | 27      | 28        | 29                              | 30     | 31  |
| August 1 | 2      | 3       | 4         | 5                               | 6      | 7   |
| 8        | 9      | 10      | 11        | 12                              | 13     | 14 VFW<br>Breakfast<br>Ft. Mill   |
| 15       | 16     | 17      | 18        | 19<br>Old<br>Soldiers<br>Parade | 20     | 24<br>Nathanael<br>Green<br>Base<br> |
| 22       | 23     | 24      | 25        | 26                              | 27     | 24<br>Meeting<br>Ft Mill<br>         |