



Carolina Piedmont Base of the USSVI presents the Award Winning

# Piedmont Periscope

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## Half-way Night Show Ready to Roll

Well, the first (of many?) Carolina Piedmont Base's "Half-way Night Show" is ready. We'll present a full-dress rehearsal at Jack's farm on the 29th. After that, the show goes on the road to the Dorn Veteran's Nursing Home in Columbia on the 12th of November at 1300 hours. We'll hit Salisbury VA Nursing Home on the 19th at 1100 hours.

Our "troop" is sort of split into two groups; the singers, who have been practicing hard up north, and the "skitters" (we don't want to call ourselves actors,

yet) has held some read-through's and skit practice at the VFW Post in Ft. Mill.

I want to thank each and everyone involved in making this possible. I came-up with an idea and our Base and SubVettes jumped on it. We are the Can-Do Base as we proved in Springfield, and to quote Sandi Myers "We Rock!". Some ideas were discussed at skit practice the other night about possibly doing some "Caroling" at these same locations during the Christmas season. We welcome all. I can't sing

myself, but with others, I think I can blend in. Our upcoming show line-up is as follows:

- 1) National Anthem – Joel Tuchfeld
- 2) The "Stagehand Stall" (Comedy) – Dale Moses
- 3) Patsy Cline number – Sharon Weber
- 4) Song or two – Jim Schenk
- 5) The story of Rinder-cella – Dale Moses
- 6) Song – Live Until I Die – Joel Tuchfeld

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## USSVI Creed

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

## Lost Boats - October

*"Sailors, rest your oars"*



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

## CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell



Let me once again tell you how proud I was at the Awards Banquet in Springfield, MO last month. It is quite an honor for me to represent you as your Base Commander and to receive the awards we did. You can be very proud of those accomplishments. But I will tell you, you have to go a really long way to feel as proud as I do. Well Done to all. And thank you for letting be your Base Commander.

Again, let me remind those who owe national and/or base dues, please get them in. You should know if you owe or not. But reminders will be going out soon (if they

have not already gone out), just so you know. It would really be nice to get 100% retention before the end of the year. So please help us out there.

Our next meeting (probably days after issue of this newsletter) is at Jack and Carol's place. This is the third year we have done this and each has been a memorable event. So plan on coming to this one. You know the food will be outstanding (not good for the waistline though) and some of the things after our business are worth it too. We will also be raffling off two tickets to the NASCAR Hall of Fame (donated by Jim and Liz Harris). I cannot think of any more reasons to come, other than the comradery we have, which is top notch.

I want to thank Dale Moses and his crew for their efforts for the 'half way night' show they have come up with. They will be putting it on at the Columbia, SC VA on 12 November followed on 19 November at the VA in Salisbury, NC. We wish you all the best on this and if it turns out as most of us think, it just may be done at other facilities.

Both our November and December meetings will be on the third vice the fourth Saturday of the month. And on both occasions, the VFW will be putting on the meal. There will be a call that goes out to see who is attending. We need to give the VFW a head count so they can get enough food without getting far too much. This applies to both months. The cost will probably be something less than \$10, but we

have not been told what it is. Once we know the cost, that information will be put out. The December meeting will not really be a meeting. The only thing planned is the Tolling of the Boats, unless there is something urgent that needs attention (which I doubt that will happen). It is sort of like getting together for Christmas. Who knows? Santa might even show up. So plan ahead for this.

I received a "BZ" from the National Junior Vice Commander for our donation for the USSVI Plaque at the Navy Memorial. We have exceeded what would have been expected from us. Thank you for your support on that.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Jack's house. If you miss it, you are missing a good one.

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## XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries

Well here it is, just about time for the annual meeting here at the Jeffries Retreat. The women will be serving one heck of a meal and before we get to enjoy the ribs, BBQ, chicken and the fixin's we will have our meeting. We have a few important things to discuss and a good turnout is expected. We will also have a dress rehearsal of the program the Base is putting together for presentation at various VA retirement homes as well possibly going to some of the local retirement centers in the area. A BIG BZ to Dale Moses and the group for forming this. There will be skits as well musical acts in the program. I will be sending out info as to the time and directions for the meeting.

Now down to business at hand. IT IS NOW TIME FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. One of the reasons that Carolina Piedmont received the awards we were given is because of our membership recruiting and retention, as the membership chairman, I thank you and remind you to please keep it going. If you are not a life member of Na-

tional, you probably owe. National dues are still \$20.00 and Base are still \$10.00. You can send your dues to Lee Hickerson 8410 Clear Meadow Lane Charlotte NC 28227, if you plan to attend a meeting before the year end, you can pay there.

We are scheduled to make an appearance the the Levine Hospital on Oct 31st for their annual Halloween Festival and then we are scheduled to have our KAP(SS)4KID (SS) visit on the 12th of November. Last Saturday we participated in the annual Walk for Autism at the Charlotte Speedway and NC Subvets were represented by members of the Carolina Piedmont Base as well as the Nat Greene Base as well as the Subvettes Group from Carolina Piedmont, Carolina Piedmont ROCKS. So far for this event we have donated over \$1800.00 for the charity. THANKS. While we were there, we recruited at least two new members for our base.



Autism Speaks Gang— Back Row—Jim Harris, Steve Bell (Commander), Jeff Nieberding, Jim Schenk. Front Row— Jack Jeffries, Lee Hickerson, John Rupertus (Commander of the Nat Green Base), and Mike Runkle from the Nat Greene Base.



Flag Trivia—Where did this Flag fly in our Nation's history? See Page 11

## Machinery One — Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary

### CAROLINA PIEDMONT BASE MINUTES

24 SEPTEMBER 2011



1900- Meeting called to order by Commander Steve Bell, Invocation given by Chaplain Ray Fritz, Pledge of Allegiance

led by Commander Steve Bell, Tolling of the Boats conducted by Chaplain Ray Fritz. Introduction of Base

members- 30 present including new members Tom Hulme and Don Queen.

**Special Presentations-** WWII Patches were presented to Hal Rutter, 90 North patches were presented to Steve Bell and Ray Fritz. Patch for Medium Base Newsletter of the year was presented to Dale Moses. The awards that were presented to the base and members were displayed. Individual awards to be retained by the member awarded them and the base awards will be on display at the meeting place.

**Reading of minutes from August meeting-** read and approved as read.

**Reading of Treasurers report for the month of September** Balance as of 31 August \$5,074,86, Memorial Restoration Fund \$288.50, Kaps 4 Kids fund \$1,061.05, Scholarship Foundation Fund \$202.85, Autism Speaks fund \$281.00m Funds available for base \$3,241,46. Report approved.

**Old Business-**None

**New Business-** Dale Moses reported on progress of the program to be given at VA Hospital in Columbia S.C. A practice was held before meeting. We discussed funding an annual budget of \$100.00 for the purchase of snacks for the Veterans attending the presentations. We also discussed the possibility of presenting show at Salisbury VA hospital.

Autism Speaks, we have \$1075.00 pledged so far thru online donations and \$281.00 donated from the Tarheel and Nat Greene Base for a \$1356.00. While this is better than last year, we can do more. We need more walkers and our walkers need sponsors. Feel free to go to [walknowforautismspeaks.org](http://walknowforautismspeaks.org) search for NC SUBVETS and sponsor one of our team members or signup to walk and get your family, friends and coworkers to sponsor you. Print out several copies of the donation form just in case you receive cash donations. To the walk team members, thanks for your commitment. Get your legs ready and be sure to wear comfortable shoes. See you at the track.

We approved a \$100.00 donation to the USSVI Charitable Fund for the USSVI Plaque to be placed at the Navy Memorial located in Washington DC.

Clarence Jordan was commissioned to design a patch depicting the base being awarded the Golden Anchor as well as the Robert Link award. Possible designs were passed around for approval of members present. Cost to be presented at October meeting. Members present approved and seconded a \$150.00 donation to Autism Speaks Walk.

**SK report...**distributed 2012 calendars to members present that ordered them. Still have few left.

**Good of the order-** Discussed goings on at Springfield convention and upcoming 2012 convention at Norfolk. Hotel reservations can be made after 25 September at the host hotel, The Marriott Hotel.

Discussed the importance of listing your time in service as this determines the War Status of USSVI for



IRS purposes. At the present time, donations made to USSVI and USSVI Bases are tax deductible.

We are invited to participate at the Halloween festival at the Levine Children's Hospital on 31 Oct. Members wishing to participate please contact Jack Jeffries. We can take a total of 8 members for this trip. We will not be going into the individual rooms this time but be setting up in the main lobby.

For the members wishing to attend, if you have any memorabilia "borrowed" during your service, you may wish to display it.

A reminder was again put out regarding both National and Base Dues. If you owe, both are due NLT 31 December 2011. It is preferable to get those in prior to that date.

We have a possible Flag Etiquette presentation coming up in the Lincoln School district and also

the Submarine presentation coming for the schools in Union County..More on that as info is received.

The November and December meetings will be

held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday those two months vice the fourth Saturday. Also, each of those meetings, the meal will be a combined event with the VFW. Please let us know if you are attending so the VFW can have an idea of head count in order to have enough food.

Our October meeting will be held at the Jeffries compound in Monroe, NC. This meeting is on the fifth Saturday vice the fourth. For those without a calendar, that would be 29 October. More info will be put out regarding that meeting/meal.

Benediction offered by Chaplain Ray Fritz.

2035- Motion to adjourn, seconded.

Submitted by Jack Jeffries for Mike Hubbell

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Boudreaux is driving down a back road in Louisiana ..

A sign in front of a restaurant reads:

**HAPPY HOUR SPECIAL - LOBSTER TAIL and BEER**

"Lord a'mighty," he says to himself, "Them's my *three favorites!*"

## Half-way (cont'd)

7) Kemoswabie skit – Jeff Nieberding, Rick Petitt, Jack Jeffries, and Glenna Hubbell

8) Songs: When The Saints Go Marching In and You Are My Sunshine – Joel, Jim, and Sharon

9) Finale – "This Land is your Land" – All sing!

10) Take a Bow! – Cast and Base members

We welcome your ideas and involvement. I personally would like to see us do this more often and the Commander has mentioned that we might possible take it to area rest homes. If you'd like to assist in any way, please give me at call or e-mail.—Moe(SS)

My doctor asked me about what I did yesterday. I told him about my day:

"Well, I waded across the edge of a lake, escaped from a mountain lion in the heavy brush, marched up and down a mountain, stood in a patch of poison ivy, crawled out of quicksand, and jumped away from an aggressive rattlesnake"

Inspired, the doctor said, "You must be an awesome outdoorsman!"

"No," I replied, "I'm just a real crappy golfer."

## THE TOP 18 THINGS THAT YOU WILL NEVER HEAR A SOUTHERN BOY SAY:

18. When I retire, I'm movin' north.
  17. Oh I just couldn't, she's only sixteen.
  16. I'll take Shakespeare for 1000, Alex.
  15. Duct tape won't fix that.
  14. We don't keep firearms in this house.
  13. You can't feed that to the dog.
  12. Wrestling is fake.
  11. Do you think my gut is too big?
  10. Honey, we don't need another dog.
  9. Who gives a damn who won the Civil War?
  8. Give me the small bag of pork rinds.
  7. I just couldn't find a thing at Wal-Mart today.
  6. Cappuccino tastes better than espresso.
  5. Unsweetened tea tastes better.
  4. She's too young to be wearing a bikini.
  3. I don't have a favorite college team.
  2. Those shorts ought to be a little longer, Betty Mae.
- AND THE NUMBER ONE THING THAT YOU WILL NEVER HEAR A SOUTHERN BOY SAY:
1. Nope, no more beer for me. I'm driving a whole bus load of us down to re-elect OBAMA!



# New members Binnacle List

Welcome Aboard

Rudy Ogas

## Happy Birthday to:

### October

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



David Holm 10/28

If your birthday was missed, please notify Jack or Dale

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

When you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there. - Will Rogers

### October

Susan and Tom Kelly – 10/2  
Yolanda and Larry Lynch - 10/12  
Carol and Jack Jeffries - 10/20



Monica and Howard Dachs - 10/22

## SubVettes

Hello Sassy Sisters,

Hope all are doing well. As I am writing this month's article, I am thinking about our cruise and getting things ready to go. If we plan one for next year maybe we will have even more people to share in the fun.

Our October meeting will be at the Jeffries "Ponderosa". Jack will be sending emails with directions to his house. I have a few reminders for you gals. Please remember to bring 2 dishes, either a dessert and veggie or 2 desserts or 2 veggies. The meat,

bread and ice will be supplied. Please bring your drink of choice. Don't forget your secret sister and last but not least, the service project items to finish up this year, baked goodies for the USO. Individually wrapped candy {no chocolate please} for our Christmas box to the USS North Carolina; and socks and or throws for Operation Warmth.

I hope to see everyone for the October Bash we are planning to have a blast and hopefully have several guests. If possible, could you have your

Husbands give Jack a call. We want to get the tents set up earlier in the day before our meeting and help is needed to make this happen.

Take care and may God Bless You and Yours. And May God Bless the USA. Remember CAROLINA PIED-

MONT ROCKS!!!!!!  
THANK YOU SISTERS  
FOR ALL YOU HAVE  
DONE TO MAKE THIS  
A VERY SUCCESS-  
FUL YEAR AND  
MAKING MY JOB AS  
YOUR PRESIDENT  
EASY!!!!!!!!!!!!!! LOVE  
TO ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!



### Baby Cheesecakes

By baking individual portions of cheesecake, it keeps tempting leftovers to a minimum. If you need to make cheesecakes for more people, the recipe is easily doubled.

**Crust:** 2-1/4 ounces chocolate wafers (one-fourth of a 9-ounce package)

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

1 tablespoon extra-light olive oil

1 tablespoon sugar

Pinch of salt

**Filling:** 12 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese (Neufchatel)

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 egg white

1 tablespoon bourbon or dark rum

1/3 cup sugar

1 whole egg

1-1/2 cups reduced-fat sour cream

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

**Make crust:** In a food processor, combine chocolate wafers (broken into largish pieces), sugar, cinnamon, salt, and olive oil. Process until fine crumbs form. Divide mixture evenly among six 6-ounce custard cups and press mixture onto the bottom and up sides of cups.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

**Make filling:** In same food processor bowl (no need to clean it), combine cream cheese, sugar, salt, whole egg, egg white, sour cream, bourbon, and vanilla. Process until smooth.

Pour batter into prepared pans. Place pans on a baking sheet and bake 25 minutes. Turn off oven, prop door open, and leave cheesecakes in oven for 30 minutes.

Refrigerate cheesecakes, covered, for at least four hours so that they may firm up.

**Number of servings:** 6

# Piedmont Funnies Page

## "THE FIVE MOST DANGEROUS THINGS IN THE US NAVY"

- 1) A Seaman saying, "I learned this in Boot Camp..."
- 2) A Petty Officer saying, "Trust me, sir..."
- 3) A Lieutenant JG saying, "Based on my experience..."
- 4) A Lieutenant saying, "I was just thinking..."
- 5) A Chief chuckling, "Watch this sh\*t..."

Provide by Walt Sealy:

### Grandmas don't know everything!

Tony was 9 years old and was staying with his grandmother for a few days. He'd been playing outside with the other kids, when he came into the house and asked her, 'Grandma, what's that called when two people sleep in the same bedroom and one is on top of the other?' She was a little taken aback, but she decided to tell him the truth. 'Well, dear, it's called sexual intercourse. Little Tony said, 'OK,' and went back outside to play with the other kids. A few minutes later he came back in and said angrily, 'Grandma, it is-

n't called sexual intercourse. It's called Bunk Beds. And Jimmy's mom wants to talk to you.'



Ole was hunting geese up in the slough. He leaned the old 12 gauge against the corner of the blind to take a leak. As luck would have it, the foolish dog knocks the gun over, it goes off and Ole took most of an ounce of buckshot in the groin.

Several hours later, lying in a Duluth hospital bed, he comes to and there is his doctor, Sven.

"Vell Ole, I got some good news and some bad news. The good news is that you are going to be OK. The damage was local to your groin, there was very little internal damage, and we were able to remove all of the buckshot."

"What's the bad news?" asks Ole.

"The bad news is that there was some pretty extensive buckshot damage done to your penis. I'm going to have to refer you to my sister, Lena."

"Well, I guess that

isn't too bad," says Ole. "Is your sister a plastic surgeon?"

"Not exactly," Sven says. "She's a flute player in the Minnesota Symphony Orchestra. She's going to teach you where to put your fingers so you don't pee in your eye."



The new Ensign was assigned to subs, where he'd dreamed of working since a young boy. He was trying to impress the Master Chief with his expertise learned in Submarine School.

The Master Chief cut him off quickly and said, *"Listen, 'sir', it's real simple. Add the number of times we dive to the number of times we surface. Divide that number by two. If the result doesn't come out even, don't open the hatch."*



### A wise old Master Chief once said...

A young Ensign approaches the crusty old Master Chief and asked about the origin of the commissioned officer insignias.

"Well," replied the Master Chief, "the insignias for the Navy are steeped in history and tradition. First, we give you a gold bar representing that you are very valuable but also malleable. The silver bar also represents significant value, but is less malleable. Now, when you make Lieutenant, your value doubles, hence the two silver bars. As a Captain, you soar over the military masses, hence the eagle. As an Admiral, you are, obviously, a star. Does that answer your question?"

"Yes Master Chief" replied the young Ensign. "But what about a Lieutenant Commander and Commander?"

"That, sir, goes waaaay back in history - back to the Garden of Eden. You see we've always covered our pr\*cks with leaves."



### Pearly Gates

Three men; a philosopher, a mathematician and a Chief Petty Officer, were out riding in a bus, coming home from scout summer camp



when it crashed into a tree. Before anyone knows it, the three men found themselves standing before the Pearly Gates of Heaven, where St. Peter and the Devil were standing nearby.

Gentlemen, the Devil said, Due to the fact that Heaven is now overcrowded, St. Peter has agreed to limit the number of people entering Heaven. If anyone of you can ask me a question which I don't know or cannot answer, then you're worthy enough to go to Heaven; if not, then you'll come with me to Hell.

The philosopher then stepped up, Okay, give me the most comprehensive report on Socrates' teachings. With a snap of his finger, a stack of paper appeared next to the Devil. The philosopher read it and concluded it was correct. Then, go to Hell! With another snap of the Devil's finger, the philosopher disappeared.

The mathematician then asked, Give me the most complicated crypto formula you can ever think of that could never be deciphered! With a snap of his finger, another stack of paper appeared next to the Devil.

The mathematician read it and reluctantly agreed the code was unbreakable. Then, go to Hell! With another snap of the Devil's finger, the mathematician disappeared, too.

The Chief Petty Officer then stepped forward and said, Bring me a chair! The Devil brought forward a chair. Drill 7 holes on the seat. The Devil did just that. The squid then sat on the chair and let out a very loud fart. Standing up, he asked, Which hole did my fart come out of? The Devil inspected the seat and said, The third hole from the right. Wrong, said the chief, it came out of my a\*\*hole. And the Chief went to Heaven...



### The Best Smart-Ass Answers

#### SMART-ASS ANSWER

#6 - It was mealtime during an airline flight. 'Would you like dinner?', the flight attendant asked John, seated in front. 'What are my choices?' John asked. 'Yes or no,' she replied.

#### SMART-ASS ANSWER

#5 - A flight attendant was stationed at the departure gate to check tickets. As a man approached, she extended

her hand for the ticket and he opened his trench coat and flashed her. Without missing a beat, she said, 'Sir, I need to see your ticket, not your stub.'

#### SMART-ASS ANSWER

#4 - A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, 'Do these turkeys get any bigger?' The stock boy replied, 'No ma'am, they're dead.'

#### SMART-ASS ANSWER

#3 - The police officer got out of his car as the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window. 'I've been waiting for you all day,' the officer said. The kid replied, 'Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could.' When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

#### SMART-ASS ANSWER

#2 - A truck driver was driving along on the free-way and noticed a sign that read: Low Bridge Ahead. Before he knows it, the bridge is right in front of him and his truck gets wedged under it. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally a police car comes up. The cop gets out of his car and walks to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, 'Got stuck, huh?'

The truck driver says, 'No, I was delivering this bridge and I ran out of gas.'

#### SMART-ASS ANSWER OF THE YEAR

- A college teacher reminds her class of tomorrow's final exam.. 'Now class, I won't tolerate any excuses for you not being here tomorrow. I might consider a nuclear attack or a serious personal injury, illness, or a death in your immediate family, but that's it, no other excuses whatsoever!' A smart-ass student in the back of the room raised his hand and asked, 'What would you say if tomorrow I said I was suffering from complete and utter sexual exhaustion?'

The entire class is reduced to laughter and snickering. When silence was restored, the teacher smiled knowingly at the student, shook her head and sweetly said, 'Well, I guess you'd have to write the exam with your other hand.'

#### A BONUS EXTRA

- A woman is standing nude looking in the bedroom mirror. She is not happy with what she sees and says to her husband, 'I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment.' The husband replies, 'Your eyesight's damn near perfect.'

## **WHOA TO 'WOE IS ME'** by Rev. Donna L Warren,

They screamed, they carried on, they cried, they crowded the stage. They vowed undyingly never to wash a particular hand again because "he" had touched it. Clothing styles underwent radical shifts among the young. Parents and grandparents alike shook their heads, clucked their tongues and wondered, "What will happen to the generation?"

There was too much makeup, kids were becoming more flippant and language was increasing in its coarseness and vulgarity. All of this because a young Frank Sinatra was packing in several thousand teen-aged kids six or seven time a day in the 1940s at the Paramount Theatre in New York City.

Fast-forward some 20 years. As time goes, that's not a particularly long span of it. They screamed, they carried on, ...clothing styles underwent radical shifts. Parents and grandparents again shook their heads and clucked their tongues. Barely had the words left Ed Sullivan's mount, "AND HERE THEY ARE- -THE BEATLES!" Then the

screaming increased to deafening proportions, virtually drowning out the Fab Four in their American television debut.

Fast-forward again some 34 years. Outside a Beverly Hills church, all is somber as dignitaries and celebrities file from the church. Fans are behind police barricades as the coffin of Francis Albert Sinatra is moved to the hearse. Surprisingly, a significant number of those fans are people in their mid-to late 20s, for whom Ol' Blue Eyes is the latest in retro chic. Grandparents don't roll their eyes and cluck their tongues on this day because they remember when they packed the Paramount Theater in New York City fifty years before.

Talking a after a recent meeting, a multi-generational one, we agreed that every generation wonders if the one following it is going to you-know-where in a hand basked. Jesus wondered such things as well. Several times, He commented almost rhetorically to Himself, "What can be done about this present gen-

eration?" And that was in 30 or so A.D.

I wonder if we "cut to the quick" as much as we should be in this age? Are we convinced enough of those things we need to correct in our lives so that we say to Almighty God, "What shall we do?"

Some of us remember the late comedian Flip Wilson, who died in late 1998. His famous tagline was: "The Devil made me do it." Many people use excuses these days. I say "excuse" not in the sense of disbelieving that the Devil makes people do things. Rather, "excuse" here means, "I am unable to change."

Several years ago I was involved in Overeaters Anonymous. As many of the groups meet in churches, mine did. As you may imagine, the name suggests a pattern similar to Alcoholics Anonymous. But there is an additional challenge. Those in AA who are successful learn each day to refrain from alcohol. While not always easy to do, refraining does not endanger life. Indeed, for the alcoholic, life is better.

The challenge in Overeaters Anonymous

is that none can successfully refrain from eating food. Eventually, with no food whatsoever, they would die. The challenge is to change understandings about food, cravings for food and to comprehend better the psychology of eating and food itself. Yet, all of this begins (whether it be obsessive eating or drinking, gambling or narcotics) with the person saying, "I need to change."

The Greek word for repentance literally means, "to turn the mind around. Each of us has the capacity to find out for ourselves who Jesus is. He wants us to proclaim our faith more publicly, pledge to turn away from former ways of living, and move into new ways of thinking and acting, so that we can re-orient ourselves to Jesus Christ as Savior, Guide, Compass and Friend.

Our faith gives us the capacity to say, "Whoa" to this "woe is me" attitude pervading our culture. We can move away from what cartoonist Doug Larson of the United Features Syndicate, said is the problem with heredity: (con't on page 13)

## Parade Info

The Parade Line for the Fall is as follows:

- 11/11—Asheboro
- 11/11—Winston-Salem
- 11/13—High Point

More info on times and meeting/parking will be provided as the events near.

What were the First builds for these yards?

- 1) Crescent (NJ)
  - 2) Union Iron Works
  - 3) Fore River
  - 4) Newport News
  - 5) Moran
  - 6) Cramp
  - 7) Mare Island
  - 8) Manitowic
- Info supplied by John Rupertus

- 592 - SS (8) Peto
- 591-SS-6 V-6 Nautilus (7)
- 590-SS-4 G-4 Thresher (6)
- 589-SS-22 F-3 Pickrel (5)
- 588-SS-191 G-1 Seal (4)
- 587-SS-9 C-1 Octopus (3)
- 586-SS-4 A-3 Grampus (2)
- 585-SS-2 A-1 Plunger (1)

Answers:



## 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.



**Got a Voice ?**

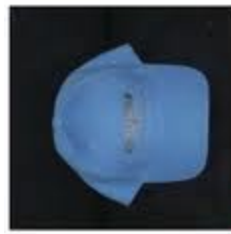
**Call Moe(SS)**

**Looking for "Carolers" for the Christmas Season.**

**We plan on visiting the VA Hospitals in Columbia and Salisbury in December. We volunteers.**

**Call Moe(SS)**

## Kaps4Kids



KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS)

Just because you don't come to the meetings doesn't mean you can't help with this great program. Contact Jack Jeffries, the Carolina Piedmont Base Kaps4Kids Coordinator for more info on how you can help. Every little bit helps a kid fighting cancer.

**Answer to the Flag Trivia:**

This one is "Crescent Flag of South Carolina," and the colors are listed as "Blue field, white crescent." Note that this one has the word "LIBERTY" in the crescent

"On Sept. 13, 1775, Colonel Moultrie received an order to take Fort Johnson, South Carolina. He had this flag made, for the troops wore a silver crescent on the caps inscribed 'Liberty or Death.' 'This was the first American flag displayed in the South,' he said. On June 28, 1776, the crescent flag, with LIBERTY across it, was raised at his defense of Sullivan's Island, later Fort Moultrie."

**Deadline for the November Issue will be the 10th.**



## *From Your District Commander - Dick Kanning*

**2011 USSVI national Awards:** NC SubVets had a clean sweep! The following were awarded:

Newsletter Class II 1st place: Piedmont periscope Carolina Piedmont Base

Newsletter Class III 1st place: All Clear Tarheel Base/NCSubVets

Robert Link Award (Base): Carolina Piedmont Base

Robert link Award: Jack Jeffries Carolina Piedmont base

Robert Link Award: Bill Whelan Tarheel Base

Golden Anchor Award: Carolina Piedmont Base

Meritorious award: Steve Bell Carolina Piedmont Base CDR

Joe Negri Award: Dick Kanning Tarheel Base/SED1 CDR.

The C-P Base achieved another first, in that the Base is the FIRST to ever receive the Golden

Anchor and Robert Link award in the same year! While the awards are noteworthy, it is the members that make them special. Our newsletter editors spend countless hours publishing

winning publications, and deserve your sincere thanks!

For me to receive the Joe Negri Award is a true honor. To me it is the culmination of 7

years as a DC and being able to accomplish what has transpired in old ED3 and now SED1 is

commendable, ONLY because of the membership and their support THANK YOU!

**CONVENTIONS:** 2011 is over. Attendance was approx. 500. 2012 Convention chair John

Kennedy and I did a lot of lessons learned and items for discussion for OUR 2012 convention.

I can't say enough good things about that committee and what has been firmed up so far.

Registration is open, room reservations are open and the tours so far are right-on-the-money.

Check out the 2012 convention website under USSVI conventions!

**Now is the time to step forth!** Earlier, I had stated that volunteers were needed for manning the registration table during the 2012 convention

The table will be open 0900-1800 –Mon-Fri and 0900-1200 on Sat

2 persons 3 hour shifts is easy A Committee member will be present

Tuesday is taken as Carolina Piedmont Base has it covered.

So here's your chance to be a participant! Let me know!

**DUES:** I'm not going to harp. Just get them paid and make your membership chair and

treasurer happy!

**Finances:** Even with the past year of a tanking stock market, USSVI is NOT in debt: we have

NO outstanding debts, other than operating expenses. Our investments showed a modest gain of approx. 36K for the year. Kudos and thanks to NT John and NSVC Jon!

**Participation:** It is always good to see members at various parades meetings and activities. It is

NOT so good to see the same faces repeatedly. Come on out, participate and have fun!!

**Tax Exemption:** I have provided to base BC's

and POC's detailed info on what led to USSVI

AND the Bases being classified as a War Veterans Ass'n and as such now have the classification

of being tax exempt under IRC 501(c)(19) and donations are now tax deductible.

This is NOT a permanent standing, and must be submitted yearly. One of the biggest threats to

losing this veterans status is the enrollment of associate members.

**Pearl Harbor 2011:** The Tarheel Base is again hosting the annual P H dinner and program. With a

a central location in Raleigh and a great venue, Don't miss it.

Yours in service

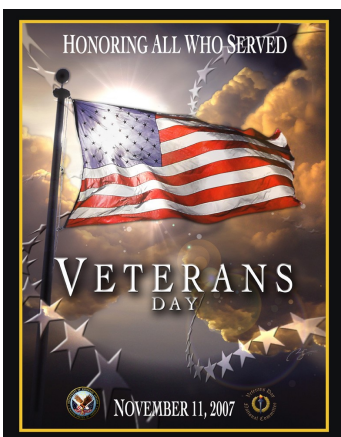
Dick





(con't from page 11)  
 "Heredity," he wrote,  
 "is a splendid phe-  
 nomenon that relieves  
 us of all responsibilities  
 for our shortcomings."  
 Those who seek to fol-  
 low Jesus Christ faith-  
 fully and completely  
 must say, "Here I am,  
 Lord. Is it I, Lord? I  
 have heard You calling  
 in the night. I will go,  
 Lord, if You lead me. I  
 will hold Your people  
 in my heart."

Donna is the District  
 Chaplin of the 3rd Dis-  
 trict of Missouri and  
 Chaplin of my old  
 American Legion Post  
 95 in Liberty, MO.  
 Thanks Donna for your  
 contribution. —Moe  
 (SS)



## Veterans Day 2011

**Update 01:** Each  
 year, Veterans Day  
 turns into a military  
 reunion at Applebee's  
 in neighborhoods  
 across the country. Vet-  
 erans and military from  
 all generations enjoy  
 great food as they share  
 stories from their time  
 serving our country.  
 This year, Applebee's  
 is offering a Veterans  
 Day menu that includes  
 some of its signature  
 and favorite items. To  
 locate a restaurant near  
 you and review their  
 menu refer to <http://www.applebees.com>.  
 Here are the details:

☐ All U.S. veterans and  
 military personnel with  
 proof of current or for-  
 mer military service  
 will be treated to a free  
 meal at all Applebee's  
 in their respective  
 neighborhoods on Vet-  
 erans Day, Friday, Nov.  
 11, 2011.

☐ Proof of service in-  
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 wearing uniform,  
 DD214, Citation or

Commendation.

☐ Expiration: Oct 11,  
 2012 \*This deal re-  
 quires valid military ID  
 in order to redeem

[Source: Military.com  
 Oct 2011 ++]

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## I WONDER??

Why don't sheep shrink  
 when it rains?

Why is lemon juice  
 made with artificial fla-  
 vor, and dishwashing  
 liquid made with real  
 lemons?

Why is the time of day  
 with the traffic called  
 rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-  
 flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat  
 those two mosquitoes?

You know that inde-  
 structible black box that  
 is used on airplanes?  
 Why don't they make  
 the entire plane out of  
 that stuff?!

Why are they called  
 apartments when they  
 are all stuck together?

If con is the opposite of  
 pro, is Congress the  
 opposite of progress?

If flying is so safe, why  
 do they call the airport,  
 the terminal?

Why don't you ever see  
 the headline 'Psychic  
 Wins Lottery'?

Q: What's wrong with  
 this picture ?



A: This Flag should be  
 replaced with a new  
 Flag. The Flag should  
 be destroyed properly.  
 You may discretely burn  
 it yourself, or take it to  
 your local VFW, Ameri-  
 can Legion, or even your  
 local Fire Department.

Perhaps, our Base could  
 hold a Flag Disposal  
 sometime. I have the  
 manual converted from  
 the AL manual. Is any-  
 one interested? - Moe  
 (SS)



**VETERANS NEWS**  
by the RAQ Bulletin

## VA Hospital Compare Program:

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the VA's Under Secretary for Health are committed to transparency - giving Americans the facts. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) releases the quality goals and measured performance of VA health care in order to ensure public accountability and to spur constant improvements in health care delivery. The success of this approach is reflected in VA's receipt of the Annual Leadership Award from the American College of Medical Quality. The VA Hospital Compare web site <http://www.hospitalcompare.va.gov/> provides veterans, family members and their caregivers to compare the performance of their VA hospitals to other VA hospitals. Using this tool, Veterans, family members, and caregivers can compare the hospital care provided to patients. Quality Information on this web site is divided into the areas of:

1) Linking Information Knowledge and Systems (Links) - summarizes outcome measures for acute care, ICU, outpatient, safety and annual measures. This data

shows strengths and opportunities for improvement at the national, regional and local hospital levels. LinkS supports the VA mission to provide the best possible care to the Veterans. The dashboard shows what is being measured and the result. A simple example would be for smoking. VA measures the percentage of veterans that smoke and what they have done to help them stop smoking such as smoking cessation classes, counseling or medication to help them quit.

2) VA's Transparency Program (ASPIRE) - documents quality and safety goals for all VA hospitals, plus how well their hospitals are meeting these goals. VA scores hospitals more than 30% different from the goal as underperforming or red and those only 10% different from the goal as green. This data shows strengths and opportunities for improvement at the national, regional and local hospital level. ASPIRE data supports the VA's mission of a continuous health care improvement program to provide the best possible care to Veterans. The database lists

many measures and the goal for each measure. The data shows VA is in comparison to where VA wants to be. A simple example would be for blood pressure management. The goal for all veterans age 18-85 with high blood pressure is to have blood pressure readings less than 140/90. This measure shows the percentage of Veterans meeting that blood pressure goal.

3) Comparing by state how well your local VA hospital cares for its veterans with congestive heart failure, heart attack and pneumonia. <http://www.hospitalcompare.va.gov/apps/Compare/index.asp>.

4) Tracking by state progress in the VA in reducing complications from surgery including infection, blood clots, cardiac, and respiratory problems. <http://www.hospitalcompare.va.gov/apps/Compare/SCIP.asp>

This information will help you compare the quality of care that VA hospitals provide. Talk to your doctor about this information to help you, your family, and your caregivers make your best hospital care deci-

sion. [Source: <http://www.hospitalcompare.va.gov/> Sep 2011 ++]

## B&Bs for VETS

**Program:** Innkeepers want to say thank you to those who've served their country by inviting veterans to wake up on 11-11-11 in a B&B. Inns and B&Bs throughout North America will open their doors to active and retired military and vets and one guest by offering a free room to those who've served in the military on Thursday, November 10, 2011. While hundreds of inns and B&Bs have signed on to provide rooms, they will be reserved quickly, so review the list at <http://www.betterwaytostay.com/current-promotions/bbs-for-vets> for innkeepers in the U.S. who are participating in the program and reserve your room while space is available. For a complete list of Canadian inns and B&Bs participating in the B&Bs for Vets program, refer to the B&Bs for Vets page <http://www.bbcanda.com/bbforvets> and search by province. From the entire B&B industry, thank you to all those who are presently serving or

have served to protect our freedom. Regarding reservations:

- ☐ Vets should contact the inns and B&Bs directly to reserve a room.
- ☐ Rooms are complimentary for Thursday, November 10, 2011 for vets and one guest; most rooms
- ☐ Proof of veteran status may be requested.
- ☐ No fees will be charged for a reserved one-night veteran's stay but a credit card may be required to book your stay. Credit card or cash may be accepted for additions and additional nights. While policies vary from inn to inn, the full rate may be charged if the complimentary room night is not occupied or not canceled in a timely manner according to the inn's standard reservation practices or cancellation period set for this special event. Be considerate if your plans change; most inns will have a waiting list for their complimentary rooms, and a proper cancellation will always be filled with a fellow deserv-ing vet.

[Source: <http://www.betterwaytostay.com/current-promotions/bbs-for-vets> Sep 2011 ++]

## Mobilized Reserve 20 SEP 2011:

The Department of Defense announced the current number of reservists on active duty as of 20 SEP 2011. The net collective result is 1739 more reservists mobilized than last reported in the 1 SEP 2011 RAO Bulletin. At any given time, services may activate some units and individuals while deactivating others, making it possible for these figures to either increase or decrease. The total number currently on active duty from the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 71,771; [Navy Reserve 4,704](#); Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 10,782; Marine Corps Reserve, 5,697; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 653. This brings the total National Guard and Reserve personnel who have been activated to 93,607 including both units and individual augmentees. A cumulative roster of all National Guard and Reserve personnel who are currently activated may be found at <http://www.defense.gov/news/d20110920ngr.pdf>.

[Source: DoD News Release No. 823-11 dtd 26 Sep 2011 ++]

## Medicare Reimbursement Rates

**2012 Update 02:** Congress has less than 90 days to stop the 29.4% Cuts in Medicare/Tricare Physician Reimbursements coming in January 2012. The 112th US Congress has totally failed to do anything about the cuts in Medicare/Tricare payments to physicians mandated by the Sustained Growth Rate (SGR) formula to be imposed in 2012. Since the Sustained Growth Rate (SGR) formula used to determine Medicare and Tricare physician reimbursements became an issue in 2002, rather than fixing the problem, the US Congress has chosen to "band aid" the problem with annual suspensions of the SGR implementation and providing patches to at least maintain reimbursements at prior year levels. The 111th Congress made the process a joke with short term extensions that caused much confusion and wasted taxpayer dollars. The 112th Congress has simply done NOTHING! Unless the Congress acts with either a band-aid fix or with a permanent fix, the SGR now mandates a 29.4% cut in physician reimbursements effective 1



## VETERANS NEWS by the RAQ Bulletin

JAN. Access to quality care is the #1 healthcare problem faced by members of the military community whether active duty or retired. Deployed troops shouldn't have to worry whether their doctor will refuse to see their sick spouse or child because of these large payment cuts. To urge your elected officials to sponsor legislation to replace the SGR with a more realistic computation that will at least match the Consumer Price Index or some other workable index you can use USDR's preformatted editable message at <http://capwiz.com/usdr/issues/?style=D&>. [Source: USDR Action]

Alert 20 Sep 2011 ++]



## Prostate Cancer Update 13:

Men who underwent prostate biopsy were more than twice as likely to be hospitalized within 30 days compared with men who did not undergo the procedure, a study of Medicare beneficiaries showed. Procedural complications, such as infection and bleeding, as well as exacerbations of comorbid conditions contributed to a hospitalization rate of 6.9% following prostate biopsy versus a 2.9% hospitalization rate for controls. Covering a 16-year period that ended in 2007, the data revealed a significant jump in the incidence of biopsy-related infection toward the end of the period, possibly a reflection of emerging multidrug-resistant organisms. Hospitalization for biopsy-related infection increased the mortality odds 12-fold, as compared with men who did not have prostate biopsies, as reported online in the *Journal of Urology*. "Prostate biopsy is an essential procedure for detecting prostate cancers," senior author Edward Schaeffer, MD, PhD, of Johns Hopkins, said in a statement. "Coupled with appropriate screening, prostate

biopsies save lives. However, it is important for men to be aware of the possible risks of prostate biopsies, which are often described as simple outpatient procedures."

The results emphasize the need for careful evaluation to ensure a biopsy is necessary and to take appropriate precautions to reduce the risk of infection and other complications, he added. Medicare beneficiaries have more than one million prostate biopsies each year. The odds of a follow-up biopsy after a negative initial biopsy are 12% at one year and 38% at five years, Schaeffer, first author Stacy Loeb, MD, also of Johns Hopkins, and co-authors wrote in their introduction. Because prostate needle biopsy is performed with transrectal ultrasound guidance, the procedure may introduce rectal bacteria into the prostate, creating a potential for infection. To decrease the risk of infection, peri-procedural antibiotic prophylaxis has become routine, which has the potential to contribute to emerging antibacterial resistance in the U.S., the authors continued.

Severe infection can lead to hospitalization, as can certain other potential complications of prostate biopsy, such as hematuria, hematochezia, and urinary retention. The rate of prostate biopsy-related hospitalization in the Medicare population has not been documented previously. To inform on the issue, Loeb and colleagues analyzed a 5% random sample of Medicare-linked data from the NCI's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results program.

The analysis included 17,472 men who underwent prostate biopsy from 1991 to 2007 and a random-sample control group of men who did not have the procedure. The biopsy group was slightly older (median age 73 versus 72.4), healthier (by Charlson comorbidity index), and more likely to be white. The biopsies led to prostate cancer diagnoses in 2,992 men. The authors found that 1,209 men in the biopsy group were hospitalized within 30 days of the procedure and for every year of the study period, hospitalization after prostate biopsy occurred more of-



ten than in the control group. Infection was the primary diagnosis in 0.38% of the biopsy group and 0.19% of the control group. Noninfectious complications also led to hospitalization significantly more often after prostate biopsy (0.30%) than in the control group. Infectious complications leading to hospitalization rose steadily from 2000 to the end of the study period, exceeding 1% in the biopsy group by 2007.

In a multivariate analysis, prostate biopsy was associated with a 30-day hospitalization odds ratio of 2.65. The odds of hospitalization within 30 days were significantly increased for infectious (2.26) and noninfectious (8.48) complications. Exclusion of men who had prostate cancer diagnoses at or after biopsy yielded an overall odds ratio for hospitalization of 2.32, 2.99 for infectious complications, and 12.71 for noninfectious complications. "This suggests that prostate cancer treatment or treatment-related complications were not responsible for the increased risks of hospitalization and biopsy-related complications observed," the authors wrote. The hos-

pitalization rate after prostate biopsy was higher than previously suggested, they continued. Studies are needed to confirm the findings and to examine the complication and hospitalization rates after prostate biopsy in younger men. "There is a nontrivial risk of serious complications after prostate biopsy," the authors wrote in conclusion. "These findings highlight the importance of careful patient selection and counseling regarding prostate biopsy," they added. Limitations of the study included: lack of individual data on indications for biopsy, number of core specimens taken, cultures, antimicrobial prophylaxis, and physician volume of biopsies; possibility of misattribution of complications to the procedure; absence of data on indications for hospitalization which could vary by institution and outpatient complications. [Source: MedPage Today Charles Bankhead article 22 Sep 2011 ++]

### **Arlington National Cemetery Update**

**29:** Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh on 21 SEP released a report to Congress, updating improvements made at Arlington National

Cemetery more than a year after he ousted the cemetery's leadership and made sweeping changes in its structure and oversight. "In just over a year, the cemetery's new management team has made major progress in reconciling decades' worth of paper records with physical graveside inspections to regain accountability," McHugh wrote in a letter to members of Congress.

"They have put in place new policies and procedures to protect against and prevent the type of errors uncovered in the Army's previous investigations," the letter says. "Equipment and training have been modernized, contracting procedures revamped, a historic partnership created with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the workforce improved and reinvigorated, and ongoing outreach and information has been provided to family members and the American public." McHugh provided the report to congressional oversight committees in response to legislation seeking the status of reforms he directed. In compiling the report, McHugh directed the Army's inspector general to again inspect the facility to determine compliance.

An earlier inspector general report, also ordered

by McHugh, found failures in management and oversight that contributed to the loss of accountability, lack of proper automation, ineffective contract compliance and a dysfunctional workforce. "Perhaps most important, the inspector general found the mismanagement that existed prior to these changes no longer exists," he told Congress 20 SEP. "And that significant progress has been made in all aspects of the cemetery's performance, accountability and modernization. "We're confident that the Army is on the right path toward repairing the cemetery's failures and restoring the confidence of Congress and the American people," he added. McHugh noted that even while making massive improvements in the cemetery's management and oversight, the pace of 27 to 30 funeral services per day -- many with full military honors -- has not abated. "Since 1864, the United States Army has been steward of this, the country's only active military shrine," he said. "I believe this report will demonstrate the Army's steadfast commitment to repairing what was broken in the past, and ensuring America's continued confidence in the operation of its most hallowed ground." [Source: Army News Service article 21 Sep 2011 ++]



**USS S-44 (SS-155)** was a third-group (*S-42*) *S*-class submarine of the United States Navy.

Her keel was laid down on 19 February 1921 by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation in Quincy, Massachusetts. She was launched on 27 October 1923 sponsored by Mrs. H.E. Grieshaber, and was commissioned on 16 February 1925 with Lieutenant A. H. Bateman in command.

**1924-1941** - *S-44* operated off the New England coast into the summer of 1925. In late August, she departed New London, Connecticut, for Panama and on 5 September arrived at Coco Solo to join Submarine Division (SubDiv) 19. With the division, she conducted training exercises, participated in fleet exercises and joint Army-Navy maneuvers, and made good will visits to various Caribbean and Pacific, Latin American ports until the spring of 1927. From that time to December 1930, she operated out of San

Diego, California with her division, interrupting exercises off southern California twice for fleet problems in Hawaiian waters.

In December 1930, the *S*-boat was transferred to Hawaii where her division, now SubDiv 11, was home ported for four years. The boats then returned to San Diego, California and in 1937 were shifted back to Coco Solo.

**World War II** - In the spring of 1941, as American involvement in World War II increased, the Panama *S*-boats were ordered back to the east coast for overhaul. With sister ships *S-42* and *S-46*, *S-44* proceeded to New London, Connecticut, and in November went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where the work was completed.

Trials took *S-44* into the New Year, 1942 and on 7 January, she got underway to return to Panama. Arriving on 16 January, she departed Balboa on 24 January with *S-21*, *S-26*, and *S-28*, to conduct a security patrol in the western approaches to the canal. Within a few hours, however, she was

engaged in rescue operations for *S-26*, which had been rammed and sunk by submarine chaser *PC-460*.

### First patrol, March

**1942** - From Panama, the division (now SubDiv 53) was ordered to the southwest Pacific. Starting across the Pacific in early March, the boats reached Brisbane in mid-April, and within ten days, *S-44* was on her first war patrol. She cleared Moreton Bay on 24 April. Three days later, her port engine went out of commission, but 36 hours of hard work and ingenuity put it back in operation. On 29 April, she began running submerged during the day and surfacing at night to recharge batteries and allow fresh air into the non-air-conditioned boat. By 2 May, she was in her patrol area, New Britain-New Ireland waters. Six days later, she sighted a ship through a haze of rain and launched two torpedoes which missed. She attempted to close the range. However the surface ship easily outdistanced her. The next afternoon, she attempted to close on a Japanese destroyer, east of Adler

Bay, but again was easily outrun. On 10 May, off Cape St. George, she closed on another target but was sighted and attacked.

In late afternoon of 12 May, 15 miles (24 km) from the cape, she encountered a merchantman and a trawler escort. For the first time, the weather, her position, and the target's course were all in her favor. She launched four torpedoes while surfaced and hit with two. She then submerged. The *Shoei Maru*, a salvage vessel of over 5000 tons was sunk. The Japanese escort attacked *S-44* and dropped sixteen or more depth charges, none of which was close. On 14 May, *S-44* headed home, arriving at Brisbane on 23 May.

**2nd patrol, June 1942** - Another overhaul followed, and on 7 June she left of Moreton Bay on a course for the Solomon Islands. Within the week, she was on patrol off Guadalcanal, operating from there to Savo and Florida Island. A few days later, she shifted south of Guadalcanal and on 21 June sank the converted gunboat *Keijo Maru*. At

14:15, *S-44* fired had her torpedoes. Just 3 minutes later the enemy aircraft dropped a bomb which exploded close to the submarine, bending the holding latch to the conning tower and allowing in 30 gallons of sea water. This damaged the depth gauges, the gyrocompass, and the ice machine, besides causing leaks. The number-one periscope was thought to be damaged; but when the submarine surfaced a Japanese seaman's coat was found wrapped around its head.

Three days later, *S-44* was in Lunga Roads. On 26 June, poor weather set in and blanketed the area until she turned for home. She departed her patrol area on 29 June and arrived at Moreton Bay on 5 July.

**3rd patrol, July 1942 -** *S-44* departed Brisbane on 24 July. Cloudy weather with squalls set in. On 31 July, she commenced patrolling the Rabaul-Tulagi shipping lanes. The next day, she sighted a convoy off Cape St. George, but heavy swells hindered depth control and speed, and prevented her from attacking. From Cape St. George, *S-44* moved up the east coast of New

Ireland to North Cape and Kavieng, where she waited.

On 7 August, the American offensive opened with landing of the 1st Marine Division on the beaches of the Solomon Islands of Guadalcanal and Tulagi. On 9 August, off Savo Island, Cruiser Division 6 of the Imperial Japanese Navy had inflicted one of the worst defeats of the war on American and Australian surface ships.

Japanese cruiser *Kako* - The next morning, the victorious enemy cruisers neared Kavieng. At 07:50, *S-44* sighted the formation of four heavy cruisers at less than 900 yards (800 m). At 08:06, she fired four torpedoes at the rear ship, only 700 yards (600 m) away. By 08:08, all four torpedoes had exploded and the heavy cruiser *Kako* was sinking. The *S-44* had begun her escape. Japanese destroyers started depth charging, but the submarine eluded them.

Three days later, *S-44* was again fighting heavy swells. Her damaged bow planes required three hours to rig, after which they remained out. On 23 August, she moored at Brisbane.

**4th patrol, September 1942 -** On 17 September, *S-44* began her fourth war

## Next Meeting is at Jack's Ranch October 29th

6017 Dudley Road Monroe NC 28112  
Landline is 704 764 5211 and Jack's cell is  
704 219 2092

Meeting at 1400  
Followed by a great meal and  
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Please Remember to support

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Attend their

Breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of  
each month

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

It's too hot to 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)

**Deadline for the  
November issue  
of the award  
winning PP will  
be Nov. 10th.**





## Lost Boat S-44 (Con't)

patrol. The following day, a hydrogen fire blazed in her forward battery compartment, but was extinguished in three minutes. On 22 September, she began surfacing only at night, and, two days later, she assumed patrol operations off New Georgia to intercept Japan's Faisi-Guadalcanal supply line. During the patrol, her hunting was hindered by Japanese aerial and surface antisubmarine patrols and her own operational capabilities, which were further limited by material defects and damage inflicted during depth charges.

On the morning of 4 October, she damaged a destroyer, then survived an intensive depth charge attack with seemingly minor damage. The next day, however when she submerged, the submarine began taking on water. She surfaced, made repairs on the high induction valves, and then submerged to 50 feet (15 m). Leaks were found in her motor room and torpedo room flappers. The latter were jacked shut, but the former continued spraying water onto both motors.

Within an hour, four Japanese destroyers had moved into the area. *S-44* went to 70 feet (21 m). The leak worsened. The motors were covered in canvas and sheet rubber and the crew waited for the destroyers to pass over her position. As they disappeared, *S-44* moved up to 55 feet (17 m) and repairs were made on the flapper. That night, further repairs were made while the ship was surfaced off Santa Isabel Island; and, by midnight, the S-boat was en route back to her patrol area. On 7 October, bad weather set in; and, on 8 October, she departed the area, arriving in Moreton Bay on 14 October.

**Overhaul** - A month later, *S-44* departed Brisbane and headed back to the United States. In early January 1943, she transited the Panama Canal, and then moved across the Caribbean Sea and up the Atlantic seaboard to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There, from April to June, she underwent overhaul; and, in July, she retransited the Canal en route to San Diego, California, and the Aleutian Islands.

### 5th patrol, September

**1943** - She arrived at Dutch Harbor on 16 September. On 26 September, she departed Attu on her last war patrol. One day out, while en route to her operating area in the northern Kuril Islands, she was spotted and attacked by a Japanese patrol plane. Suffering no damage, she continued west. On the night of 7 October, she made radar contact with what she thought was a "small merchantman" and closed in for a surface attack. Several hundred yards from the target, her deck gun fired and was answered by a salvo. The "small merchantman" in fact was the *Shimushu*-class escort *Ishigaki*. A crash dive was ordered, but the submarine failed to submerge. She then took

several hits in the control room, the forward battery room, and elsewhere. Reluctantly, *S-44* was ordered abandoned. A pillow case was raised from the forward battery room hatch as a flag of surrender, but the Japanese shelling continued. Only two men escaped the sinking ship. The sole survivors were Chief Torpedoman's Mate Ernest A. Duva and Radioman Third Class William F. Whitemore, who were picked up by the enemy destroyer. They were taken first to Paramushiro, then to the Naval Interrogation Camp at Ofuna. The men spent the last year of World War II working in the Ashio copper mines and survived to be repatriated by the Allies at the





## EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 50

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks,

move up to 10-lb potato bags.

Then try 50-lb potato bags and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. **(I'm at this level.)**

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

**Doctors' Law** - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better.. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.

**Law of Close Encounters** -The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you

don't want to be seen with.

**Law of Mechanical Repair** -After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

**Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.



## Don't Mess with Seniors!

If you are a senior you will understand this one, if you deal with seniors, this should help you understand them a little better, and if you are not a senior yet.....God willing, someday you will be.

The 2.99 Special

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'seniors' special' was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$2.99.

'Sounds good,' my wife said. 'But I don't want the eggs.'

'Then, I'll have to charge you \$3.49 because you're ordering a la carte,' the waitress warned her.

'You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?' my wife asked incredulously.

'YES!' stated the waitress.

'I'll take the special then,' my wife said.


'How do you want your eggs?' the waitress asked.

'Raw and in the shell,' my wife replied. She took the two eggs home and baked a cake.

**DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS!!! WE'VE been around the block more than once!**





Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Autism walk
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 PP Deadline	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29—Base Meeting at Jack's Farm
30	31 	Nov 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Asheboro Parade VETETANS DAY	12 Columbia VA 
13 High Point Parade	14	15	16	17	18	19 –Salisbury VA Base meeting

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!

