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Lost Boats for February

USS SHARK (SS 174)
February 11, 1942

USS AMBERJACK (SS 219)
February 16, 1943

USS GRAYBACK (SS 208)
February 26, 1944

USS TROUT (SS 202)
February 28, 1944

USS BARBEL (SS 316)
February 4, 1945

"Sailors, rest you oars"



New USMC Colonel— My cuz' the Colonel, by Tom Kelly

On 3 Jan 2011, I had the privilege of attending my cousin's promotion ceremony to "full bird" colonel in the Marine Corps; the ceremony was held at the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Base in

Cherry Point NC. ...I remember when John Giltz graduated high school 20-some years ago!!! and now he's promoted to O-6 Colonel. He's served in Desert Storm, Desert

Shield and is now serving as the top military person in Iraq.

John's present assignment is to work directly with the U.S. Ambassador in Iraq and he is responsible for preparing what the post-US military Iraq will look like when the US pulls all remaining troops out of Iraq by the end of this year.

We are very proud of him.—Tom Kelly

Tom and Cousin John



You might want to keep an eye out for this one and let your Representative know how you feel.

H.R.319 : Veterans Day Off Act. A bill to require employers to provide veterans with time off on Veterans Day.

Sponsor: Rep Braley, Bruce L. [IA-1] (introduced 1/19/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Education and the Workforce

Latest Major Action: 1/19/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Parades, Massing of the Colors, and more

With St. Patrick's Day approaching there are a couple of parades that we can participate in with the North Carolina Bases.

The first one is the Raleigh Parade to be held on March 12th. The second is on March 19th here in Charlotte.

Other parades include; Azalea Festival Parade at Wilmington Saturday

April 9th; Thomasville's Memorial Day Parade Monday May 30th; Iredell County Independence Celebration Parade at Troutman, NC Saturday July 2nd (**expected date**); 4th of July Parade at Faith Monday July 4th (**expected date**); Old Soldier's Parade at Newton Thursday August 18th; Asheboro's Veterans Day Parade Friday

November 11th; and Winston-Salem's Veterans Day Parade November 12th (**expected date**). More information as details develop.

The first Massing of the Colors for this season will be held in Greenville on March 6th. Others based on last year are Rock Hill and Columbia.

Flag Etiquette presentations are starting to come in with two elementary

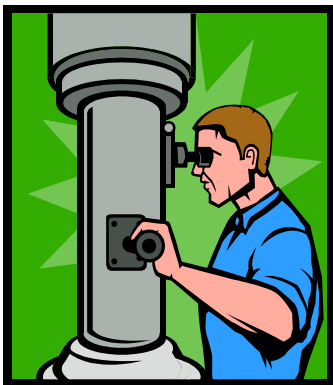
schools, one in Lowell and the other in Fort Mill, on the 25th of this month. Usually as the school year ends, more school will want to participate.

We have also been asked to present the Colors at the Charlotte Knights Game on May 30th. Get ready for a busy summer representing our Base and our departed shipmates.

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Burnsville 2011



The 2011 Burnsville Memorial Service is scheduled for 20-21 May 2011. We have 30 rooms reserved at the Pinebridge Inn in Spruce Pine, NC. The last two years we have used these facilities and those that have attended enjoyed the weekend in the

mountains. We are trying to catch the spring flowers up there at their peak, but have not done well at that yet. Maybe this year. If you plan to attend, see the registration form in this newsletter and get it in as well as your reservations at the hotel. We have a

rate of \$57.25 (plus tax). The cutoff for that rate is 2 May 2011. I also need to have your registration forms (and money) so that I can plan the dinner as well. Please plan to attend.—Cmdr. Steve

Registration form -Page 16 and 17

CO's Stateroom

National dues collection is over. If you did not pay, you are probably no longer on the roles with USSVI. I know a few of you have not paid your base dues (and I think you know who you are), so please get that into Lee Hickerson as soon as you can. I would really like to put the 'dues issue' to bed.

As I am writing this, Dale has finally succeeded in getting into a couple of schools to start the Flag Etiquette Program for our base. Both schools are on the same day with two sessions each and are the day before our next meeting. This is a wonderful program and I am sure it

will grow. Please do not hesitate to volunteer for this when an opportunity in your area comes up.

Also, our educating the young in our communities continues with several happening in February. Most will be done by the time we meet, but I am told that this week on one occasion we are presenting to a large number of children in a middle school. Another enjoyable opportunity to participate in when it happens at a school in your area. Better yet, see if you can set one up and we will help you get going. It is just another one of those things that when you walk out the

door, you really feel good about what you have done.

It will not be long and we will be hosting our annual event in Spruce Pine for the Burnsville Memorial Service. I have sent out the registration for this (both with our newsletter and the All Clear) and via e-mail. The major arrangements have already been made. We should have a good meal like last year and I know that all the ones that spoke to me about it last year said they enjoyed the weekend. I hope to run not only a 50/50 raffle, but also a larger raffle with various prizes. If any-



**Carolina Piedmont
Base Commander
Steve Bell**

one would like to make something, has something nice to contribute, please step forward. I have also asked the ladies to raffle a nice basket of prizes like they have done at some of our meetings in the past. Please help out on those where you can.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting on the 26th.

Chaplin's Corner—Raymond Fritz, Base Chaplin

Dear shipmates,
Time marches quickly onward. I hope you all had a memorable

I liked going to sea and I liked coming back to port, especially after Diana and I were married. Those homecomings were very special. In those days the single crewmembers lived aboard the boat while in port and, of course, the duty section (married

and single) was on board when they had the duty. If we had the duty on special days the wives were often invited to join us for the evening meal and a movie!

We (the USS Skate SSN578) usually tied up alongside the USS Fulton, when she was at State Pier. When the Fulton wasn't there we tied up to the pier which meant we didn't have to deal with the quarter-

deck of the Fulton when going on the beach. We rarely tied up at the Sub base.

It's a much different world today than it was 50 years ago but love and romance haven't changed. We all realize there are those who distort and twist it and degrade it, often for their own profit. I think we have over 150 channels, on Satellite, to choose from for news and enter-

tainment but we find it difficult to find anything other than the news that is uplifting and beneficial (well, not ALL that is uplifting either!). Most of the movies, even those that have really good story lines, are filled with filth, both physical and verbal. We often start to watch a movie and after 5 minutes into it, delete it because it is just not worth wasting our time.

Comm Center— Jack Jeffries, Base Secretary**CAROLINA PIEDMONT MINUTES****21 JANUARY 2011**

An executive board meeting was conducted prior to the monthly base meeting to explain the change to our Base Constitution and By-Laws. Change made was to delete the position of Jr. Vice Commander. This change was approved by the Executive Board and will be presented to the members present for their approval. Glenn Harris was appointed as the Election Board Chairman.

1900- Meeting called to order by Commander Steve Bell. Invocation by Chaplain Ray Fritz. Pledge of Allegiance. Tolling of the Boats lost in month of January presented by Chaplain Ray Fritz. Introduction of members present. 25 members present.

Presented ATTABOY awards to Clarence Jordan and Lee Hickerson for the work they have done for the base.

Presented 10 year USSVI membership pins to Jim Schenk and Glenn Harris and 15 Year pin to John Rupertus.

Reading of previous meeting minutes; approved and seconded as read

Reading of Treasurers report- Current Balance-\$3000.00, Memorial Restoration fund-238.50, Kaps4Kids 940.30, Funds available-1821.80 Approved/seconded

Old Business-none

New Business-Discussed possibility of placing ad for 2011 National Convention, rejected. Explained change to Base C&BL to members, approved and seconded. Float maintenance, discussed donation of \$100.00. Approved and seconded

Good of the Order-Jack made report of the progress of the School Presentation programs now in progress. Steve made report on progress of the Eagle Scout program. Rick Pettitt presented basic CPR to membership. Sandra Myers made a presentation outlining the upcoming cruise leaving Ft. Lauderdale. Tentative date 6 Oct. Clarence Jordan made a proposal concerning the National Nuclear Museum-James Polk sail memorial. Cost of brick is \$100.00 Pavers to cost \$250.00. Motion tabled until next meeting. Glenn Harris informed us of the St. Patty's day parade in Charlotte scheduled for 19 March. Dale Moses made presentation of Flag Awareness class to be given at area schools. Walt Sealy proposed that meeting be moved to 1830, motion tabled until next meeting. Walt Sealy announced the Massing of the Colors scheduled for 6 March in Greenville, SC.

Next meeting scheduled for 26 Feb

2030 Motion to adjourn. Seconded

Chaplin (con't)

I'm not for censorship except at the personal level. We don't have to watch it, so we don't. I admit that we have endured some because the story line was so good or it was a documentary but we don't really enjoy it as much as we could. You understand, of course.

So what's my point? The greatest Valentine of history came into the world

as a man. He is God's letter of love to a lost and dying mankind. Sadly, it has been twisted and distorted by many but it is still the story of God's love. We are told:

**He came to
His own,
and those
who were**

**His own did
not receive
Him. John
1:11**

Thankfully the story doesn't end there. John goes on to say:

**But as many as
received Him, to
them He gave
the right to be-**

Russ and Sam

Russ and Sam, two friends, met in the park every day to feed the pigeons, watch the squirrels and discuss world problems.

One day Russ didn't show up. Sam didn't think much about it and figured maybe he had a cold or something.. But after Russ hadn't shown up for a week or so, Sam really got worried. However, since the only time they ever got together was at the park, Sam didn't know where Russ lived, so he was unable to find out what had happened to him.

A month had passed, and Sam figured he had seen the last of Russ, but one day, Sam approached the park and--

lo and behold!--there sat Russ! Sam was very excited and happy to see him and told him so. Then he said, 'For crying out loud Russ, what in the world happened to you?'

Russ replied, 'I have been in jail.'

'Jail!' cried Sam. What in the world for?'

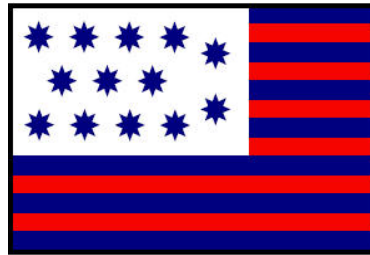
'Well,' Russ said, 'you know Sue, that cute little blonde waitress at the coffee shop where I sometimes go?'

'Yeah,' said Sam, 'I remember her. What about her?'

'Well, one day she filed rape charges against me; and, at 89 years old, I was so proud

that when I got into court, I pled 'guilty'.

'The damn judge gave me 30 days for perjury.'



Flag Trivia—Where did this Flag fly in our Nation's history? (see page 11)

Supply Info...

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.

Chaplin (con't)



come children of God, *even* to those who believe [trust, rely] in His name,¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12-13

Read over those verses carefully. Becoming a child of God is not by the will of man. Concerning the phrase "Born again":

Jesus answered and

said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁷ Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' John 3:6-7

This is not a casual acknowledgement [head knowledge] of Jesus. James tells us that even the "**demons believe, and tremble**" but they are not saved [rescued, ransomed] from eternal damnation. Being truly born again by the Holy Spirit is like the home-

coming I mentioned at the beginning. I liked coming home because Diana was there (still do!). As followers of Christ we look forward to that great homecoming with Jesus. But, in between there is a lot of living to accomplish so that we can say with the Apostle Paul what he said to young Timothy:

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; ⁸in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the

Are you ready for a Charlotte's Knights Baseball Game?

The Knight's has asked our Base to attend a game and present the Colors again on **Memorial Day Week-end** for the Saturday evening game (May 28th). A special group rate of \$10 per person will apply if we can get 20 or more. We did a great job at presenting the Colors that they said we can present them when ever we want and the presenters will get the special price for each game. Let Dale Moses know if you are interested in attending. If your family is in town for the Holiday, bring them to the game, just let Dale know in advance. We need at least 4 members to present, but the more the better.—Moe(SS)



Chaplin (con't)

Lord, the righteous Judge,
will award to me on that
day; and not only to me,
but also to all who have
loved His appearing.
1 Timothy 2:7-8

Shipmates and fellow pilgrims; there is no surer anchor than Jesus when the floods and storms of life buffet the ship of life. May I ask, "Where is your ship headed?"

My Anchor Holds

William C. Martin, 1902

Though the angry surges roll
On my tempest-driven soul,
I am peaceful, for I know,
Wildly though the winds may blow,
I've an anchor safe and sure,
That can evermore endure.

Refrain:

And it holds, my anchor holds:
Blow your wildest, then, O gale,
On my bark so small and frail;
By His grace I shall not fail,
For my anchor holds, my anchor holds.

Mighty tides about me sweep,
Perils lurk within the deep,
Angry clouds o'ershade the sky,
And the tempest rises high;
Still I stand the tempest's shock,
For my anchor grips the rock.

I can feel the anchor fast
As I meet each sudden blast,
And the cable, though unseen,
Bears the heavy strain between;
Through the storm I safely ride,
Till the turning of the tide.

Troubles almost 'whelm the soul;
Griefs like billows o'er me roll;
Tempters seek to lure astray;
Storms obscure the light of day:
But in Christ I can be bold,
I've an anchor that shall hold.

*In Christ's amazing grace,
Chaplain Ray*

PS – We were saddened to hear of Lucille Vail Leibel's (Ma Bell's mother) passing but find joy in knowing that she loved Jesus, lived for Him, and looked forward to meeting him.



USS Skate - State Pier - Feb 1959

New members Binnacle List

Welcome Aboard

Anne Tuchfield

Keep asking, we need more names here!

Happy Birthday to:

February

Sandi Wardean 2/03

Hal Rutter 2/09

Jack Jeffries 2/13

Jerry Paciorek 2/13

Cindy Pettitt 2/17

Monica Dachs 2/18

Sandra Myers 2/18

Jim Harris 2/26

March

Bob Saenz 3/01

Rick Pettitt 3/05

William Hickerson 3/07

Howard Dachs 3/14

Judy Hickerson 3/15

Ruth Murray 3/15

Barbara Sealy 3/24

Robert Howell 3/30

If we missed your birthday or a spouses birthday, please let us know.
—Jack or Moe(SS)



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

February

Linda and Greg

Crystal - 2/5

Linda and Raymond

Zieverink - 2/24

March

Sandi and John
Wardean - 3/1

Libby and Calvin
Reese - 3/31

Be My Valentine



CAROLINA PIEDMONT SUBVETTES

Hello Sisters hope this finds you doing great and happy. Our meal for our February meeting will be Italian and anything chocolate for dessert. I have the list if you need to check what dish you have signed up. If you have forgotten, give me a call 704-289-4650 or email HOLLTKIDS@aol.com. Also please don't forget to wear pink or red for

our celebration for Valentines Day. Please say a prayer for comfort for Ma Bell and family over the loss of her mother it is a very hard thing to go thru as some of you may have had to face. We are now doing secret sister again so PLEASE don't forget yours.

I just got back from Bristol so while I was up there I went to the V. A. in Johnson City and gave

two big bags of books to the hospital in our name. They were so pleased to get them. Remember to bring a DVD for our next service project and another reminder to don't forget our local recruiters. I am very thankful we have got such a great group and friends that I have found in Sassy Sisters I hope YOU feel the same as I do. May God Bless You

and May God Bless our great country. I am looking forward to seeing you soon and by the way HAPPY VALENTINES DAY !!!!! - Sandra



Red Potato Hash

This hash can be cooked early in the day and reheated at serving time. Feel free to substitute another variety of potato, such as Yukon gold, for the red potatoes.

1-1/2 pounds red-skinned potatoes, cut into 1/4-inch dice

1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons olive oil

2 medium onions, finely chopped

1/2 teaspoon rubbed sage

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 green bell pepper, cut into 1/4-inch dice

1 red bell pepper, cut into 1/4-inch dice

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

In large pot of boiling water, cook potatoes 5 minutes or until firm-tender. Drain.

Meanwhile in large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add onions, sage, black pepper, and salt and cook, stirring frequently, for 5 minutes or until onions are golden brown.

Add green and red bell peppers, and cook 5 minutes or until peppers are tender. Add potatoes and cook 5 to 7 minutes or until potatoes are golden brown.

Stir in mustard and cook, stirring frequently, for 5 minutes or until hash is richly flavored and slightly crusty.



Ancient Rome declined because it had a Senate; now what's going to happen to us with both a Senate and a House? - Will Rogers

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.

Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to?

Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.

How is it one careless

match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Piedmont Funnies Page

COPS

‘Chicken’

Provide by Jim Schenk

Our teacher asked us what our favorite animal was, and I said, "fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right because everyone else in the class laughed.

My parents told me to always be truthful and honest, and I am. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of 'PETA'. He said they love animals very much. I do too. Especially, chicken, pork, and beef.

Anyway, my teacher

sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, just like she'd asked the other children. So I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office, again. Again he laughed, and told me not to do it any more.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I

am. Today, my teacher asked us to tell her what famous person we admire most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders". Guess where I am now.....

Tips From the Redneck Book of Manners

Never take a beer to a job interview.

Always identify people in your yard before shooting at them .

It's considered poor taste to take a cooler to church.

If you have to vacuum the bed, it is time to change the sheets.

Even if you're certain that you are included in the will, it is still considered tacky to drive a U-Haul to the funeral.

These are actual comments made by South Carolina Troopers that were taken off their car videos:

1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."
3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."
4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
5. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."

The exhausting job search

My first job was working in an Orange Juice, factory but I got canned because I couldn't concentrate. After that, I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe. Then, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it, mainly because it was a sew-sew job.

Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting. Then, tried being a Chef. I figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme. Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it... couldn't cut the mustard. My best job was a Musician, but eventually

found I wasn't noteworthy.

I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience. Next, was a job in a Shoe factory. Tried hard but I was always out of step. I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income. After searching I

managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.

So then I applied for a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized

Job search (con't)

there was no future in it. My last job was working Starbucks, but had to quit because it was the same old grind.

So, now I'm trying retirement and I found I'm perfect for the job!

Did you hear about the guy who was in a bar and about as drunk as it is possible to get? A group of guys notice his condition and decide to be good Samaritans and take him home.

First they stand him

up to get to his wallet so they can find out where he lives, but he keeps falling down. He fell down eight more times on the way to the car, each time with a real thud.

After they get to his

house, he falls down another four times getting him to the door. His wife comes to the door, and one guy says, "We brought your husband."

The wife asks, "Where's his wheelchair?" - Jack Jeffries

THE TINY CABIN

A social worker from a big City in Massachusetts recently transferred to Mountains of West Virginia and was on first tour of her new territory when she came upon the tiniest cabin she had ever seen in her life. Intrigued, she went up and knocked on the door.

"Anybody home?" she asked.

"Yep," came a kid's

voice through the door.

"Is your father there?" asked the social worker.

"Pa? Nope, he left afore Ma came in," said the kid.

"Well, is your mother there?" persisted the social worker.

"Ma? Nope, she left just afore I got here," said the kid.

"But," protested the social worker, "are you never together as a family?"

"Sure, but not here," said the kid through the door. "This is the out-house!"

Government workers are so very smart. Aren't you overjoyed that they'll soon be handling all our financial, educational and medical dilemmas?



At income tax time, did you ever notice: When you put the two words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells ... 'THEIRS'?

Those kids!

A little boy got on the bus, sat next to a man reading a book, and noticed he had his collar on backwards. The little boy asked why he wore his collar backwards.

The man, who was a priest, said, 'I am a Father.'

The little boy replied, 'My Daddy doesn't wear his collar like that.'

The priest looked up

from his book and answered, 'I am the Father of many.'

The boy said, 'My Dad has 4 boys, 4 girls and two grandchildren and he doesn't wear his collar that way!'

The priest, getting impatient, said, 'I am the Father of hundreds', and went back to reading his book.

The little boy sat quietly thinking for a while, then leaned over and said, 'Maybe you should wear a condom, and put your pants on backwards instead of your collar.'



Marriage is like a Deck of Cards -

In the beginning all you need is a couple of hearts and a diamond.

By the end you wish you had a club and a spade!

Massing of the Colors—by Walt Sealy

The Scottish Rite Bodies of Greenville, S.C. invited us to participate in "Massing of the Colors" at 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 6th at the Scottish Rite Temple, 817 Cleveland Street, Greenville, SC. This patriotic and religious ceremony acknowledges our heritage of freedom and its symbolic representation, the Flag of the United States of America.

The Massing of the Colors is an inspiring ceremony which assembles representatives of various military (active, reserve, guard and veterans), civic, religious, scouting and patriotic organizations. These participants assembling en mass under their own banners in a patriotic event provides a refreshing tribute to our heritage and to the deceased of all our wars who helped preserve it.

They expect participant of more than thirty organizations

which will provide uniformed color guards, including ROTC and JROTC units of South Carolina, active, reserve and Guard military units representing all services of the Armed Forces, and various retired military and ex-military groups. They anticipate more than 250 to attend, including state and local dignitaries.

The relatively short patriotic and religious ceremony is moving and meaningful. It consists of a procession of colors and guards to the massing point, music, an invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, commemorative prayer, blessing of the colors, and Patriotic music. The highlight of the program will be a patriotic address given by one of our leading citizens.

This beautiful program, blending colorful pageantry of uniforms and flags with an appropriate religious ceremony is an in-

spiring occasion for the whole community and a wonderful experience for the participants. The symbolic unification of these independent groups manifests the great strength of the United States of America.

The Color Bearers and Color Guards will begin assembling at 1:30PM. The ceremony will begin promptly at 3:00PM. Directions to the Scottish Rite Temple may be obtained by calling (864)232-5430 weekdays between 9:30AM and 2:30PM.

Any questions about the invitation or ceremony, Call either Jay Frazier at (864)593-8885 or William B. Rogers at (864)915-2909. If you want to attend and assist in presenting the Bases Colors, call Dale Moses at 704-248-7610 to arrange a carpool on that day.

Grandpa and the Viagra

Grandma and Grandpa were visiting their kids overnight. When Grandpa found a bottle of Viagra in his son's medicine cabinet, he asked about using one of the pills.

The son said, "I don't think you should take one Dad; they're very strong and very expensive."

"How much?" asked Grandpa.

"\$10. a pill," Answered the son.

"I don't care," said Grandpa, "I'd still like to try one, and before we leave in the

morning, I'll put the money under the pillow."

Later the next morning, the son found \$110 under the pillow. He called Grandpa and said, "I told you each pill was \$10, not \$110.

"I know," said Grandpa. "The hundred is from Grandma!"

We need your stories

Every Boat Sailor has stories. You can find one, clean it up and peck it into an e-mail and send it to donutdad@carolina.rr.com

It's winter time, you can't work outside, but you can talk a half-hour and type up a story.

We won't even care if it true or not.—Moe(SS)



Presenting the Colors at a Charlotte Knight's Game...

It's getting to be that time of the year again. Who wants to be part of a formal Color Guard? This team would practice for such events as presenting the Colors at a Knight's game as well as other events and presentations. It's all in our brains already, we just have to dig it out and learn to do it together. Contact Dale at donut-dad@carolina.rr.com.



Answer to the Flag Trivia:

Flown By General Nathanael Green at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, right here in our region—NC on 3/15/1781



AIN'T— provided by Jim Schenk

He was just a little boy, on a week's first day. Wandering home from Bible school, and dawdling on the way.

He scuffed his shoes into the grass; he even found a caterpillar. He found a fluffy milkweed pod, and blew out all the

'filler.'

A bird's nest in a tree overhead, so wisely placed up so high. Was just another wonder that caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watched his zigzag course, and hailed him from the

lawn; asked him where he'd been that day and what was going on.

'I've been to Bible School,' he said and turned a piece of sod. He picked up a wiggly worm replying, 'I've learned a lot about God.'

M'm, very fine way,' the neighbor said, 'for a boy to spend his time.'

'If you'll tell me where God is, I'll give you a brand new dime.'

Quick as a flash the answer came! Nor were his accents faint. 'I'll give you a dollar, Mister, If you can tell me where God ain't.'

Lawyer Joke of the Month

A Mafia Godfather finds out that his bookkeeper, Guido, has cheated him out of \$10 million. His bookkeeper is deaf. That was the reason he got the job in the first place. It was assumed that Guido would hear nothing so he would not have to testify in court.

When the Godfather goes to confront Guido about his

missing \$10 million, he takes along his lawyer who knows sign language. The Godfather tells the lawyer, "Ask him where's the money?"

The lawyer, using sign language, asks Guido, "where's the money?"

Guido signs back, "I don't know what you are talking about."

The lawyer tells the Godfather, "He says he doesn't know what you are talking about".

The Godfather pulls out a pistol, puts it to Guido's temple and says, "Ask him again!" The lawyer signs to Guido, "He'll kill you if you don't tell him."

Guido signs back, "OK!"

You win! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed at my cousin Bruno's house."

The Godfather asks the lawyer, "What did he say?"

The lawyer replies, "He says you don't have the balls to pull the trigger."



New Holland Club News

Membership in the Holland Club is limited to those who have been qualified in submarines for 50 years or more. It is a special distinction bestowed on these special shipmates. Even though the Holland Club members are also members of the USSVI, they are afforded special recognition for their long years of service, by being designated Holland

Club Members.

Currently, our Base has the following Holland Club members:

Al Allen, Perry Blake, Robert Boyd, Charles Cross, Ray Fritz, Jim Harris, William Holzen-dorf, Arnold Kirk, Hal Rutter, Walt Sealy, Glen Snyder, Winborne Springs, and Bill Widell.

Thanks Shipmates for your service.

OK So if the Jacksonville Jaguars are known as the 'Jags' and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are known as the 'Bucs,' what does that make the Tennessee Titans?

A Tribute to BOB HOPE — Provided by Ray Fritz



If you are too young to remember Bob Hope, ask your Grandparents. And, thanks for the memories.

May this put a smile on your face and in your heart.

A Tribute to a man who DID make a difference.



ON TURNING 70: "You still chase women, but only downhill'.

ON TURNING 80: 'That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing.'

ON TURNING 90: 'You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.'

ON TURNING 100: 'I don't feel old. In fact, I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.'

ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER, BOXING: 'I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them.'

ON NEVER WINNING AN OSCAR: 'Welcome to the Academy Awards or, as it's called at my home, 'Passover'.

ON GOLF: 'Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees.'

ON PRESIDENTS: 'I have performed for 12 presidents and entertained only six.'

ON WHY HE CHOSE SHOWBIZ FOR HIS CAREER: 'When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, "Congratulations, you have an eight pound ham..."'

ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY: 'Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother.'

ON HIS SIX BROTHERS: 'That's how I learned to dance, waiting for the bathroom.'

ON HIS EARLY FAILURES: 'I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me.'

ON GOING TO HEAVEN: 'I've done benefits for ALL religions. I'd hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality.'

Give me a sense of humor. Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke, to get some humor out of life, and pass it on to others.

Bob is missed by all generations.



Another Carolina Piedmont Cruise?

Hey Carolina Piedmont,

I am looking at putting another cruise together and would love some input as to where you would like to go, and the time frame. Also what port would you like to leave from. Its about 525 miles to Cape Canaveral. I will be waiting for your feedback. my email is HOLLT-KIDS@aol.com and phone number 704-289-4650.



Dear Lord:

My prayer for 2011 is for a fat bank account & a thin body.

Please don't mix these up like you did last year.
AMEN!!! :

Snowing In Kansas

I just got off the phone with a friend in Kansas. He said that since early this morning the snow has been nearly waist high and is still falling. The temperature is dropping below zero and the north wind is increas-

ing. His wife has done nothing but look through the kitchen window. He says that if it gets much worse, he may have to let her in.
- Moe(SS)

**Next
Meeting:
Ft. Mill at
VFW Post
9138**

**February
26th
At
5:30 PM**

VETERANS NEWS by the RAQ Bulletin

National Parks

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has announced that National Park Service officials will waive admission fees on 17 selected dates throughout 2011 to encourage all Americans to visit a national park this year. With 394 national parks throughout the country, most Americans live within a few hours of a park, making them places for easy and af-

fordable vacations any time of the year. Many national park concessions also will offer discounts on fee-free days, saving visitors money on food, lodging, tours and souvenirs. For more information, visit 31 the National Park Service website www.nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparks.htm. Following are the fee-free days in 2011:

- January 15-17 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday weekend)
- April 16-24 (National Park Week)
- June 21 (First day of summer)
- September 24 (Public Lands Day)
- November 11-13 (Veterans Day weekend)

[Source: Military.com Veterans Report 17 Jan 2011 ++]

Veteran Email Scam

An old e-mail scam has reappeared and is targeting veterans. Recently forwarded throughout the Army community and titled "Warning To Veterans," the current version of the e-mail advises against using the services of an organization called Veterans Affairs Services. An earlier

version of this e-mail, purportedly from Michael G. Daugherty, staff attorney with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of General Counsel, contains a Facebook link that may be an attempt to upload a virus according to Better Business Bureau (BBB) Military Line officials.

The BBB advises anyone receiving this e-mail not click on the link. Also, the VA advises veterans seeking assistance to use a VA-recognized service organization in order to submit a claim for benefits. [Source: Military.com Veterans Report article 17 Jan 2011 ++]

VA Tinnitus Care Update 02

Scientists from the University of Texas announced in the scientific journal *Nature* that they have found a way to treat chronic tinnitus. Tinnitus, a chronic ringing in the ears is the most common service connected disability for enlisted Air Force retir-

ees and veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The VA pays approximately one billion dollars (\$1 billion) a year for service connected disability payments for tinnitus. Doctors believe that over 23 million Americans suffer from some degree of this

condition including 10% of seniors and a whopping 40% of veterans. The scientists believe that it is caused by the brain failing to adjust to nerve damage caused to exposure to loud or continual noise. Michael Kilgard, the co-author of the study said: —Brain



changes in response to nerve damage or cochlear trauma cause irregular neural activity believed to be responsible for many types of chronic pain and tinnitus. We believe the part of the brain that processes sounds- the auditory cortex-delegates too many neurons to some frequencies and things begin to go awry.¶ The treatment (so far suc-

cessful in rats) electronically stimulates the Vagus nerve (which runs from the brain to the abdomen) while playing a high pitched tone. Human clinical trials are expected to start in the next several months. This technique called VNS is already used to treat approximately 50,000 people with epilepsy or depression. If the trials are successful

this would be the first treatment that would eliminate rather than just mask tinnitus. [Source: TREA Washington Update 14 Jan 2011 ++]

Editor's Note: I have ringing in my ears and I think it was from running the diesel and I was on a nuke boat.



Military History—U505

On 4 June 1944, a hunter-killer group of the United States Navy captured the German submarine U-505. This event marked the first time a U.S. Navy vessel had captured an enemy vessel at sea since the nineteenth century. The action took place in the Atlantic Ocean, in Latitude 21-30N, Longitude 19-20W, about 150 miles off the coast of Rio De Oro, Africa. The American force was commanded by Captain Daniel V. Gallery, USN, and comprised the escort Carrier Guadalcanal (CVE-60) and five escort vessels under Commander Frederick S. Hall, USN: Pillsbury (DE-133) Pope DE-134),

Flaherty (DE-135), Chatelain (DE-149), and Jenks (DE-665). Alerted by American cryptanalysts, who--along with the British--had been decrypting the German naval code, the Guadalcanal task group knew U-boats were operating off the African coast near Cape Verde. They did not know the precise location, however, because the exact coordinates (latitude and longitude) in the message were encoded separately before being enciphered for transmission. By adding this regional information together with high-frequency direction finding fixes (HF/DF)--which tracked U-boats by radio transmissions--

and air and surface reconnaissance, the Allies could narrow down a U-boat's location to a small area. The Guadalcanal task group intended to use all these methods to find and capture the next U-boat they encountered through the use of trained boarding parties.

The task group sailed from Norfolk, Virginia, on 15 May 1944 for an anti-submarine patrol near the Canary Islands. For two weeks they searched unsuccessfully, even steaming as far south as Freetown, Sierra Leone, in a vain effort to locate a U-boat. On Sunday, 4 June 1944, with fuel running low, the warships' reluctantly turned north and headed

Q: What's wrong with the picture in above ?

A: Flying the Flag upside down is a signal that life or property is in DANGER, not a sign of protest.

U-505 (con't)

for Casablanca. Ironically, not ten minutes later at 1109 that morning, USS Chatelain (DE-149), Lieutenant Commander Dudley S. Knox, USNR, made sonar contact on an object just 800 yards away on her starboard bow. Guadalcanal immediately swung clear at top speed, desperately trying to avoid getting in the way, as Chatelain and the other escorts closed the position. In the minutes required to identify the contact definitely as a submarine, however, Chatelain closed too rapidly and could not attack--as her depth charges would not sink fast enough to intercept the U-boat. The escort held her fire instead, opened range and setup a deliberate attack with her "hedgehog" (ahead-thrown depth charges which explode on contact only) battery. Regaining sonar contact after a momentary loss due to the short range, Chatelain passed beyond the submarine and swung around toward it to make a second attack with depth charges.

As the ship heeled over in her tight turn, one of two General Motors FM-2 "Wildcat" fighter

planes launched over-head by Guadalcanal, sighted the submerged U-boat and dived on it, firing into the water to mark the submarine's position. Chatelain steadied up on her sound bearing and moved in for the kill. A full pattern of depth charges set for a shallow target splashed into the water around the U-boat. As their detonations threw geysers of spray into the air, a large oil slick spread on the water; the fighter plane overhead radioed "You struck oil! Sub is surfacing!" Just six and one-half minutes after Chatelain's first attack, U-505 broke the surface with its rudder jammed, lights and electrical machinery out, and water coming in. As the submarine broached only 700 yards from Chatelain, the escort opened fire with all automatic weapons that would bear and swept the U-boat's decks. Pillsbury, Lieutenant George W. Casselman, USNR, and Jenks, Lieutenant Commander Julius F. Way, USN, farther away, and the two "Wildcats" overhead all joined the shooting and added to the intense barrage. Wounded in the torrent of fire and believing that his submarine

had been mortally damaged by Chatelain's depth charges, the commanding officer of U-505 quickly ordered his crew to abandon ship. So quickly was this command obeyed that scuttling measures were left incomplete and the submarine's engines continued to run.

The jammed rudder caused the partially-submerged U-505 to circle to the right at a speed near seven knots. Seeing the U-boat turning toward him, the commanding officer of Chatelain ordered a single torpedo fired at the submarine in order to forestall what appeared to be a similar attack on himself. The torpedo passed ahead of U-505, which by now appeared to be completely abandoned. About two minutes later, the escort division commander ordered cease fire and called away Pillsbury's boarding party. While Chatelain and Jenks picked up survivors, Pillsbury sent its motor whaleboat to the circling submarine where Lieutenant (junior grade) Albert L. David, USN, led the eight-man party on board. Despite the probability of U-505 sinking or blowing up at



A Note from the COB:

Our neighbor has a son who is deployed in Afghanistan and we have sent him the occasional care package. If any members are interested, I will send him one from our base. If you have anything, books, candy, jerky, etc that you would like to send, I will collect it at the next meeting and I will package and ship it along with a note from the base.

Thank you, Howard

U-505 (con't)

any minute and not knowing what form of resistance they might meet below, David and his men clambered up the conning tower and then down the hatches into the boat itself. After a quick examination proved the U-boat was completely deserted (except for one dead man on deck - the only fatality of the action), the boarders set about bundling up charts, code books, and papers, disconnecting demolition charges, closing valves, and plugging leaks. By the time the flood of water had been stopped, the U-boat was low in the water and down by the stern.

Meanwhile, Pillsbury twice went alongside the turning submarine to put over tow lines and each time the escort's side was pierced by the U-boats' bow plane. Finally, with three compartments flooded, she was forced to haul clear to attend to her own damage. The boarding party was then reinforced by a party from Guadalcanal. Led by Commander Earl Trosino, USNR, the carrier's men completed temporary salvage measures, and took a towline from Guadalcanal. The

salvage crew was later joined by Commander Colby G. Rucker, USN, who arrived with the seaplane tender Humbolt (AVP-21). In an ingenious solution to the heavy flooding, the salvage crew disconnected the boat's diesels from her motors. This allowed the propellers to turn the shafts while under tow. After setting the main switches to charge the batteries, Guadalcanal towed the U-boat at high speed, turning the electric motors over which recharged the boat's batteries. With power restored, the salvage crew could use the U-boat's own pumps and air compressors to finish pumping out seawater and bring her up to full surface trim. After three days of towing, Guadalcanal was relieved of her burden by the fleet tug Abnaki (ATF-96). Arriving with the tug was the tanker Kennebec (AO-36), sent to provide much-needed fuel to the hunter-killer group. On Monday, 19 June 1944, U-505 was brought into Port Royal Bay, Bermuda, after a tow of 1,700 miles.

Fifty-eight prisoners had been taken from the water during the action.

One man had been killed and three (the commanding officer, executive officer, and one enlisted man of the U-boat) wounded. For his part in saving the abandoned submarine, Lieutenant (jg) David was awarded the Medal of Honor; Torpedoman's Mate Third Class A. Knispel and Radioman Second Class S. E. Wdowiak, each received the Navy Cross; and Commander Trosino received the Legion of Merit. The task group itself was awarded the Presidential Unit citation, in part because of the unique and difficult feat of boarding and capturing an enemy warship on the high-seas--something the U.S. Navy had not accomplished since the 19th-century. More significantly, however, the capture of codebooks on U-505 allowed American cryptanalysts to occasionally break the special "coordinate" code in enciphered German messages and determine more precise locations for U-boat operating areas. In addition to vectoring in hunter-killer task groups on these locations, these coordinates enabled Allied

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

U-505 (Con't)

convoy commanders to route shipping away from known U-boat locations, greatly inhibiting the effectiveness of German submarine patrols.

As the U.S. Navy was far more interested in the advanced engineering design of fast underwater U-boats--such as the streamlined German Type XXI and XXIII submarines--rather than the familiar fleet-boat types illustrated by the U-505, the captured submarine was investigated by Navy intelligence and engineering officers during 1945 and then promptly slated for disposal. The intention was to use the hulk for gunnery and torpedo target practice, a fate similar to those of many other captured enemy submarines. In 1946, however, Father John Gallery learned of

this plan from his brother (then Admiral Daniel Gallery) and called the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry (MSI) President Lenox Lohr to see if MSI would have an interest in saving U-505. The museum, established by Chicago businessman Julius Rosenwald as a center for "industrial enlightenment" and public science education, specialized in interactive exhibits, not just view displays and artifacts. Lohr immediately revealed 10-year old plans to include a submarine in the exhibits of the museum and began a plan to bring the U-505 to Chicago. The people of Chicago raised \$250,000 to help prepare the boat for the tow and installation at the museum. In September 1954, U-505 was do-

nated to Chicago at no cost to the U.S. Government. On September 25, 1954 U-505 was dedicated as a war memorial and as a permanent exhibit. In 1989, the U-505 --as the only Type IX-C boat still in existence--was designated a National Historic Landmark. **[Source:** <http://www.history.navy.mil/faqs/faq91-1.htm> Jan 2011 ++]



What does it take?



I'm asking this question because I have not lived in this state (NC) for very long. What would it take to dedicate a section of Interstate to the Lost Boats of WWII? I was involved with the Topeka-Jefferson City Base when 52 miles of I-70, between Columbia

and KC as the Submarine Veterans Highway. A mile for every Boat lost in WWII. If you know how to get it started, we should "Get-R-Done". Just a thought, Moe(SS)

Saving Money— more from the RAQ Bulletin

President Obama signed the CARD Act in 2009 to end —the days of unfair rate hikes and hidden fees, but many financial experts surmised the banks would just dream up new fees that found some loophole. Money Talks News founder Stacy Johnson even predicted that free checking accounts could go —the way of the dinosaur. Sure enough, one month in to 2011, and the banks have already proved him right. Bank of America and Chase are taking the lead — and the headlines. Bank of America is testing out a new program in Arizona, Georgia, and Massachusetts. Customers there now get to choose from multiple types of checking accounts. The catch? Monthly fees of \$6 to \$25, depending on your choice. Associated Press called the program —the latest in a series of moves by big banks that signal the end of free checking accounts. Starting 8 FEB, Chase will enroll new customers in a new —Total Checking account. The catch? A \$12 annual fee. Also starting in February, the free checking accounts of former

Washington Mutual customers will be replaced with fee-based accounts from JPMorgan Chase, which bought Washington Mutual in 2008. Again, to avoid the new fees, customers will have to meet certain requirements, like maintain a minimum balance, according to the Wall Street Journal. If you bank with one of these companies or are worried your bank may be the next to institute fees and call them choices, here are some tips for how you can still get free checking.

□ Just ask! If your bank takes away your free checking, but you've been a good customer, talk to a branch manager. They may be able to make an exception for you and it never hurts to ask.

□ Credit Unions are typically smaller and more local than banks, thus much more likely to offer free checking as an incentive to bring in new members. If you're not eligible for a credit union through your job just go to the Credit Union Association's Credit Union Locator at http://www.creditunion.coop/cu_locator/quickfind.php, put in your zip code and you'll get a list of the

credit unions closest to your house. Look for —community as the type: that means you're probably eligible to join by virtue of where you live as opposed to belonging to some profession or group. Then compare their rates and fees to those you're paying now. Also, find out if they're a member of a shared branch network by going to <http://www.CUServiceCenter.com>. If they are, that means you can go to any other shared branch credit union or ATM in the world to conduct business just like you would your own.

□ If you still can't find free checking at a bank branch near you, you might want to check out online only checking accounts. Since they have no branches to pay for, they're much more likely to offer free checking and usually pay higher interest rates for your deposits. So, if you get paid (or have the option to be paid) through direct deposit and get all your cash

from ATMs, there's no reason why you can't simply forgo the brick and mortar bank altogether.

[Source: Money-TalksNews Karla Bowsher article 25 Jan 2010 ++]

**I want to die peacefully
in my sleep, like my
grandfather.
Not screaming and
yelling like the
passengers in his car.**

Burnsville Application

2011 NC SUBVETS Burnsville Memorial Service

20-21 May 2011

Pre-Registration Form – Cutoff Date 2 May 2011

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Base _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Emergency Contact/Telephone: _____

			<u>NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Registration/Catered Meal, Saturday May 21	Per Person	\$25	_____	_____

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TEAR OFF THIS SECTION AS A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

Please make checks payable to: **CAROLINA PIEDMONT BASE – USSVI**

Mail check to: Steve Bell, 138 Burton Hills Circle, Gastonia, NC 28054

			<u>NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Registration/Catered Meal, Saturday May 21	Per Person	\$25	_____	_____

Host Hotel: Pinebridge Inn, 207 Pinebridge Ave., Spruce Pine, NC

Phone: 1-800-356-5059

Directions to Hotel: I-40 Exit 86 (Route 226). Take this bending, curving road all the way to Spruce Pine. Cross over US 19, turn right on W. Tappan St. Stay on Tappan, a ballpark will be on the left, shortly after that on the right is the hotel. It is an old school building, up on the hillside. There are a couple of others ways to the hotel once you are into Spruce Pine as well.

Reservations: Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of the individual (1-800-356-5059). A special rate of \$57.25 (plus tax) is available for U.S. Subvets per night. We have 30 rooms set aside for us.

DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL RATE IS 2 MAY 2011.

This Item is on Hold !! More info to come.

Burnsville Schedule of Events

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2011 BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

FRIDAY MAY 20

1500-1800 Registration at Pinebridge Inn (just let Bell know you are there)
1600-?? Hospitality Room Open
Evening Meal will be on your own.

SATURDAY MAY 21

1000 NC SUBVET Meeting
1130 Lunch at Western Sizzlin (on your own)
1400 Memorial Service on Moonshine Mountain
1800 Catered Meal @ Pinebridge Inn Hospitality Room

-We will caravan to the Memorial Site from Western Sizzlin after lunch is complete

-Hospitality Room will be open during the day Saturday.

-Evening meal is a **home cooked meal** and will consist of: Roast beef and chicken, mashed potatoes, two veggies, salad, rolls, desert, tea, lemonade, water and/or coffee.

**COME OUT AND ENJOY SOME GOOD FELLOWSHIP, A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR OUR
LOST WWII SUBMARINES, AND A GOOD HOME COOKED MEAL**



Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 13	14 	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 CPB Meeting Ft. Mill 5:30 Dinner 7:00 Meeting
27	28	March	2	3	4	5 Victory Junction
6 Massing of the Colors— Greenville 3:00 PM	7	8	9	10	11	12 VFW Break- fast 
13	14	15	16	17 	18	19 Charlotte Parade
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 CPB Meeting Ft. Mill 5:30 Dinner 7:00 Meeting
27	28	April Fool's 	2	3	4	5

One way to support VFW Post 9138 is to attend their **Saturday Morning Breakfast** held on the **second Saturday** of each month from **8am to 11am**— Come on out!