



Carolina Piedmont Base of the USSVI presents the

# Piedmont Periscope

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## USSVI Creed

*To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.*

I can't be the only one that left his boat qual-card laying on the M-div workbench only to come back to find that Mick E. Mouse had signed-off the Trim and Drain system. And Donald Duck must have given me a check-out on the Hydraulics system.

So if I have tails to tell, then I know you, especially you that did longer than my 8 years, 4 months, and 4 days (but who counted) must have stories.

As submariners we all

love to tell are tales. Take ten minutes on a rainy day and just type up a few paragraphs. It's summer, they're just re-runs, put down that remote and tells us about the time you were dink for a week; or about something funny when you were giving a check-out or walk-through.

Tell a story about a shipmate that was a real great guy or one about the A-hole that wore your poppysuit into the battery well

and you did not realize it until you pulled them out of the dryer.

How about the time the showers were secured while in port so you took one in the condensate bay. (Nuke sailors). I even did my laundry in ERLI while be the shutdown roving watch on the mid-shift.

It's those little things that you can write about, it does not have to be a biggie. This is your Newsletter, it needs your stories. — Moe(SS)

## Lost Boats for May

*"Sailors, rest you oars"*



USS O-9 (SS 70)	June 19, 1941
USS S 27 (SS 132)	June 19, 1942
USS R 12 (SS 89)	June 12, 1943
USS HERRING (SS 233)	June 1, 1944
USS GUDGEON (SS 211)	June 7, 1944
USS GOLET (SS 361)	June 14, 1944
USS BONEFISH (SS 223)	June 18, 1945

## Southeast District 1 (SED1) receives Award.



### NEWS FLASH

**Southeast District 1 (SED1)  
The First Recipient of  
The Region Directors Award  
Presented at the 2011 SE Region Conference**

**This Award is perpetual and will pass to  
subsequent winners.**

**While I was the recipient, this Award is in  
Recognition of all the work, camaraderie,  
benevolence and sharing that the bases and mostly the Base  
members continue to do!  
Congratulations and THANKS!**

Take a look. It is for  
ALL SED1, the  
Bases and base  
members!

THANKS!

Dick

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## CO's Stateroom

Burnsville 2011 is now history. For those that did not make it, you missed one great time. Burnsville 2012 is all but arranged already. I want to thank all of those who helped put on such a great event. We received some very nice comments regarding the weekend.

The next major event coming up that is not strictly a Carolina Piedmont Base function (as if any really are) is the national convention. I am sure you will hear some negative comments regarding the convention, but I try to overlook most of them. I know (as shown by the Burnsville weekend) that the NC members can have an enjoyable time, no matter what. So if you think you may want to attend, I recommend that you get both your registration in and your hotel reserved.

Also before our next meeting we will have the Thomasville parade and the Charlotte Knights baseball game behind us. I am sure we will enjoy that as well, not to mention the showing to the public that we will make. If you miss those, there are more parades later in the year, just not

sure about a follow-on baseball game at this time.

It will not be long before we will have to start beating the drum for membership renewal again. I know the end of the year is a long ways off, but it is surely not too early to start planning for those that pay annual membership. So when the call comes out, please do not put it off and respond by paying your membership early for next year. I would really like to have this behind us for the year as soon as possible. I have to admit that that is the one task that I really do not enjoy doing each year, so your cooperation there would sure be nice. Thank you for your consideration there. You can also say that officially the summer has started by the time you are reading this. I want to wish each of you a safe and enjoyable summer. Please be careful when on the roads, we really want you back. Have a nice summer. There is one last item for this newsletter that occurred at the Burnsville event. All of your new officers were sworn in for the next two years. I

will speak for each one of them and thank all of you for having the confidence in this group to do the job each was elected for. We will continue to strive to improve our entire operation. Now that does not mean any of it is bad, but I feel there is always room for improvement. So we will try to that for you over the next two years.



**Carolina Piedmont  
Base Commander  
Steve Bell**



## **Comm Center— Jack Jeffries, Base Secretary**

**1900- Meeting called to order** by Base Commander Steve Bell. Invocation given by Chaplain Ray Fritz. Pledge of Allegiance. Tolling of the Boats by Chaplain Ray Fritz. Introduction of members present, 24 Attendees.

**Special Presentations**, New Holland Club member John Wardean, K4K patches given to Mike and Glenna Hubbell. Hand Crafted Notepad presented to Past Base Commander Glenn Harris founder of Carolina Piedmont Base

**Reading of minutes** from last meeting, Approved and seconded as read.

**Reading of Treasurers report-** April balances \$3583.77, Memorial Fund \$268.50,

K4K fund 407.05, Scholarship Foundation-\$260.25, Burnsville fund-\$600.00, Funds available \$2047.97

**Old Business**-none

**New Business**-none

**SK report-** We have catalog of patches and Submarine items available, contact Jeff Nieberding for info and to place orders.

**Good of the Order-** Dale Moses conducted practice for the Honor Guard in preparation for the presentation of Colors at the Charlotte Knights Ballgame scheduled for 30 May. tickets are still available, box seats are \$12.00 per person. Dale Moses announced that he has purchased 2 replica Springfield rifles for use with the Color Guard. Invitation to attend the game was presented to SSMC members, the new group of motorcycle riders Moe formed and is president of as well as to the VFW members. We are to muster at the gate at the ball field in Ft. Mill by 1830.

Kap(SS)4KID(SS) visit to Levine Childrens Hospital in Charlotte is scheduled for 10 May. Volunteers to muster at the hospital by 1330. More info will be forwarded to those visiting this trip after 1 May.

We discussed the upcoming gathering at Burnsville 20-21 May. Lee Hickerson displayed a Hand-crafted wooden jewelry case to be raffled off, we still need items to raffle off, any items are gladly accepted. There will be 2 50/50 raffles at the gathering.

A presentation was made concerning the dedication of the Veterans Memorial in Ft. Mill to be conducted 11AM April 27<sup>th</sup>. Bricks for the memorial are available for the price of \$75.00.

Next base meeting is scheduled for 25 June

**Benediction** given by Chaplain Ray Fritz

**1950- Motion to adjourn**, seconded

Jack Jeffries- Base Secretary

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## KAPS4KIDS does it again



Front row from Left-Tucker Summerville with Windy, Visitor coordinator, Levine Childrens Hospital, Raymond Fritz, Marge Kanning, Jack Jeffries, Carolina Piedmont K4K Coordinator, Carrie Keuten-Group Event Coordinator, Levine Children's Hospital, Back row from left-Rick Petitt, Dick Kanning SED1 Commander, Jim Harris, James Taylor, Dave Peck, Steve Bell, Carolina Piedmont Base Commander, Raymond Zieverink.

We at Carolina Piedmont Base were honored to bring our KAP(SS)4KID(SS) program to the Levine Childrens Hospital located in Charlotte, NC. We were able to bring moments of joy to about 40 special children as well as some of their parents and siblings. We at Carolina Piedmont are proud to represent USSVI in this special project. The joy on the faces of the children is unforgettable, once you experience it, you realize just how much little things can bring great joy to those children. We were able to distribute not only the KAPS, but also Honorable Submarine Certificates as well as Museum Boat Photos. – Jack Jeffries

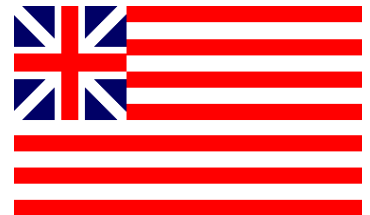
New Vocabulary Word:

**CARPERPETUATION** (kar' pur pet u a shun) n.

The act, when vacuuming, of running over a string or a piece of lint at least a dozen times, reaching over and picking it up, examining it, then putting it back down to give the vacuum one more chance.

Flag Trivia—  
Where did this  
Flag fly in our  
Nation's history?

(see page 13)



## Need Supplies?

**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's Corner

Ray Fritz,  
Base  
Chaplain



### MEMORIALS



On Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day - we will remember and honor our fallen heroes. This is a good thing. Memorials help us to remember the things that are truly important. They provide opportunity to reflect on the things that truly matter. And with Memorial Day it reminds us of the cost of freedom. Freedom is not free, it has cost the blood of thousands for which we are forever grateful. God bless our fallen heroes and God bless America. God has placed great importance on memorials throughout the Scriptures.



The **Sabbath** testifies to the creation and God commanded the children of Israel to observe this day in Exodus 20:8,9. The Sabbath and the first day of the week are two different days – Matthew 28:1. The Christian observes the first day of the week to commemorate the resurrection of Christ - Acts 20:7 and 1 Corinthians 16:2. God considers rest from one's labor one day a week is a good thing.



The **Rainbow** in the Clouds is a memorial to the covenant God made with all flesh in Genesis 9:8-17. He promised to never again destroy the world by water, but it will be destroyed by fire according to 2 Peter 3:10-12. However, when we see the rainbow in the sky it reminds us of God's faithful promise. I love it when I see a rainbow, especially when I can see it end to end!



The **Passover** was a memorial between God and Israel reminding them when God went through the

land of Egypt executing His divine judgment – Exodus 12:12-14. It was only after the Passover and the death of the Egyptians' firstborn that Israel was released from 400 years of slavery. Christ who paid the price for our sin on Calvary is the Passover Lamb for the Christian.



The **Lord's Supper** is the only memorial which the New Testament Christian is to observe. Sadly many neglect this observance. It is in memory of Christ's death - 1 Corinthians 11:24, 25. Early Christians assembled every first day of the week to commemorate this feast according to Acts 20:7 and 1 Corinthians 16:2. Have you ever celebrated the Lord's Supper at a full meal? That's what the early Christians did.

On Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day - we will gather in parks and cemeteries to watch parades, listen





to speakers, and honor our fallen heroes by placing flags and flowers on graves, etc. The red Poppy is a simple reminder of the ultimate sacrifice that many have made for the cause of freedom.



But why the poppy? Why not some other flowers like a pansy or petunia? I understand that Scarlet poppies grow naturally throughout Western Europe where and whenever the ground has been disturbed. The destruction brought by the Napoleonic wars of the early 19th Century, transformed bare land into fields of blood red poppies, growing around the bodies of the fallen soldiers.



In late 1914, the fields of Northern France and Flanders were once again ripped open as the First World War raged through Europe's heart.

A Canadian surgeon by the name of John McCrae realized the significance of the poppy as a lasting memorial symbol to the fallen and wrote the poem '*In Flanders Fields*'. The poppy came to represent the immeasurable sacrifice made by his comrades in arms and it quickly became a lasting memorial to those who died in WWI and later conflicts.



In flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead, short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In flanders fields

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In flanders fields.



The empty Tomb and the empty Cross are both memorials reminding us that God intervened in human history to deal with the problem of sin. Christmas means nothing without Easter which is represented by the empty Tomb and the empty Cross. The apostle Paul said it well when he wrote:

1 Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.



May God bless you with a safe Memorial Day capped with heartfelt gratitude for those who gave their lives to preserve our freedom.

[Chaplain Ray](#)

# New members Binnacle List

Welcome Aboard

Stay well and fit  
(okay, well is good enough)

## Happy Birthday to:

May



Joel Tuchfeld 5/04  
Colleen Moses 5/05  
Donna Harris 5/05  
Glenn E. Harris 5/07

Tom Coffman 5/09  
Larry Lynch 5/17  
Robert Boyd 5/18  
John Dainotto 5/19  
Calvin Reese 5/25  
Robert Bickford 5/30

If your birthday was  
missed, please notify  
Jack or Dale

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

May

Diplomacy is the art  
of saying 'Nice dog-  
gie' until you can  
find a rock. -- Will  
Rogers

Ruth Ann Worth and  
Jim Schenk -5/5  
Andrew and Marianne  
Miller 5/6



Dorla and Hal Rutter -  
5/26  
Colleen and Dale  
Moses - 5/27



## SubVettes

Hello Sassy Sisters,  
 Hope this finds you all well and happy. With much regret I need to say my sincere thoughts and prayers go out to Carol Jefferies and family with the passing of her Mom Irene Wolford, Thursday-night May 19th at the Jefferies residence 6017 Dudley Road, Monroe NC 28112. She was truly a sweet little lady that I got close to thru the years she since she came to live with Jack and Carol from Ohio. Irene

will truly be missed by many. Please feel free to send a card or call to them for comforting.

We just got back from our yearly visit to the Memorial Service in the mountains and what a great time we had. I would like to thank each and everyone for all that was done to make the weekend trip a great success. Our next meeting will be at our usual place and we will have our "this and that" meal and do not forget your secret sister. I know our re-

cruiters would like to get a treat from us so please do not forget them.

Enjoy this great weather, stay safe and May God Bless You and May God Bless the USA !!!!!



## Tuscany Chicken Breast

You'll Need:

2 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 4 ounces each)  
 2 ounces fontina cheese, crumbled or sliced (you can also use fresh mozzarella cheese or any other type you like)  
 2 roasted red sweet pepper halves or  
 1/2 cup roasted red sweet pepper halves from a jar, drained  
 6 fresh sage leaves or 1/2 teaspoon dried sage, crushed  
 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
 1 tablespoon olive oil  
 1/2 cup dry white wine or chicken broth

Directions:

Place each chicken piece, boned side up, between 2 pieces of clear plastic wrap.

Working from the center to the edges, pound lightly with the flat side of a meat mallet to 1/4-inch thickness. Remove plastic wrap. Sprinkle chicken with black pepper. Layer cheese, roasted red sweet pepper halves, and sage in the center of each breast. Fold in edges; roll up into a spiral, pressing the edges to seal. Roll in flour. In an 8-inch skillet heat the oil over medium heat. Cook chicken in hot oil about 5 minutes, turning to brown all sides. Remove from skillet.

In the same skillet bring wine or broth to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, about 2 minutes or until 1/4 cup liquid remains. Return chicken to skillet. Cover and simmer for 7 to 8 minutes or until chicken is tender and no longer pink. Plate the chicken and spoon the sauce over it.

Makes 2 servings



# Piedmont Funnies Page

## Psych 101 (provided by Jim Schenk)

If you start with a cage containing five monkeys and inside the cage, hang a banana on a string from the top and then you place a set of stairs under the banana, before long a monkey will go to the stairs and climb toward the banana.

As soon as he touches the stairs, you spray all the other monkeys with cold water. After a while another monkey makes an attempt with same result ... all the other monkeys are sprayed with cold water. Pretty soon when another monkey tries to climb the stairs, the other monkeys will try to prevent it. Now, put the cold water away.

Remove one monkey from the cage and replace it with a new one. The new monkey sees the banana and attempts to climb the stairs. To his shock, all of the other monkeys beat him. After another attempt and attack, he knows that if he tries to climb the stairs he will be assaulted.

Next, remove another of the original five mon-

keys, replacing it with a new one. The newcomer goes to the stairs and is attacked. The previous newcomer takes part in the punishment... with enthusiasm.

Then, replace a third original monkey with a new one, followed by a fourth, then the fifth. Every time the newest monkey takes to the stairs he is attacked. Most of the monkeys that are beating him up have no idea why they were not permitted to climb the stairs. Neither do they know why they are participating in the beating of the newest monkey.

Finally, having replaced all of the original monkeys, none of the remaining monkeys will have ever been sprayed with cold water. Nevertheless, none of the monkeys will try to climb the stairway for the banana.

Why, you ask? Because in their minds... that is the way it has always been!

This, my friends, is how Congress operates... and is why, from time to time, all of the monkeys need to be REPLACED.

### Adam & God

God said, 'Adam, I want you to do something for Me.'

Adam said, 'Gladly, Lord, what do You Want me to do?'

God said, 'Go down into that valley.'

Adam said, 'What's a Valley?'

God explained it to Him. Then God said, 'Cross the river.'

Adam said, 'What's a River?'

God explained that to him, and then said, 'Go over to the hill....'

Adam said, 'What is a hill?'

So, God explained to Adam what a hill was. He told Adam, 'On The other side of the hill you will find a cave.'

Adam said, 'What's a cave?'

After God explained, He said, 'In the cave you will find a woman.'

Adam said, 'What's a

woman?'

So God explained that to him, too.

Then, God said, 'I want you to reproduce.'

Adam said, 'How do I do that?'

God first said (under His breath), 'Geez.....' And then, just like everything else, God Explained that to Adam, as well.

So, Adam goes down into the valley, across the river, and over the hill, into the cave, and finds the woman.

Then, in about five minutes, he was back.

God, his patience wearing thin, said angrily, 'What is it now?'

And Adam said....

'What's a headache?'

### God's Problem Now:

His wife's graveside service was just barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance. The little, old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, 'Well, she's there.'

## Health Tip of the Month



If you can't afford a doctor,  
go to an airport - you'll get a  
free x-ray and a breast exam,  
and; if you mention Al Qaeda,  
you'll get a free colonoscopy.

## The Preacher's Son (provided by Jim Schenk)

An old country preacher had a teenage son, and it was getting time that the boy should give some thought to choosing a profession. Like many young men his age, the boy really didn't seem to know what he wanted to do, and he didn't seem too concerned about it. One day, while the boy was away at school, his father decided to try an experiment. He went into the boy's room and placed on his study table four objects.

A Bible,  
A silver dollar,  
A bottle of whisky, and  
A Playboy magazine.  
"I'll just hide behind the door," the old preacher

said to himself, "and when he comes home from school today, I'll see which object he picks up. If it's the Bible, he's going to be a preacher like me, and what a Blessing that would be.

If he picks up the dollar, he's going to be a business man, and that would be okay, too. But if he picks up the bottle, he's going to be a no-good drunken bum, and Lord, what a shame that would be.

And worst of all, if he picks up that magazine he's going to be a skirt-chasing womanizer."

The old man waited anxiously and soon heard his son's footsteps as he

entered the house whistling and headed for his room.

The boy tossed his books on the bed, and as he turned to leave the room, he spotted the objects on the table.

With curiosity in his eye, he walked over to inspect them. Finally, he picked up the Bible and placed it under his arm. He picked up the silver dollar and dropped it into his pocket. He uncorked the bottle and took a big drink, while he admired this month's centerfold.

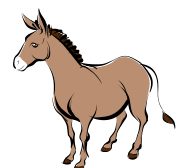
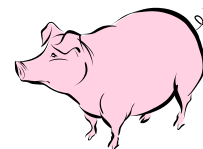
"Lord have mercy," the old preacher disgustedly whispered, "he's going to run for Congress."

## Family Relations

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a barnyard of mules, jackasses, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?"

"Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws".





## A Real Trooper and a “Mule Skinner”

I'm always looking for stories from members to print. Sometimes I think you are all a little shy, or don't think you did anything special. When it comes to the military everyone is special, so I'm going to tell a story of a friend of mine that died on Monther's Day weekend at the young age of 92. Being on submarines, a lot of us are “witty” and quick with the come-backs. I have never seen anyone, especially someone in their 80's and 90's so quick as Foster Sires. Foster was one of my fellow Legionnaires from American Legion Post 95 in Liberty, Missouri. Missouri, the Show-Me State with symbol of the Mule. I first met Foster when I was the Boy's State Chairman and his Grandson Bo went to Missouri Boy's State. Foster had been a member of another Post, but since he lived in Liberty and we had sponsored his Grandson, he transferred to Post 95. He became an active member and knew everyone in town since he was a widower and attended every high school sporting event. All the kids knew Mr. Sires. Foster never finished high school and went to work in the 30's as a farm hand.

In 1940, he was drafted into the Army to serve his required year. His folks took him to the county seat to catch the bus to St. Louis, but the bus had already left for the day and he had to sleep in the county jail. He always bragged that he spent his first day in the Army in jail. Since Foster was a farmer and good with farm animals, he was assigned to the Quartermaster Remount service. He spent some time at Fort in Nebraska. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 he was on maneuvers in Texas by the Rio Grande river. He and the others just being “kids” thought the “Japs” were going to send submarines up the Rio Grande; we all know how those rumors used to be. He got out after war, and always said that 5 years was the longest year he ever served. Foster was our Post 95 “duty mule skinner”. He told care of the animals as described below. He was proud of his job in the Army as we are about our service. He told stories of how he was not a Soldier, he was referred to as a “Trooper”, and how after the animals went past the 12 mile marker at sea,

they could never return to the States.

Foster did get an Honorary Diploma with the Class of 2000.

I found some interesting information about the Remount Service on the net and thought I'd share it with you. Foster, you old Muleskinner, I miss you already. I guess I'd have to say “Trooper, rest your reins” God bless you, Moe(SS) World War II saw the mechanization of the Army. The transportation of supplies, equipment & personnel was primarily conducted with motor vehicles. The horse lost its prominence as a mode of transportation, however mules continued to have great value due to their ability to negotiate rugged terrain inaccessible by vehicles. This fact was proven in the mountains of Italy and jungles of Burma.

When mobilization for World War II began in 1939, it was predicted that the Army would need 200,000 horses. (In 1940, the Army had 2 horse cavalry divisions, 2 horse-drawn artillery regiments, and 2 mixed horse and motor transport regiments, with a total authorization of 16,800 horses and 3,500

mules.) The need for horses continuously decreased as active, reserve and National Guard units converted to trucks and jeeps. These horses were returned to the remount depots. Only four horses were procured in the 1943 fiscal year and none from then on through the end of the war. Throughout the war period only 49 horses were shipped from the United States to the armed forces overseas. There was an unexpected demand in 1943 from the Coast Guard for 3,000 horses to be used by its beach patrols. The Coast Guard patrolled the shores for hostile submarine activity. By 1944 however, the danger ceased and the horses were returned to Remount Depots. In 1944 and 1945, approximately 14,000 mules were used. Mules could negotiate jungle or mountainous terrain that no horse or vehicle could traverse. Pack mules were used by US forces in Tunisia during the winter of 1942-43 and were employed extensively in the rugged mountain terrain of Italy. In the spring of 1945 the 10th Mountain Division employed thousands of mules in rugged terrain

of northern Italy during its drive through the North Apennines mountains and the Po Valley. Animal pack outfits were also used in the China-Burma-India theater especially during the active combat operations in Burma. Very often the Army would procure animals in the theaters where the troops were operating and in emergencies would commandeer animals on the spot. The Remount Purchasing and Breeding Headquarters Offices were closed and the Army Horse Breeding Program was transferred to the Department of Agriculture by Act of Congress on 1 July 1948, along with the Remount Depots, equipment and breeding stock. The Program was liquidated by the Department of Agriculture the following year and all stocks sold at public auction. **For more info go to <http://www.qmfound.com/remount.htm>**



## Parade Info and other Events

NC Sub Vets will Participate in the Saturday 28th Static Display and Monday 30th Memorial Day Parade. The static display will be at 10:00 AM at the Thomasville Recreation Center Park. The Memorial Parade starts at 11:00 AM Monday the 30th. Staging is at the same place we have been staging at (map attached). They want us to be staged no later than 10:00 AM. We will have the torpedo and Sub float staged no later than 9:30/9:45 AM. We will also be staging in the Stadium after the Parade. The Army parachute team will parachute in and there will be food and drinks. All will be over by 2:00 PM.

**Presentation of the Colors by the Carolina Piedmont Color Guard will at the Charlotte Knights Game on May 30th.**

NC Air Museum Annual Fly-in will be on June 4th. Tell Chuck Jenson of the Tarheel Base that you are attending the to assist with the static display by May 25th and he'll get you a parking pass and save you 5 bucks.

### Victory Junction Visit June 28th.

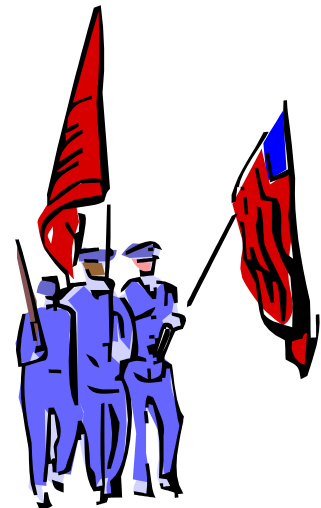
The Troutman Parade will be on July 2nd and line-up is at 10:00 am.

**Faith's 4th of July Parade will be on July 4th. We muster in Salisbury, take I -85 north from Charlotte. Exit 76 east. (US 52) Go to first light, make right, continue on to traffic light Community One Bank) make right, look for us. See you at 7:30 AM**

.A walk team has been established for the 2011 Walk Now for Autism Speaks. The team is the NC SUBVETS team. We hope to enlist members to participate in the walk and solicit pledges to raise money for Autism Speaks. You can join the team or support a walker at this link: NC SUBVETS Team page <http://www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=460844>.

After you sign up to be on the team you can direct your family, friends, or anyone who wants to see you walk 4.5 miles

to the link to pledge their donation or you can collect cash and checks and turn it in on the day of the walk. The Walk is 3 laps around Charlotte Motor Speedway on Saturday 8 October, 2011. More info will be put out soon.



### Answer to the Flag

**Trivia:** The "Grand Union Flag" was commissioned by General George Washington on January 2, 1776. It had thirteen alternate red and white stripes and a blue field with the crosses of Saint Andrew and Saint George on it.

## Tayer K. DeMun—Capt (SS) as remembered by Bob Bickford

I was on board the USS Andrew Jackson for almost five years. I picked her up in the yard at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard after sub school.

We did sea trails, sound trials, missile shots off the cape more sound trials and several runs though the Bermuda triangle and seven Polaris patrols. Most of the patrols were boring as most of us know.

Our highlight was surfacing, coming into port and going home as best that I can recall.

The first Captain I served under was Commander Tayler K. Demun. He was loved and admired by all the crew.

We operated out of what I like to remember was the armpit of the world, Rota Spain. On every patrol when leaving or coming into Rota we had to play chicken with Russian Trawlers. Now at the time we didn't know that information of our movements was leaked to the Russians by John Anthony Walker, Jr. a United States Navy Chief Warrant Officer and communications specialist convicted of spying for the Soviet Union from 1968 to 1985.

On my boat my maneuvering station was man-

ning the sound powered phones on the bridge. I loved this job. I got to be on the bridge before anyone else got to see the sky, feel the rain, the sun or smell the air (and the first breaths of air stunk as I recall) and when coming into Charleston or the Naval Weapons Station, I got to see the wives and girlfriends waiting for us on the tender and the pier. Remember back then there were mini-skirts.

I was on my station before the bitch box was hooked up. (I don't remember the proper name for it sorry). The bridge, this was where everything happened. That was a lot of responsibility for a 19 to 20 year old kid. Whatever the command was spoken over the box I also repeated the command word for word over the sound powered phones.

After one of the patrols while coming into Rota (I don't remember which one) We had to slow down and change course several times because the trawlers kept getting in our way. Captain Demun was in the control room. He climbed the ladder and came up to the bridge.

He liked to come up and get fresh air from time to time. What I remember is that this was a normal thing for him to do. But when he came up this time he was mad and uttered a few words! Up to this point I had never ever heard him cuss!

Captain Demun got sick and tired of the games that the Russians played getting in our way making us change speed and course. Now I'm a little rusty on the sequence and the correct names but you'll get the drift. What followed no one ever saw coming. Captain Demun told the O.D. "All ahead full. The O.D. Transmitted over the box "All ahead full" I gave the same order over the sound powered phones. (Now I don't remember if we slowed down or not I don't think we did, or exactly the command sequence but it went something like this.) Captain "Torpedo Room Make tubes 1 & 2 ready with impulse air" The O.D. Said "Sir"? Captain "I said make tubes 1 & 2 ready with impulse air" "O.D. Aye Aye Sir" "Make torpedo tubes 1 & 2 ready with impulse air" !



I gave the same command over the sound powered phones right after it was given and I heard someone ask, "say again bridge!" I repeated the command. The Captain had relieved the OD somewhere along the line. A trawler zigged, we didn't !

Another trawler did a maneuver we didn't slow down, we didn't turn. The Captain gave the command, OPEN OUTER DOOR on tubes one and two "FIRE impulse air tube ONE"

From the front of the boat Whoosh massive amounts of bubbles from tube one.

"Fire impulse air tube two", whoosh, massive amounts of bubbles from the front of the boat. It looked like the sea was boiling!

The people on the trawlers must have messed their pants cause they were s\_\_ting and



getting outta our way fast!

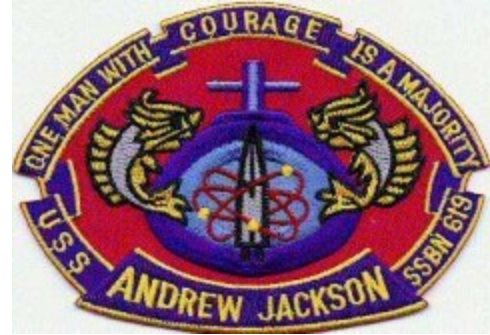
The Captain turned and said a few words and added "Well that's the end of my career "We brought the boat into Rota harbor, the Holland had more brass hanging from the rails than we ever seen before (even more brass than when Rickover came on-board get the picture). The Captain was on the deck and it seemed that

he was on the tender even before the gangway was secured.

We didn't see him all the rest of the day and half the night. When he did come on board we got the word that this was his last patrol. We had a change of command ceremony and I our paths never crossed again. I was happy to see that he did make full Captain but saddened to

hear of his passing some years ago.

Our Ships Motto was: One man with courage is a majority. He was such a man.



## 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](mailto:HOLLT-KIDS@aol.com) and phone number 704-289-4650.



## 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 donut-dad@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)

**Next Meeting is at**  
**Ft. Mill VFW Post 9138**  
**June 25th**  
**Meal at 1730**  
**Meeting at 1900**

## VETERANS NEWS

by the RAQ Bulletin

### :Medicare Reimbursement Rates 2012:

The House Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Health received testimony 5 MAY on how to fix the Medicare Physician Payment Formula, called the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR). The American Medical Association, Academy of Family Physicians and College of Surgeons all called for repeal of the flawed SGR and recommended a variety of plans for transition to 15

different payment models, including pay-for-performance, bundled payments, accountable care organizations home models and inpatient care. Last year, Congress passed legislation 5 times to block scheduled cuts in physicians reimbursement rates as the SGR scheduled. The current block expires Jan. 1, 2012, at which time the reduction is set to drop payment rates 29.5 percent. NAUS is encouraged by the Committee's movement early in the session to begin a seri-

ous process to replace the SGR and improve access to care through the Medicare and TRICARE programs. At this point, all suggestions are under consideration targeted to keep costs down, maintain quality and provide a permanent, sustainable solution. [Source: NAUS Weekly Update 6 May 2011 ++]



### Purple Heart Postage Stamp Update

On May 5, 2011, aboard the USS Midway permanently docked in San Diego harbor, Ron Stroman, Deputy Postmaster General of the U.S. Postal Service unveiled the —Purple Heart with Ribbon! forever stamp. In his remarks, Mr. Stroman noted that —with the issuance of this stamp, the Postal Service, along with the rest of our nation, can pay tribute to those whose sacrifices have given all of us, a country that is truly the \_land of the free and the home of the brave. Until now, the only \_forever\_ stamp has been the Liberty Bell

stamp, which is the symbol of our nation's freedom. The significance of the Purple Heart forever stamp is that it now honors the symbol of the cost of our nation's freedom. The Purple Heart Medal on every recipient's chest is a reminder that the bill for freedom is paid in full. The stamp in one design (priced at 44 cents) is issued in a pressure-sensitive adhesive (PSA) pane of 20 stamps. With the issuance of the Purple Heart with Ribbon stamp, the U.S. Postal Service again honors the sacrifices of the men and women who serve in the

U.S. military. The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the president of the United States to members of the U.S. military who have been wounded or killed in action. The new stamp, designed by Jennifer Arnold, Washington, DC, features a photograph taken by Ira Wexler, of the Purple Heart medal awarded during World War II to 1st Lieutenant Arthur J. Rubin (1917-1978). In 2003, the Postal Service issued its first Purple Heart stamp. It featured a photograph, also taken by Wexler, of a Purple Heart awarded to Lt. Colonel James

Loftus Fowler (USMC) in 1968 following an action on the border between North and South Vietnam. [Source: MOPH Press Release 5 May 2011]



## Medicare Fraud Update 67

**Monroe N.C. - Dr. Latika Patel, 59,** a gynecologist who owns Carolina Obstetrics and Gynecology, will pay \$750,000 to settle allegations that she defrauded the state Medicaid program for six years by billing for services she did not provide. The government investigated billings from 2003 through 2008 also finding false claims for 1,009 patients. Patel acknowledged mistakes were made and accepted responsibility for the bills that went out under her name. She said she was focused on the patient side of the practice, which led to problems on the business side when her staff made coding errors. The staff believed they had been billing correctly. Investigators said Patel knowingly billed Medicaid for more extensive services than she provided, a practice known as "upcoding," according to the agencies. Upcoding allows someone to be reimbursed for significantly more than they would otherwise get for the work. Patel also allegedly regularly billed Medicaid for services at Carolinas Medical Center-Union when she was

not at the Monroe hospital and did not attend patients, and sometimes billed for unnecessary procedures, government officials said. The \$750,000 settlement represents double the amount of the billings in question. Patel also is required to enter into an "integrity agreement" with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services where she must hire a government-approved auditor to ensure that neither she nor her clinic commit offenses against government health programs. And her billing practices will be monitored for five years.

**Columbia S.C. - Dr. C. Lynwood Bramlett** pleaded guilty 6 MAY to nine counts of an original 74-count indictment that accused him of millions of dollars of financial fraud. Bramlett, who called himself "the credit doctor of North Carolina," was accused of submitting claims for children's dental procedures between 2008 and 2010 that were never performed. Circuit Court Judge Casey Manning placed him on probation for one year and ordered him to perform 150

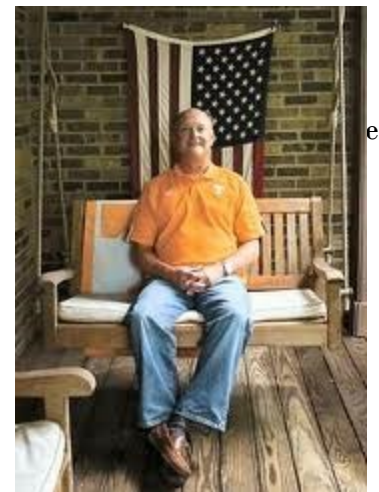
hours of community service. Manning also fined Bramlett \$50,000 and ordered him to repay the \$800,000 which he immediately paid.

**Jacksonville NC - Janet Johnson-Hunter, 51,** was sentenced 9 APR to 28 months in prison followed by three years' supervised release, a fine of \$10,000 and restitution of \$428,924 to Medicare and \$46,165 to Medicaid for concealing information in medical records to seek reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid. He pleaded guilty on 10 DEC to conspiring to conceal material facts in connection with the delivery of and payment for health care benefits, items and services, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, according to a U.S. Department of Justice press release. From JAN 02 to AUG 05, Johnson-Hunter instructed employees of her private ambulance service to rewrite medical records that indicated patients using the service could sit upright, stand, walk or ride in a wheelchair to maximize the likelihood of reimbursement, according to the release. In most in-

stances, if a beneficiary can walk or ride in a wheelchair, Medicare and Medicaid will not pay for transportation via ambulance.

**"Intellectually I know that America is no better than any other country; emotionally I know she is better than every country."**

— Sinclair Lewis



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

**A: The blue Union of the Flag should be in the upper left. This Flag should be reversed.**





## No May Meeting

### Lost Boat of the Month— USS O-9 (SS-70)

**USS O-9 (SS-70)** was an *O*-class submarine of the United States Navy. Her keel was laid down on 15 February 1917 at Fore River Shipbuilding Company of Quincy, Massachusetts. She was launched on 27 January 1918 sponsored by Mrs. Frederick J. Sherman, and commissioned on 27 July 1918 with Lieutenant Oliver M. Read, Jr. in command.

During the final months of World War I, *O-9* operated on coastal patrol and protected the Atlantic coast from U-boats. She departed Newport, Rhode Island, on 2 November 1918 for Britain, in order to conduct her first war patrol. However, the end of the war came before *O-9* reached Europe.

After the war, *O-9* continued in Naval service and trained submarine crews at the Submarine School at New London, Connecticut. Proceeding to Coco Solo, Panama Canal Zone, in 1924, the boat was reclassified to a second line submarine during her year there. Returning to operate at New London, *O-9* reverted to a first line submarine on 6

June 1928. Sailing up to Portsmouth, New Hampshire in January 1930, the submarine returned to New London in March; the following February, she sailed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to decommission there on 25 June 1931.

Remaining on the Naval Vessel Register, *O-9* was recalled to training service as American involvement in World War II became more inevitable. The 12 *Tambor*-class submarines were already nearing completion and 73 *Gato* class boats had been already been ordered when *O-9* was re-commissioned at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 14 April 1941 and went to New London on 31 May.

In all, nine *O*-boats were re-commissioned to serve as training submarines (*O-1* through *O-10*, except for *O-5*, which had been sunk after a collision in 1923.) *O-9*, in particular, required extensive work, and still suffered mechanical problems even after being returned to service.

On the morning of 20 June 1941, *O-9* and two of her sisters, *O-6* and *O-10*, left as a group from the submarine base in

New London, Connecticut, for the submarine test depth diving area east of the Isles of Shoals. Upon reaching their designated training area, some 15 mi (24 km) off Portsmouth, New Hampshire, *O-6* made the first dive, followed by *O-10*. Finally, at 08:37, *O-9* began her dive. At 10:32, *O-9* had not returned to the surface.

Rescue ships swung into action immediately. Sister ships *O-6* and *O-10*, submarine *Triton*, submarine rescue ship *Falcon*, and other ships searched for *O-9*. That evening, pieces of debris with markings from *O-9* were recovered. In water 450 ft (140 m) deep, she was thought to be crushed, since her hull was only designed to withstand depths of 212 ft (65 m).<sup>[1]</sup>

Divers went down from 13:00 on 21 June until 11:43 on 22 June. Divers could stay only a short time at the 440 ft (130 m) depth but nonetheless set endurance and depth records for salvage operations until those operations were cancelled, as they were considered too risky. Rescue operations were

discontinued on 22 June. The boat and her 33 officers and men were declared lost as of 20 June. On 22 June, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox conducted memorial services for the 33 officers and men lost on the boat.

On 20 September 1997, *O-9* was finally located. Salem, New Hampshire-based Klein Sonar Company provided a vessel and sonar equipment which were used to discover *O-9*'s final resting place. Her hull has been crushed from just abaft the conning tower all the way to the stern, though the forward hull appeared intact. There are no plans to salvage *O-9*. Her exact location is secret and the area has been designated an official Naval burial ground.

*O-9* was struck from the Naval Vessel Register on 23 October 1941.



## You Don't Say, history of various terms we use.

### Pea jacket

The first pea jackets were short, double-breasted coats worn by Dutch sailors in the 15th century. Made of coarse cloth, they were ideal for use in rough weather.

The Dutch name for the jacket was *pijekker* ("coarse cloth"). When the English adopted the style, they shortened the Dutch word to a more manageable size.

### Port and Starboard

Shipboard terms for left and right, respectively. Ancient ships were usually steered with a large sweep oar or rudder from the right side of the back of the vessel. Starboard is Old English for "steer board on paddle," so it is easy to see how the right-hand side became known as starboard. Because the steering gear was on the right, old ships had to tie at dock on the left side and loaded cargo onto the more convenient left, or port, side as well. Prior to that, the left-hand side was called the larboard, the side on which the ship was loaded. In the early 17th century, mariners abandoned larboard for port – possibly due to the confusion of maneuvering in

bad storms while yelling the similar sounding terms of larboard and starboard. Use of the term "port" was officially adopted by the U.S. Navy by General Order, 18 February 1846.

### Port hole

So, why are these called port holes if the port side is the left side and port holes are around the perimeter of a vessel on both sides? Their original purpose was to serve as gun ports and on the port side only. Port holes as windows were added centuries later, but the name remained.

### Coxswain

A coxswain or cockswain was at first the swain (boy servant) in charge of a small cock or cockboat that was kept aboard for the ship's captain and which was used to row him to and from the ship. Now, it's commonly used for the steersman (or woman) of a racing shell. And, for the record, it's pronounced *kok-sen*.

### Cadet

Today the word refers to military students. It was brought into Scotland by

Mary Queen of Scots, who was born in France. Originally, it referred to an errand boy. In French, *cadet* means "younger son." In Mary's time, patrimony was the rule. The oldest son inherited the fortune of the father. Younger sons, even in wealthy families, often had to fend for themselves financially. So gentlemen often volunteered for military service only because they didn't have the good fortune to be born before their siblings. (Caddy, by the way, comes from the same source. A golf caddy is, in a sense, an errand boy.)

### K Rations

Regardless of what soldiers called those army rations in packets K rations did feed the G.I.s when refrigeration and cooking facilities were unavailable. They may have been named to honor their inventor, U.S. physiologist Ancel Keys. But the letter K was also the Army supply code designation for the rations, and so that code letter, instead of the name of Keys, may have been why they were called K rations. John Ciardi in [A Browser's Dictionary](#), described them this way: "Packed in a wax-coated cardboard box, it passed as a meal, the double function being to sustain the G.I. while making him angry enough to kill."



Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16	17	18	19	20Burnsville	21Burnsville
22 Burnsville	23	24	25	26	27	28 <b>NO MEETING!</b>
29	30 - Thomas- ville Parade- Ballgame Presentation of the Colors	31	June 1	2	3 Flag Etiquette Catawba Heights— Belmont	4 Ashboro Fly in Static display of MK14 and Boat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11VFW Breakfast 
12	13 VFW Post 9138 meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Carolina Pied- mont Base meet- ing 1730/1900
26	27	28 Victory Junction Visit	29	30	July 1	2

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!