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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.

2011 Thomasville Memorial Day Parade Notes

There were 24 NC Subvets at this year's parade along with several wives representing the Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases. Our 3 Uncle Sams made their debut at this parade and will be used again at the two upcoming Fourth of July parades. The usual good turnout of parade specta-

tors was evident as this is the only Memorial Day Parade in North Carolina. After the parade, we set up the parade submarine and Mk-14 torpedo as part of a static display located in the stadium. Four paratroopers dropped from 10,000 feet into the stadium as part of the post

parade activities. Also Rudy Hernandez a Korean War Congressional Medal of Honor recipient was recognized as part of this year's memorial program. At the 2010 Burnsville meeting the Carolina Piedmont Base made Rudy an honorary submariner.

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Lost Boats for June

"Sailors, rest your 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

The Stars and Stripes

It began as a high school history project

When you raise your flag on June 14th, Flag Day, remember Robert Heft, a high school student from Lancaster, Ohio. In 1958, Heft was a Lancaster High School junior who was very interested in politics. At the time, Alaska was seeking admission as a state. Heft reasoned that since Alaska was heavy with Democrats, the Republicans would want to even things out with the admission of Hawaii, which primarily supported the GOP at the time. So, Heft sat on the floor of his grandparents' living room and ripped apart a 48-star flag (an action he was scolded for as being disrespectful) and came up with a new combination of stars.

He rearranged the stars in the order we now see: five rows of six stars alternating with four rows of five stars. He made the two extra stars using iron-on white tape. Lancaster High School's history teacher Stanley Pratt didn't think too much of Heft's logic and new flag. He gave the student a B- grade and commented that the project lacked originality. To raise his grade, Pratt challenged him to send his design to Congress. If it ever was adopted, the teacher would change the grade to an "A."

Timing is everything!

As it turned out, Heft's logic was correct. Alaska became a state in January 1959 and Hawaii was admitted the following August. Statehood can be granted anytime, but a star can only be added to the flag on the Fourth of July. Thus, the 49-star flag was good only for one year. When 50 stars were needed, Heft's design was with Congressman Walter Moeller, who was instrumental in getting it accepted.

As good as his word

In 1960 when the new flag was raised over the Capitol, Heft was standing next to President Dwight D. Eisenhower at the ceremony as the new flag's designer. Pratt had been right in a sense about the creativity part. Of the 109,000 design submissions, 90,000 were paper sketches just like Heft's prototype flag, but his was an actual cloth incarnation. The unveiling ceremony was held one month after Heft's high school graduation. Pratt was as good as his word. The grade was changed to an "A" with the comment: "If it's good enough for Washington, it's good enough for me!"

The end of the story

By the end of 1960, Heft had registered designs for states 51 through 60. The stripes are the same as today's flag, but each has a different star pattern.

So if we add a 51st state to the Union what will Robert Heft's flag look like if his design is approved? That flag has six rows of stars, beginning with a row of nine and alternated by rows of eight to achieve a 51-star total.

Lloyd's of London has insured Heft's original 50-star "Old Glory" for \$500,000.

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CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell

If you have not noticed, summer has arrived - early. Please be careful with this excessive heat we have been having. Also be careful during the violent weather that we may have. The weather pattern in this country has been unbelievable.

I am sure that many of you know a submarine sailor somewhere that is not a member of USSVI. Try to get them to join, whether it be our base, another base, or even a member at large (MAL). Recruiting is a responsibility that belongs to each of us. The more members there are, the better the organization will be, whether you look at that on a base level, district, region or national. And besides, it is nice to share to fun and enjoyment we have. Keep in mind that we have some parades coming up in the very near future. On 2 July, we are in Troutman, NC and on 4 July in Faith, NC. More information will be put out as those dates get closer. I can tell you, even though it was hot, the parade at Thomasville was pretty good. These ones have been good in the past, so why not try to come out to

one or both of them and have some enjoyment with your shipmates. I look forward to seeing you folks at our next meeting this month. I realize that vacation time is also here and that some may miss a meeting here or there, making our attendance drop some. That does not mean that the business we need to conduct slows down or that our meals go away. We still have plenty on our plate to discuss and plans that need to be made. A good example of that is our participation in the Camp Corral during the months of July and August. We will be there three different evenings, so you will have ample opportunity to participate in that. I suspect that too will be fun for both us and the children involved.

COB—Paul Myers

We sure had a great time in Burnsville plus the weather was perfect. I think we have found our yearly regular meeting place with going to the Skyline .GOOD JOB done by ALL!!!!!! See you at our June meeting.



Are you Real Navy? by Frank Siracusano 1946

Willy and me were lol-lygagging by the scuttlebutt after being aloft to boy butter-up the antennas and were perched on a bollard eyeballing a couple of bilge rats and flange heads using crescent hammers to pack monkey shi* around a fitting on ahandybilly.

all of a sudden the dick-smith started hard-assing one of the deck apes for lifting his pogeey bait. the pecker checker was a sewer pipe sailor and the deck ape was a gator. maybe being black shoes on a bird farm surrounded by a gaggle of cans didn't set right with either of those gobs.

the deck ape ran through the nearest hatch and dogged it tight because he knew the *enis machinist was going to lay below, catch him between decks and punch him in the snot locker. he'd probably wind up on the binnacle list but doc would find a way to gundeck the paper or

give it the deep six to keep himself above board

we heard the skivvy-waver announce over the bitch box that the breadburners had creamed foreskins on toast and SOS ready on the main decks, so we cut and run to avoid the clusterf**k when the twidgets and cannon cockers knew chow was on we were balls to the wall for the barn and everyone was preparing to hit the beach as soon as we doubled - up and threw the brow over.

i had a ditty bag full of fufu juice that i was gon'na spread on thick for the bar hogs with those sweet bosnias. sure beats the hell out of brown bagging

might even hit the acey-ducey club and try to hook up with a Westpac or Lantflt widow. they were always leaving snail trails on the dance floor on amateur night.

IF YOU UNDERSTAND THIS, YOU'RE REGULAR NAVY

Comm Center— Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary

USSVI Southeast District 1 Meeting
May 21, 20011, Spruce Pines NC

1000 Meeting called to order by Steve Bell.

1005 Opening prayer was given by CPB Chaplin Ray Fritz.

1007 Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Bell.

1010 Carolina-Piedmont Base Officer sworn in by District Commander Dick Kanning.

Upcoming District Special Events

Autism Walks Presentation was given by Lee Hickerson. The walk will be held at the Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte NC. Registration will be at 8am on October 8th, 2011. The District goal is to raise \$2,000 for this worthy cause. Walkers are to obtain donations from any source that they can. Our team, TEAM NC SUBVETS, will walk three laps around the speedway. Any additional questions should be referred to Lee Hickerson.

Camp Corral for the children of disabled or KIA veterans

Presentation was given by Jack Jeffries. The Golden Corral Restaurant chain is sponsoring a summer camp for dependent children. The District has been asked to attend several events during this summer. We will do a school room style presentation to the youngsters. The dates will be July 5th and 19th, as well as August 2nd. Free meals will be provided to the attendees Jack will be sending out more information to each of the Bases.

Levine Children's Hospital Visits

The Carolina-Piedmont Base will continue their Kaps 4 Kids program by adding the Levine Children's Hospital. Several visits are in the planning stage. Jack Jeffries reports up to 10 members may attend each event. Jack will send out more information in the near future.

Special Note

Chuck Jenson reported the Torpedo and the Submarine are now available for any events. He did request that any Base wanting either or both please given as much advanced notice as possible. It was agreed that the hat will be passed to help cover the cost of fuel to transport them to and from the events.

Parade Notes

Various members reported on upcoming parades this summer. A complete listing will be in the District News Letter.

Silent Service Motorcycle Club

Dale Moses reported on the newly formed North Carolina/South Carolina chapter of the Silent Service Motorcycle Club. It is the chapter's desire to participate in parades when practicable.

Awards

Dick E. Kanning reported on the SED1 being awarded District of the Year Award.

National Convention Updates

Dick Kanning and Chuck Jenson reported that the planning and preparations for the 2012 USSVI National Convention in Norfolk VA is progressing. They report that this event promises to be one of the best conventions to date. The host hotel is ready and top notch. The City of Norfolk as well as the Chamber of Tourism has each donated funds to support the convention.

Dick also reports that despite earlier problems this year's convention at Springfield Mo will go on as planned.

NC Subvet Auto Plates

The plate design has been approved in committee, at this time the measure has cleared the State House and is now waiting in the Senate. Further updates will be forth coming by E-mail.

Meeting closed by Steve Bell. Closing prayer given by Ray Fritz.

Submitted by

Michael Hubbell

Carolina-Piedmont Base Secretary

Flag Etiquette ends for this School Season

Well, not too bad for starting late in the school year and not being known within the school districts. We had three different schools that we attended and gave the Flag Etiquette program.

This is a program that I developed back in Missouri for AL Post 95. We had great success there, but as here, it was a slow start. It will grow and we will need more than one presenter. Presently, Commander Steve has seen the presentation and Chaplin Ray has been at every presentation. I'll sign Ray's Qual-card.

Our presentation on June 3rd at Catawba Heights in Belmont, the teachers said they wanted us back next year. All three teacher along with the Principal, said they would help us spread the word about our program.

I'll be sending e-mails out again in the Fall to the area schools. Mecklenburg schools has give us no response, but we will continue to send them information.

We have a new brochure that we made-up and as soon as we get some pictures, we'll make them available to our members. We need your help to promote this program.

It is also great for adults. Many clubs and service organization need guest speakers. Also, inform your Church youth leaders. It's great for 4H clubs and other youth groups too, even the Scouts, Cubs, and Brownies included.

Perhaps, even our own Base of SubVets and SubVettes could use a little refresher course. And I'll put that out to the other Bases in the Carolina's and even help them start their own program.

We also discuss the POW/MIA Chair in our presentation, although sometimes I get slightly emotional doing that segment.

I urge you to "tag-along" at one of these presentations. After you see it, then you can decide if you want to be a presenter. Right now, I'm able to make-up any time I take from my job; but I won't feel right doing that very often; even though I love talking to the kids. Moe(SS)



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

(see page 13)



Need Supplies?

The Supply Shack- Jeff Nieberding

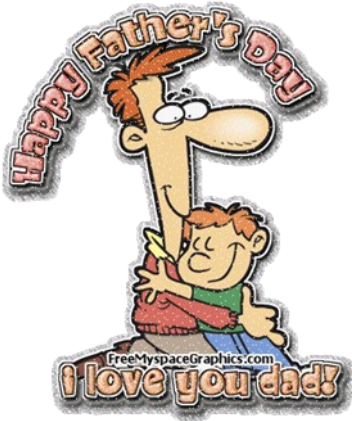
Carolina Piedmont Jackets are still available to order, several members have ordered theirs already. Just let the SK know and he'll fix you up with an order form.

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 what you need.



Chaplin's Corner



This coming Sunday, June 19, we will celebrate Father's Day in the USA. Father's Day is different than Mother's Day. Not too many years ago the greatest number of long distance telephone calls were made on Mother's Day and the largest number of collect telephone calls were made on Father's Day!

Hmmm. Of course, with cell phones today that has changed but I suspect dad may be picking up the tab on a lot of those cells.

A woman, from Spokane, Washington, Sonora Smart Dodd thought up the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Her dad had raised her after her mother died and she wanted her dad to know that he was special to her. It was her father who made all the paternal sacrifices and was a courageous, selfless, and loving man, in her eyes. Since her father had been born in June she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane on the 19th of June in 1910. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the 3rd Sunday in June as Father's Day. Roses are the Father's Day Flower:



Red to be worn if the father is living.



White if the father has died.

A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and unappreciated heroes in the world. A little boy was asked to explain Father's Day. He quickly said:

"It's just like Mother's Day, only you don't spend as much on the present."

Some of Dad's Favorite Sayings:

Go ask your mom!

Just wait 'til I get home.

When I was your age ... I used to walk to school in the snow!



A Prayer for Fathers

Mender of toys, leader of boys,
Changer of fuses, kisser of bruises,
Bless him, O Lord.

Mover of couches, soother of ouches,
Pounder of nails, teller of tales,
Reward him, O Lord.

Hanger of screens, counselor of teens,
Fixer of bikes, chastiser of tykes,
Help him, O Lord.

Raker of leaves, cleaner of eaves,
Dryer of dishes, fulfiller of wishes,
Bless him, O Lord.



THE GODLY DAD

I realize that most of the men are also grandfathers but the principles are the same for Grandfathers, maybe more so. There are many examples of good and bad fathers in the Bible. One example of a godly father is Joshua. At the age of 110, he called the leaders of Israel to Shechem for a farewell address. He charged them to obey the Lord who had fought for them and given them an inheritance. He warned them of the danger of apostasy, saying,

"Choose you this day whom you will serve...."

As Joshua spoke, he did so with authority of experience, for he had walked with Moses for 40 years and led Israel into the conquest of Canaan for another 25 years. He reinforced his appeal with the power of a good example.

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

There are a lot of things we could say about Joshua, but briefly he possessed two qualities that all fathers would do well to emulate.

Joshua 24:14-15 "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 **But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve**, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. **But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.**"

First, he was a priest in his own Home. He acknowledged his responsibility for the spiritual life of his family. He spoke for his family; he declared their intent.

For a priest to function he has to be in close communion with God and according to the Bible, the family was designated as the primary and basic educational unit. (Deut. 6:6-9; 11:18; Eph.6:4). It is the father's duty, then, to make sure his children know how to be saved and how to walk in the ways of the Lord.

Friends, the greatest thing a father can pass on to his children a love for God and God's Word. We all know that love fosters love and we need to make the love of God our special aim.

His little arms crept round my neck,
And then I heard him say,
Four simple words I can't forget,

Four words that made me pray.

They turned a mirror on my soul,
On secrets no one knew,
They startled me, I hear them yet,
He said, "I'll be like you!"

Second, he had a plan for his family. Joshua said, *"We will serve the Lord."*

When Joshua spoke his voice rang with the sound of unity. There was togetherness. And I believe unity was there due to his godly character and his example. His faith was genuine, authentic and a result his family said, in essence, *"Whatever dad says, we agree."*

When a family is united, it will endure the trials that come its way. When marriage vows are kept, and the couple is devoted both to the Lord and to each other, there is no more powerful statement of family unity. Joshua was prepared to stand alone with his family if necessary, against all odds!

Go and be the Dad or Granddad your children and grandchildren really need!

God bless you,
Chaplain Ray & Diana



New members Binnacle List

Welcome Aboard

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

Happy Birthday to:

June

Tom Salts 6/04
Rodger Ellingwood 6/07
Howard Nudi 6/11
Walt Sealy 6/11
William Holzendorf
6/26



If your birthday was
missed, please notify
Jack or Dale

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

"Too many people
spend money they have-
n't earned, to buy things
they don't want, to im-
press people they don't
like." -- Will Rogers

June



Anne and Paul Trexler -
6/25
Glenna and Michael
Hubbell - 6/27
Christie and Clarence-
Senn - 6/29

SubVettes

Hello Sassy Sisters,
Hope all of you are doing well and staying cool. I have several good ideas for some great service projects for us in the months to come and they are inexpensive for us too. We will talk more at our June meeting. The national President Sandra Butcher is in the process of sending me the labels to get the national election going and hopefully we can get -r-done as Larry the Cable Guy would say. The meal for our meeting

will be another famous "this and that. To all of our hubbys I wish you a HAPPY FATHERS DAY. I am looking forward to our meeting especially since I have not seen some since our April meeting. PLEASE dont forget you secret sister and our recruiters. May God Bless You and May God Bless America.— Sandra.

P.S.—I got the labels from Sandra Butcher, the national president, for the national election and

I am starting to get the ballots ready for the election and ready to mail and if any would like to help that maybe we could met and get the paperwork done and do lunch.—
Sandra



Middle Eastern Couscous & Chicken Salad

Couscous is small beads of pasta from North Africa, where it is served like rice. Couscous can be "cooked" by steeping it in boiling water or broth for just 5 minutes.

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| • 1/2 cup chicken broth | 1 small cucumber, peeled and diced |
| • 2/3 cup couscous | 1 small red onion, finely chopped |
| • 1/4 cup (not oil-packed) sun-dried tomatoes, cut into small bits | 1/4 cup mint sprigs, finely chopped |
| • 2 cups coarsely shredded cooked chicken breast | 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar |
| • 2 cups shredded Romaine lettuce | 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil |
| • 1 large carrot, shredded | 1 teaspoon ground cumin |
| • 1 cup minced flat-leaf parsley | 3/4 teaspoon salt |

In small saucepan, combine broth and 1/2 cup water. Cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Stir in couscous and sun-dried tomatoes; cover and let stand 5 minutes.

Spread couscous and tomato mixture on a jelly-roll pan and place in freezer for 2 minutes to chill slightly. Transfer to salad bowl.

Add chicken, lettuce, carrots, parsley, cucumber, red onion, mint, vinegar, oil, cumin, and salt; toss to mix.

Number of servings: 4

Piedmont Funnies Page

I'll take the blame for most of these—this time!

An Army Ranger was on vacation in Louisiana and wanted a pair of genuine alligator shoes. However, the local vendors were asking very high prices. So the Army Ranger decided to go into the swamps and get his own alligator and then have the shoes made at a more reasonable price. When he mentioned this to one of the shopkeepers, he was told that he might run into a couple of Marines who had decided to do the same thing.

So the Ranger headed into the bayou and a few hours later he saw the two Marines. They were standing waist deep in the water. The Ranger then saw a huge gator swimming rapidly underwater towards one of the Marines.

Just as the gator was about to attack, the Marine grabbed its neck with both hands and strangled it to death with very little effort. Then both Marines dragged it on shore and flipped it on its back. Laying nearby were several

more of the creatures.

The Ranger then heard one of the Marines shout, "Damn, this one doesn't have any shoes either!"

A trucker came into a Truck Stop Cafe' and placed his order. He said I want three flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards.' The brand new blonde waitress, not wanting to appear stupid, went to the kitchen and said to the cook, 'This guy out there just ordered three flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards..... What does he think this place is an auto parts store?'

'No,' the cook said. 'Three flat tires mean three pancakes; a pair of headlights is two eggs sunny side up; and a pair of running boards... Are 2 slices of crisp bacon!'

'Oh... OK!' said the blonde. She thought about it for a moment and then spooned up a

bowl of beans and gave it to the customer.

The trucker asked, 'What are the beans for, Blondie?'

'She replied, 'I thought while you were waiting for the flat tires, headlights and running boards, you might as well gas up!'

A large group of Taliban soldiers are moving down a road when they hear a voice call from behind a sand-dune.

"One Marine is better than ten Taliban". The Taliban commander quickly sends 10 of his best soldiers over the dune

Where upon a gun-battle breaks out and continues for a few minutes, then silence.

The voice then calls out "One Marine is better than one hundred Taliban". Furious, the Taliban commander sends his next best 100 troops over the dune and instantly a huge gun fight commences. After 10 minutes of battle, again silence.

The voice calls out again "One Marine is better than one thousand Taliban". The enraged Taliban

Commander musters one thousand fighters and sends them across the dune. Cannon, rocket and machine gun fire ring out as a huge battle is fought. Then silence.

Eventually one wounded Taliban fighter crawls back over the dune and with his dying words tells his commander, "Don't send any more men, it's a trap. There's actually two of them.

A farmer decided he wanted to go to town and see a movie.

the ticket agent asked, "sir, what's that on your shoulder?"

The old farmer said, "that's my pet rooster Chuck. Wherever I go, chuck goes."

"I'm sorry sir," said the ticket agent,

"We can't allow animals in the theater."

The old farmer went around the corner and stuffed Chuck down his overalls. Then he returned to the booth, bought a ticket, and entered the theater.

He sat down next to two old widows named Mildred and Marge.

The movie started and the rooster began to squirm. The old farmer unbuttoned his fly so Chuck could stick his head out and watch the movie.

"Marge," whispered Mildred.

"What?" said Marge.

"I think the guy next to me is a pervert."

"What makes you think so?" asked Marge?

"He undid his pants and he has his thing out", whispered Mildred.

"Well, don't worry about it", said Marge, "at our age we've seen 'em all"

"I thought so too", said Mildred, "but this one's eatin' my popcorn!"

A single glass at night could mean a peaceful, uninterrupted night sleep.

NEW Wine for Seniors; I kid you not, a New Wine for Seniors

California vintners in the Napa Valley area, which primarily produce Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic.

It is expected to re-

duce the number of trips older people have to make to the bathroom during the night. The new wine will be marketed as PINO MORE.

I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE. I just could not help it, sorry !

A woman was at her hairdresser's getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband. She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded:

"Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking Continental," was the reply. "We got a great rate!"

"Continental?" exclaimed the hairdresser. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at this exclusive little place over on Rome's Tiber River called Teste."

"Don't go any further, I know that place. Everybody thinks it's gonna be something special and

exclusive, but it's really a dump."

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and maybe get to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the hairdresser. You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant.

Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it."

A month later, the woman again came in for a hairdo. The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the woman, "not only were we on time in one of Continental's brand new planes, but it was overbooked, and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a handsome 28-year-old steward who waited on me hand and foot.

And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a \$5 million remodeling job, and now it's a jewel, the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the hairdresser, "that's all well and good, but I know you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder, and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me.

Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down and he spoke a few words to me."

"Oh, really! What'd he say?"

He said: "Who the hell did your hair?" - provided by Howard Murray

A pornographic photo found on bin Laden's computer -



A light hearted moment on Patrol

By Bob Bickfordb

Once upon a time there was a quartermaster on a "big and black and they don't come back"

boomer. This quartermaster was good at his trade. He always knew where we were. But he had a very bad habit. It didn't matter to him where he was or who was there. He liked to F A R T ! And he farted a lot!

Back when I was in the deck division, my watch station was on the planes and rudder. Everything was quiet and of course he lets one go. Well it wasn't his best try and he wanted another chance. Well there were many remarks about his crudeness someone told him he should be careful someday he's going to mess up and he laughed because he actually thought he was funny.

Later in the watch he felt an urge, and he just had to let it loose, he did and he couldn't stop! He had to leave the control room in a hurry and they had to call for another quartermaster to finish out the watch.

After his ACCIDENT the quartermasters with the help from an A-ganger rigged up a toilet seat, toilet paper and holder and a few other things just to make him feel at home.

That was the last time he was rude and crude, well at least while he was on watch.

Color Guard Info

The Carolina Piedmont Base Color Guard present the Colors at two events in May. The first being at the Burnsville Memorial, and the second on Memorial Day at the Charlotte Knights Game.

I came up with a couple of replica '03 Springfield rifles. We have incorporate these into our unit.

Most, when asked to handle a rifle say, "I have done any of that since Boot Camp. Well, in less than 15 minutes, you can re-learn the basic maneuvers that we use in the presentation. Just ask Joel Tuchfeld or Howard Dachs, or Flag bearers Jim Harris, Paul Myers, Rick Pettit, or Mike Hubbell

I would like to see more members involved just because we can't always get the same people each time. I would also like to see our unit grow with more Flags, perhaps a Base Flag, the NC and SC Flags, and the POW/MIA Flag.

Jack and I are working

on some ideas for a fund-raiser for more equipment and a possible "standard uniform". Our vests show our individual achievements. A Color Unit should be just that, a Unit all dressed the same.

Also, since we eat at 1730 and meet at 1900, there is some time to go outside in the parking lot and practice. We need some marching practice and to train more riflemen.

Now, the fall High School football games are just around the corner and after that, basketball. No reason we can't volunteer and present the Colors at those area events. That's where you all come-in, get us the "gig". People love Veterans again and we should be out there promoting ourselves. You

know there are Submariners sitting in the stands that no nothing about the USSVI and our Base. Let's show them we are here, we are active, and show them it's fun to be involved!

- Moe(SS)

Advice

- 1) Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
- 2) Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- 3)* Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
- 4) Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker..
- 5) If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.



XO's Transmissions

Well in my first writing from the XO I would like to thank the membership for the confidence in me by electing me to the position of Vice Commander. Carolina Piedmont has been a huge factor in my life and hopefully for many years to come. I would like to take the time to thank Glenn Harris for calling me to see if I would be interested in forming a base for USSVI in the area. I had no idea of what USSVI was all about but I did know it was an opportunity to meet with other Sub Sailors and was all for it. The longer I am involved with this group the more I am learning of the magnificent works we do. At Carolina Piedmont we have been able to achieve goals that were targeted and continue to do so. I would like to thank the membership for their active participation in the base. One of my new duties as VC is to chair the membership committee, this committee consist of each and every one of the base members. I would like to thank you for finding new Sub Sailors in the area and introducing them to

Carolina Piedmont. We have been growing at a good clip and it is through your efforts. if ;you have any ideas how we can spread the word, please let me know. As a base, we have many programs in effect and I hope to involve everyone in carrying out these programs. We are here not only to serve each other but also to be a group that gives back to the communities we are located in. Please feel free to contact me whenever you desire, it is your participation that makes this unit click. Thank you for all you do...jack dds1

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

Parade Info

.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 Page 16.

Cruise Reminder!
If you are going on the cruise in October the balance needs to be paid on or before August 2 !



Answer to the Flag Trivia: The Gadsden flag is associated with Christopher Gadsden, who was a delegate to the Second Continental Congress. He presented a flag to the Provincial Congress of South Carolina on Friday, February 9, 1776. The journal of the South Carolina congress describes the flag as "an elegant standard, such as is said to be used by the commander-in-chief of the American navy; being a yellow field, with a lively representation of a rattlesnake in the middle, in the attitude of going to strike, and these words underneath, 'DONT TREAD ON ME!' "

Massing of Colors—A Thank You from Greenville

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18 March 2011


Massing of the Colors Participant:

Thank you for attending our 2011 Massing of the Colors.

As a part of its Americanism program, the Greenville Scottish Rite Valley has sponsored a Massing of the Colors. This colorful, patriotic ceremony is dedicated to the memory of those members of the Military Service who gave their lives to preserve our liberty and to honor those who have served or are presently serving our country.

Presented this past Sunday, March 6, were 23 Color Guards representing 13 ROTC and JROTC Units and 10 Service Units from the Upstate of South Carolina. We appreciate their dedication to this event and look forward to their continued participation.

Sincerely,



Jay Frazier

Chairman

Americanism Committee

Enclosed: Photo of the 2011 Massing of the Colors

Supporters of the John I. Smith Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders



Flag Quiz

1. When the Flag passes in a parade you should:
 - a. Wave at the carrier
 - b. Turn and face east
 - c. Stand silent, remove your hat and place your right hand over your heart
 - d. Salute
2. Who may order the Flag be flown at half-staff?
 - a. The Mayor
 - b. Anyone
 - c. The President or Governor
 - d. The Postmaster General
3. What is the significance of displaying the flag at half-staff?
 - a. To publicly mourn the death of one or more people
 - b. Indicates a federal holiday
 - c. An excuse to close the banks
 - d. Flag pole maintenance
4. When should the Flag be flown at half-staff?
 - a. Memorial Day - sunrise to noon
 - b. By order of the President
 - c. By order of the Governor
 - d. All of the above
5. Can the Flag be flown at night?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Yes, if properly illuminated
6. When the National Anthem is played, you should
 - a. Stand
 - b. Remove your hat
 - c. Face the flag if you can see it
 - d. All of the above
7. What is the proper manner of pledging allegiance to the Flag?
 - a. Same as the National Anthem
 - b. No rules apply
 - c. None of the above
8. The 13 stripes on the Flag represent
 - a. A baker's dozen
 - b. The 13 original colonies
 - c. Signifies good luck
 - d. None of the above
9. If a new state were added to the U.S. on March 1st, when would a new star be added?
 - a. March 2nd
 - b. Never - there isn't any room
 - c. July 4th
 - d. January 1st of the following year
10. Old Flags
 - a. Can be used for clothing
 - b. Should be destroyed discreetly by burning
 - c. None of the above
 - d. B, but never A

See Page 19 for answers.

Join the NC SUBVETS Team to Walk Now for Autism Speaks

Join Autism Speaks as we walk to change the future for all who struggle with autism!

Walk Now for Autism Speaks is a fun-filled, family friendly event and is our single most powerful force to fund vital research that will lead us to the answers we need. Experience the power of thousands united by a single cause by joining Walk Now for Autism Speaks. Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disorder in the U.S. – we need more volunteers to join our fight. Whether this is your first walk or the 10th, take the first step and register today. You will not only raise funds, but you will become a part of a fun and supportive family-focused community.

Every 15 minutes, another family receives the devastating news that their child has an autism spectrum disorder. Help us change that! Start fundraising today. Whether you strive to join our new "Team Village" (teams with a minimum of ten walkers, raising \$3,000) or sell lemonade to boost your total or create your own unique event, you become a part of the solution! Don't wait another minute – join the NC

SUBVETS walk team You too can go around Charlotte Motor Speedway at an exciting 7 miles an hour or as fast as your shoes will carry you and raise money to support important research to find a cure for Autism.

Go to this web address and sign up to join the NC SUBVETS walk team.

<https://www.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=460844&lis=0&kntae460844=699B5BF9C9F3406886FE63FE290DD6EA&team=4195448&tlteam=0>

You are now on our team page. You can see how much money we've raised and below that is a list of team members. If you want to join the team, Click on the "Join Our Team" link under the team name. Fill in the personal info, set your personal goal, and strengthen your leg muscles.

When your friends and family want to support you, send them to our Team page. Clicking on your name takes them to your personal donation page. Enter the amount they want to donate and Click on Continue.

They'll be guided through the procedure and you will be credited with raising money for Autism research. If they want to make a cash or check donation, take the money and fill out the Offline Donor Form. You can print out copies with your name from your personal page. Look for a link below the amount donated on your personal page. There is a receipt at the bottom of the form.

Here is the walk info:

Event Location: Charlotte Motor Speedway

Event Schedule:

Registration: 8:30 AM
Resource Fair: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Walk Start: 10:00 AM

Rewards:

T-Shirt (\$150.00 +)

Each registered walker who raises a minimum of \$150 will receive a 2011 Walk Now for Autism Speaks t-shirt!

Grand Club (\$1,000.00 +)

This prestigious group of walkers have raised \$1,000 or more for Walk Now for Autism Speaks this season. The program was created to give extra recognition and VIP treatment on Walk Day to these top walkers. Our goal is to double the number of Grand Club members in 2011. Want to join us? Start fundraising today!



Who is the real celebrity.?



Last year we had a great time and raised over \$1000.00 as a team for the cause. Here are some of the team members. Are you in this picture?

Or you could have hung out with Roller Derby Queens and Karate Masters or the Checkers Cheerleaders.



Smooth Sailing To Glenn Harris

Late in May VFW Post 9138 and the Carolina Piedmont Base got together to honor a very active member of both organizations, Mr. Glenn Harris.

Glenn is now retired and is moving back to Iowa with his family.

Glenn was one of the

Founders and Plank owner Commander of the Carolina Piedmont Base.

Glenn also is the Past Commander of VFW Post 9138.

Ralph Best and VFW Commander Bill Trask present Glenn with a nice plaque.



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

:Military Compensation Update 01:

In his remarks before the American Enterprise Institute on 23 MAY, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said the next round of budget cuts could force lawmakers to pare back military pay and benefits. He indicated the government would have to "re-examine military compensation," consider altering the retirement system to reduce outlays for pay and pensions and do more to address

"spiraling health-care costs." None would be good for the military or retiree communities and any one of them could wind up harming individual service recruiting and retention efforts. A number of groups have called for reductions in earned military pay and benefit programs recently. Gates referenced one in his comments: the President's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Re-

form. That group proposed a three-year freeze on basic pay, military housing and food allowances in addition to raising TRICARE-related fees for all beneficiaries (among other things). Additional recommendations are expected to be seen in coming months and the threat to earned military benefits will increase. [Source: AFSA Weekly eNewsletter 27 May 2011 ++]

Arlington National Cemetery Update 24:

When Republicans took control of the House in January, Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) and his conference passed a set of rules that prohibited the use of floor time for the passage of symbolic resolutions. "We're pretty well committed to the House doing substantive work on the floor of the House," Boehner said earlier this month during the debate over whether to pass a resolution honoring the military and intelligence operatives that planned and executed the raid that killed Usama bin Laden. "[All]

of the commemorative resolutions that used to be brought to the floor of the House, some of them I thought were quite meaningless." But where there's a will there's a way, and Monday night, as part of a bill known as the "Honoring American Veterans Act of 2011 [H.R.1627]," the House approved what amounts to a resolution praising the service of Jewish war chaplains. The bill honors rabbis who died during active duty in the armed services with a monument on Chaplains Hill in Arlington National Cemetery. "We

are hopeful that through this new legislation and the placement of the Jewish War Chaplains monument at Arlington National Cemetery, all Americans will know the inspiration these men provided to thousands of our soldiers," Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., said in a statement. He added that the underlying legislation would allow Congress to honor additional war fighters through monuments at the cemetery in the future. In addition to the memorial, the bill also praises American troops who have participated in the



wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and prevents the practice of reserving burial plots" there at Arlington. Considered during a series of votes on veterans' affairs bills, the commemorative legislation passed H.R. 1627, 380 to 0. On 24 MAR the bill was referred to Senate committee, read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

[Source: FoxNews.com John Brandt | May 23,

National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum:

Since the killing of Osama bin Laden by Navy SEALs, the director of the National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce "said calls, letters and post cards have been arriving from throughout the world." The museum, the only one of its type, is dedicated solely to preserving the history of the Navy SEALs and their predecessors, including the Underwater Demolition Teams, Naval Combat Demolition Units, Office of Strategic Services Maritime Units and Amphibious Scouts and Raiders. Located in Fort Pierce, Florida - the birthplace of the Navy Frogman - the Museum promotes public education by providing the opportunity to explore the history of the Navy SEALs in an atmosphere of respect and honor. The museum, which opened in 1985, was recognized as a National Museum by an act of Congress signed into law 7 FEB 08. The Memorial consists of a 500-pound, 9-foot-tall, bronze sculp-

ture of a modern Navy SEAL. The names of all Underwater Demolition Team members — the "Frogmen" of World War II and modern Navy SEALs — who have died in the service of the country are carved into black, granite panels on the walls surrounding the sculpture and its reflecting pool. The Museum collection includes a number of rare artifacts dating from the founding of the SEALs, from the days of Scouts & Raiders, through the Underwater Demolition Teams, to recent present-day activities of US Navy SEALs:

The site at 3300 North A1A, North Hutchinson Island is open Monday (January-April only) 10-4 Tuesday-Saturday 10-4, and Sunday Noon-4. Admission fees are adults (ages 13 and over) \$8.00, children (ages 6 - 12) \$4.00, and children (5 and under) free. Entry fee is included with membership. For Group Rates/Reservations call the Museum at 772-595-5845. For a virtual tour

go to http://www.navysealmuseum.com/virtual_museum.php. For additional info refer to <http://www.navysealmuseum.com/>. [Source: <http://www.navysealmuseum.com> May 2011 ++]

VA Debit Cards:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (through the Treasury Department) will offer beneficiaries without bank accounts the option to enroll in the Direct Express debit card program with Comerica Bank. Direct Express payments will be directly deposited into that account and made accessible through a debit card. Personal funds cannot be transferred into this account as it can only be used to receive Federal benefits. Direct Express cardholders have 24/7 access to their money at automated teller machines and are able to make purchases at any retailer that accepts MasterCard. [Source: Mil.com | Benefits 16 MAY 2011 ++]

Answers to Flag quiz

1-c, d if a Vet, 2-c. 3-a, 4-d. 5-c, 6-d, 7-a, 8-b, 9-c, 10-d



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

A: The Flag shall not be used as an article of clothing. Also the Flag should not be used to make clothing or other items. Clothing looking like the American Flag is fine, as long as it did not start out as a Flag. A Flag should start as a Flag and end-up as ashes when no longer serviceable.

And wouldn't she look better without the Flag? - Moe(SS)



Retiree Checklist: What Survivors Should Know

Shift Colors periodically provides a checklist for retirees and their surviving family members. This checklist is designed to provide retirees and their loved ones with some help in preparing for the future.

_ Create a military file that includes a copy of retirement orders, separation papers, DD Form 214, medical records, and any other pertinent military paperwork. Make sure your spouse knows the location and telephone number of the nearest military installation.

_ Create a military retired pay file that includes the following contact information for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) and Navy Personnel Command:
 Defense Finance and Accounting Service
 U S Military Retirement Pay
 Post Office Box 7130
 London, KY 40742-7130
 (800) 321-1080 or (216) 522-5955/(800) 269-5170 (for issues regarding deceased members)
 Navy Personnel Command
 (N135C)
 Retired Activities Branch

5720 Integrity Drive
 Millington, TN 38055-6220

(This file should also include the number of any pending VA claim as well as the address of the local VA office; a list of deductions currently being made from retired pay or VA benefits. Also include the name, relationship and address of the person you have designated to any unpaid retired pay at the time of death. This designation is located on the back of your Retiree Account Statement)

_ Create an annuities file. This file should include information about the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP), or any applicable Civil Service annuity, etc. Additional information regarding SBP, RCSBP and RSFPP annuity claims can be obtained from DFAS office at (800) 321-1080.

_ Create a personal document file that has copies of marriage certificates, divorce decrees, adoptions and naturalization papers.

_ Create an income tax file. Include copies of

both of your state and federal income tax returns.

_ Create a property tax file. Include copies of tax bills, deeds and any other related documents/information.

_ Create an insurance policy file. Include life, property, accident, liability and hospitalization policies.

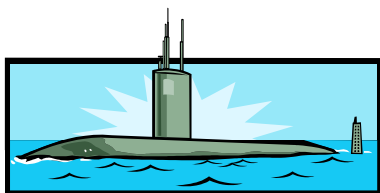
_ in a secure location, maintain a list of all bank accounts (joint or individual). Include the location of all deposit boxes, savings bonds, stocks, bonds and any securities owned.

_ in a secure location, maintain a list of all charge accounts and credit cards. Include account numbers and mailing addresses.

_ Maintain a list of all associations and organizations of which you are a member. Some of them could be helpful to your spouse.

_ Maintain a list of all friends and business associates who may be helpful. Include name, address and telephone number.

_ Discuss your plans/ desires with respect to the type and location of your funeral service. You should decide about cremation, which ceme-



Retiree Checklist: (con't)

tery, ground burial, etc. If your spouse knows your desires, it will resolve some of the questions that might arise at a later date.

_ Visit a local funeral home and pre-arrange your services. Many states will allow you to pre-pay for services.

_ Investigate the decisions that you and your family have agreed upon. Many states have specific laws and guidelines regulating cremation and burials at sea. Some states require a letter of authority signed by the deceased in order to authorize a cremation. Know the laws in your specific area and how they may affect your decisions. Information regarding Burials at Sea can be obtained by phoning the Mortuary Affairs Division at (866) 787-0081.

_ Once your decisions have been made and you're comfortable with them, have a will drawn up outlining all your wishes and store it in a secure location with your other paperwork.

_ When all the decision-making and documenting is completed, sit back and continue to enjoy life.

Who should be notified

in the event of my death?

1. Defense Finance and Accounting Service (800) 321-1080 or (216) 522-5955

2. Social Security Administration (for death benefits) - (800) 772-1213

3. Department of Veterans Affairs (if applicable) - (800) 827-1000

4. Office of Personnel and Management (if applicable) - (724) 794-8690

5. Any fraternal group that you have membership with such as MOOA, FRA, NCOA, VFW, AL, TREA, USSVI NATIONAL OFFICE notify when a shipmate goes on Eternal Patrol. Provide Name, Base and date of death and obituary if available.

6. Any previous employer that provides pension or benefits.

The above information is not all-inclusive and should be used with other estate planning tools to lessen trauma to your loved ones.

Emergency Readiness

As most of you know, Glenna and I had a tree fall on our house during a storm. I discovered that I

was not as prepared as I thought I was. This really bothered me; I was the DCPO on my boat. In simple terms I failed my training. With all that the weather has done to the Carolinas this year, I have a few thoughts to share with everyone.

Do you know all your emergency contacts? How quickly can you contact your insurance company, do you know your policy number? Where are your medical records, copies of your prescriptions? Do you have a power of attorney and where is it? When the roof has fallen in, it's rough to find this stuff. If you have a computer you can copy all this information to a thumb drive and keep it where you can easily get to it in an emergency. Thumb drives are so small you can keep one on your key chain. You can get medical alert wrist bands that contain your medical records.

We all know about having water, flashlights, blankets, food and other such things. Murphy's Law says that the batteries will be dead when you need it the most. I strongly recommend that your emergency lights have lithium batteries. Yes they are more expensive, but these batteries have a long shelf life. The

new LED lanterns you can get from the sporting goods stores have as much as a 21 day operating life on one set of batteries.

Bottled water has a near limitless shelf life. You can get water purifier systems that require no power, again from a sporting supply store. Same goes for emergency food. I have noticed that there are allot of dried foods that you can get at your local grocery stores. We now from the old days those certain brands of canned meats seem to last forever as well. And some of this stuff has a very long life as well. One thing we didn't have, and no one ever thought of, is a simple fan. We now have a battery operated fan; it really helped when we had no AC in the house. We have a portable generator, it was useless. We couldn't use it because the mains were ripped out of the house. I plan to do something about that too.

As submariners we were trained to be ready for any emergency on the boat. But are we ready for one in our community or in our own home? Glenna and I want to thank everyone for their offers of help and their support for us during a very stressful time. I hope that none of you will have a test of your preparedness that we had.

Mike Hubbell

Lost Boat—USS Herring SS-233



USS Herring (SS-233), a Gato-class submarine, was the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for the herring, a type of small oily fish found in the temperate, shallow waters of the North Atlantic.

Her keel was laid down 14 July 1941 by the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. She was launched on 15 January 1942 (sponsored by Mrs. Ray Spear, wife of Rear Admiral Ray Spear, Chief of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts), and commissioned on 4 May 1942 with Lieutenant Commander Raymond W. Johnson (Class of 1930) in command.

After shakedown, the new submarine was one of five sent to the Mediterra-

nean Sea to take station off the North African coast prior to Operation Torch, the invasion of North Africa. Reaching her position off Casablanca on 5 November 1942, Herring remained there, spotting but not attacking several targets. On the morning of 8 November as the invasion was launched, the patient sub had her chance, sinking the 5,700 ton cargo ship *Ville du Havre*. Herring returned to Rosneath Scotland, on 25 November and departed for her second war patrol 16 December, but targets were scarce. The fourth war patrol, an antisubmarine sweep in Icelandic waters, and fifth patrol, which took her back to the United States on 26 July 1943, netted Herring no more kills.

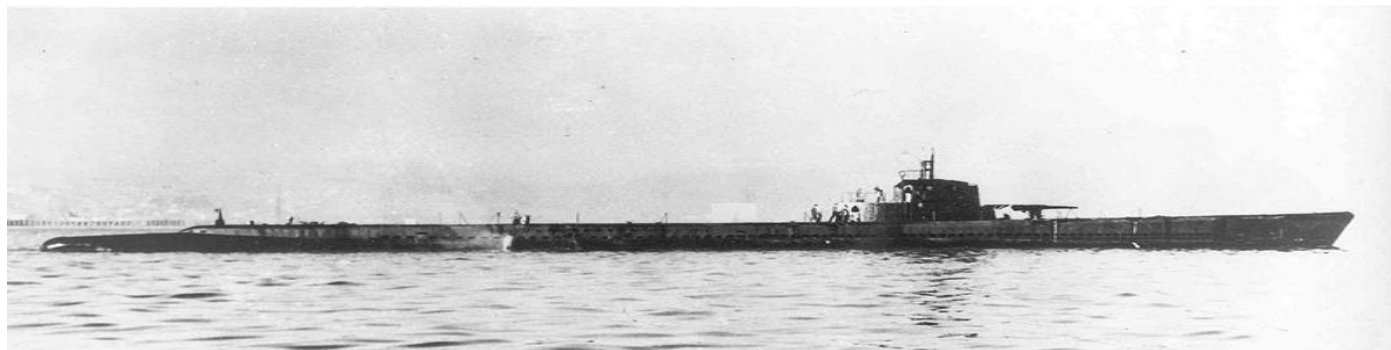
Herring departed New London, Connecticut, for the rich hunting grounds of the Pacific on 9 August 1943. After

intensive training at Pearl Harbor, she sailed 15 November 1943 on her sixth war patrol to join the ranks of the American submarines systematically decimating Japanese shipping and destroying the Japanese economy. She scored two kills, the 3,948 ton *Hakozaki Maru* on 14 December, and the 6,072 ton *Nagoya Maru* to celebrate New Year's Day 1944. Herring's next patrol was a frustrating one as on 24 March 1944 she stalked a large aircraft carrier but was detected and driven deep before she could attack.

Herring's eighth war patrol was to be both her most successful and her last. Topping off at Midway Island on 21 May 1944, Herring headed for the Kurile Islands patrol area. Ten days later she rendezvoused with *Barb* (SS-220). Herring was never heard from or seen again. However, Japa-

nese records prove that she sank two ships, *Ishigaki* and *Hokuyo Maru*, on the night of 30 – 31 May. *Ishigaki* had been responsible for the sinking of USS *S-44* (SS-155) on 7 October 1943. Herring's exact manner of loss can also be determined from these records. Two more merchant ships, *Hiburi Maru* and *Iwaki Maru*, were sunk while at anchor in Matsuwa Island on the morning of 1 June 1944. In a counter-attack, enemy shore batteries scored two direct hits on the submarine's conning tower and "bubbles covered an area about 5 meters wide, and heavy oil covered an area of approximately 15 miles." On her last patrol, Herring had sunk four Japanese ships for a total of 13,202 tons. In all she had sunk six marus totaling 19,959 tons, and a Vichy cargo ship.

Herring received five battle stars for her service in World War II.



A True Story

Some of you who rode the 41 For Freedom boats may recall that the Forward Escape Trunk/ Weapons Shipping Hatch was in the Torpedo Room and an inflatable raft was stowed there. Well during the first upkeep for the 627 Blue crew in Kings Bay, the TMSN was assigned to inspect the raft. He wanted to do a good job and thought it might go better if he pulled it down into the room. Can you see what's coming?

Something caught on one of the valves so he crawled up on top of the raft to free it up and managed to pull the inflation handle. Yep, the raft inflated right on him compressing him against the inside of the trunk. When the TM1 entered the room, the muffled screams got his attention. The only thing he could see was the raft full of air with boon-dockers waving wildly out of the lower hatch. His heroic actions with his trusty Buck knife succeeded in releasing the trapped air and the foolish TMSN. - Lee Hickerson

.More Pictures from the Thomasville Parade




.Virginia-class attack submarine SSN-777 The "NC".



.The MK-14 Torpedo Float with room for riders!



Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Carolina Piedmont Base meeting 1730/1900
26	27	28 Victory Junction Visit	29	30	July 1	2 Troutman Parade
3	4 Faith Parade	5	6	7	8	9 
10	11 VFW Post 9138 Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Carolina Piedmont Base meeting 1730/1900
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	August 1	2	3	4	5	8

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!

