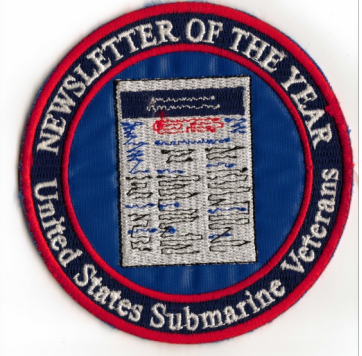


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Two New Holland Club Members

At the January meeting the Base honored two new members of the Holland Club. To be a member of the Holland Club you have to have been Qualified in Submarines for at least 50 years.

Holland Club Coordinator for the Carolina Piedmont Base, Walt Sealy, presents certificates, pins, and membership cards with the assistance of Base Commander Steve Bell.

Mike Egan qualified in 1962 on the USS Skipjack, SSN 585, where he proudly served as an FTG. Mike lives in Monroe (but not with Jack, a standard CPB joke) with his wife Susan. Mike is a retired Postal worker. I guess being a Fast Attack FTG makes you go "Postal".

Ron Hatley also qualified in 1962 as a ET aboard the

USS Sea Leopard, SS 483. Ron lives with Diane in Troutman, NC.

One thing that every Submariner remembers is receiving his Dolphins. And if you think about it, we learned to be Submariners from guys these two passed their knowledge on to. Along with that knowledge comes the pride in wearing of the "Fish", because we all know what it takes to earn them. It all trickles down; the knowledge, the pride, the dedication to duty.

I know that a lot of our work ethics come from our working for our Dolphins and came from our crew members who wore the "Fish" before us.

Thank You Mike and Ron and all Holland Club members for showing the rest of us "the way". It was not an easy path to follow, but as shipmates you guided us

well. BRAVO ZULU to both of you.



Walt Sealy presents Ron (left) and Mike (right) their



Base Command Steve Bell passes out longevity rockers to members of the Holland Club.

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 - February

"Sailors, rest your oars"

USS SHARK (SS 174)	February 11, 1942
USS AMBERJACK (SS 219)	February 16, 1943
USS GRAYBACK (SS 208)	February 26, 1944
USS TROUT (SS 202)	February 28, 1944
USS BARBEL (SS 316)	February 4, 1945

CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell



The final results are in for our membership drive for 2012. We lost only one member. That is less than 1%. It would have been nice to hit 100%, but still not bad. Thanks to all of you for renewing your membership. For those that waited until the end, please try to do better at the end of this year.

As was put out at our meeting and through various e-mails, the parade season is getting really close. The first will be in Raleigh on 17 March followed by Nags Head the next day. Information regarding lodging for Nags Head has been distributed.

Those will be followed

by the parade in the Azalea Festival in Wilmington on the 14th of April. Come out and join us for a parade and enjoy yourself.

Burnsville 2012 is also not all that far off. All arrangements have been made, information distributed (see items in the newsletter), and we are just waiting for people to sign up. This is one of the better events hosted throughout the year, so if you plan on attending, make your hotel reservations now. And if not, please reconsider, you will be missing a good weekend in the mountains.

Election time is getting close. I encourage you to vote this year. There appears to be a major change in some leadership this year, so your vote is important. The Senior Vice Commander

is stepping down for now, so that will be open. Also, it is rumored that the Secretary and Treasurer may step down. Our Regional Director is stepping down from that position, but is running for Senior Vice Commander.

Those are the ones you can vote for. Also, I understand that the Northeastern and Western Regional Directors are stepping down (we cannot vote for those). That is quite a change within our organization. I am also sure there will be amendments to the USSVI Constitution and By-Laws that will be on the ballot as well (just currently do not know what they are). So there is a lot going on this year that may impact us as a base, so please take the time to vote. It is all done online and is really

quite simple. All of this information should be in the next American Submariner (or the one following). Please read before you place your vote so that you can be at least somewhat informed.

Another event that you might want to consider attending this year is the National Convention. It is being hosted (officially) by our brother base Hampton Roads. Even though they are the official host, the entire District is pitching in to help them where we can. From all the reports I get, it looks like this is going to be a good one. There are also many ship reunions going on at the same time, so some of you might be able to attend a ship reunion at the same time. There is always a chance (con't on Page 3)

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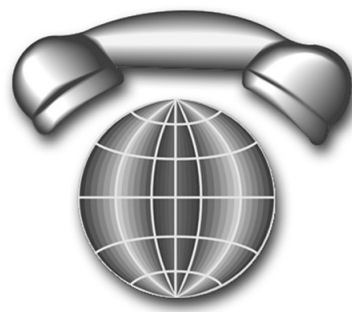
XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries

CAROLINA PIEDMONT ROCKS. We have reached the final time for re upping the National and Base dues, our base is probably one of the best mid-sized bases as far as retention goes. I want to thank all members for their participation and hope that next year will be as successful as this year.

We had a fairly active month as far as presentations go. We presented the Submariner Story for a NROTC unit in York as well as a Flag Awareness presentation at Weddington Middle School. We also had a very successful Eagle Scout presentation where we presented certificates to 4 Eagle Scouts and a Girl Scout Gold certificate in Mineral Springs NC.

Plans are underway for our annual Memorial service at Burnsville, if you haven't been to this weekend in the mountains, it is SUPER. Once again we will be based at the same hotel as last year. Please contact Steve Bell for making your reservation. It's coming time for thinking about the National Convention in Norfolk. The registration form as well

as details of events that have been scheduled are available on line at USSVI.org click on the convention tab on the left side of the page, click on 2012 convention tab, click on registration tab, copy it, fill it out and mail it in. Let's make a good showing and support for this. Hope to see you all at our next meeting the 18th, eating begins at 1730 with meeting to start at 1900.



MASSING OF THE COLORS

We have been invited to participate in the Massing of the Colors in Greenville SC on March 4 at the Scottish Rite Temple. And in Rock Hill, SC on March 25th. Those who want to participate should contact Dale Moses. Dale would like to go with a full Color Guard (Flags and rifles) and we need a least 3 more volunteers. If we just do the Flags, we just need 1 volunteer. Dale is planning on attending both and will lead the team.

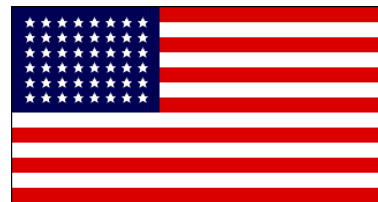
We also need 3 more volunteers for the Color Guard for the Burnsville Memorial. There will be plenty of time to "practice" prior to each event.

Contact Dale at ppeditor@carolina.rr.com or at 704-248-7610. Guys, it's easy!! Let's show-off our Base.— Moe(SS)



(Commander con't)

that you can run into an old shipmate at these events. Registration forms and the Schedule of Events is available both online at the USSVI website (under conventions) and in the American Submariner. Please come up and join us. Last, and surely not least, a reminder that our February meeting will be on the third Saturday vice the fourth Saturday. That would be February 18. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. You cannot beat the meal. Our ladies do a wonderful job with the meal each time.



Flag Trivia—Where did this Flag fly in our Nation's history? See Page 13

Machinery One — Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary

Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes
For January 28th, 2012



-Call Meeting to Order

1900hrs the meeting was called to order by Base Commander Steve Bell.

-Invocation

The Invocation was given by Base Chaplin Ray Fritz.

- Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Bell.

- Tolling of the Boats

The Tolling of the Boats was presentenced by Ray Fritz and Mike Hubbell.

-Member Introductions

There were 30 members present.

-Reading/Approval of the last Meeting Minutes

The motion to accept the Minutes of the Base Meeting held on November 19th, 2011 as posted in Carolina-Piedmont Periscope News Letter was made and seconded. The motion carried.

-Reading/Approval of the Treasurer's Report

The Treasure's Report was given by Lee Hickerson.

As January 28th, 2012 the following funds where available to the Base.

CURRENT BALANCE	\$5,667.86
MEMEMORIAL RESTERATION FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 288.50
KAPS-4-KIDS	\$1,321.05
USSVI SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 202.85
BASE FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$3,855.46

Base Treasurer Lee Hickerson reminded all members that checks are to be made out to the Carolina-Piedmont Base and not to himself personally.

-Old Business

There was no Old Business to report.

-New Business**USSVI National Convention Program**

Steve Bell reported on a request from District Commander Dick Kanning. Dick would like to place an ad in the National Convention Program Booklet to help support the District. The motion was made to provide \$30.00 from the Base Funds, and seconded. The motion carried, Lee Hickerson is to send a check from Base Funds, when directed. Should other bases not comply, then the funds will not be provided.

Veteran's Pins

Steve Bell Requested that base funds be used to purchase 25 North Carolina Veterans Pins at a cost of \$2.50 each. Upon further discussion it was decided that Jeff Nieberding would also see if South Carolina pins were also available. If these pins are available, Jeff was directed to purchase 25 additional pins. The motion was made and seconded to purchase 25 North Carolina Pins and 25 South Carolina Pins, the motion carried.

CPB Challenge Coins

Steve Bell reported that the Ship's Store was almost out of Challenge Coins. Steve reported that the Base purchases these coins at a cost of \$5.27 ea. for a min order of 50 or \$4.27 ea. for a min order of 100. After a period of discussion, the motion was made to order 50 gold and 50 silver Challenge Coins at a cost of \$4.27 each, to be sold at a cost of \$10.00 each. The motion was seconded and carried.

CPB Ship's Store Purchase Requests

Steve Bell requested that funds of less than \$600.00 for restocking the Ship's Store would only require the E-Board approval. After the discussion, a motion was made and seconded that purchase requests of \$350.00 or less for purchases for the Ship's Store requires only the E-Board's approval. All purchases over the \$350.00 cap will still require the Memberships approval. The motion carried.

-Good of the Order**District Commander**

Steve Bell reported that effective at the National Convention, Dick Kanning will resign as our District Commander. Steve Bell will assume the duties of District Commander at that time. Steve will continue as CPB Base Commander until May 2013, when the newly elected Base Officers are sworn in.

Burnsville District Meeting

Steve Bell reminded all members to reserve their rooms and to send in their registrations to him ASAP.

February Base Meeting

Steve Bell reminded the members that the February Base meeting be held on the third Saturday, February 18th, 2012.

Report of "Half-way" Night Performances

Dale Moses reported on the visits to the Laurels in Pineville. Dale further reported that he may be lining up another show. Additionally Dale reported that progress was being made on future shows with new material. Details will be posted in the monthly newsletter.

Con't on page 6

Base Minutes (con't)**Sailor of the Year**

Steve Bell reported on the SOY dinner. The Base raised \$200.00 and the District raise a total of \$1100.00 for this cause. Steve further reported that effective 2013 each cash award to the sailors is limited by federal law. Steve Bell as District Commander will forward any “over funds” raised to the CPO Association to help cover the cost of places, certificates and other such items for the Awards Dinner.

News Letter Deadline

Dale Moses reminded all members the deadline for February’s newsletter is February 10th.

Benediction

The Benediction was given by Ray Fritz.

Motion to Adjourn

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Hubbell

Base Secretary

So there I Was... by Mike Hubbell

Recently I had the pleasure of joining Steve, Ray, Jeff, Walt and Jack at the York Comprehensive High School. We met with the J.R.O.T.C. students to talk about serving aboard submarines. His was something new for me. I have met with students before, but not like this. Usually I was in a class to help explain physics or engineering to young people not to tell “sea stories” or talk about myself. I normally explain how a submarine can submerge and resurface. The science of variable displacement, a very dry and technical subject.

But with a few training aides, the young people learn the basics and hopefully it helps them in their studies of science.

I really don’t have stories to share that would be appropriate for young people to hear. But on this day with the help of my shipmates a good time was had by all. Jack played the role of M.C. and the rest of us were just along for the ride. Ray did a wonderful job of telling the story of how he and the crew of the USS Skate were the first to ever surface near the North Pole. These young people were festi-

nated to learn of the historic and vital mission this really was. Walt spoke of life on Diesel Boats.

During one session, Walt explained shipboard hygiene. The initial reaction by most of these young people was something to see. When Walt said that the crew didn’t “shower” on the boat, many of the students leaned back in their chairs. He went on to explain that fresh water was in short supply. The youngsters couldn’t imagine how that must have been. Of course us old salts couldn’t stop laughing. Thanks Walt,

that's one story they won't soon forget. And should they join the NAVY, they'll always be grateful that they won't experience water hours. Jeff covered the very basics of NUC power. What he really did was instill in these students the need for a good education. He also pointed

out that the NAVY provided all of us with some of the best training anyone could ask for. Between the wise cracks and silliness, that was our most important message to these students. Over the last week I have run into some of these students and others with the School Board. All have expressed their

appreciation for our service to the Country and told me how much they enjoyed our visit.

If you have the chance to participate in one of these school visits, do so. It is worth the time, and very enjoyable. Thank you shipmates for setting this up. It was well worth the lost sleep time.



Cottonmouth provided by Jim Schenk

I went fishing this morning but after a short time I ran out of worms. Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in his mouth. Frogs are good bass bait. Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in his mouth, I grabbed him right behind the head, took the frog, and put him in my bait bucket. Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. His eyes rolled back, and he went limp. I released him into the lake without incident and carried on fishing using the frog. A little later I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that snake with two more frogs.

Don't Mess with Old Guys

Yesterday I had an appointment to see the urologist for a prostate exam. Of course I was a bit on edge because all my friends have either gone under the knife or had those pellets implanted.

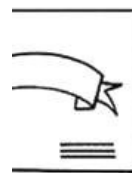
The waiting room was filled with patients. As I approached the receptionist's desk, I noticed that the receptionist was a large unfriendly woman who looked like a Sumo wrestler. I gave her my name.

In a very loud voice, the receptionist said, "YES, I HAVE YOUR NAME HERE; YOU WANT TO SEE THE DOCTOR ABOUT IMPOTENCE, RIGHT?"

All the patients in the

waiting room snapped their heads around to look at me, a now very embarrassed man. But as usual, I recovered quickly, and in an equally loud voice replied, 'NO, IVE COME TO INQUIRE ABOUT A SEX CHANGE OPERATION, BUT I DON'T WANT THE SAME DOCTOR THAT DID YOURS.'

The room erupted in applause!



"I have metal fillings in my teeth. My refrigerator magnets keep pulling me into the kitchen. That's why I can't lose weight!"

New members Binnacle List

Welcome Aboard

Happy Birthday to:

February

Sandi Wardean 2/03

Hal Rutter 2/09

Ruth Ann (Worth)
2/09

Jack Jeffries 2/13

Jerry Paciorek 2/13

Miles Blessingham
2/15

Cindy Petitt 2/17

Monica Dachs 2/18

Sandra Myers 2/18

Jim Harris 2/26

If your birthday was
missed, please notify Jack
or Dale



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

February

Linda and Greg
Crystal - 2/5

Linda and Raymond D.
Zieverink - 2/24

Lettin' the cat
outta the bag is a
whole lot easier'n
puttin' it back -
Will Rogers



SubVettes

Dear "SASSY SISTERS".

Hope this finds all of you and yours doing well. Happy Valentines Day to all you. Our February Meal is Italian and Chocolate. Please wear pink or red to celebrate. I have got the cruise planned and will give all who are interested details at our meeting. Do not forget your recruiters and/or secret sister. Hope all stays healthy and I will see you the

18th. May God Bless
You and May God Bless
Our Great Country USA.
Love to all Sandra



From the COB

Hello I would like to wish all the ladies **Happy Valentines Day !!!!!!!!!!!** And guys do not forget your sweetheart on the **14th**. Take care, Paul

Almond-Crusted Chicken Fingers

Do you have picky eaters at home? Instead of batter-dipped, deep-fried nuggets, the chicken tenders are coated in a seasoned almond and whole-wheat flour crust and then baked to perfection. With half the fat of standard breaded chicken tenders, you can enjoy to your (healthy) heart's content. Even your biggest food critics will enjoy!

Makes 4 servings

Active Time: 20 minutes

Total Time: 40 minutes

Ingredients:

Canola oil cooking spray	1/2 cup sliced almonds
1/4 cup whole-wheat flour	1 1/2 teaspoons paprika
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder	1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1/4 teaspoon salt	1/8 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 1/2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil	4 large egg whites
1 pound chicken tenders	

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 475°F. Line a baking sheet with foil. Set a wire rack on the baking sheet and coat it with cooking spray.

Place almonds, flour, paprika, garlic powder, dry mustard, salt and pepper in a food processor; process until the almonds are finely chopped and the paprika is mixed throughout, about 1 minute. With the motor running, drizzle in oil; process until combined. Transfer the mixture to a shallow dish.

Whisk egg whites in a second shallow dish. Add chicken tenders and turn to coat. Transfer each tender to the almond mixture; turn to coat evenly. (Discard any remaining egg white and almond mixture.) Place the tenders on the prepared rack and coat with cooking spray; turn and spray the other side.

Bake the chicken fingers until golden brown, crispy and no longer pink in the center, 20 to 25 minutes.

Tenders are perfect for quick stir-fries, chicken satay or kid-friendly breaded "chicken fingers."



1 Teamwork 1 Families 1 Age

United Airlines Agent at
Gate 14

It happened at the Denver Airport. This is hilarious. I wish I had the guts of this girl. An award should go to the United Airlines gate agent in Denver for being smart and funny, while making her point, when confronted with a passenger who probably deserved to fly as cargo, or all of you out there who have had to deal with an irate customer, this one is for you.

A crowded United Airlines flight was canceled. A single agent was rebooking a long line of inconvenienced travelers. Suddenly, an angry passenger pushed his way to the desk. He slapped his ticket on the counter and said, "I HAVE to be on this flight and it has to be FIRST CLASS."

The agent replied, "I'm sorry, sir. I'll be happy to try to help you, but I've got to help these folks first; and then I'm sure we'll be able to work something out."

The passenger was unimpressed. He asked loudly, so that the passengers behind him

could hear, "DO YOU
HAVE ANY IDEA
WHO I AM?"

Without hesitating, the agent smiled and grabbed her public address microphone. "May I have your attention, please?", she began, her voice heard clearly throughout the terminal. "We have a passenger here at Gate 14 WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHO HE IS. If anyone can help him with his identity, please come to Gate 14".

With the folks behind him in line laughing hysterically, the man glared at the United agent, gritted his teeth, and said, "F*** You!" Without flinching, she smiled and said, "I'm sorry sir, you'll have to get in line for that, too."

Life isn't about how to
survive the storm, but
how to dance in the rain.



Supplied by Sharon Weber:

Two sisters, one blond and one brunette, inherit the family ranch. Unfortunately, after just a few years, they are in financial trouble. In order to keep the bank from re-

possessing the ranch,
they need to purchase a
bull so that they can
breed their own stock.

Upon leaving, the brunette tells her sister, 'When I get there, if I decide to buy the bull, I'll contact you to drive out after me and haul it home.'

The brunette arrives at the man's ranch, inspects the bull, and decides she wants to buy it.

The man tells her that he will sell it for \$599, no less. After paying him, she drives to the nearest town to send her sister a telegram to tell her the news.

She walks into the telegraph office, and says, 'I want to send a telegram to my sister telling her that I've bought a bull for our ranch and I need her to hitch the trailer to our pickup truck and drive out here so we can haul it home.'

The telegraph operator explains that he'll be glad to help her, then adds, it will cost 99 cents a word.

Well, after paying for the bull, the brunette realizes that she'll only be able to send her sister

one word.

After a few minutes of thinking, she nods and says, 'I want you to send her the word 'comfortable'.

The operator shakes his head. 'How is she ever going to know that you want her to hitch the trailer to your pickup truck and drive out here to haul that bull back to your ranch if you send her just the word 'comfortable?'

The brunette explains, 'My sister's blonde. The word is big. She'll read it very slowly... 'com-for-da-bul.'



I was devastated to find out my wife was having an affair but, by turning to religion, I was soon able to come to terms with the whole thing. I converted to Islam, and we're stoning her in the morning!



I went to the pub with my girlfriend last night. Locals were shouting "pedophile!" and other names at me, just because my girlfriend is 21 and I'm 50. It completely spoiled our 10th anniver-

sary.



I've just been to the gym. They've got a new machine in. I could only use it for half an hour, as I started to feel sick. It's great though. It provides me with everything I need - KitKats, Mars Bars, Snickers, Potato Crisps, the lot.



Question - Are there too many immigrants in Britain? 17% said yes; 11% said No; 72% said "I am not understanding the question please."



The cost of living has now gotten so bad that my wife is having sex with me because she can't afford batteries.



A man calls 911 and says "I think my wife is dead". The operator says, "How do you know?" He says "The sex is about the same, but the ironing is piling up!"



My wife has been missing a week now. The police said to prepare for the worst. So, I had to go down to Goodwill to get all of her clothes back.



I've heard that Apple has scrapped their plans for the new children's-oriented iPod after realizing that "iTouch Kids" is not a good product name.



The Red Cross just knocked on my door and asked if we could contribute towards the floods in Pakistan. I said we'd love to, but our garden hose only reaches to the driveway.



Grandparents Answering Machine

Good morning . . . At present we are not at home but, please Leave your message after you hear the beep.

beeeeeppp

If you are one of our children, dial 1 and then select the option from 1 to 5 in order of "arrival" so we know who it is.

If you need us to stay with the children, press 2

If you want to borrow the car, press 3

If you want us to wash your clothes and ironing, press 4

If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight, press 5

If you want us to pick up

the kids at school, press 6

If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday or to have it delivered to your home, press 7

If you want to come to eat here, press 8

If you need money, press 9

If you are going to invite us to dinner, or take us to the theater, start talking we are listening !!!!!!!!!!!"



A turkey was chatting with a bull.

'I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree' sighed the turkey, 'but I haven't got the energy.'

'Well, why don't you nibble on some of my droppings?' replied the bull. They're packed with nutrients.

The turkey pecked at a lump of dung, and found it actually gave him enough strength to reach the lowest branch of the tree.

The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch.

Finally after a fourth night, the turkey was proudly perched at the top of the tree.

He was promptly spotted by a farmer, who shot him out of the tree.

Moral of the story:

B-S might get you to the top, but it won't keep you there.



-Birds of a feather flock together . . . and then crap on your car.

-A penny saved is a government oversight.

-The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

-Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.'

-The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

-Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs...'

-Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

-Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

-You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.



Chaplin's Corner - Ray Fritz, Base Chaplain



We are enjoying the wonderful weather here in SC, especially since moving from what our kids call "The frozen wasteland" of the Southern Tier region of upstate NY."

Along with Base Commander, Steve Bell, Ed Erb, Walt Sealy, Jack Jeffries, Mike Hubbell, and Jeff Neiberding, we had the privilege of talking about the U.S. Submarine service to NJROTC students in the Sun Valley High and the York Comprehensive High Schools recently. I say privilege because these students are sharp, disciplined, and well mannered. Their instructors care deeply about their students and set high standards of achievement for them, both physically and mentally. (I will try to get better pictures of the instructors and us at future events)

When I see young people like those we met, my heart is hopeful for the future of America because they demonstrate, in real time, what the next generation of Americans can be when given loving and tough discipline along with meaningful direction and instruction. The next picture doesn't look like pampering to me, how about you? These young men are doing pushups for being disrespectful to the instructor. They asked, "How long?" I

think the instructor said, "Until I get tired." Amen!



York Comprehensive High School



York Comprehensive High School



York Comprehensive High School



Sun Valley High School

These students are being taught personal responsibility and accountability. Both of these are Biblical principles regarding our relationships to others.

John 13:34-35 (NASB)
 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that

you also love one another.³⁵ “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Apostle Paul wrote:

Romans 12:9-13

(NASB) *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.*¹⁰ *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;*¹¹ *not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;*¹² *rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,*¹³ *contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.*

I don't like to hear Bill O'Riley discuss religion and I get angry when politicians, of any persuasion, twist the Scriptures to advance their own agendas. The message of the Gospel is about personal responsibility and accountability before God and then before others.

Hebrews 9:27 ESV

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

These NROTC students are being taught these

principles of behavior. As submarine veterans you know the importance of responsibility and accountability. You are also aware that the members of this base continue to demonstrate those principles every day.

I believe **Carolina Piedmont rocks** because our people care about others and are doing actual deeds that demonstrate that care. When we cease to do that we will cease to be a base that **rocks!** This applies regardless of your faith, creed, belief, or even unbelief.

In the writings of the Founding Fathers we find some very wise statements regarding personal responsibility. Contains some insights into what the government should not do.

The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not. **Thomas Jefferson**

2 Thessalonians 3:10 ESV *For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to*

work, let him not eat.

It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world. **Thomas Jefferson**

Proverbs 22:7 ESV *The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.*

I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them. **Thomas Jefferson**

When the people find that they can vote themselves money, that will herald the end of the republic. **Benjamin Franklin:**

"To take from one, because it is thought his own industry and that of his fathers has acquired too much, in order to spare to others, who, or whose fathers, have not exercised equal industry and skill, is to violate arbitrarily the first principle of association, the guarantee to everyone the free exercise of his

Answer to the Flag Trivia:

The 48 Star Flag: This is the Flag that flew on the day most of us was born. On July 4, 1912, the U.S. flag grew to 48 stars with the addition of New Mexico (January 6th, 1912) and Arizona (February 14, 1912). Executive Order of President Taft dated June 24, 1912 - established the proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward. This flag was official for 47 years, longer than any other flag (with exception of the current flag which has flown since 1960 or 52 years on July 4, 2012), through two World Wars and the emergence of the United States of America as the leading nation of the world. Eight Presidents served under this flag; William H. Taft (1909-1913), Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921), Warren Harding (1921-1923), Calvin Coolidge (1923-1929), Herbert Hoover (1929-1933), Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933-1945), Harry S. Truman (1945-1953), Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-1961)

Deadline for the March Issue will be the 16th.

Chaplin's Corner (continued)

industry and the fruits acquired by it." -- Thomas Jefferson, letter to Joseph Milligan, April 6, 1816

In the following I am not talking about people who are physically unable to work. Nor am I talking about people who have lost a job because of the economy and are unable to fulfill their responsibility even though they want to. Jesus calls for compassion on those who are truly in need.

As Americans, we have been told that the American dream is to own a home! The goal may be good but the dream is false. Recent financial events have shown that many people bought into the lie and eventually failed because they were not ready to bear the responsibility. Now, they want others [government] to bail them out.

People have been told, "you can have it all." No, you can't! People who buy into that lie from the pit often find that the dream becomes a nightmare rather than the fulfillment of a dream.

Why does this happened? Because the dream is wrong.

The real American dream is to be free. Free to excel or to fail! Free to rise or fall. Free to get up after failure and try again. Free to be industrious and to enjoy the fruit of your own labor. Free to give or not give as you choose. Free to be everything you can possibly be without government interference at any level. That may include a home but not necessarily. When people become dependent on government they cease to be free. The more the government gives you the more enslaved you become to the government.

I have hope for America because I know many young people who are being taught personal responsibility and accountability.

May your sunsets be glorious and the sailing smooth.

God bless and thanks for listening,

Chaplain Ray

GRANDMA'S HANDS Submitted by Ray Fritz

Grandma, some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. She didn't move, just sat with her head down staring at her hands.

When I sat down beside her she didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat I wondered if she was OK. Finally, not really wanting to disturb her but wanting to check on her at the same time, I asked her if she was OK. She raised her head, looked at me, and smiled. 'Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking,' she said in a clear voice strong. 'I didn't mean to disturb you, grandma, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were OK,' I

explained to her. 'Have you ever looked at your hands,' she asked. 'I mean really looked at your hands?' I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point she was making. Grandma smiled and related this story: 'Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands though wrinkled shriveled and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life. 'They braced and caught my fall when as a toddler I crashed upon the floor. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child, my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots. They held my husband and wiped my tears when he went off to war.

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REDNECK FARM KID in the Marine Corps

Dear Ma and Pa,
I am well. Hope you are.
Tell Brother Walt and
Brother Elmer the Marine
Corps beats working for
old man Minch by a mile.
Tell them to join up
quick before all of the
places are filled.
I was restless at first be-
cause you get to stay in
bed till nearly 6 a.m. But
I am getting so I like to
sleep late. Tell Walt and
Elmer all you do before
breakfast is smooth your
cot, and shine some
things. No hogs to slop,
feed to pitch, mash to
mix, wood to split, fire to
lay. Practically nothing.
Men got to shave but it is
not so bad, there's warm
water. Breakfast is strong
on trimmings like fruit
juice, cereal, eggs, bacon,
etc., but kind of weak on
chops, potatoes, ham,
steak, fried eggplant, pie
and other regular food,
but tell Walt and Elmer
you can always sit by the
two city boys that live on
coffee. Their food, plus
yours, holds you until
noon when you get fed
again. It's no wonder

these city boys can't
walk much.
We go on 'route
marches,' which the pla-
toon sergeant says are
long walks to harden us.
If he thinks so, it's not
my place to tell him dif-
ferent. A 'route march'
is about as far as to our
mailbox at home. Then
the city guys get sore
feet and we all ride back
in trucks.
The sergeant is like a
schoolteacher. He nags
a lot. The Captain is like
the school board. Ma-
jors and colonels just
ride around and frown.
They don't bother you
none.
This next one will kill
Walt and Elmer with
laughing. I keep getting
medals for shooting! I
don't know why... The
bulls-eye is near as big
as a chipmunk head and
don't move, and it ain't
shooting at you like the
Higgett boys at home.
All you got to do is lie
there all comfortable
and hit it. You don't
even load your own car-
tridges. They come in
boxes.
Then we have what they
call hand-to-hand com-
bat training. You get to
wrestle with them city
boys. I have to be real
careful though, they
break real easy. It ain't
like fighting with that

ole bull at home. I'm
about the best they got
in this except for that
Tug Jordan from over
in Silver Lake .. I only
beat him once... He
joined up the same time
as me, but I'm only 5'6'
and 130
pounds and he's 6'8'
and near 300 pounds
dry. Be sure to tell Walt
and Elmer to hurry and
join before other fellers
get onto this setup and
come stampeding in.
Your loving daughter,
Alice (contributor: Ray
Fritz).

The Supply Shack- Jeff Nieberding

Carolina Piedmont
Jackets are still available
to order, several mem-
bers 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.

Need Supplies?



I'M GOING TO OCCUPY..

Your face, with my fist!

Politifake.org

Q: What's wrong with this picture ?

A: Well, I'm pretty sure that this photo was faked. Notice the missing stripe? The stripe under the union is red where it should be white. I like the slogan. Hey, if your Civic group, Church youth group, or Scout group needs a lesson in Flag Etiquette, our Base can do it. Just contact me.—Moe(SS)

VETERANS NEWS
by the RAQ Bulletin

USS Hunley Museum

It was a cold, dark, moonlit February night during the Civil War in 1864 when The Hunley, a submarine of The Confederate States of America, attacked and sank the 1240- short ton USS Housatonic, a steam powered screw sloop on Union blockade duty in the outer portion of Charleston harbor.

It was a small, somewhat insignificant victory in the scheme of the war, but extremely significant in terms of naval warfare, as The Hunley was the first sub to sink another ship during wartime. The sub completed its task by coming close enough to the Housatonic to ram the side of the ship with a long metal spar, embedding a 135 pound, barbed spar torpedo in the hull. The Hunley then needed to reverse her position, her crew using hand cranks inside the ship to propel the sub backwards 150 feet, a safe enough distance to detonate the torpedo using a rope trigger. After the explosion, the Housatonic burned for only three minutes before sinking.

The Hunley, which was 40 feet long and carried a crew of eight, never made it back that night.

Soon after signaling success by shining a blue magnesium light back to shore indicating they were headed back to base, the ship sank for unknown reasons. Since the end of the War Between the States, explorers and treasure seekers scoured the sea around the site of the fallen Housatonic, hoping to discover the Hunley and her crew. In the years following the Civil War, a reward of \$100,000 was even offered by the great showman, P.T. Barnum, to encourage mercenaries to find the lost vessel. But as the years passed by, the story of the Hunley remained shrouded in mystery with her secrets hidden and her resting place unknown for well over a century. In May, 1995, Clive Cussler, bestselling author and founder of the National Underwater Marine Agency, along with a dive team, found The Hunley lying under 30 feet of water and three feet of sediment. The Hunley rested for 136 years before being raised on August 8, 2000 and transported to its current home at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center at the Former

Charleston Navy Yard in North Charleston. The submarine was supported by a steel truss and harnesses secured underneath the sub. The truss was removed for the first time in nearly 12 years on 12 JAN 2012, affording the first clear, unobstructed view of the submarine since it sank in 1864. Conservation efforts continue as the sub still remains in her 90,000 gallon observation tank.

In the course of the last 12 years since the sub was raised, several artifacts have been recovered, including the famed \$20 gold piece belonging to Captain George Dixon. The story was that it was given to him by his fiancé, Queenie Bennett as a good luck charm, and he carried the gold piece into the Battle of Shiloh, where he was shot in the thigh. The bullet struck the gold coin at its center, bending it but likely saving Dixon's life in the process. He had the coin inscribed with the date and the words, "My Life Preserver" as well as his initials. It is not often legend becomes fact, but in this case, the coin was indeed real. Also found in November, 2002 dur-

ing conservation efforts, were a gold brooch and ring, both encrusted with diamonds. It is assumed these were to be gifts to Dixon's fiancé upon his return from the Hunley's mission. The eight crew members' remains were removed from The Hunley and the skulls cast and reconstructed. In APR 04, all eight men were finally laid to rest at Magnolia Cemetery after a memorial service at White Point Garden. They were buried with other Hunley crew members who died during several test missions prior to the final mission. The burial was attended by hundreds of journalists in what many called the last Confederate burial.

The Hunley is open for scheduled tours every weekend and tickets can be purchased online at http://hunley.org/main_index.asp?CONTENT=TOURS.

They include a short tour to view the Hunley from a platform above its holding tank as well as a short talk about the history and details of its mission. There are also artifacts, including Dixon's gold coin, ring and brooch on display, as well as the facial reconstructions of the

crew. There is a life size model of a portion of The Hunley from the TNT movie, The Hunley, though it was reconstructed at 10% larger than the actual sub. You will also be able to see the Pioneer sub, an early prototype of The Hunley, as well as other exhibits. There is also an extensive gift shop, where all proceeds go to The Friends of The Hunley for future conservation efforts.

The submarine and its ultimate fate are still a mystery, though scientists are working every day to uncover the answers. Eventually, The Hunley will have its own museum so people can continue to educate themselves and appreciate this significant piece of South Carolina history. For more information, history and ways to get involved, please visit The Friends of The Hunley website at <http://www.hunley.org>.

[Source: The Times and Democrat Kyla Fraser article via Submarine News 21 Jan 2012 ++]



Transporting the H.L. Hunley by rail to Charleston, SC.

Retiree Pay: One in every 125 retired federal civilian workers receives more than \$100,000 in annual benefits, Bloomberg reports. The website released the results of its Freedom of Information Act request 19 JAN, showing nearly 15,000 former federal employees collect six-figure pensions even as government pension programs had a shortfall of \$674.2 billion in 2010. This deficit could increase if congressional pay rises in 2013, thereby increasing the pensions current lawmakers will earn upon retirement. Office of Personnel Management data indicate the average career length of a federal worker is 27 years, Bloomberg found. The Treasury Department "pays about \$4.9 billion every month for about 1.8 million retirees, an average of \$31,633 annually," the report said. The list of high-earning retirees includes former congressional staff members as well as physicians and public university employees. Topping the list with a pension of \$375,900 was former Gallaudet University President Irving K. Jordan Jr. Among other big earners were GOP presidential candidate Newt Gingrich and former Vice President Dick Cheney. Additionally, due to cost-of-living differences,

Bloomberg reported, "at least 48,500 retirees are making more now than they did on the federal payroll." The most lucrative agency to retire from? The Securities and Exchange Commission, where 9.3 percent of retirees receive six-figure pensions. [Source: GovExec.com Andrew Lapin 19 Jan 2012 ++]

Vet Tax Holiday:

Campaigning in South Carolina, with its deep roots in the American military, Texas Gov. Rick Perry proposed a five-year holiday from income taxes for wounded veterans as part of his bid for conservative support in the state's primary on 14 JAN. "If you have been wounded, if the [Defense Department] has designated you as an individual who has been wounded while you have been on service to the United States, you get a five-year exemption from paying any personal income tax in this country," Perry told a crowd of about 60 people at a Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall here. "That's sending the message. That's sending [a] message that will last longer than a parade, that will last longer than a proclamation on the war, than a pat on the back... If you sacrificed

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that much for your country, the least this country can do is give you that type of support when you come back." The Wounded Warrior Project, an organization dedicated to supporting injured veterans, estimates that about 32,000 troops were wounded in Operation Iraqi Freedom and nearly 10,000 in Operation Enduring Freedom, the war in Afghanistan. Perry often talks about the need to improve support for veterans in the United States, especially as he has increasingly focused on South Carolina, where 11 percent of the population is made up of military veterans. He points to initiatives he ushered through in Texas, including a 2009 law that exempts disabled veterans from paying property taxes. [Source: National Journal Rebecca Kaplan article 17 Jan 2012 ++]

What My Family Should Know: Although many of us are efficient in our daily lives and keep meticulous records in our professions, most of us leave inadequate and incomplete records of our economic and personal affairs when we die. When and how your benefits will be paid and

how your estate will be settled are many questions that must be answered. The guide —**What My Family Should Know**— included as an attachment to this Bulletin has been compiled to help you record the necessary facts for your family, your attorney and your executor. It is suggested you complete this record and store it in a safe place so it will be available for possible revisions by you and later use by your family. It is not recommended that you keep this guide in your safety deposit box since most are sealed after death. [Source: Bastrop County TX Veterans Service Officer Newsletter Jan 2012 ++]

Saving Money: Shop around for a bank, and you'll have hundreds of different places fighting for your business. Keep this in mind as you worry about the flurry of new fees being imposed by the major banks. As Americans, we're lucky to enjoy intense competition for our banking business – which is why recent fee hikes are perplexing. But if the big banks are being stupid, no sense in you joining them. Here's what you can do...

□ **Know all the fees.** Banks are required to prominently disclose them on their websites as well as at their branches. If you haven't checked in a while, be sure to look up your bank's fee schedule and ensure that they're in line with their competitors.

□ **Use a smaller bank.** You've probably heard about the debit card fee increases that Bank of America and other major banks have imposed. They've been blamed on the Dodd-Frank Act, which limited the merchant fees banks can charge retailers for debit card transactions. What most stories leave out: This provision only applies to banks with more than \$10 billion in assets – essentially the top 60 banks. This leaves thousands of smaller banks and credit unions free to continue business as usual. Without these new regulations, the smaller banks have no excuse to raise their fees on debit cards.

□ **Find an Internet-only bank.** Sometimes it seems like there is a branch of Citi, Chase, or BoA on every street corner. But do you really need to use a large retail bank? By saving the



costs of expensive branches and their staffs, Internet banks pass on the savings. It's not uncommon to find online banks with free checking, no fees, and a low minimum balance. In fact, some even refund the ATM fees charged by other banks. You still get an ATM/debit card for deposits and withdrawals, as well as a standard checkbook. The downsides: It's hard to make large cash withdrawals, deposit coins, or receive a cashier's check. But, free from the need to use a local branch, you can select the best bank you can find, even if it's in another state.

❑ **Join a credit union.** Credit unions are non-profit and community-based. Compared to the big banks, most credit unions pay higher interest on savings and charge less for loans. Their fees and interest rates on credit cards are often lower too – and many still offer free checking. If you're not eligible for a credit union through your job, use Credit Union National Association's credit union locator at <http://www.creditunion.coop/> to get a list of the nearest credit unions. Look for

—community as the type, which means you're probably eligible to join based on where you live. Also find out if they're a member of a —shared branch network by going to <http://www.cuservicecenter.com/>. If they are, that means you can go to any other shared branch credit union or ATM in the world to conduct business just like you would at your own.

❑ **Use your credit card.** If you pay off your balance in full and on time, you should question using a debit card in the first place. By switching to a reward credit card, you can receive valuable cash back or loyalty points, benefit from purchase-protection policies, and enjoy a few weeks of a free loan before your payment is due. In fact, there's been speculation that these new debit card fees are designed to steer people to use credit cards. The only problem is that those who carry a balance will be better off finding a debit card without fees.

❑ **Other options.** Check out <https://banksimple.com/> and [http://www.perkstreet.com/main.aspx?](http://www.perkstreet.com/main.aspx?PerkStreetCode=73100000)

[PerkStreetCode=73100000](http://www.perkstreet.com/main.aspx?PerkStreetCode=73100000) [Source: MoneyTalksNews Jason Steele article 13 Oct 2011 ++]

Military History: The classic Steve McQueen movie immortalized three tunnels built during WWII in the Stalag Luft III POW camp at the height of the Third Reich, 100 miles east of Berlin 70 years ago. Now astonished archaeologists have located a fourth called George. It has lain hidden for nearly 70 years and looks, to the untrained eye, like a building site. But this insignificant tunnel opening in the soft sand of western Poland represents one of the greatest examples of British wartime heroism. Three tunnels nicknamed Tom, Dick and Harry were constructed 30ft underground using homemade tools. While Tom was discovered and destroyed by the Germans, Dick was used for storage. The third tunnel, Harry, became the stuff of folklore on the night of March 24, 1944, when Allied prisoners gathered in hut 104 before crawling along the 100ft tunnel to a brief taste of freedom. Only three escaped; 73 were rounded up by the Germans and 50 were summarily executed. And the sensational story became the Hollywood classic, *The Great Escape*, starring Steve McQueen.

Military Trivia 44: See if you can answer the following about WWII American Special Forces:

1. In which year was the Airborne program introduced? 1932 | 1915 | 1940 | 1955
2. The newly formed 'Rangers' were named as such because Commandos' was already being used by the British. True | False
3. 1st Special Forces, nicknamed the 'North Americans,' was an elite allied unit formed with men from the Rangers, the Airborne and the British SAS. True | False
4. Africa: Rangers and Paratroopers would first see action together in the spearhead attack on axis forces in Africa. The attack was given which codename? Sledgehammer | Torch | Roundup | Desert Fox
5. Sicily: The Airborne Forces had a terrible entry into Sicily. They were dropped all over the place! What was the cause of the poor drop?

No radar pathfinders | Poorly trained air wing (52nd Troop Carrier) | Gale force winds | All of these



Lost Boats— USS Shark SS 174

The USS *Shark* (SS-174) was a Porpoise class World War II era submarine.

The namesake of the USS *Shark* is any of the usually ferocious cartilaginous fishes, typically marine, with a long body, two dorsal fins, rows of sharp teeth, and between five and seven gill slits on each side of the head.

The radio call sign of the USS *Shark* was NAN-ABLE-ZEBRA-BAKER.

On December 9, 1941, the *Shark*, captained by Lieutenant Commander Lewis Shane, Jr., departed Manila for her first war patrol and was at sea on patrol during the Japanese bombing raids there the next day. For the next week, the *Shark* patrolled Tayabas Bay. On December 19, 1941, she was ordered back to Manila to embark and evacuate Admiral Thomas C. Hart, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, and to transport him to Surabaya, Java. On January 6, 1942, during her second and final war patrol, still captained by Lieutenant Commander Lewis Shane, Jr., the *Shark* was almost hit with a torpedo

from an IJN submarine. A few days later, she was ordered to Ambon Island, where an enemy invasion was expected. She reconnoitered Ambon in the Moluccas and then continued northward to Molucca Passage where she had been directed to join other American submarines patrolling that area.

On February 2, 1942, the *Shark* reported to her base at Surabaya that she had been depth-charged ten miles off Tifore Island and had failed to sink a Japanese ship during a torpedo attack. Five days later, she reported chasing an empty cargo ship headed northwest. On February 8, the *Shark* was ordered to proceed to Makassar Strait via the north coast of Celebes. Thereafter, the *Shark* was never heard from again. On March 7, 1942, she was reported as presumed lost due to unknown causes. The official announcement of the *Shark's* loss was made on March 18, 1942.

Navy Department Communiqué No. 57, March 18, 1942

The U. S. submarine *Shark* has been overdue in the Far East for more than a month and must

be presumed to be lost. The next of kin of the personnel of the *Shark* have been notified.

During the month of December, the U. S. submarine *Sealion* which was under extensive overhaul at Cavite, was so damaged as to necessitate her demolition to prevent her use by the enemy in the event of capture.

Japanese records reviewed after the war documented numerous attacks on unidentified submarines in the *Shark's* area at plausible times. On February 11, 1942, the Japanese depth-charged a submarine east of Menado, northern Celebes. On February 17, they attacked an unidentified submarine off Kendari. On February 21, an enemy sub chaser rammed a U. S. submarine in Manipa Strait (this report could not be confirmed). Based on the fact that on February 8 the *Shark* had been sent to the area near Menado, she could have been the submarine the Japanese depth-charged. Another report described an attack 120 miles east of Menado on February 11, 1942, at 0137 hours, by the IJN destroyer *Yamakaze*, which sank a surfaced submarine with deck gun

fire.

The *Shark* was probably lost as a result of the attack by the *Yamakaze*, as described above, at the geographic position 01°, 45'N, 127°, 15'E. Japanese records indicate the destroyer sighted a surfaced submarine and opened main battery fire at it, expending a total of forty-two five-inch shells and sixty rounds of machine gun ammunition during the action. The submarine soon sank and voices were heard in the water, but no effort was made to locate and rescue survivors. The other attacks discussed above are not considered to be feasible or related to the *Shark's* loss.

A list of the personnel lost with the *Shark* is maintained at <http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-shark-174.htm>.

The *Shark* was struck from the Navy list on June 24, 1942. She received one battle star for her World War II service. The *Shark* was not credited with sinking or damaging any enemy vessels.

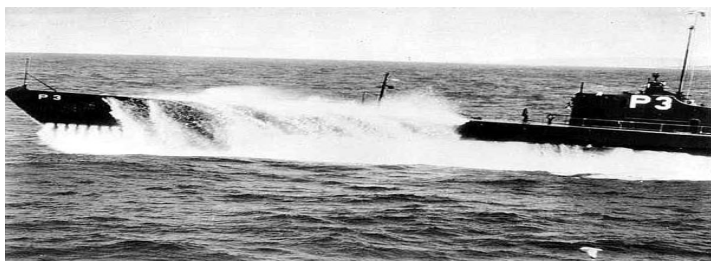
(Grandma's Hands con't)

'They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special.

They wrote my letters to him and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse. 'They have held my children and grandchildren, consoled neighbors, and shook in fists of anger when I didn't understand. They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day when not much of anything else of

me works real well these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer. 'These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of life. But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home. And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of God. I will never look at my hands the same again. But I remember God reached out

and took my grandma's hands and led her home. When my hands are hurt or sore or when I stroke the face of my children and husband I think of grandma. I know she has been stroked and caressed and held by the hands of God. I, too, want to touch the face of God and feel His hands upon my face.



**Next Meeting is at
VFW POST 9138
February 18th
at VFW Post 9138
Bring a passing dish
Dinner 1730
Meeting—Tolling of the
Boats**

**Please Remember to support
VFW Post 9138
Attend their
Breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of each
month**

2012 NC SUBVETS Burnsville Memorial Service

18-19 May 2012

Pre-Registration Form – Cutoff Date 4 May 2012

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Base _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Emergency Contact/Telephone: _____

NO. TOTAL

Registration/Catered Meal, Saturday May 19 Per Person \$30 _____

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

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

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Host Hotel: Skyline Village Inn, 12255 NC Hwy 226A (milepost marker 331 on the Blue Ridge Parkway), between Little Switzerland and Spruce Pine, NC.

Phone: 1-828-765-9394 or 704-517-6374 (preferable)

Directions to Hotel: I-40, Exit 86 (Route 226). Take this bending, curving road all the way to Little Switzerland. When you see the Blue Ridge Parkway overpass, take a left turn, it is the first building on the right.

Reservations: Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of the individual (828-765-6276 or 704-517-6374). A special rate of approximately \$85.00 (plus tax) for most rooms (if you are doubling up with someone, there is an extra \$10 charge) is available for U.S. Subvets per night. Double rooms are \$99 and singles are \$69 (plus tax of course). This hotel has only 16 rooms but has made a deal with a hotel (Big Lynn Gap Motel) approximately 2 miles away for overflow at the same rate. Skyline Hotel will arrange for either hotel as appropriate. **DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL RATE IS 4 MAY 2012.** Check out the website at www.skylinevillageinn.com.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
2012 BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

FRIDAY MAY 18

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

SATURDAY MAY 19

1000	NC SUBVETS Meeting
1130 (approx)	Lunch at Western Sizzlin (on your own)(for those that want to eat there)
1400	Memorial Service on Moonshine Mountain
1800	Catered meal @ Skiline Village Inn (downstairs)
1900 (approx)	Band Entertainment for the evening (downstairs)

- We will caravan (or try to) to Moonshine Mountain from Western Sizzlin after lunch.
- Hospitality Room will be open during the day Saturday.
- Evening meal is a buffet style meal prepared at the hotel.

COME OUT AND ENJOY SOME GOOD COMRADERSHIP, A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THOSE WE LOST ON WWII SUBMARINES, AND A GOOD HOME COOKED MEAL



Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 VFW Break-fast 8 -11 AM 	13	14	15	16	17	18 CP Base Meeting—1730 Dinner & Meeting 1900
19	20	21	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 LEAP DAY !!!	March 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 VFW Break-fast 8 to 11am 	12	13	14	15	16	17 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 CP Base Meeting—1730 Dinner & Meeting 1900
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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

