

# 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 October**

USS 0-5 (SS 66)	October 11, 1923
USS S 44 (SS 155)	October 7, 1943
USS WAHOO (SS 238)	October 11, 1943
USS SEAWOLF (SS 197)	October 3, 1944
USS ESCOLAR (SS 294)	October 17, 1944
USS DARTER (SS 227)	October 24, 1944
USS SHARK II (SS 314)	October 24, 1944
USS TANG (SS 306)	October 24, 1944

"Sailors, Rest your oars"

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#### <u>The CO's Stateroom - Steve Bell, Commander</u>

The cooler weather has finally arrived. I think we have all felt like we lived in a furnace this summer. I sure am glad we all survived it. Looking forward to some more comfortable weather, but surely am not looking forward to the winter weather that is just around the corner.

But not that we are getting into fall, that means the end of the year is not all that far away. And what happens at the end of the year? Well, if you have not paid your dues, you will go on the delinquent list for a month. And at the end of January, you can be dropped off the roles of Subvets. My goal is to have all of our members that owe 2011 dues to have them paid by the end of December. Currently there are somewhere between 30 and 40 members that still owe National dues. If you are one of those, please get your money into Lee Hickerson soon. It makes it easier on our book work if you get it in sooner.

There are still a few events and parades remaining in this year. Some of which the details will be forthcoming (I don't even have them yet). All the details on the King's Bay event have put out, which is right after our next meeting. I know of parades on 11/11 in Winston-Salem, 11/13 in Asheboro, and 12/04 (same night as the Pearl Harbor dinner). As stated earlier, once we know the details of them, they will be put out via e-mail.

As you all probably know, our next meeting is at Jack's house (out in the wilderness). We have had two meetings there and each has turned out really well. Please put that meeting on your calendar and come join us for some Saturday afternoon fellowship. Trust, it is enjoyable.

So until our next meeting, please be safe and may God bless you all

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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 Minutes 28 September 2010

1900- **Meeting** called to order by Commander Steve Bell, Invocation by Chaplain Raymond Fritz,

Pledge of Allegiance, Tolling of Boats Lost in month of September, Introduction of members present, 22 present. Reading of minutes from meeting Aug 28<sup>th</sup>, approved as read. Reading of Treasurers report, balance on hand 3273.73, Memorial Restoration Fund 238.50 Kaps4 Kids fund 931.05, Autism Walk fund 100.00, Funds available\ 2004.18

**Old Business**- Lee Hickerson reviewed the Autism Walk to be held 9 October at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. The Group is to arrive by 0830 and enter at the North Gate. Participants should wear their vest if they have one. Discussion concerning Color Guard to be tabled until after new year.

**New Business**-Steve Bell discussed the Groton Base Thanksgiving Dinner. Motion made and seconded to send a donation of 100.00 to them. Motion made and seconded to donate to Autism Walk. Members passed the hat and collected \$122.00. Steve brought up the matter of USSVI scholarship foundation and it was to make

members aware of it and to have an idea of how the base would handle it. The matter is to be brought up at the next meeting. We discussed the possibility of the KAP(SS)4KID(SS) chairman to be able to order supplies for the program directly. Approved.

**SK report**. SK to order throw hanging depicting all Submarines lost. Throw to be displayed at meetings and special events. Briefly discussed ordering 2011 USSVI calendars.

Good of the Order-VFW Post Commander thanked us for the donations for the renovations to the meeting room. Ray Fritz made presentation of an Eternal Patrol Bible to be given for departed shipmates. Matter tabled until more information is available. John Rupertus informed us of upcoming parades, Ashboro 11 Nov, Winston Salem 13 Nov, Salisbury 24 Nov. St Paddy's day tentative 17 March. More info as they are finalized. Steve Bell reminded us that both National and Base dues are due by 1 January.. Discussed goings on at National Convention, displayed awards given to base members Glenn Harris, Silver Anchor and Jack Jeffries, Regional Commanders Award and National Special Achievement Award. Discussed upcoming WWII Subvets service at Kings Bay scheduled for Oct 27-31. Preliminary arrangements made for 2011 meeting at Burnsville/Spruce Pines. 30 rooms reserved for 20-21 May.2011, Next meeting 23 Oct at 6017 Dudley Rd. Monroe NC (Jack & Carol's)

**Benediction** given by Chaplain Ray Fritz

2040- Motion to adjourn, seconded. Jack Jeffries- Base Secretary

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

No Report

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Chaplin's Corner- Raymond Fritz, Base Chaplin

Fences and Bridges

There is a time to embrace, and a time to shun embracing. Ecclesiastes 5:5



In our home in New York, where we raised our four children, we had two ponies, a dog, and a cat (all outside animals except the kids). We also raised 50 chickens each summer and a beef cow for meat. Ponies are famous for getting through fences and our two were no different. Our property bordered a dairy farm on the north and west, woods on the south and a road on the east. The ponies, if they got loose always headed for the farm on the north or to the road on the east. How we got the ponies is a story in itself. Anyway, I tried to make sure the fences were in good shape with two strands of electric wire.

Our two sons were responsible for feeding the animals but they didn't tell me the ponies were missing one day, actually it may have been two days! I didn't know because the time of year was such that it was dark when I got home from work around 6 pm. When I did discover them missing, I went looking for them. After traveling up and down a couple of miles of rural road and not finding them I decided to ask the farmer next door. He had

purchased the farm after we had been there a couple of years. We hadn't been neighbors long enough to know each other very well. When I asked him if he had seen our ponies, he said, "Yes, they are in my barn until you fix your fence!"

I apologized even though I was a bit upset that he had seen me work on the fences from time-to-time and knew I tried to keep it in good repair. I was also upset that he would just pen the ponies up and not tell me. But, I held my tongue (thank you Lord!) and went home to fix the fences. I put up 3 more strands of barbed wire with electric. When I had completed the work, I went back to see him. I really wanted to build a bridge because we were going to be neighbors for a long time. I said,

"Dave, we are neighbors. I'm not planning to move in the near future and I assume you aren't either. I hope we can be friends. I've fixed the fence the best that I can and will try to make sure the animals don't' get out."

We shook hands, I got our ponies back and we became not only neighbors but friends until the day he died. Our two sons, when they were teenagers, helped Dave during the summer with the haying and they too became friends as well.

My point is this:

There are times when we need the embrace of a friend who pulls us up close and whispers words of understanding, encouraging us not to quit, reminds us that life will go on . . . we will make it. Such embraces put strength into our bones that help us through the night.

And there are times when that same person may take us by the shoulders, hold us at arm's length, and confront us with the hard truth, "Now listen to this. I must be honest with you . . . I think you are making the wrong choice." That, of course, is not a time for embracing. But, friends, for a life to stay balanced; both affirmation and accountability are needed in our lives.

The longer I live, the more I want to listen to wise people because a person who is wise not only has intelligence, but understands life and can help put it all together.

A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel, <sup>6</sup>to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles. <sup>7</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. **Proverbs 1:5 - Proverbs 1:7** (NASB)

May you feel the warm embrace of a friend and know the benefits of accountability.

Chaplain Ray

Carolina Piedmont Base USSVI

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#### COB's Words - Howard Dachs, Base COB

My recommendation this month is a double-feature. You really have to see both and may even want to see them a second time because they are linked:

#### Flags of Our Fathers - 2006R132 minutes

Clint Eastwood directs this riveting World War II drama that recounts the story of six U.S. soldiers who were instantly immortalized when they were photographed raising the American flag atop Iwo Jima's Mount Suribachi. Based on the book of the same name, the film reconstructs the events surrounding the snapshot, which came to symbolize the U.S. troops' triumph and America's indestructible spirit. Ryan Phillippe and Barry Pepper co-star. Letters from Iwo Jima - 2007R140 minutes

As tens of thousands of Allied troops push further inland, the Japanese troops defending Iwo Jima during World War II prepare to meet their fate in this Clint Eastwood-directed Oscar nominee, a companion piece to his hit film Flags of Our Fathers. Ken Watanabe stars as a Japanese general who knows his men are outnumbered and, with no hope of rescue, that most will eventually die in battle -- or end up killing themselves.

These are both available from Netflix. - Thank You, Howard

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

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

USSVI vests are also available to order thru the SK.

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

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



CPB says

### **October**

Vicki Simerly 10/05 Howard Murray 10/12 Paul Myers 10/13 Andrew Miller 10/14 Clarence Senn 10/14 Jack Anulies 10/25 Gary Cruzan 10/25 Ma Bell 10/25 David Holm 10/28

#### November

John Wallace 11/11 Anna Tuchfeld 11/12 Raymond Zieverink 11/16 Charles Cross 11/19 Marvin Beaver 11/20 Glenna Hubbel 11/21 Ron Hatley 11/29

If we missed someone, please let Jack know!

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

## HADDY AND LEDGARY TO:



No one to report – stay healthy
-------Pride Runs Deep ------

## Welcome aboard to new members

Stan Schulz Al Allen

We more need Names here-just Ask them!

## FALL MEETING INFO-PLEASE READ!

The November meeting will be at the VFW on 20 November. The VFW has a meal planned for that evening so anyone wanting meal will have to purchase it. We do need to give a rough estimate of a head count for that meal so they can plan.

December meeting is not a formal meeting, but we do go through the tolling of the boats and the VFW will have a meal. That will be on 18 December.

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#### Tell your story

We need stories. Your shipmates want to hear them. Please email them to me at <a href="mailto:donutdad@carolina.rr.com">donutdad@carolina.rr.com</a> or mail them to: Dale Moses, 14826 Ashlight Dr. Charlotte, NC 28278.

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



## **FLAG FACTS**



I have been teaching Flag Etiquette to kids and adults for many years. I know there are several thousand kids in Missouri and Pennsylvania that has heard my presentation. I have also presented my class to youth church groups, Scout Troops, and men's and women's Civic organizations such as Lions Club, Sertoma, Rotary, etc. This is one of the most rewarding things that I have done in my life-time.

I find that most people do not mean to disrespect the Flag, they are just not familiar with the rules of etiquette for our Symbol of this Great Nation.

I am ready to present this 40-50 minute presentation to your group or school (4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> graders only) on behalf of the Carolina Piedmont Base. I always like to have one or more members to assist me. If you can arrange the time and the place, I can be there. Items needed are a computer projector, or a VCR and monitor. Let me know, Dale Moses.



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







# Piedmont Funnies Page

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

The Navy Chief – thanks to Jim Schenk

The Navy Chief noticed a new seaman and barked at him, "Get over here! What's your name sailor?" "John," the new seaman replied.

"Look, I don't know what kind of bleeding-heart pansy crap they're teaching sailors in boot camp these days, but I don't call anyone by his first name," the chief scowled. "It breeds familiarity, and that leads to a breakdown in authority."

"I refer to my sailors by their last names only, Smith, Jones, Baker, whatever. And you are to refer to me as 'Chief.' Do I make myself clear?"

"Aye, Aye Chief!"

"Now that we've got that straight, what's your last name?"

The seaman sighed, "Darling. My name is John Darling, Chief."

"Okay, John, here's what I want you to do..."

------To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research -------

**Bad Day** 

There I was is sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

"Well, whatcha gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears.

"Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my old lady in bed with the gardener, and then my dog bit me."

"So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve. Then you, you jack-ass, show up and drink the whole thing! But enough about me, how's your day going?"

-------You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive again --------------------

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, 'Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!' After a few seconds, Little Larry stood up. The teacher said, 'Do you think you're stupid, Larry?' 'No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!'

#### The Importance of Walking

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursinghome at \$7000 per month.

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60.

Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. I haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there. Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, 'Well, she looks good doesn't she.'

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years,.....just getting over the hill.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

#### Veteran's News – with assistance from the RAO Bulletin

To receive the entire RAO Bulletin please email Associate Director, RAO Baguio [raoemo@sbcglobal.net]

**Tax-exempt Status:** Military fraternal organizations stand to lose their tax-exempt status if they have not filed Form 990N with the Internal Revenue Service by 15 OCT 2010, or have not filed any other 990s for three consecutive years, regardless of their annual revenues and expenses. The filing requirement, previously unnecessary for entities with \$25,000 or less in annual revenue, is imposed as part of the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Those entities that have not filed a 990 for a number of years may find that their Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) have been removed from the IRS system. In that occurs you will have to take one of the following actions:

File a form SS-4 and apply for a reinstatement or new number.

Appeal to the Department of Treasury with a letter of justification for not obeying the law. The secretary of the Treasury has discretion to grant tax-exempt status.

File for one online at www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=102767,00.html

The replacement EIN you obtain is your permanent number and can be used immediately for most of your business needs, including opening a bank account, applying for business licenses, and filing a tax return by mail. However, no matter how you apply (phone, fax, mail, or online), it will take up to two weeks before your EIN becomes part of the IRS' permanent records. You must wait until this occurs before you can file an electronic return, make an electronic payment, or pass an IRS Taxpayer Identification Number matching program. [Source: American Legion Online Update 21 Sep 2010 ++]

**Vet Gun Control Update 03:** The House Veterans Affairs Committee on 15 SEP approved H.R.2547, authored by rep. Jim Moran (D-VA-8) in May 2009, to protect the Second Amendment rights of veterans. The bill would change the Veteran Affair's current practice of revoking the gun rights of veterans and their families if they receive assistance in managing their finances. —I introduced this legislation to make sure veterans are not unfairly denied the rights they fought so bravely to defend, Moran said. —It is wrong to take away veterans' gun rights simply because they cannot manage their finances. I The VA's current practice labels veterans who have a fiduciary appointed to act on their behalf financially are labeled —mentally defectivel and are reported to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). Being listed on the NICS prevents veterans from owning or purchasing a firearm. According to Moran's office, since 1998, more than 117,000 veterans and members of veterans' families have been reported to the NICS because they have a fiduciary appointed on their behalf. The legislation was approved as an amendment to a veteran benefits measure. The bill is supported by the National Rifle Association and Gun Owners of America. Similar legislation was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC). That bill introduced in MAR 09 (S.669) with 18 co-sponsors, would prohibit VA from submitting names to the National Instant Criminal Background Check database unless a judicial authority finds the individuals to be a danger to themselves or others. [Source: The McPherson Sentinel article 16 Sep 2010 ++]

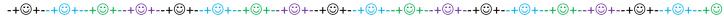
Arlington National Cemetery Update 16: The secretary of the Army would have to provide Congress with a full accounting of all of the more than 320,000 grave sites at Arlington National Cemetery under a Senate bill introduced 28 SEP. The bill, which comes on the heels of a growing scandal at the nation's most hallowed military burial ground, would also require a review of the contracts issued to digitize the cemetery's paper records and a study to determine whether the cemetery should be transferred to the Department of Veterans Affairs. In a statement, Sen. Scott Brown (R-MA), who introduced the legislation with Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO), said the bill would "make sure that those responsible for managing the cemetery are being held accountable and meeting the highest standards when it comes to ensuring the proper burials of America's fallen men and women." The bill also calls for a review of whether the cemetery is adequately communicating with families whose loved ones are buried at Arlington. If the bill were enacted, Army Secretary John McHugh would have one year to specify whether every grave site at Arlington is "correctly identified, labeled and occupied." If graves are found to have problems, the Army would have to detail its plan to fix them. [Source: Washington Post Christian Davenport article 28 Sep 2010 ++]

VA Compensation & Pensions Update 02: There is a hoax circulating the web that VA comp rates are going up significantly due to recent legislation. What is being sent around is a chopped version of an actual bill, H.R.4667, which has passed both houses and awaits the President's signature. The real bill calls for VA rates to be increased at same rate as SS is increased. However, the increase in SS is determined by the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the Department of Labor. By law, it is the official measure used by SS to calculate the cost-of-living adjustment. If you check SSA's website, here is what they said last year about the COLA. —Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) 4

benefits will not automatically increase in 2010 as there was no increase in the CPI-W from the third quarter of 2008 to the third quarter of 2009. That is also the current situation this year. The version on the web has erroneous rates showing the 100% is going to double, the 10% rate is going up to over \$400, and others. The information is false. If in doubt you can check the text of H.R.4667 at www.thomas.gov. [Source: DAV Memo 29 Sep 2010 ++]

# Carolina Piedmont SubVettes





#### **Buffalo Chicken Casserole**

#### Ingredients:

- 12 ounces whole-wheat elbow noodles
- 2 Tablespoons canola oil
- 3 medium carrots, sliced
- 2 medium stalks celery, sliced
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 Tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast, trimmed and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1/3 cup cornstarch
- 4 cups low-fat milk
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 5 Tablespoons hot sauce, preferably Frank's Red Hot:p>
- 34 cup crumbled blue cheese (about 4 ounces)

#### Preparation:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Cook noodles until barely tender, about 2 minutes less than package directions. Drain, rinse and set aside.

Heat oil in the pot over medium heat. Add carrots, celery, onion and garlic and cook until beginning to soften, about 5 minutes. Add chicken and cook until no longer pink on the outside, 5 to 7 minutes. Whisk cornstarch and milk in a medium bowl; add to the pot along with salt. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring often, until bubbling and thick enough to coat the back of a spoon, about 4 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in hot sauce. p> Spread the noodles in a 9-by-13 inch (or similar 3-quart) baking dish. Top with the chicken mixture; sprinkle with blue cheese.

Bake the casserole until it is bubbling, about 30 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

**Nutritional Information** 

Number of servings: 8



# Ladies – How about some of your favorite Holiday recipes? Send them to Moe(SS) at donutdad@carolina.rr.com







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Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
17	18	19	20	21	22	Meeting Jack's Farm	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31	November	2	3	4	5	6	
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17 Articles for Dec newsletter due	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	December 1	2	3	4	