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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 November

USS CORVINA (SS 226)	November 16, 1943
USS SCULPIN (SS 191)	November 19, 1943
USS CAPELIN (SS 289)	November 23, 1943
USS ALBACORE (SS 218)	November 7, 1944
USS GROWLER (SS 215)	November 8, 1944
USS SCAMP (SS 277)	November 9, 1944

"Sailors, Rest your oars"

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The CO's Stateroom – Steve Bell, Commander

I need to beat on the drum for dues, both National and Base. Both are due by the end of next month. Yes... next month. That time is coming on us like a freight train. I sent out an e-mail a couple weeks ago letting those know who have not paid as yet. Some have said they will send them in. And for those that have paid both their base and National dues, I thank you very much. For those that have not, please get them into Lee Hickerson (mailing address in the roster). National dues are \$20/year and Base dues are \$10/year. However, each has a 3 and 5 plan as well. Three years of National is \$55 and five years is \$90. Base is \$27.50 for 3 and \$45.00 for 5 years. Only catch there is one is not allowed to pay in advance for more time than they have paid for National dues. This is never easy for those of us that have to try to get people to pay and then to get it all into National, so your cooperation is very much appreciated. I hope we do not lose any members this year due to lack of paying dues.

I also want you all to know that the trip to King's Bay was good. The ceremony was really good and seeing old shipmates is wonderful. I even ran into one that I have not seen since the late 70's or early 80's. You just never know who will show up at these events.

As the Holidays approach, I want to wish all of you a joyous time during them. I hope each of you have wonderful times during them. It is a special time of the year. We will try to limit the business at our meetings because of that, but we will also not allow things to fall through the cracks either.

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

Base Meeting Minutes 23 Oct 2010

1515- Meeting called to order by Base Commander Steve Bell. Meeting held at Base headquarters. Invocation by Chaplain Ray Fritz. Pledge of Allegiance. Tolling of the boats preceded by display of Throw displaying all US Submarines that have been lost. Introduction of members present, 20 in attendance.

Special Presentations. Induction into Holland Club for Winborne Springs, also Attaboy Awards presented by Commander Steve Bell to Glenn Harris, Jack Jeffries Glenna and Mike Hubbell, Dale Moses, Paul and Sandra Myers and Rick Pettit.

Reading of previous meeting minutes, approved and seconded as read

Reading of Treasurers report by Secretary Jack Jeffries \$3200.98 in bank, \$238.50 in Memorial Fund, \$940.30 in Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) fund. \$2022.18 funds available. Approved and seconded as read.

Old Business- Discussed ways of raising funds for the USSVI Scholarship Fund. Suggestion made to collect aluminum cans from members to be turned in at meetings to Jim Halbert,

Cans would then be accumulated and cashed in with funds to be sent to National. Also a motion was made to raise the cost of meals at meeting by one dollar with the extra dollar to be added to the Scholarship Fund. Motion approved and seconded. Motion made and seconded to purchase 2 Living Memorial Bibles, one Catholic and one Protestant version These are to be presented to the family of base members that have passed on. Supply to be replenished as used. Chaplain Ray Fritz to retain possession of them.

New Business. None.

Good of the Order- Displayed KAP(SS)4KID(SS) banner that was purchased by base. Banner to be displayed on stand manufactured for it. Stand also to double as display stand for Lost Boat display. Glenn Harris informed us about the parade 13 Nov in York. John Rupertus informed us of parade also Nov 13 at Winston Salem. Report was given on Autism Walk. Base collected \$1062.00 for this . Report given on the Base Cruise everyone made it back safe and enjoyed it . Plans to be made for one next year. Steve reminded members that dues, both Base and National is due before 1 Jan. Briefly touched on Pearl Harbor dinner scheduled for 4 Dec at Wilson NC. District Commander spoke about 2011 National Convention as well as 2012 National Convention at Norfolk. Next meeting scheduled for 20 Nov at VFW Ft. Mill.
1615- Motion to adjourn, Benediction Ray Frit

Respectfully,
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

God's Wife

Don't miss the last story . . .

Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the Contest was to find the most caring child.

The winner was: A four-year-old child, whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old Gentleman's' yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his mother asked him what he had Said to the neighbor, the little boy just said, '**Nothing, I just Helped him cry.**'

Teacher Debbie Moon's first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair color than the other members. One of her students suggested that he was adopted. A little girl said, 'I know all about adoption, I was adopted.'

'What does it mean to be adopted?' asked another child.

'It means', said the girl, 'that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy!'

On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League base ball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was.

'We're behind 14 to nothing,' he answered with a smile.

'Really,' I said. 'I have to say you don't look very discouraged.'

'**Discouraged?**' the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face... '**Why should we be discouraged? We haven't Been up to**

bat yet.'

Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott.

Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen.

On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. 'Guess what, Mom,' he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me . . . 'I've been chosen to clap and cheer!'

An eye witness account from New York City , on a cold day in December, some years ago: A little boy, about 10-years-old, was standing before a shoe store on the Roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold.

A lady approached the young boy and said, 'My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window!'

'I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes,' was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her.

She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with the towel.

By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks.. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes.

She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him.. She patted him on the head and said, 'No doubt, you will be more comfortable now.'

As she turned to go, the astonished kid caught her by the hand and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her. 'Are you God's wife?'

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COB's Words –Howard Dachs, Base COB

Here's my movie recommendation for this month; it's another Eastwood flick:

[Gran Torino](#)(2008) [R](#)

Curmudgeonly

Korean War veteran Walt Kowalski (Clint Eastwood, who also directs) must confront his Hmong immigrant neighbors -- and his own long-held prejudices -- when the family's teenage son, Thao (Bee Vang), tries to steal Walt's beloved 1972 Gran Torino. Walt soon assumes the unlikely role of guardian angel to young Thao and his sister Sue (Ahney Her), both of whom are vulnerable to local gang influences.

You can watch this again to catch the nuances that you may have missed if you saw it before. Thanks, 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

Happy Birthday to:

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

December

Ray Fritz 12/06
Glen Snyder 12/08
Doc Hopkins 12/12
Nadine Connelly 12/13
James Hanks 12/16
Charles Campbell 12/26
Jeff Nieberding 12/26

If we missed someone, please let Jack know!

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Donna and Miles Blassingham - 11/13
Cindy and Rick Petitt - 11/13
Barbara and Otis Sealy - 12/7
Donna and Glenn Harris - 12/28

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

Binnacle List:

Anna Tuchfeld
Roseann Halbert

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

Welcome aboard to new members

Mike Egan

We more need Names here- Just Ask them!

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

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 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! -----

Any Motorcycle Riders out there?

Along with being active in the Requin Base, before Colleen and I moved down here from Pittsburgh, we were also active with American Legion Post 820's Legion Riders. We enjoyed riding with the group and hoped that we could also ride with a great group down here in the Charlotte area. That's when the idea hit me. Why don't we form our own motorcycle riding group within the SubVets?

After talking to Mike Hubbell, I found out that the USSVI already has a group, the SSMC, or Silent Service Motorcycle Club. I looked them up on-line and they are part of the USSVI and started in 2008 or 2009. There requirements for a full membership is available to those serving or having served in the United States Navy and have been designated by the US Navy as "qualified in submarines." Members must also own a motorcycle with an engine displacement of 500cc or more. Members must also be a national member of United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated (USSVI) at the time of application.

I know of at least three of us in the CPB that ride and I'm sure there are many in the other Carolina Bases that may be interested in the possibility of forming a Carolina Chapter. I will take charge of researching the Chapter requirements if we can find enough "Plank Owners" that are interested. If you are, please call me at 704-248-7610; or email donutdad@carolina.rr.com. ...and ride safe. - Dale "Moe(SS)" Moses



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

THANK YOU CAROL and JACK

It was a great meeting and dinner at Carol and Jack's home last month. Great Food with Great Friends, if you didn't make it, you missed all the fun! Thanks again for sharing your home.



Piedmont Funnies Page

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

Cletus was passing by Billy Bob's hay barn one day when, through a gap in the door, he saw Billy Bob doing a slow and sensual striptease in front of an old green John Deere tractor.

Buttocks clenched, Billy Bob performed a slow pirouette and gently slid off first the right strap of his overalls, followed by the left. He then hunched his shoulders forward and in a classic striptease move, he let his overalls fall down to his hips, revealing a torn and frayed plaid shirt.

Grabbing both sides of his shirt, he ripped it apart to reveal his stained tee shirt underneath. With a final flourish he tore the tee shirt from his body and hurled his baseball cap onto a pile of hay.

Having seen enough, Cletus rushed in and asked, "What the heck are you doing, Billy Bob?"

"Jeez, Cletus, ya scared the s**t out of me!" exclaimed Billy Bob. Then, obviously embarrassed, he said, "Me and the old lady been having trouble lately in the bedroom department, and the therapist suggested I do something sexy **to a tractor.**"

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

Two Catholic parrots....

A lady goes to her priest one day and tells him, 'Father, I have a problem. I have two female parrots, But they only know how to say one thing.'

'What do they say?' the priest inquired.

They say, 'Hi, we're hookers, do you want to have some fun?'

That's obscene!' the priest exclaimed, 'You know,' he said, 'I may have a solution to your problem. I have two male talking parrots, which I have taught to pray and read the Bible. Bring your two parrots over to my house, and we'll put them in the cage with Francis and Peter. My parrots can teach your parrots to praise and worship And your parrots are sure to stop saying .That phrase In no time.'

Thank you,' the woman responded, 'this may very well be the solution.'

The next day, She brought her female parrots to the priest's house. As he ushered her in, she saw that his two male parrots were inside their cage holding rosary beads and praying. Impressed, she walked over and placed her parrots in with them. After a few minutes, the female parrots cried out in unison: Hi, we're hookers, do you want to have some fun?"

There was stunned silence. Shocked, one male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and exclaimed, 'Put the beads away, Frank. Our prayers have been answered!'

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

The U.S. Navy answers the question: "Why did the chicken cross the road?"

- **Naval Education and Training Command (NAVEDTRA):** The purpose is to familiarize the chicken with road-crossing procedures. Road-crossing should be performed only between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Solo chickens must have at least three miles of visibility and a safety observer.
- **Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS):** Due to the needs of the Navy, chicken was involuntarily reassigned to the other side of the road. This will be 3-year unaccompanied tour and we promise to give the chicken a good-deal assignment afterwards. Every chicken will be required to do one road-crossing during its career, and this will not affect its opportunities for future promotion.
- **Naval Air Warfare Center (NAWC):** This event will need confirmation; we need to repeat it using varied chicken breeds, road types, and weather conditions to confirm whether it can actually happen within the parameters specified for chickens and the remote possibility that they might cross thruways designated by some as "roads."
- **Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe (CINCUSNAVEUR):** The purpose is not important. What is important is that the chicken remained under the OPCODE of COMSIXTHFLEET and did not CHOP to the theater on the other side of the road. Without Chopping, the chicken was able to achieve a seamless road-crossing with near perfect, real-time in-transit visibility.
- **Naval Intelligence:** What chicken?
- **Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIRSYSCOM):** The chicken was instructed to hold short of the road. This road

incursion incident was reported in a Hazardous Chicken Road-Crossing Report (HCRCR). Please re-emphasize that chickens are required to read back all hold short instructions.

- **Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWARSYSCOM):** The "stovepipe" chickens of today will be replaced with a multi-function, supported, affordable, integrated and interoperable world-class chicken to warriors and supporting elements, enabling them to dominate the roads of today and tomorrow, as we move "Forward...From the Sea." Comptroller holds and corporate taxes, however, will require delay fielding for two years, unless Congressional plus-ups are approved.

- **NAVSEASYSYSCOM's Chicken Systems Program Office (PMS400CSPO):** In a partnering relationship with the client, helped the chicken by rethinking its physical distribution strategy and implementation processes. The CSPO helped the chicken change to continue meeting its mission. However, the actual crossing of the road has not occurred due to the number of action items still open from the meeting.

----- We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public -----

Top Ten Reasons Why Men Prefer Guns Over Women...

#10 - You can trade an old 44 for a new 22.

#9 - You can keep one gun at home and have another for when you're on the road.

#8 - If you admire a friend's gun and tell him so, he will probably let you try it out a few times.

#7 - Your primary gun doesn't mind if you keep another gun for a backup.

#6 - Your gun will stay with you even if you run out of ammo.

#5 - A gun doesn't take up a lot of closet space.

#4 - Guns function normally every day of the month.

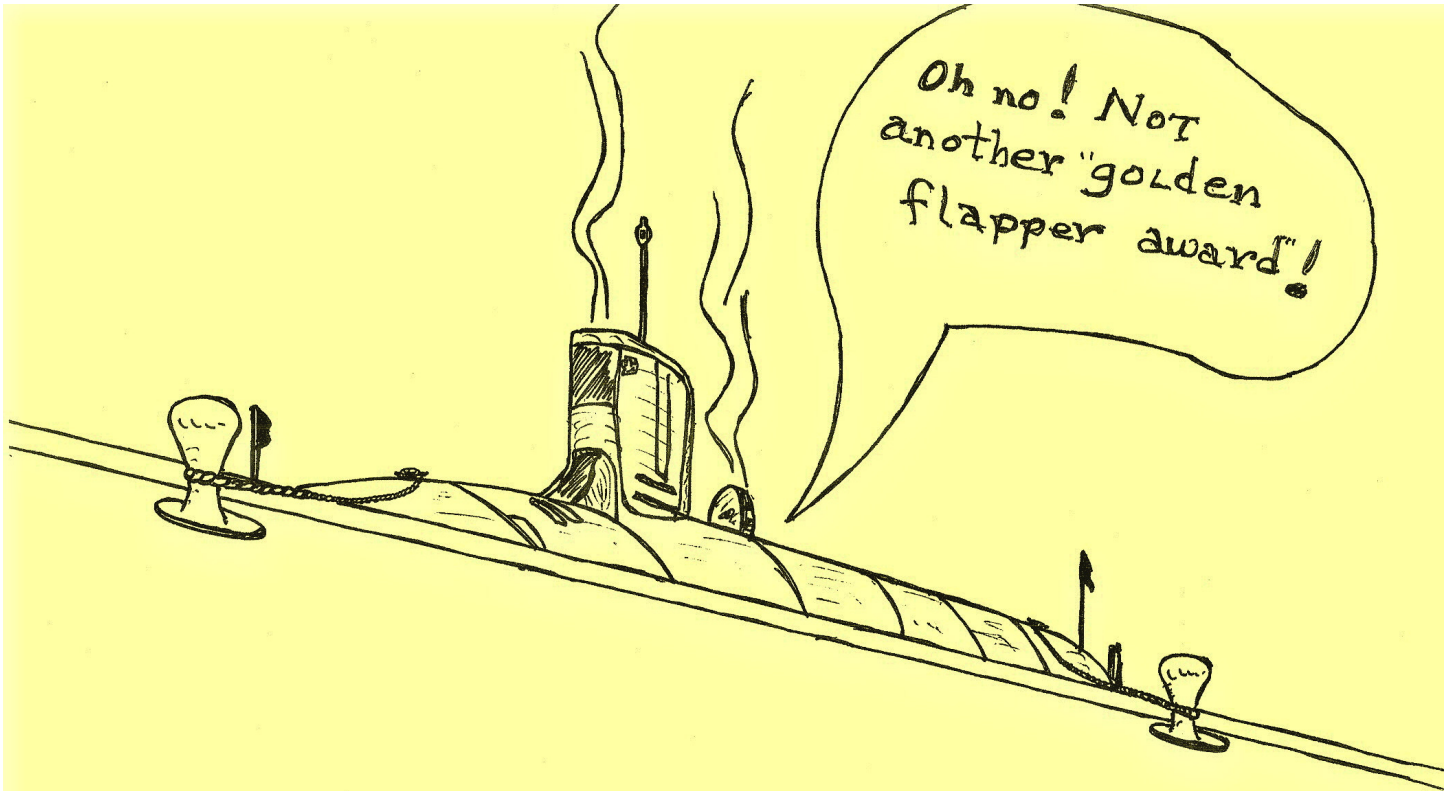
#3 - A gun doesn't ask, "Do these new grips make me look fat?"

#2 - A gun doesn't mind if you go to sleep after you use it.

And the Number One reason Why Men Prefer Guns Over Women.

#1 - You can buy a silencer for a gun!

----- Dive! Dive! -----



By CPB member Jim Schenk

You Might Be A Submariner If.....

You smell like diesel fuel You know what "Handle it" means You can "handle it", even under pressure You know what "Field day" means You know what the goat locker is You know Hogan You have ever gotten Hogan's goat You have been as screwed up as Hogan's goat You have ever found the golden rivet After finding the golden rivet, you glow in the dark You glow in the dark, even without finding the golden rivet You have ever drank bug juice You have ever slept alongside a "fish" You know when your bunk feels like a sandy beach, it is time to change the sheets You know Mattress Back (name) You have ever been blasted by an air expulsion head You know Line Locker Louie You know Lower Level Louie You know who says, "Just one more, just one more" You know that no one ever really owned a plank You know COMSUBLANT means You know Archibald Assolson You know when things have gotten out of hand You know what a "My Wife" chit is You speak acronym, fluently You know what Kingston valves are You know what poppet valves are You know that bulkhead flappers are not dancers You know that an ORSE is not an English horse You know that ping jockeys do not ride pings, or horses You know what "Ho Ho Ho" means You know what "Blow and go" means You know what "going critical" means You know what "Rig for dive" means You will go down anytime You know what a GREEN board is You know what a straight board is You know what a klaxson is You know what "AOOOGAH AOOOGAH" means Your house takes a down angle when someone blows a car horn twice You know what "Take her down" means You know what "Blow negative to the mark" means You still remember the shapes of those handles, even after the lights go out You know what "Rig for RED" means You know what "Rig for silent running" means You don't make any noise that a fish doesn't make You know what "Rig for deep submergence" means You do it deeper You know what "Run silent, run deep" means You have bored holes throughout the oceans, for months at a time You have been to the choke point, several times You found your belt getting shorter during a deployment You would never commit a SINS You know what a "familygram" is You know what "No periscope" means in a birth announcement familygram You have seen a pack of camels being led through the control room You have helped cause the evaluating psychiatrists to leave the boat ahead of schedule Most people wouldn't trust you with a canoe or a rowboat, let alone a submarine You know what "angles and dangles" mean You know what a "chicken switch" is You know that the Tunafish is NOT the chicken of the sea You know what a horny (toad) towed array is You know what "To the pole" means You have ever heard of a retractable whip antenna being used as an ice probe You know what "Get me up" means You know how to "Follow the bubble" You know that there are two kinds of ships, submarines and TARGETS You are NOT assigned to a "target" You have ever heard the words "What is the estimated range sonar?" You have ever heard the words "What is the distance to the track?" You have ever heard the words "Is it safe to come to periscope depth?" You have ever looked out a periscope and seen nothing but a target's hull You know what periscope liberty is You know that periscope liberty generally includes a shower. Thank you Aux You shoot at things you can't see You know that a "snapshot" is not a photograph You know what a "Hot run in the tube" means You know what "Hot, straight and normal" means You are among those who "Care enough to send the very best" You have never left the barn doors open You have spoken with Gertrude on occasion You know how much maneuvering is done in the maneuvering room You know what "going home turns" means You know what "Prepare to snorkel" means You know what "Prepare to surface" means You know what "Blow the forward group" means You know what "Blow the after group" means You know what "Prepare to surface without air" means You know what "Commence a low pressure blow" means After a deployment, your wife makes you leave your laundry outside After a deployment, your wife makes you strip before you enter the house After a deployment, your wife doesn't have to make you strip After a deployment, you are undressed before you even get home After a deployment, your wife makes YOU stay outside You know what "Snorkel through the alfalfa" means You know what it means to be all caught up in 15 minutes Your tombstone reads "Make my depth 6 feet."

A LITTLE KNOWN VETERAN BENEFIT

Provided By Ray Fritz

"Aid and Attendance"

Regardless of your personal status, consider passing this along to all veterans, families of veterans or individuals with veterans in their family.

"Aid and Attendance" is an underutilized special monthly pension benefit offered by the Veterans Administration for veterans and surviving spouses who require in-home care or live in nursing homes. To qualify, a veteran (includes the surviving spouse) must have served at least 90 days of active military service, one day of which is during a period of war, and must be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

The veteran's benefit is \$18,234 annually (paid monthly) and increases to \$21,615 if a veteran has one dependent. The surviving spouse alone is \$11,715 annually. For more information, call [1-800-827-1000](tel:1-800-827-1000)

A little-known veterans' benefit for long-term care expenses is available to wartime veterans and their spouses. But the benefit is being overlooked by thousands of families, industry observers say.

<http://www.seniorcareforveterans.com/>

<http://newsok.com/article/3344150>

The Special Pension for Veterans' Aid and Attendance pays up to \$1,644 a month, \$19,736 annually, toward assisted living, nursing homes or in-home care for veterans 65 and older who served at least 90 days and one day during wartime - stateside or overseas. Veterans and their spouses can receive up to \$23,396 annually and spouses of deceased veterans, \$12,681. Yet, an estimated \$22 billion a year goes unclaimed, said Don Soard, a volunteer with Operation Veteran Aid in Oklahoma City.

In 2007, only 134,000 seniors nationwide received the benefit, which was established in 1952. "Literally hundreds of thousands don't even know about it," Soard said. "Due to incomplete information, many disqualify themselves on income or assets or find the paperwork too burdensome."

Streamlined process-Soard helps families complete the necessary forms, so that approval comes in four to six months. The process is streamlined for vets who are blind or have memory issues and widows with medical needs, he said. Most applicants qualify and payments are retroactive, Soard said. The few who are denied on excessive liquid assets can seek financial advice to qualify, he said. Soard started his volunteer mission two years ago, following the deaths of two family members who served in WWII. "If they'd known about this benefit, they'd have a much better quality of life in later years," he said. "Without it, many vets are forced to go on Medicaid."

Oklahoma is one of nine states where the welfare program doesn't cover assisted living costs. Assisted living often can be an alternative to a nursing home when 24-hour skilled care is not an absolute need, said Willie Ferguson, executive director of Legend at Rivendell in Oklahoma City. "But if someone just has Social Security and a small pension, it's not enough to live here," Ferguson said.

According to a 2008 MetLife survey, assisted living in Oklahoma averages \$2,346 a month, while nursing homes cost \$153 a day for a private room. Of 73 Legend residents, nine receive the veterans' special pension, including Tom Bowen, 77, of Moore. Until I toured this operation, I had no idea the benefit was available," said Bowen, a retired engineer technician from the Federal Aviation Administration who served stateside during the Korean Conflict. Bowen recently moved into the Legend facility following several mini strokes and a diagnosis of short-term memory loss. "It's been pretty hard trying to handle expenses on my own and being able to replace savings," said Marie Bowen, his wife of 57 years. Finding a nearby facility and learning about the special veterans' pension has been a godsend, she said.

Veteran's News – with assistance from the RAO Bulletin

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VA Disability Evaluation System: The Department of Veterans Affairs' Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation met this week in Washington and heard from the VA's Executive Director of the VA-DoD Collaboration Service, Mr. John Medve, who announced that the Disability Evaluation System (DES) pilot program will be expanded worldwide to replace the existing DoD legacy program over the next twelve months. The pilot program came about as a result of the Walter Reed scandal in 2007 that uncovered wounded and disabled service members were receiving "low-balled" ratings as a result of the DES process. Several commissions that investigated Walter Reed and the DES process recommended eliminating dual VA and DoD disability evaluations, but using one medical exam and having DoD use the VA disability ratings in evaluations by the Services' Physical Evaluation Boards. The pilot, which has proven to improve the speed, effectiveness, and transparency of the DES review process, will expand from the current 27 sites to an additional 28 sites during this year's first phase. The system will be expanded to cover all remaining sites in additional three phases, with a target completion of October 2011.

LTG James Terry Scott (USA-Ret.), Chairman of the VA Advisory Committee, also announced that the committee plans to delve deeper into VA philosophy in assessing individual unemployability and the methodology behind presumptions. Scott made the announcement at the two-day meeting where the committee received progress reports on the VA Schedule of Rating Disability re-write project and VA's roll-out of on-line Disability Benefits Questionnaires. The DoD efforts are being led by Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness John R. Campbell, a Vietnam-era veteran and Purple Heart recipient recently appointed to this position after leading organizational change at several fortune 500 companies. [Source: MOAA Legislative Update 29 Oct 2010 ++]

Patriot Guard Riders: As the U.S. Supreme Court contemplates whether protestors at military funerals are protected under First Amendment free-speech rights, a motorcycle group that travels the country attending those funerals as a show of support and respect rides on, undeterred by the political fray. About 200,000 members of the Patriot Guard Riders attend military funerals to honor those who died for or served their country and to support their grieving families. They also escort the bodies of fallen servicemembers as they arrive from Dover Air Force Base, Del., for burial in their hometowns across America. The riders take part in these events only at the family's request and regardless of whether protestors are expected says Bill Richart, national president of the group's board of 11 directors. "What we do is never about the protestors," he said. "We are not a counterprotest group. We don't go anywhere because of them, and we don't not go anywhere because they are not there. ... It's about being there for the families, recognizing their loss and ensuring they know that people care."

Richart emphasized that the riders have no political agenda and take no official position on the pending Supreme Court decision. In that case, Albert Snyder, father of Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder, who was killed in Iraq in 2006, sued the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., for emotional distress after church members demonstrated and carried offensive signs at his son's funeral in Westminster, Md. A lower court ruled in Snyder's favor. However, the church appealed the decision, arguing to the Supreme Court earlier this month that the protests are protected speech under the First Amendment. As the issue plays out in the courts, the Patriot Guard Riders continue their missions around the country. Richart, an Air Force veteran who deployed to Dharan, Saudi Arabia, during Operation Desert Storm, said he and his fellow riders feel a special connection to the grieving families they support. "If you go out there and you give a couple hours of your time and show families that people care and share their loss, it's very touching to them and to us," he said. For additional information on this organization refer to <http://www.patriotguard.org>. [Source: AFPS Donna Miles article 28 Oct 2010 ++]

National D-Day Memorial: The National D-Day Memorial is a national war memorial located in Bedford, Virginia which serves as the national memorial for US D-Day veterans. It stands in tribute to the valor, fidelity and sacrifice of all Allied Armed Forces during the D-Day Invasion of Normandy, France on 6 JUN 44 during World War II. The memorial, bordering the Blue Ridge Mountains in south-western Virginia, is a large area comprising 88 acres that overlooks the small town of Bedford. It officially opened on 6 JUN 01 with 15,000 people present, one of whom was then President George W. Bush. The memorial sees roughly 85,000 visitors a year. Bedford was selected for the National D-Day memorial because the town suffered the greatest per capita loss of life during the invasion of any town in the country. In addition to the memorial's static displays, on

several weekends throughout the year, the memorial hosts events relating to remembering WWII. Examples of such events have included a weekend long encampment of WWII re-enactors and a WWII style religious mass in addition to Memorial, Independence, Veteran's, and D-Day activities that occur annually. Refer to the memorial's website www.dday.org for event information. 22 The Memorial and the Memorial Store hours are Tuesday through Sunday 1000 to 1700. If you have official business with the Foundation, its operating hours are Monday through Thursday 0900 to 1700 and Friday 0900 to 1330. the Physical Address for the Memorial is 3 Overlord Circle, Bedford, VA 24523 whereas the mailing address is P.O. Box 77, Bedford, VA 24523. During the months of January and February and part of March, the invasion pool is drained for maintenance so a trip should be planned accordingly if you desire to see the full effect of the memorial. It is recommended that you call or email the memorial ahead of time to confirm hours of operation. This can be done at (540) 586-3329/7200 or (800) 351-DDAY or dday@dday.org .

A recent controversy has some historians and most veterans of WWII up in arms. The Memorial revealed a bust of Joseph Stalin to add to the busts that were already present of Winston Churchill and FDR. The Memorial Foundation maintains that Stalin is partly responsible for victories on the Western Front due to his involvement on the Eastern Front and that overall, the war was won with Russia's help. Detractors liken it to memorializing Saddam Hussein because Iraq was an ally to the United States during the 1980's. Critics of the bust point out that Stalin murdered at least 20 million people, and that his troops did not participate at the D-Day landing. On 28 SEP, the .the memorial's board of directors announced that it will take down for now the controversial bust of Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin, along with busts of other Allied world leaders on display at the Bedford site. The statues' departure will last until an unspecified time when they can be placed in a 'more appropriate venue for Allied leader interpretation at the memorial. That venue would be somewhere on the grounds of the 88-acre memorial site. [Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_D-Day_Memorial Sep 2010 ++]

Commemorative Coin Program: A bill which would require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins recognizing the United States Army 5-Star Generals has been signed into law by the President. The program includes \$5 gold coins, \$1 silver coins, and half dollar clad coins to be released during 2013. The bill H.R. 1177: 5-Star Generals Commemorative Coin Act had been introduced on 25 FEB 09 by Rep. Dennis Moore of Kansas. The bill passed the House on 20 MAY and the Senate on 28 SEP 2010. With the President's signature on 8 OCT 2010 , the bill became Public Law No: 111-262. There are five U. S. Army 5-Star Generals who will be honored with the upcoming commemorative coin program: George Marshall, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Henry Arnold, and Omar Bradley. The authorizing legislation states that the design of the coins shall include portraits of all five of the 5-Star Generals. The designs would be selected by the Secretary of the Treasury following consultation with the Command and General Staff College Foundation, the Commission of Fine Arts, and review by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee.

Maximum authorized mintages are also established for not more than 100,000 of the \$5 gold coins, 500,000 of the \$1 silver coins, and 750,000 of the half dollar clad coins. Both proof and uncirculated versions of the coins would be available, with at least one U.S. Mint facility used to strike each version. The release of the coins will also coincide with the celebration of the 132nd anniversary of the Founding of the Army Command and General Staff College. Surcharges added to the cost of each coin would be distributed to the Command and General Staff College Foundation to help finance the College. With the approval of the 5-Star Generals Coins, the schedule for commemorative coin programs has now been filled through 2013. Generally, only two programs may be approved for each year. The current schedule of upcoming programs is:

- ☐ 2011 United States Army & Medal of Honor
- ☐ 2012 United States Army Infantry & Star Spangled Banner
- ☐ 2013 Girl Scouts Centennial & 5-Star Generals
- ☐ 2014 Civil Rights Act of 1964

[Source: The American Legion Online 21 Oct 2010 ++]

Hello Sassy Sisters,

Ingredients:

- 2 slices bread, crumbled
- 1/4 cup skim milk
- 3/4 pound extra-lean ground beef
- 1 cup grated carrots
- 1 stalk celery, finely chopped
- 1 medium onion, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can (6 ounces) no-salt-added tomato paste
- 1 egg white, slightly beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line 8-1/2- x 4-1/2-inch loaf pan with foil.

Transfer to prepared pan and bake 25 minutes, or until cooked through. Serve hot, warm, or chilled.



Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 7	8	9	10	11 THANK YOU VETERANS	12	13 Veteran's Parade in York
14	15	16	17	18	19	20  Meeting in Ft. Mill
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	December 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Articles for Dec newsletter due	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18  Meeting in Ft. Mill