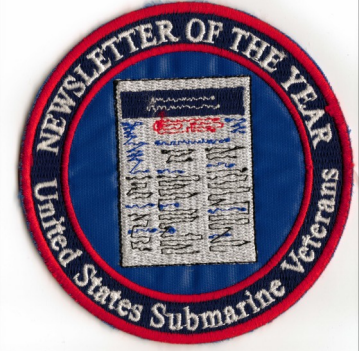


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Fun at Jack's Ranch

For you that missed the meeting at Jack's place, you missed the fun. It's out in the "Boonies", but we put our Boondockers on and made the trip. Great Food! Thank you Ladies. Great meeting with the District Commander Dick Kanning, some Karaoke, and some great entertainment by some of the Base members (Bilge Rat Productions).



The entertainers hit the road on the 12th and 19th going to the VA nursing homes in Columbia and Salisbury.

Get involved with the next show.—Moe(SS)

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 - November

"Sailors, rest your oars"



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

CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell



What a wonderful time and service we witnessed last week in Kings Bay, GA. Those folks down there really put on a great time, for not only our WWII veterans, but also the rest of us. There were 45 WWII Subvets there this year. As expected, the number keeps getting smaller. Next year, the event will be from 31 October to 3 November 2012. I recommend you put it on your calendar now and plan for it. I doubt you will regret it.

Of course I need to remind those that have not

paid their 2012 dues that right now is a good of a time as any to do that. We still have too large of a number that have not paid. Our goal is to have all renew their membership, I am sure we will lose a few, but the preference is not to lose any. Please help us out.

Parade season is all but over now and the winter is on top of us. We will still have our meetings, K4K events, Eagle Scout presentations, and who knows what else. Just because it is winter, we do not shut down. Maybe recharge a little, but still we need to keep on as we have in the past.

I have obligated the Carolina Piedmont Base to man the registration desk at the National Convention next September on Tuesday. Each base within our district will help in manning the registration desk. I will be asking for some help regarding that. So those that plan on attending, a couple of hours that day would sure help out. This convention is close enough for many of our base members to attend one and find out what they are all about. But like most things, they are what you make of them for yourself. I can promise you that I will enjoy myself.

I would like to thank Dale Moses and his crew

for their efforts on putting together the "Halfway Night" Show and to present it to the two VA hospitals close to all of us. A super idea, being presented to our very own veterans that could use a light moment, and done by some of our finest. WELL DONE gang.

And now that Thanksgiving is also right on top of us (how did that get here so fast?), I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving. Be safe, we want to keep you as a healthy member.

May God bless you all.

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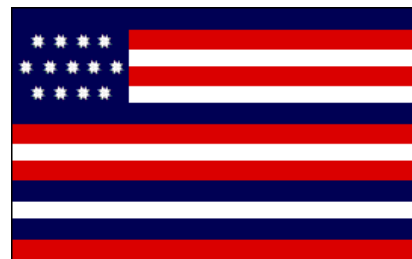
XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries

WOW, what a month. I would like to start by saying THANK YOU for making our annual outing at our hacienda a great time. We had a dress rehearsal of the program that Dale Moses has written for presentation at not only Veterans retirement centers in the area but also we can take it into other venues as well. Al Westberry and his karaoke equipment were great, even got me to warble a few tunes with my BACK-UP partner Karen Toomey. In all seriousness, it was a great time. One of my neighbors drove up and parked where we couldn't see him just to listen to the music(?). We made checked the woods Sunday morning and there were no stragglers so off to Church we went. Our Base was invited to Sun Valley High School here in Union County for their Appreciation of Veterans program and then to Hemby Bridge Elementary for their program. Saturday, the 12th we go to Victory Junction once again for our KAP(SS)4KID(SS) program, we also attended Levine Children's Hospital for their Halloween program and

were able to meet with the patients and their families, we presented pictures of Museum Boats as well as souvenirs from the Recruiting offices from Mecklenburg and Gaston counties. Monday the 14th we go back to Sun Valley for a Submarine Story presentation to the NJROTC unit there and on the 22nd we are invited to present the Flag Etiquette program to a Cub Scout unit here in Union County, as you can see, there is no grass growing under our feet..Membership, this is the time of year for dues renewal, it is important that we have our dues for both the National (20.00) and base (10.00) in by the end of the year. Please send dues to Lee Hickerson 8410 Clear Meadow Lane Charlotte NC 28227. Make check out to USSVI Carolina Piedmont Base. Congratulations to Base Member John Rupertus on being re-elected to the position of Base Commander at the Nathanael Greene Base in Greensboro. In closing, just remember these three words--- CAROLINA PIEDMONT ROCKS...



Ole staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking Buddy, Sven. He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife, Lena. He tip-toed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful. Managing not to yell, Ole sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of band-Aids and began putting a Band-Aid as best he could on each place he saw blood. He then hid the now almost empty Band-Aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed. In the morning, Ole woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Lena staring at him from across the room. She said, "You were drunk again last night weren't you Ole?" Ole said, "Why you say such a mean thing?" "Well," Lena said, "it could be the open front door, it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs, it could be the drops of blood trailing through the house, it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly... it's all those Band-Aids stuck on the hall mirror."



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

For October 29th, 2011



Meeting called to Order; the meeting was called by Base Commander Steve Bell. It is noted that this meeting was held at Jack and Carol Jeffries house, the annual picnic.

Invocation; given by Base Chaplin Ray Fritz.

Tolling of the Boats; was given by Ray Fritz and Paul Myers.

Member Introductions; 31 members where present.

Special Presentation; as previously approved, Steve Bell presented Ed Erb with his Carolina-Piedmont Base vest. This vest was purchased by the Base to honor Ed's World War II war patrols. Ed made a total of 6 war patrols.

Reading/Approval of the last meeting minutes; the motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as posted in the September issue of the Piedmont Periscope. The vote was carried.

Reading/Approval of the Treasurer's Report; Lee Hickerson reported that as of October 29th, 2011 the base ha the following funds available.

Current Balance:	\$4971.36
Memorial Restoration Funds	\$ 288.50
Kaps-4-Kids	\$1061.05
USSVI Scholarship Fund	\$ 202.85
Base Funds Available	\$3418.96

The motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. The vote was carried.

Old Business-

Steve Bell reported that the \$100 donation for the USSVI Plaque at the Navy Memorial was received and that a Letter of Appreciation was sent to the Base.

Steve Bell reported on the set-up fee and cost of this year's Gold/Silver Anchor Award Patch. The total cost to the Base will be \$541.25. The motion was made and seconded to order the patches using Base Funds. The vote was carried. Steve directed Clarence Jordan to order the Patches and for Lee Hickerson to write a check from the Base checking account.

Store Keepers Report; Jeff Nieberding reported on items he had on hand.

Good of the Order-

Steve Bell reported on the progress made by the Norfolk Base for the 2012 USSVI National Convention. To be held in Norfolk on September 3rd thru the 9th. Steve also reported that the Base has volunteered to man the Registration Desk at the Convention on Tuesday, September 4th. Members attending have been asked to try to make themselves available to help Steve and Ma man the desk.

District Commander Dick Kanning added additional comments about the progress already made on next year's convention. Dick reported that he will make up a "Watch Bill" for the convention. More details will be forth coming. Dick also took a moment to remind us that 2012 will be the last official National Convention for the WWII Submarine Veterans. All surviving members have been added to the roster of USSVI.

Base Vice-Commander Jack Jeffries reminded that all Base members need to get their National/Base dues in before December 31st, 2011. National dues are \$20.00 and Base dues are \$10.00.

Jack Reported that there were two openings for any interested base member to attend the Levine Hospital visit on October 31st.

Steve Bell reminded all members that on Friday November 11th, Asheboro will hold their Veterans Day Parade. And on November 13th, High Point will be holding their Veterans Day Parade. Details were E-mailed to all Base members.

Jack reported that the next Kaps-4-Kids to Victory Junction will be held on November 12th.

Steve Bell reminded all members that the November Base meeting will be at the VFW in Ft Mill on November 19th. The VFW will be providing dinner; the dinner cost will be \$8.00 The December Meeting/Christmas Dinner will be December 17th. The VFW will again be providing the dinner.

Dale Moses reported that two "Half Way Night" shows have been scheduled. The Columbia VA Hospital visit will be November 12th. And the Salisbury VA Hospital visit will be on November 19th.

Dale reminded that all submissions for the November issue of the Award Winning Piedmont Periscope need to be in by November 10th.

Steve reminded al members of the upcoming Tarheel Base Christmas Dinner I Raleigh on December 3rd.

The Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded, the carried. Chaplin Ray Fritz gave the Blessing of the food and the Benediction.

Respectfully Submitted By

Michael Hubbell

Base Secretary, Carolina-Piedmont Base USSVI

DUES, DUES, DUES!!!

**Don't Forget to pay your
2012 Base and National
Dues by 12/31/2011—
Contact Jack for details.**

Bubba and BillyBob was-a sittin' right there on the front porch, when a big truck hauling rolls and rolls of sod went by.

"I'm aimin' to do that when I win the lottery," said Bubba.

"Do whut?", sez Billy-Bob.

"Send my grass out to be mowed."



New members Binnacle List

Welcome Aboard

None Known

Happy Birthday to:

November

John Wallace 11/11

Anna Tuchfeld 11/12

Donna and Miles Blassingham 11/13

Raymond Zieverink
11/16

Charles Cross 11/19

Marvin Beaver 11/20



Glenna Hubbell 11/21

Ron Hatley 11/29

If your birthday was
missed, please notify
Jack or Dale

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut. - Will Rogers

November

Donna and Miles

Blassingham - 11/13

Cindy and Rick Pettitt -
11/13



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

SubVettes

Hello Sassy Sisters,

Hope this finds you doing well. I would like to thank each and everyone of you for all you do to make our base ROCK. I thought the meeting at the Jeffries Ponderosa was great. Paul and I had a blast. Thanks to you sisters we had plenty of food and I would say we had about 75 people that attended. Please remember your secret sister for our November meeting and that we do not have to cook as we will be eating at the VFW. If anyone would like to get together to put

the candy box or socks and throws boxes please give me a call or email my phone number is 704-289-4650. We have had a very productive year with donations of money and material items and I thank you so much, Hope to see you at our next meeting please take care and may God Bless You and Yours and May God Bless the USA !!!!!!!!!!!

Jack's Ranch— Waiting on the tables and chairs to get there. If you missed it, you missed a great time! - Moe (SS)



Heart-Healthy Jambalaya

Ingredients: (serves 8)

1 cup Basmati brown rice	2 Tbsp. Frozen apple juice concentrate
1 cup Onions, chopped	1/2 cup Celery, chopped
1/2 cup Green peppers, chopped	2 cloves Garlic, minced
1 cup Salsa, hot to medium, depending upon preference	
1 cup Low-sodium tomato juice	1/2 tsp. Dried thyme, paprika, and oregano
1/4 tsp. Ground red pepper	1/2 cup Low-sodium vegetable stock
1 16-oz. package chicken substitute thick	4 Smoked soy-based sausage substitutes, sliced 1/4-inch

Directions:

Prepare basmati rice as directed (1 cup uncooked will produce 3 cups cooked rice). Save 2 cups for serving. In a large nonstick frying pan, sauté the onions, celery, green peppers and garlic in 2 tablespoons of apple juice concentrate. Cook until onions and green peppers are tender. Stir in the salsa, tomato juice, spices, red pepper, vegetable stock, and 1 cup cooked rice. Bring to a boil and reduce heat, simmering covered for 10 minutes. Add the chicken and sausage substitutes. Cover and simmer for 5 minutes. Add extra red pepper to preference. Serve over additional rice.

asked. Let me go find out", and he left.

The couple sat and waited for an answer... for a couple of months. While they waited, they discussed the pros and cons. If they were allowed to get married in Heaven, should they get married, what with the eternal aspect of it all? "What if it doesn't work? Are we stuck in Heaven together forever?"

Yet another month passed before St. Peter finally returned, looking somewhat bedraggled. "Yes," he informed the couple, "You can get married in Heaven." "Great!" said the couple. "But we were just wondering; what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?"

St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slammed his clipboard on the ground. "What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple.

"OH, COME ON MAN!" St. Peter shouted. "It took me 2 months to find a priest up here! Do you have ANY idea how long it'll take to find a lawyer???"



Supplied by Bob Bickford:

A Pastor goes to the dentist for a set of false teeth. The first Sunday after he gets his new teeth, he talks for only eight minutes. The second Sunday, he talks for only ten minutes. The following Sunday, he talks for 2 hours and 48 minutes.

The congregation had to mob him to get him down from the pulpit and they asked him what happened.

The Pastor explains the first Sunday his gums hurt so bad he couldn't talk for more than 8 minutes. The second Sunday his gums hurt too much to talk for more than 10 minutes. But, the third Sunday, he put his wife's teeth in by mistake and he couldn't shut up...



The Sensitive Man

A woman meets a man in a bar. They talk; they connect; they end up leaving together. They get back to his place, and as he shows her around his apartment she notices that one wall of his bedroom is completely filled with soft, sweet, cuddly teddy bears. There are three shelves

in the bedroom, with hundreds and hundreds of cute, cuddly teddy bears carefully placed in rows, covering the entire wall!

It was obvious that he had taken quite some time to lovingly arrange them and she was immediately touched by the amount of thought he had put into organizing the display. There were small bears all along the bottom shelf, medium-sized bears covering the length of the middle shelf, and huge, enormous bears running all the way along the top shelf.

She found it strange for an obviously masculine guy to have such a large collection of Teddy Bears, and she is quite impressed by his sensitive side, but doesn't mention this to him.

They share a bottle of wine and continue talking, and, after awhile, she finds herself thinking, 'Oh my God! Maybe, this guy could be the one! Maybe he could be the future father of my children?'

She turns to him and kisses him lightly on the lips. He responds warmly. They continue to kiss, the passion builds, and he romantically lifts her in his arms and carries her into his bedroom where they rip off each other's clothes

and make hot, steamy love. She is so overwhelmed that she responds with more passion, more creativity, more heat than she has ever known. After an intense, explosive night of raw passion with this sensitive guy, they are lying there together in the afterglow.

The woman rolls over, gently strokes his chest and asks coyly, 'Well, how was it?'

The guy gently smiles at her, strokes her cheek, looks deeply into her eyes, and says: 'Help yourself to any prize from the middle shelf'



You Know You're in a Redneck Church if...

1) The finance committee refuses to provide funds for the purchase of a chandelier because none of the members knows how to play one.

2) People ask, when they learn that Jesus fed the 5000, whether the two fish were bass or catfish, and what bait was used to catch 'em.

3) When the pastor says, "I'd like to ask Bubba to help take up the offering" and five guys and two women stand up.

4) Opening day of deer season is recognized as an official church holiday.

Chaplin's Corner - Ray Fritz, Base Chaplain

My apologies for being AWOL for quite awhile regarding articles for this award winning publication! Congratulations Moe(SS)! Without further comment let's take a look at a very important holiday – you know; the forgotten one, especially from the commercial view of things. There isn't a lot of profit to be made in thanksgiving but it offers much to the one who is thankful!

Thanksgiving

The truth is...

The Less Thankful We Are, The More Needful We Become!

Here is a picture taken a long time ago. It is a picture of Diana and I eating our first Thanksgiving Dinner together, as husband and wife.



It was aboard the USS Skate (SSN-758) on Thanksgiving Day 1959. I had the duty that day and the families of the duty section were invited to join us for a great Thanksgiving meal! Wow! Is that a long time ago, or what!

We have been blessed with 50 Thanksgivings since with many blessings in between.

While shopping in Wal-Mart last week, looking for Thanksgiving items, I found some wreaths and other hangings that said "Happy Harvest" or just "Harvest" but nothing with "Happy Thanksgiving". I told one of the associates that I would not purchase anything that said "Happy Harvest". She agreed that she wouldn't either and said that after

the Halloween candy was gone they were getting more Fall items and some may actually have "Happy Thanksgiving" on them.

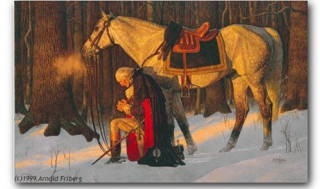
Jesus said:

John 13:34 ESV A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 ESV First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

It may seem simplistic to some, but I believe there is a correlation to many of the problems we face today in our broken and hurting world with our lack of love for one another and thankfulness toward God in general. Our Founding Fathers were not hesitant to call for a

national day of prayer and thanksgiving.



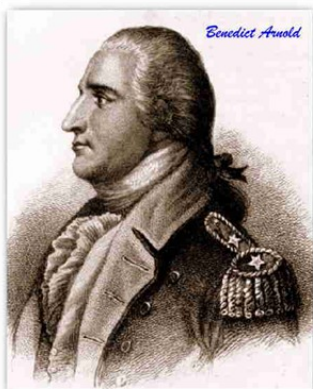
During the Revolutionary War, when the Americans had had several unexpected victories (Bennington, Stillwater, Saratoga, and others), Congress, on Oct. 31, 1777 appointed Samuel Adams, Richard Henry Lee, and Daniel Roberdeau to draft a proclamation for a national day of prayer and thanksgiving. It didn't take Congress long to act! On November 1, 1777, Congress approved that proclamation, which read:

Forasmuch as it is the indispensable duty of all men to adore the superintending providence of Almighty God; to acknowledge with gratitude their obligation to Him for benefits received and to implore such farther blessings as they stand in need of . . . [to offer] humble and earnest

supplication that it may please God, through the merits of Jesus Christ, mercifully to forgive and blot [our sins] out of remembrance . . . and to prosper the means of religion for the promotion and enlargement of that kingdom which consisteth "in righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

Journals of . . . Congress (1907), Vol. IX, p. 851, October 31, 1777. Journals of . . . Congress (1907), Vol. IX, 1777, pp. 854-855, November 1, 1777.

When Congress felt that Providence [God] had exposed Benedict Arnold's intricate



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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.

Deadline for the December Issue will be the 10th.



Parade Info

The Parade Line for the Fall is as follows:

11/11—Asheboro

11/13—High Point

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

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)

Answer to the Flag Trivia:

The Serapis Flag: Designed with 13 stripes alternating red, white and blue. This flag was raised by Captain John Paul Jones on the British frigate *Serapis* during the most famous Revolutionary naval battle.

After conducting sea raids on the coast of Britain, he took command in 1779 of a rebuilt French merchant ship, renamed the *U.S.S. Bonhomme Richard* to honor Benjamin Franklin. On September 23, 1779, Jones engaged the British frigate *Serapis* in the North Sea, daringly sailing in close, lashing his vessel to the British ship, and fighting the battle at point-blank range. During the fight two of his cannon burst, and the British captain asked Jones if he was ready to surrender. Replied Jones: "Sir, I have not yet begun to fight." The American crew finally boarded the *Serapis* after the British had struck her colors, and from the deck of the *Serapis* they watched the *U.S.S. Bonhomme Richard* sink into the North Sea.



Chaplin's Corner (continued)

scheme against the Commander In Chief, George Washington, it promptly appointed Samuel Adams, William Houston, and Frederic Muhlenberg to draft a proclamation for a national day of prayer and thanksgiving. On October 18, 1780, Congress approved the wording and distributed the proclamation throughout the Colonies:

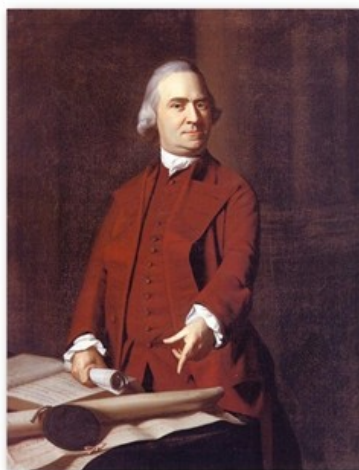
Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God, the Father of all mercies, amidst the vicissitudes [changes] and calamities of war, to bestow blessings on the people of these States which call for their devout and thankful acknowledgments, more especially in the late remarkable interposition of his watchful providence in rescuing the person of our Commander-in-Chief and the army from imminent dangers at the moment when treason was ripened for execution. . . . It is therefore recommended to the several States . . .

a day of public thanksgiving and prayer; that all the people may assemble on that day to celebrate the praises of our Divine Benefactor; to confess our unworthiness of the least of his favors, and to offer our fervent supplications to the God of all grace . . . to cause the knowledge of Christianity to spread over all the earth.

Journals of . . . Congress (1910), Vol. XVIII, p. 919, October 13, 1780.

Journals of . . . Congress (1910), Vol. XVIII, pp. 950-951, October 18, 1780.

In that same year (1780), Samuel Adams reminded the troops:



May every citizen in the army and in the country have a proper sense of the Deity upon his mind and an impression of the declaration recorded in the Bible, "Him that honoreth me I will honor, but he that despiseth me shall be lightly esteemed" [I Samuel 2:30].

Samuel Adams, Writings, Vol. IV, p. 189, Samuel Adams article signed "Vindex" in Boston Gazette on June 12, 1780.

When we ate that 1st Thanksgiving meal together on the USS Skate, we were in the midst of the Cold War with Russia. "Mother" Aten (Ray), as he was affectionately called, was a magnificent cook (Chief) who took very good care of the crew aboard the Skate. We were thankful for our great country then and we are still thankful today but, it appears that many young people [and older folks] have forgotten history and are embracing the very thing we were protecting this country from – socialism and Communism and every other destruc-

tive "ism". If that sounds political, it's not meant to be.

Socialism and Communism are atheistic in nature and deny that there is a God to which we should offer thanks. The "State" is god to them and following their god has never turned out well for the people. If you aren't sure of that, study history and get back with me.

Our prayer is that we, as citizens of this great land, will offer up prayer and thanksgiving to the God of Creation, not the false and destructive gods of little people.

God bless you all and may America Bless God!

2 Chronicles 7:13-14 ESV *When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, ¹⁴if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will*

*hear from heaven and
will forgive their sin
and heal their land.*

Amidst all the food and fun, let's remember to thank our Lord for His bountiful blessings--things you can't get at a supermarket, a parade, a football game--or on sale --things like love, joy, peace, grace, and most of all eternal salvation and a loving relationship with a wonderful Savior. Thank You, Lord--You've been so good to us! Amen.

*Happy
Thanksgiving
to all the Subvets
and Subvettes!
Chaplain Ray and
Diana*



**When you thought I
wasn't looking (by a
child)**

(A message every parent should read, because your children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say.)

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I

wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God I could always talk to and I learned to trust in God.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me good night and I felt loved and safe.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I

wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say,

"Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

Remember, each of us, parent or friend, influences the life of a child.

(author unknown) -Supplied by Ray Fritz.



Q: What's wrong with this picture ?

A: Major disrespect for our Symbol of our Great Nation. This Flag should be properly destroyed.

And in my opinion—the guy should have his ass-kicked.—Moe(SS)

VETERANS NEWS

by the RAQ Bulletin

Military Same Sex Marriage:

A group of married gay current and former military personnel sued the U.S. government on 27 OCT, seeking equal recognition, benefits and the same support as married heterosexual couples who serve in the military. The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Boston says the government's Defense of Marriage Act violates their constitutional rights and asks the military to recognize their legal marriages. "This case is about one thing, plain and simple," said Aubrey Sarvis, executive director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, which filed the suit. "It's about justice for gay and lesbian service members and their families in our armed forces rendering the same military service, making the same sacrifices, and taking the same risks to keep our nation secure at home and abroad." The lawsuit names as defendants Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

Under current law, the Pentagon is required to ignore same-sex marriages. The Pentagon will evaluate the complaint and consult with the Justice Department, while at the same time continuing to follow the law, a spokesman said in a statement. The spokesman, Capt. John Kirby, pointed out that service members can already designate some benefits to people of their choosing regardless of sexual orientation, but other benefits are restricted by law. "In connection with 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' repeal, the Defense Department is engaged in a careful and delib-

erate review of the possibility of extending eligibility for benefits, when legally permitted, to other individuals including same-sex partners," the statement said. The lead plaintiff in the case is Maj. Shannon McLaughlin, a judge advocate general in the Massachusetts National Guard. Another plaintiff is Chief Warrant Officer Charlie Morgan of the New Hampshire National Guard. Current policies cause "undue financial and emotional hardship," she said. Morgan said she has cancer and is worried that her spouse and their daughter would be unable to receive survivor's benefits. "We are only asking for equitable treatment as a recognized family," she said. [Source: Associated Press article 27 Oct 2011 ++]

Vitamin Supplements Update 02: If it's Monday, it must be bad news about multivitamin day - or was that Wednesday? No, Wednesday was good news about vitamin D, not so good news about vitamin E -- if you're confused, join the club. The alphabet soup of vitamin studies making headlines in the last few weeks has left more than one head spinning, and most clinicians scrambling for answers. As the dust begins to settle, physicians interviewed by MedPage Today and ABC News agreed on a bit of simple wisdom -- a healthy diet is more important than a fistful of supplements. "I had already asked my patients to stop their vitamin supplements four to five years ago, with the exception of those with a deficiency of

vitamin D, ... pregnant patients [who should get] folate and prenatal multivitamins, or those with cognitive impairment, when I would recommend a vitamin B complex," Albert Levy, MD, a primary care physician in New York, said in an email to MedPage Today and ABC News. Whether patients heed the advice is another question, as recent research has shown that more take supplements now than ever before. More than half of Americans report taking a multivitamin or other dietary supplement, up from 40% just two decades ago. And there's sure to be pushback from the largely unregulated dietary supplements market -- estimated to be a \$20 billion industry -- which has already launched multiple critiques of the latest evidence.

Here's a sample of the supplement headlines over recent weeks: B12 deficiency leads to cognitive decline, vitamin D helps fight off tuberculosis, vitamin E ups the risk of prostate cancer, calcium won't improve outcomes for Mom or baby. The one that garnered particular attention reported an increased risk of death in postmenopausal women taking multivitamins, as well as vitamin B6, folic acid, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper. Though multivitamins carried only a slightly increased mortality risk, many clinicians say they've written off the supplement for good. That's because multivitamins were never recommended on the basis of strong evidence anyway, David Katz, MD, of Yale's prevention research center, told MedPage Today. "What we

had was a notion that this was an insurance policy," he said in an interview. "Many people don't eat the way they ought to, so they're not getting the optimal doses of nutrients from food. Instead, we can rely on a pill that ought to do you some good, and certainly couldn't do you harm. That was the thinking."

But more studies have suggested that the health outcomes in patients taking multivitamins appear to be slightly worse, Katz said. Still, he cautions that the present study is merely observational and can't prove cause and effect. For instance, some patients may take supplements as a result of being diagnosed with a condition, or they take them because they have a family history of chronic disease and are trying to prevent it, he said. And clinicians certainly are not concerned that taking multivitamins will kill their patients. It's just that there is no longer a dearth of evidence that they won't confer any harm at all, Katz said. "Considering the weak basis for recommending multivitamins in the first place," he said, "when you combine that with evidence that maybe it could hurt, the rationale for making routine use of multivitamins goes away."

That's not to say supplements shouldn't be used at all, Katz said. He recommends omega-3 fatty acids and vitamin D for most of his patients, plus calcium for women. Prenatal vitamins and folic acid supplementation are also on that list. There's evidence behind those supplements, he said. The GISSI trial found cardiovascular benefits for omega-3s. Study after study has

shown that the majority of Americans are deficient in vitamin D, and the supplement study flood included more positive findings for folic acid supplementation around the time of conception. As for the rest of the supplement lot -- give them only in the face of deficiencies, Katz said. It's long established, for instance, that B12 deficiency plays a role in dementia and other neurological disorders, and supplementation can stave that off. As well, certain vitamins are established treatments for a host of diseases, from vitamin C in scurvy to B12 in pernicious anemia.

But how can clinicians be sure that their patients actually need specific nutrients, especially since there are usually no obvious symptoms? Katz said, in most cases, doctors should ask about their patients' diets and about what vitamins they currently take, though he makes the exception for children who are meeting growth milestones or for adults with good muscle tone. The majority of clinicians reporting in a MedPage Today poll -- 70% -- said they supported annual screening of specific vitamin levels to treat deficiencies. They may simply be following recommendations -- in June, the Endocrine Society recommended screening for vitamin D deficiency in at-risk patients, setting various levels of treatment for different risk populations, to keep at bay rickets and bone complications.

Just as vitamin E was recently found to be unable to prevent prostate cancer -- it was actually associated with an increased risk of developing the cancer, albeit a "marginally

significant" one -- several other nutrients once touted for their preventive benefits flopped in trials. "We fell in love with vitamin C in middle of the century, but trials didn't confirm the benefits of preventing colds or cancer," Katz said. Similarly, B-complex vitamins promised to lower heart disease risk, he said. While they did lower homocysteine, trials turned up no clinical cardiovascular benefits. The carotenoid antioxidants beta-carotene and lycopene also proved to be a bust, with both having no benefit in prostate cancer and the former no use in eye disease nor heart disease. We have a long litany of barking up the wrong tree," Katz said.

It's not clear why these vitamins don't do what they're expected to do, and researchers are actively looking into why. The latest theory is that vitamin isolates don't work quite as well on their own. The vitamin E isolate used in the prostate cancer trial was alpha-tocopherol, which is only one in the family of E-complex vitamins, Katz said.

Rather, it may take the full blend of antioxidants and phytochemicals found within the context of a whole food in order to deliver any potential benefits. That appears to concur with clinician consensus on the majority of supplements, particularly in healthy patients: they're not needed. Eat a healthy diet instead. "[Patients] should stop trying to look for health in a pill," Lee Green, MD, of the University of Michigan, said in an email. "Health is not found in pills. It's found in good food and regular exercise. There's something in our psyche that makes us want to believe in magic, and that desire to believe has focused on vitamins." [Source: MedPage Today Kristina Fiore article 14 Oct 2011 ++]

Tricare Catastrophic Cap Update 04:

The catastrophic cap is the maximum out-of-pocket amount TRICARE beneficiaries will pay each fiscal year (October 1–September 30) for TRICARE-covered services. The cap applies to annual deductibles, pharmacy copayments, TRICARE Prime enrollment fees, and other cost-shares based on TRICARE-allowable charges. The catastrophic cap amount is based on your beneficiary category and is not affected by the program option you use. The catastrophic cap for active duty family members and TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) beneficiaries is \$1,000 per family, per FY, and the catastrophic cap for all other beneficiaries is \$3,000 per family, per FY. Note: The catastrophic cap does not apply to active duty service members. You are not responsible for any amounts above the catastrophic cap in a given FY, with a few exceptions. The catastrophic cap does not apply to cost-share amounts for services that are not TRICARE-covered; point-of-service charges; TRS, TRICARE Retired Reserve, and TRICARE Young Adult premiums; or the additional 15 percent above the TRICARE-allowable charge that nonparticipating providers may charge. For more information about the TRICARE catastrophic cap, contact your regional contractor or visit or call a local Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinator (BCAC) or TRICARE Service Center. A BCAC directory is available online at (see next page)

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(Tricare info) <http://www.tricare.mil/bcac> . [Source: Tricare Fact sheet http://www.tricare.mil/tricaresmartfiles/Prod_828/TRI-CARE_Catastrophic_Cap_FS_2011_Lo.pdf Oct 2011 ++]



USS Scorpion: (not the submarine)

A U.S. Navy ship that's rested on the bottom of the Patuxent River for nearly 200 years is slowly revealing its secrets to archaeologists, a senior Navy administrator said 19 OCT. During a "DOD Live" bloggers roundtable, Bob Neyland, head of the Navy's underwater archaeology branch, discussed the excavation of the USS Scorpion, which was scuttled during the War of 1812. The excavation is part of Maryland's effort to create a tourism sites for the bicentennial of a war whose biggest claim to fame is inspiring "The Star-Spangled Banner." Based in part on Virginia's experience with revenue generated by Civil War sites, bicentennial boosters estimate the 32 months of events planned to commemorate the War of 1812 could generate \$1 billion in tourism spending. This vessel was the namesake for five more U.S. naval vessels the last of which (SSN-589) disappeared in MAY 1968 from still unknown causes.

The Scorpion, the flagship of Commodore Joshua Barney's Chesapeake Bay Flotilla, is

located about 30 minutes outside Washington.

During the War of 1812, Barney was charged to protect Washington from invading British forces. Barney's plan called for the construction of a flotilla containing smaller barges and gunboats that would be able to outmaneuver the larger British ships in the shallow Chesapeake waters. The flotilla fought in several battles and played a key role in draining British resources and slowing the invasion. However, Barney's Chesapeake Bay Flotilla met its end Aug. 22, 1814. After the Battle of St. Leonard's Creek, Barney was forced to flee up the Patuxent River to what is now Highway 4, near Pig Point, Md. He was outflanked, seriously wounded, and had used up most of his ammunition. Neyland said it was there that Barney scuttled his flotilla, including the USS Scorpion, to prevent the approaching British navy from commandeering his vessels. As the flotilla sank, Barney and his remaining crew left Pig Point and made their way to join American troops and citizen-soldiers fighting at the Battle of

Bladensburg, Md. As the British forces overcame the Americans, many of the citizen-soldiers retreated, but Barney and his crew stayed to fight. In the end, they were among the last on the battlefield. Barney died in Pittsburgh in 1818 while traveling to Kentucky, where he planned to retire.

Until now, little was known about the construction of Barney's fleet and, in particular, the Scorpion. Historians knew the Scorpion was a converted gunboat, built in 1806. "We really don't know a whole lot about the construction of it," Neyland said, "other than it was one of the larger sloop brig vessels." In the late 1970s, amateur archaeologists found 13 vessels on the same spot where Barney scuttled his flotilla. Preliminary evidence suggested the vessels dated to the War of 1812.

"They verified that it was a War of 1812 vessel from recovered parts of a surgeon's kit, [and from] materials that were appropriate to the War of 1812," Neyland said. The ships' location suggested they were part of Barney's flotilla. But

additional and deeper exploration yielded evidence that removed all doubt that the flotilla and the USS Scorpion had, indeed, been found.

Archaeologists have found some very telling personal items aboard one of the vessels, Neyland said. "They found a grog cup ... and the initials C.W. were on that cup," Neyland said. "The only C.W. listed with Barney was an African-American sailor named Caesar Wentworth. He was assigned to Barney's flagship, called the Scorpion. So, hence, that's part of the evidence that suggests the wreck we are looking at today is that of the Scorpion." With the excavation under way, the plan is in place to make the USS Scorpion part of the War of 1812 bicentennial commemoration. The commemoration will start in 2012 and continue through 2014. The Scorpion will join the commemoration in 2013. At that point, Neyland said, he and his team will put a steel structure called a cofferdam -- around the 75-foot shipwreck. The water will then be pumped out, thus fully excavating the USS Scorpion. This method allows a more detailed

recording of artifacts and the hull, Neyland said, and will allow for public viewing both on the site and by webcam.

[Source: AFPS Bradley Cantor article 20 Oct 2011 ++]

Tax Changes 2012:

The Internal Revenue Service announced for tax year 2012, personal exemptions and standard deductions will rise and tax brackets will widen due to inflation. By law, the dollar amounts for a variety of tax provisions, affecting virtually every taxpayer, must be revised each year to keep pace with inflation. New dollar amounts affecting 2012 returns, filed by most taxpayers in early 2013, include the following:

- The value of each personal and dependent exemption, available to most taxpayers, is \$3,800, up \$100 from 2011.

- The new standard deduction is \$11,900 for married couples filing a joint return, up \$300, \$5,950 for singles and married individuals filing separately, up \$150, and \$8,700 for heads of household, up \$200. Nearly two out of three taxpayers take the standard deduction, rather

than itemizing deductions, such as mortgage interest, charitable contributions and state and local taxes.

- Tax-bracket thresholds increase for each filing status. For a married couple filing a joint return, for example, the taxable-income threshold separating the 15-percent bracket from the 25-percent bracket is \$70,700, up from \$69,000 in 2011.

Credits, deductions, and related phase outs

- For tax year 2012, the maximum earned income tax credit (EITC) for low- and moderate-income workers and working families rises to \$5,891, up from \$5,751 in 2011. The maximum income limit for the EITC rises to \$50,270, up from \$49,078 in 2011. The credit varies by family size, filing status and other factors, with the maximum credit going to joint filers with three or more qualifying children.

- The foreign earned income deduction rises to \$95,100, an increase of \$2,200 from the maximum deduction for tax year 2011.

- The modified adjusted gross income threshold

at which the lifetime learning credit begins to phase out is \$104,000 for joint filers, up from \$102,000, and \$52,000 for singles and heads of household, up from \$51,000.

- Student Loans. The \$2,500 maximum deduction for interest paid on student loans begins to phase out for a married taxpayers filing a joint returns at \$125,000 and phases out completely at \$155,000, an increase of \$5,000 from the phase out limits for tax year 2011. For single taxpayers, the phase out ranges remain at the 2011 levels.

- *Estate and Gift* -- For an estate of any decedent dying during calendar year 2012, the basic exclusion from estate tax amount is \$5,120,000, up from \$5,000,000 for calendar year 2011. Also, if the executor chooses to use the special use valuation method for qualified real property, the aggregate decrease in the value of the property resulting from the choice cannot exceed \$1,040,000, up from \$1,020,000 for 2011.

- For 2012, annual deductible amounts for Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs) increased from the tax year 2011 amounts.

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USS *Scamp* (SS-277), a *Gato*-class submarine, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the scamp, a member of the *Serranidae* family.

Her keel was laid down on 6 March 1942 at the Portsmouth Navy Yard in Kittery, Maine. She was launched on 20 July 1942 sponsored by Miss Katherine Eugenia McKee, and commissioned on 18 September 1942 with Commander W.G. Ebert in command.

First and Second War Patrols - On 19 January 1943, after training out of New London, Connecticut, *Scamp* set course for Pearl Harbor, via the Panama Canal. She arrived in Hawaii on 13 February 1943 and commenced final training in the local operating area. *Scamp* began her first war patrol on 1 March 1943. She stopped at Midway Island on 5 March, debarked her passenger, Rear Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, Jr. Com-

mander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, fueled, and then, headed for the coast of Honshū.

Her first two attacks on the enemy were doomed to failure by the faulty magnetic detonators in her torpedoes. After the inactivating of the magnetic features on her remaining torpedoes, *Scamp* scored two hits, one on an unidentified target on the night of 20 March and the other damaged *Manju Maru* early the next morning. The submarine stopped at Midway Island again on 26 March and returned to Pearl Harbor on 7 April. *Scamp* put to sea again on 19 April, bound for the Southwest Pacific. She took on fuel at Johnston Island then slipped between the Marshall Islands and the Gilbert Islands to reconnoiter Ocean Island and Nauru Island. This mission she completed on 27 April and 28 April and then shaped a course for the Bismarck Archipelago. She had to hold fire on each of her first three enemy contacts because they were hospital ships. However, on the afternoon of 28 May, she succeeded in pump-

ing three torpedoes into the converted seaplane tender *Kamikawa Maru* (The *Kamikawa Maru* had been damaged during an attack by the USS *Wahoo* (SS-238) on May 4, 1943). She evaded the enemy escorts and came up to periscope depth to observe the results. The enemy ship was down by the stern and loading men into boats. A little after midnight, *Scamp* finished off her stricken adversary with two more well aimed torpedoes. She ended her second war patrol at Brisbane, Australia, on 4 June 1943.

Third and Fourth War Patrols - From Brisbane, she departed on her third war patrol on 22 June 1943. She patrolled a scouting line off the Solomon Islands and north to the Bismarck Sea. She passed the Shortland Islands on 14 July and, on 27 July, encountered an enemy convoy. During her approach, a destroyer passed over her and dropped two depth charges some distance from her. *Scamp* continued her approach and loosed a spread of six torpedoes at a Japanese tanker. She scored a hit

but had to dive in order to escape the escorts. When she surfaced, a little over an hour later, all enemy shipping was out of sight. Continuing her patrol into the Bismarck Islands, *Scamp* patrolled to the southeast of Steffen Strait, between New Ireland and New Hanover. At 17:54, still on 27 July, she sighted a submarine, which launched a torpedo at *Scamp*. *Scamp* went ahead full and leveled off at 22 feet (6.7 m), letting the torpedo pass above her. Less than ten minutes later, she returned to periscope depth to engage her adversary. At 1812, she launched four torpedoes and the Japanese boat erupted in a tremendous explosion. At the time, it was believed that the loser of that duel was the Japanese submarine *I-24*. Later analysis of Japanese records indicated that it was not; rather, it was *I-168*, which had previously sunk aircraft carrier *Yorktown* at the Battle of Midway. By 8 August, *Scamp* was back in Brisbane.

After almost a month in port at Brisbane, the fleet submarine stood

out on her fourth war patrol. She again patrolled off the Solomon Islands and into the Bismarck Sea. On 18 September, she attacked a three-ship convoy and crippled one of them. Another changed course and avoided her torpedoes. *Scamp* passed close under the stricken enemy, trying to evade her escorts and come under machine gun fire from her victim. She escaped the pursuit of the enemy destroyers but lost the undamaged quarry in a rain squall. *Scamp* returned to finish off the 8614 ton passenger-cargo ship *Kansai Maru*, which she succeeded in doing late that night.

On the morning of 21 September, *Scamp* happened upon a heavily guarded convoy and began to stalk it. After dark, she moved in for the kill and, after launching three torpedoes, heard two double explosions. Her second attack was foiled by a severe rain squall. However, *Scamp* hounded the convoy all through the day on 22 September and, at around 03:00 on 23 September, unleashed four torpedoes at the convoy. While still maneuvering

to attack the convoy, she passed through the wreckage of *Kansai Maru* and came upon an empty boat containing the sunken ship's logs and other documents. These were taken on board and later turned over to intelligence. *Scamp* made one more attempt upon the convoy, but was driven off by planes and kept down by aerial bombs. On 24 September, she was ordered to terminate her patrol and she re-entered Brisbane on 1 October. Fifth and Sixth War Patrols - She cleared port again on 22 October and began her fifth patrol with a mission in support of the Treasury Island invasion, 28 October to 30 October. From there, she moved to her patrol area, between Kavieng and Truk. On 4 November, she launched three torpedoes at a passenger-cargo ship. One exploded prematurely, but one reached its mark. By the time of the explosion indicating success, *Scamp* was already in a dive evading a depth charge attacker. Six days later, she disabled the 6481 ton *Tokyo Maru*; then, after evading the escorts, fired three more torpedoes into the listing target. At about 21:00, the cripple was observed being towed away. It was later learned that *Tokyo Maru* sank before daybreak. On 12 November, she damaged light cruiser

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Lost Boat USS Scamp (Con't)

Agano, so severely that the enemy warship remained in repair at Truk until the American strike of 16 February and 17 February 1944. On 18 November, *Scamp* suffered minor shrapnel damage from two bombs dropped by an enemy float plane. Eight days later, she sailed back into Brisbane.

On 16 December 1943, *Scamp* left Brisbane and headed back to the Bismarck Archipelago for her sixth war patrol. On the night of 6 January 1944, she missed a small tanker and was boxed in by the sound search of two Japanese destroyers. At 2323, she was able to surface and clear the area while the convoy escorts hunted for her about 8,000 yards (7.3 km) astern. On 14 January, she slipped by two destroyers to launch six torpedoes at *Nippon Maru*. The 9,975 ton tanker sank as *Scamp* made her escape. Foiled in an attempt to return to the area, she headed south to act as plane guard north of Lyra Reef for B-24 bombers. On 6 February, she put into Milne Bay, New Guinea, for refit.

Sixth and Seventh War Patrols – *Scamp* spent her seventh war patrol searching the shipping lanes between New Guinea, Palau, and Mindanao in the Philippines. She exited Milne Bay on 3 March 1944 and, after uneventful patrolling, put in at Langemak Bay, from 29 March to 31 March, for repairs to her torpedo data computer. Following her resumption of patrol, she battle surfaced on 4 April and set fire to a 200 ton trawler, but broke off the action when her deck gun failed.

Three days later, south of Davao Gulf, she encountered six cruisers escorted by destroyers and planes. She dived and the destroyers passed overhead without noticing her presence a scant 10 feet (3.0 m) below the surface. She returned to the surface at 1405 but was forced down by a plane. A little later, she tried to surface again but was attacked by a diving float plane. As she crash dived to escape the enemy plane, an aerial bomb exploded. All hands were knocked off their feet by the explo-

sion and all power was lost. *Scamp* began to take an up angle and started to settle rapidly. At just below 300 feet (91 m), she began to hang on, then started up. The diving officer reported that the hydraulic controller had been jarred to "off" in the attack and that the hydraulic plant started closing all the main vents as fire started filling the maneuvering and after torpedo rooms with a thick, toxic smoke.

Fortunately, the sub caught at 5 feet (1.5 m), the decision having been made to surface and slug it out with the deck gun if she could not be held below 5 feet (1.5 m). *Scamp* started down again, "see sawed" three times, and started down a third time before power was regained. Soon the submarine was making two thirds speed on each shaft and had leveled off at 15 feet (4.6 m). She released oil and air bubbles to appear to have sunk and then headed for the Admiralty Islands. At 21:03, she surfaced and, with a 17 degree list, made for Seeadler Harbor, Manus, where she arrived on 16 April 1944.

Eighth War Patrol and Loss - She made emergency repairs at Manus, shifted to Milne Bay on 22 April and then moved on to Pearl Harbor for a thorough overhaul at the yard. *Scamp* set out on her eighth war patrol on 16 October. She fueled at Midway Island on 20 October, then set course for the Bonin Islands. On 9 November, she acknowledged a message changing her patrol area. She reported her position to be about 150 miles (240 km) north of the Bonin Islands with all 24 torpedoes aboard and 77,000 US gallons (290,000 L) of fuel remaining. On 14 November, she was ordered to take up the life guard station off Tokyo Bay in support of B-29 Superfortress bomber strikes, but failed to acknowledge the message. *Scamp* was never heard from again. From records available after the war, it appears that *Scamp* was sighted by Japanese planes and reported depth charged by Kaibokan CD-4 to the south of Tokyo Bay on 11 November 1944. *Scamp* was struck from the Naval Vessel Register on 28 April 1945.

- a) Minimum annual deductible self-only coverage \$2,100 and family coverage \$4,200.
- b) Maximum annual deductible self-only coverage \$3,150 and family coverage \$6,300.
- c) Maximum annual out-of-pocket expenses self-only coverage \$4,200 and family coverage \$7,650.

Other Items

- The monthly limit on the value of qualified transportation benefits exclusion for qualified parking provided by an employer to its employees for 2012 rises to \$240, up \$10 from the limit in 2011. However, the temporary increase in the monthly limit on the value of the qualified transportation benefits exclusion for transportation in a commuter highway vehicle and transit pass provided by an employer to its employees expires and reverts to \$125 for 2012.
- Several tax benefits are unchanged in 2012. For example, the additional standard deduction for blind people and senior citizens remains \$1,150 for married individuals and \$1,450 for singles and heads of

household. Also, the annual exclusion for gifts remains at \$13,000.

Details on these inflation adjustments can be found in Revenue Procedure 2011-52 [<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/rp-11-52.pdf>], which will be published in Internal Revenue Bulletin 2011-45 on November 7, 2011. (Source: IRS Newsletter)



Funeral Honors Update 06:

A story about the White House changing the military funeral protocols for the presentation of the American flag to survivors has gained a good deal of traction in recent weeks. The email, a variation of which is shown below, states that the statement made by the soldier to the recipient of the flag has been changed to remove mention of the President of the United States and replaced with 'Secretary of Defense'. However, there has been no change in policy regarding funeral proto-

cols. and the separate services maintain their own version of the presentation statement. The presentation of the flag and the accompanying statement from the service varies by service. They are as listed below:

□ **United States Army:** On behalf of the President of the United States and the people of a grateful nation, may I present this flag as a token of appreciation for the honorable and faithful service your loved one rendered this nation.

□ **United States Navy:** On behalf of the President of the United States and the Chief of Naval Operations, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one's service to this Country and a grateful Navy.

□ **United States Marines Corps:** On behalf of the President of the United States, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and a grateful nation, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one's service to Country and Corps.

□ **United States Air Force:** On behalf of the President of the United



States, the Department of the Air Force, and a grateful nation, we offer this flag for the faithful and dedicated service of (Service member's rank and name).

□ **United States Coast Guard:** On behalf of the President of the United States, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, and a grateful nation, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one's service to Country and the Coast Guard.

Military funeral protocols are spelled out in law under U.S. Code, Title 10, Chapter 75, Section 1491, last revised in January 2007. But the code only governs who receives the flag at the presentation. The statement made is left up to the services and according to each source contacted, there has not been any modification of their tradition. [Source: MOAA News Exchange 19 Oct 2011 ++]





Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 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 and VFW Dinner
20	21	22	23	24 	25 	26 Leftover weekend
27	28	29	30	December 1	2	3 Pearl Harbor Remembrance— Raleigh
4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day—1941	8	9	10 VFW Break- fast 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Base Meeting and VFW Dinner
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Santa comes down the induction mast

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—
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