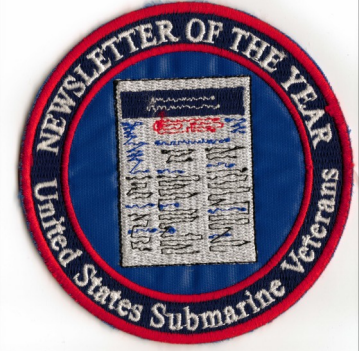


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USSVI Creed

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

On the 4th, Jeff Nieberding and I presented the Colors in Greenville, SC at the Scottish Rite's Massing of the Colors. It is a great sight to see that many ROTC, JROTC, and Veteran units present their Colors. Very impressive.

We are doing it again in Rock Hill on Sunday March 25th. Hopefully, we can get a couple more volunteers so we can use our rifles.

Massing of the Colors will be held at Rock Hill High School auditorium, 320 W. Springdale Rd,



Lost Boats - March

"Sailors, rest your oars"

Massing of the Colors

Rock Hill, S.C. 3:00PM
Sunday March 25, 2012.

For more about Massing of the Colors, please go to page 12.



USS F-4 (SS 21)	March 25, 1915
USS H-1 (SS 28)	March 12, 1920
USS PERCH (SS 176)	March 3, 1942
USS GRAMPUS (SS 207)	March 5, 1943
USS TRITON (SS 201)	March 15, 1943
USS TULLIBEE (SS 284)	March 26, 1944
USS KETE (SS 369)	March 20, 1945
USS TRIGGER (SS 237)	March 26, 1945

CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell



Spring is all but here. I am sure we all are looking forward to the nicer weather, but not necessarily the yard cutting that comes with it. However, with the nicer weather, maybe more of you will venture out to our meetings. All of us probably know a Submariner that is not a member of USSVI. Each of us should try to recruit at least one individual to USSVI. It does not matter if they become a member of Carolina Piedmont Base, but just get someone you know to join USSVI and become a member of a base close to them, or at the very least, a Member-at-Large (MAL). If

each of us would do that, the overall organization would be better off. So try to recruit a member. And even better, more than one.

Burnsville is just around the corner now. This year is shaping up to be a good one again. Registrations received so far are ahead of last year. If you have not sent in your registration and fee, you need to do that soon. Don't miss out on the good time. Looking forward to this event, it is one of the better ones of the entire year.

As the nicer weather approaches, we will be having more events outside. Parade season is here now, so stay tuned to the announcements for each of those. We have an extra event at the end of this month at Charlotte Motor Speedway. And that is the

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans. Our floats will be on display at that event. We are moving up our annual event at Jack's place this year to September. Plan accordingly. Dales Moses has made the call for the Charlotte Knights baseball games. Let him know if you want to attend. Those turn out to be a fun evening for us all. A trip to Levine Children's Hospital will be coming up soon as well. If you have not been, sign up and join us for that. That one will do your 'heart' good. For your planning purposes, there will be a District Meeting in July (the 15th) in Elizabeth City. This will be the last one held by our current District Commander. Come on out and let's show him a good farewell for a job

Well Done.

Election for National Offices and potential changes to our Constitution and By-Laws should be coming out soon. There is a mid-term meeting at the end of March by our National E-Board and following that, the information should be advertised. Once it is, we will be letting you know what we know. But the real point here is that shortly after that the election will be available online. Please take the time to do a little reading (homework), then vote. Last election around 30+% of our membership voted. Let's see if we can improve on that this year. It is easy, takes very little time, and I think it would really be nice to show that Carolina Piedmont **(Con't on Page 3)**

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XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries



CAROLINA PIEDMONT ROCKS. Since the last publication of our AWARD WINNING newsletter, we have 2 new members, Jay Brown and Andy Wellwood, they came aboard at the last meeting and 2 days later the Browns were blessed with a new son. Congratulations to Andy and Danielle. We were privileged to visit Victory Junction once again and presented about 60 Kaps. We are scheduled to have possibly two more visits this year, one in the summer and one more in the fall. Our theatre group is slated to make a presentation at the Cramerton facility on 24 March. Moe is setting up a new skit featuring Snoopy and the Red Baron. We could use more bit players, singers, and strummers for these presentations.

The base also during this period displayed our Colors at the Massing of the Colors Ceremony in

Greenville, SC as well as presenting a Flag Etiquette presentation at Catawba Elementary School where about 170 students attended.

It is coming close to the Annual gathering at the Burnsville Memorial site, this is a special gathering for us as NC Subvets, Carolina Piedmont is the host base for this event and it is open to all SubVets in the area. Please make your reservations with Commander Steve Bell as soon as possible, we need a head count for the meal. I would like to Thank All members for their support of our base and urge each one of you to find one Bubblehead to join our super base. Next meeting scheduled for 24 March at Ft. Mill VFW, Meal to be served beginning 1730 with meeting scheduled for 1900.



(Commander Con't)

Base has a high interest in our organization. Hope to see each of you at our next meeting. May God bless you all.

Book Recommendation by Howard Dachs:

A while ago, Monica and I went to the Aviation Museum in Charlotte and, while there, saw the plane that landed in the Hudson. There was a display of some of the items Captain Sullenberger had with him and one item was a book that he got out of the library. I recently got it from my local library and recommend it: "[The Depths of Courage: American Submariners at War with Japan, 1941-1945](#)"

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.

Q: What's wrong with the picture below?

A) Member Bob Bickford send me this. This is in AZ in front of the State Capitol. My question is "Where are the local Veterans Groups?" I'd be picking this Flag up and seeing that it was disposed of in a dignified manner.



Flag Trivia—Where did this Flag fly in our Nation's history? See Page 15

Machinery One — Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary

BASE MINUTES 12 February 2012



1900-Meeting called to order by Commander Steve Bell, Invocation given by Walt Sealy.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commander Steve Bell

Tolling of the Boats-Walt Sealy, Cob Paul Myers

Member introduction- 25 members present, 2 new members, Andrew Brown and Jay Wellwood.

Special Presentations-Tom Tidd into Holland Club, Walt Sealy conducted ceremony.

Sandra Myers presented check of \$100.00 for KAP(SS)4KID(SS) from Carolina Piedmont Subvettes.

Reading of previous meeting minutes as published in Piedmont Periscope, approved and seconded.

Reading of Treasurers report-Balance \$4852.45, Memorial Fund \$288.50, K4K \$1346.05Scholarship fund \$228.65 Burnsville registration \$540.00 Funds available \$2449.25; approved and seconded

Old Business - N.C. I Support Veterans pins, Jeff Neiberding ordered 25. Cost of set up for SC pins will be \$75.00. Jeff will contact other SC bases to see if they want to participate. Commander Bell ordered 100 Carolina Piedmont Challenge Coins to replenish our supply, new coins to be cast in silver metal instead of bronze.

New Business- none

Good of the order - Special guest speaker Rick Ragle spoke of his involvement in the re-enactment of Civil War battles. Rick also told us of his involvement with the homeless veterans in his area of Tennessee and the articles they collect for them.

Steve announced that the Audit of our treasury was conducted and no problems were found.

The schedule for upcoming parades were announced, Raleigh March 17th, Nags Head March 18th and Wilmington April 14th.

We discussed the upcoming weekend at Burnsville, May 18th and 19th

Dale Moses presented the props for the new skit he is preparing for our presentation at various venues. A new skit to be re-enactment of the famous Snoopy vs Red Baron air battle.

Dale also asked for volunteers for the Color Guard for the Massing of the Colors at Greenville, SC on 4 March

Steve Bell and Dale Moses presented the Flag Etiquette presentation at Catawba Middle School with about 170 attendees.

Winner of 50/50 was Sandra Myers.

Steve discussed upcoming National Convention to be held at Norfolk September 2-9.

2020- Motion to adjourn, Benediction given by Walt Sealy

Respectfully

Jack Jeffries

Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child. The winner was:

1. A four-year-old child, whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy just said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry.'

2. Teacher Debbie Moon's first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair color than the other members. One of her students suggested that he was adopted. A little girl said, 'I know all about adoption, I was adopted.'

'What does it mean to be adopted?', asked another child.

'It means', said the girl, 'that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy!'

3. On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League base ball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, I asked one of the boys

what the score was 'We're behind 14 to nothing,' he answered with a smile.

'Really,' I said. 'I have to say you don't look very discouraged.'

'Discouraged?', the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face...

'Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet.'

4. Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott. Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. 'Guess what, Mom,' he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me.... 'I've been chosen to clap and cheer.'

5. An eye witness account from New York City, on a cold day in December, some years ago: A little boy, about 10-years-old, was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the young boy and said, 'My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window!'

'I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes,' was the boy's reply. The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with the towel. By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, 'No doubt, you will be more comfortable now.' As she turned to go, the astonished kid caught her by the hand, and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her: 'Are you God's wife?' - Provided by Walt Sealy.



Cruise for Bermuda

Royal Caribbean cruise lines ship "Enchantment of the Seas" leaving out of Baltimore on October 12 for 6 nights. The phone number to call is 1-800-465-3595, be sure to mention our group name "Carolina Piedmont" and group number 8019784. We get \$50.00 per cabin ship board credit. We will have a meeting room but we would have to pay extra if they bring food or beverages to us. So I say take the room and bring drinks and food when or if we want to go to meeting room. We can bring it from the Lido Deck should we want to go there. All prices are per person, an inside cabin is \$826.83, outside is \$936.83, and a balcony \$1386.83. We will be able to get more money for every 8 double-occupancy rooms. A deposit is \$500.00 per person with balance due 75 days before we cruise; or you can pay in full. Another option is to choose the \$50.00 deposit and the balance of deposit due (\$450.00) is due 60 days after the first \$50.00 deposit. Gratuities are \$69.90 per person if you pre pay we are guaranteed to be able to set at the same table at dinner which is at 6 pm. Please do the deposit it will be held till March 5th. We can take vans for the 8 hour drive with no overnight stay needed. We can divide van rental, gas and parking between us. If you need any further info call me @ 704-289-4650 or email me @ holltkids@aol.com. Thanks, Sandra

The Origin of Sub Pay—provide by Steve Bell

Should Teddy Roosevelt be the patron saint of submariners? Roosevelt was the first American President to go aboard a submarine and to make a dive. Roosevelt ventured beneath the waters of Long Island Sound aboard USS *Plunger* (SS-2) on March 25, 1905. *Plunger* was the United States' second submarine, commissioned in September 1903.

Beyond this historical first, however, is the fact that Roosevelt was the man directly responsible for submarine pay. The Naval hierarchy in 1905 considered submarine duty, neither unusual nor dangerous, and classified it as shore duty. Therefore, submariners received twenty-five percent less pay than sailors

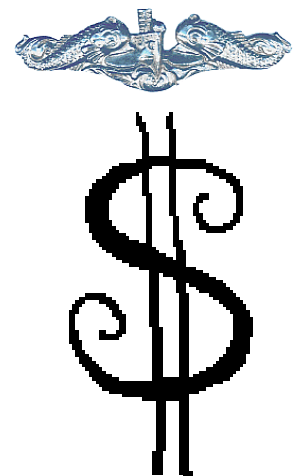
going to sea in destroyers, cruisers and similar surface ships, the beginning of submarine pay!

Roosevelt's two-hour trip on *Plunger* convinced him that this discrimination was unfair. He described submarine duty as hazardous and difficult, and he found that submariners "have to be trained to the highest possible point as well as to show iron nerve in order to be of any use in their positions..."

Roosevelt directed that officer service on submarines be equated with duty on surface ships. Enlisted men qualified in submarines were to receive ten dollars per month in addition to the pay of their rating. They were also to be paid a dollar for every day in

which they were submerged while underway. Enlisted men assigned to submarines but not yet qualified received an additional five dollars per month.

Roosevelt did not dilly-dally once he made a decision. He issued an Executive Order directing the extra pay for enlisted personnel. This was the beginning of submarine pay!



"Late again!" the third-grade teacher sternly said to little Ranger.

"It ain't my fault this time, Miss Russell. You can blame this 'un on my Daddy. The reason I'm three hours late is my Daddy sleeps naked!"

Now, Miss Russell had taught grammar school for thirty-some-odd years. Despite her

mounting fears, she asked little Ranger what he meant by that. Full of grins and mischief, and in the flower of his youth, little Ranger and trouble were old friends,..... but he always told her the truth.

"You see, Miss Russell, out at the farm we got this here low down fox. The last few nights, he

done ate six hens. Last night, when Daddy heard a noise out in the chicken pen, he grabbed his double barreled shotgun and said to my Ma, "That fox is back again... I'm a gonna git him!" "Stay back," Daddy whispered to all us kids!

"My Daddy was naked as a jaybird -- no boots, no pants, no shirt! To

the hen house he crawled, just like an Injun on the snoop. T hen, he stuck that double-barreled 12-gauge shot gun through the window of the coop. As he stared into the darkness, with a fox on his mind, our old hound dog, Rip, had done gone and woke up and comes sneaking up behind Daddy. Then, as we all looked on, plumb helpless, old Rip done went and stuck his cold nose in my Daddy's crack!"

"Miss Russell, we all been cleanin' chickens since three o'clock this mornin'!"
- Steve Bell

Those damn Bran Flakes—Steve Bell

Tony and Yvonne were 85 years old and had been married for sixty years. Though they were far from rich, they managed to get by because they carefully watched their pennies.

Though not young, they were both in very good health, largely due to Yvonne's insistence on healthy foods and exercise for the last decade. One day, their good health didn't help when they went on yet another holiday vacation and their plane crashed, sending them off to Heaven.

They reached the pearly gates, and St. Peter escorted them inside. He took them to a beautiful mansion, furnished in gold and fine silks, with a fully stocked kitchen and a waterfall in the master

bath. A maid could be seen hanging their favorite clothes in the closet. They gasped in astonishment when he said, 'Welcome to Heaven. This will be your home now.'

Tony asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. 'Why, nothing,' Peter replied, 'remember, this is your reward in Heaven.'

Tony looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any ever built on Earth.

'What are the greens fees?' grumbled Tony

'This is heaven,' St. Peter replied. 'You can play for free, every day.'

Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch.

'Don't even ask,' said St.

Peter to Tony. This is Heaven, it is all free for you to enjoy.' Tony looked around and nervously asked Yvonne 'Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods and the decaffeinated tea?'

'That's the best part,' St. Peter replied. 'You can eat and drink as much as you like and you will never get fat or sick. This is Heaven!'

'No gym to work out at?' said Tony

'Not unless you want to,' was the answer.

'No testing my sugar or blood pressure or...'

'Never again'

Tony glared at Yvonne and said, 'You and your Bran Flakes. We could have been here ten years ago!'



New members Binnacle List

Welcome Aboard

Andrew Brown

Jay Wellwood

Happy Birthday to:

March

Bob Saenz 3/01

Rick Petitt 3/05

William Hickerson 3/07

Howard Dachs 3/14

Judy Hickerson 3/15

Ruth Murray 3/15

Barbara Sealy 3/24

Robert Howell 3/30

If your birthday
was missed, please
notify Jack or Dale



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

March

Sandi and John Wardean -
3/1

Libby and Calvin Reese -
3/31

"I never met a
man I didn't like"
- Will Rogers



SubVettes



Hello Sassy Sisters!
I am sorry for the delay but I had a lot going on. I hope you and yours are doing well. Our meal for March is our usual "this and that." Do not forget our recruiters and your secret sisters. We have a lot to discuss about the cookbooks and make plans about getting it together. Our cruise is beginning to come together and I am excited! Take care and May God Bless you and Yours and Our Great Country the

USA. See you on March 24th at our meeting place. Love, Sandra

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Fig and Ginger Bars

Looking for an easy-to-make cereal bar without hard-to-say ingredients? Try this fig and ginger bar!

Ingredients:

- 1 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1 cup bran cereal
- 1/4 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1 cup walnut pieces
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped stemmed dried figs
- 1/2 cup nonfat dry milk
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 large eggs



Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with cooking spray.

Place the oats, cereal, flour, walnuts, figs, dry milk, cinnamon and ginger in a food processor; coarsely chop.

Add the honey and eggs; pulse until well combined.

Transfer the mixture to the pan; spread evenly with your fingers. Bake until lightly browned around the edges, about 20 minutes.

Cool in the pan for 15 minutes, then cut into 16 bars. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 3 days, or wrap individually and freeze for up to 3 months.

Nutrition facts per bar: Calories 149; Fat 6 g (Saturated 1 g); Cholesterol 20 mg; Sodium 31 mg; Carbohydrate 22 g; Fiber 4 g; Protein 5 g

Piedmont Funnies Page

Billy-Bob and Bubba were sitting in the back of a trailer, drinking a beer and talking about life.

Billy-Bob said: "If I snuck over to your house while you were out fishing and had sex with your wife, and she got pregnant, would that make us kin?"

Bubba scratched his head for a bit and said: "I don't think so...but it sure would make us even."



Dear Tide:

I am writing to say what an excellent product you have. I've used it all of my married life, as my Mom always told me it was the best. Now that I am in my late sixties I find it even better!

In fact, about a month ago, I spilled some red wine on my new white blouse. My inconsiderate and uncaring husband started to belittle me about how clumsy I was, and generally started becoming a pain in the neck. One thing led to another and somehow I ended up with his blood on my new white blouse!

I grabbed my bottle

of Tide with bleach alternative, to my surprise and satisfaction, all of the stains came out! In fact, the stains came out so well the detectives who came by yesterday told me that the DNA tests on my blouse were negative. Then my attorney called and said that I was no longer considered a suspect in the disappearance of my husband. What a relief! Going through menopause is bad enough without being a murder suspect!

I thank you, once again, for having a great product. Well, gotta go. I have to write to the Hefty bag people.



An Irishman who had a little too much to drink is driving home from the city one night and, of course, his car is weaving violently all over the road.

A cop pulls him over. "So," says the cop to the driver, where have ya been?"

"Why, I've been to the pub of course," slurs the drunk.

"Well," says the cop, "it looks like you've had

quite a few to drink this evening."

"I did all right," the drunk says with a smile.

"Did you know," says the cop, standing straight and folding his arms across his chest, "that a few intersections back, your wife fell out of your car?"

"Oh, thank heavens," sighs the drunk. "For a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf."



Brenda O'Malley is home making dinner, as usual, when Tim Finnegan arrives at her door. "Brenda, may I come in?" he asks. "I've somethin' to tell ya".

"Of course you can come in, you're always welcome, Tim. But where's my husband?"

"That's what I'm here to be telling ya, Brenda. There was an accident down at the Guinness brewery..."

"Oh, God no!" cries Brenda. "Please don't tell me."

"I must, Brenda. Your husband Shamus is dead and gone. I'm sorry."

Finally, she looked up at

Tim. "How did it happen, Tim?"

"It was terrible, Brenda. He fell into a vat of Guinness Stout and drowned."

"Oh my dear Jesus!" But you must tell me the truth, Tim. Did he at least go quickly?"

"Well, Brenda... no. In fact, he got out three times to pee."



Mary Clancy goes up to Father O' Grady after his Sunday morning service, and she's in tears.

He says, "So what's bothering you, Mary my dear?"

She says, "Oh, Father, I've got terrible news. My husband passed away last night."

The priest says, "Oh, Mary, that's terrible. Tell me, Mary, did he have any last requests?"

She says, "That he did, Father."

The priest says, "What did he ask, Mary?"

She says, He said, 'Please Mary, put down the gun...'



A drunk staggers into a Catholic Church, enters a confessional booth, sits down, but says nothing. The Priest coughs a few times to get his attention but the drunk continues to sit there. Finally, the Priest pounds three times on the wall. The drunk mumbles, "ain't no use knockin, there's no paper on this side either!"



IRONY

The food stamp program, managed by the Department of Agriculture, is pleased to be distributing food stamps to more than 46 million people in the USA. Meanwhile, the National Park Service, managed by the Department of the Interior, threatens to prosecute those who "feed wild animals" because the animals may grow dependent upon us and not take care of themselves.



Mule Trading

Curtis and Leroy saw an ad in the Starkville Daily in Starkville, MS. and bought a mule for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the mule the next day. The next morning the farmer drove up and said, "Sorry, fellows, I have some bad news, the

mule died last night."

Curtis and Leroy replied, "Well, then just give us our money back."

The farmer said, "Can't do that. I went and spent it already."

They said, "OK then, just bring us the dead mule."

The farmer asked, "What in the world ya'll gonna do with a dead mule?"

Curtis said, "We gonna raffle him off."

The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead mule!"

Leroy said, "We shore can! Heck, we don't hafta tell nobody he's dead!"

A couple of weeks later, the farmer ran into Curtis and Leroy at the Piggly Wiggly grocery store and asked, "What'd you fellers ever do with that dead mule?"

They said, "We raffled him off like we said we wuz gonna do."

Leroy said, "Shucks, we sold 500 tickets fer two dollars apiece and made a profit of \$998."

The farmer said, "My Lord, didn't anyone complain?"

Curtis said, "Well, the feller who won got upset. So we gave him his

two dollars back."

Curtis and Leroy now work for the government. They're overseeing the Bailout & Stimulus Programs.



Limit all US politicians to two Terms: One in office; one in prison.



Having just moved into his new office, a pompous, new Captain was sitting at his desk when a seaman knocked on the door. Conscious of his new position, the Captain quickly picked up the phone, told the seaman to enter, then said into the phone, "Yes, Admiral, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime, thank you for your good wishes, sir."

Feeling as though he had sufficiently impressed the young enlisted man, he asked, "What do you want?"

"Nothing important, sir," the seaman replied, "I'm

just here to hook-up your telephone." - Supplied by Howard Murray



"Well," snarled the tough old Navy Chief to the bewildered Seaman, "I suppose after you get discharged from the Navy, you'll just be waiting for me to die so you can come and piss on my grave."

"Not me, Chief!" the Seaman replied. "Once, I get out of the Navy, I'm never going to stand in line again!" - Supplied by Howard Murray



A Master Chief and a Marine General were sitting in the barbershop. They were both just getting finished with their shaves, when the barbers reached for some after-shave to slap on their faces.

The General shouted, "Hey, don't put that stuff on me! My wife will think I've been in a whorehouse!"

The Chief turned to his barber and said, "Go ahead and put it on me. My wife doesn't know what the inside of a whorehouse smells like." - Supplied by Howard Murray



Mass of the Colors (con't from page 1) - by Walt Sealy

The Massing of the Colors is a patriotic ceremony and is a living and moving tribute to the dead of all previous wars. It begins with a procession of the colors and color guards of local military, veterans, civic, and patriotic organizations. An opening song, a reading of a Patriotic Lesson, a short memorial address precedes a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The playing of the National Anthem, a formal recognition of the Colors, followed by a recessional song brings this short but meaningful ceremony to its conclusion.

The purpose of the Massing of the Colors is to rededicate our faith in the colors of the United States and to present our support of those Colors and of the Servicemen and Servicewomen those Colors represent. The Massing originated with The Society of the Massing of the Colors, organized on Armistice Day, 1922, by distinguished military officers, veterans and civic leaders. The Military Order of the World Wars took over the promotion of this inspiring ceremony when The Society of the Massing of the Colors

faded away.

In 1963, the Massing of the Colors, for the first time, included all elements of the Armed Forces of the United States - The Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and The Merchant Marine Academy.

We are ever mindful of the personal sacrifice made and being made by our armed forces of every race, color and creed on duty here and around the world and those who have given their lives or have endured pain and imprisonment so we can continue to maintain our freedom. This ceremony also recognizes the heroes that protect us at home and the future heroes of our country. The Massing of the Colors is an opportunity for us to show our respect for those sacrifices and to show respect for the symbols of our nation.

The organizations scheduled to present their Colors are

CLOVER HIGH SCHOOL-South
Carolina SC -951st
Air Force Junior
ROTC Group-
Clover, SC
GAFFNEY HIGH
SCHOOL-South

Carolina SC-041st
Air Force Junior
ROTC Group-
GAFFNEY, SC
NORTHWESTERN
HIGH SCHOOL-SC
-061nd Air Force
Junior ROTC Group-
ROCK HILL, SC.
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SCHOOL-South
Carolina 62nd Air
Force Junior ROTC
Group -ROCK
HILL, SC.
SOUTH POINTE HIGH
SCHOOL-South
Carolina 2005-1 Air
Force Junior ROTC
Group-ROCK HILL,
SC.
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS-POST
2889 -----

ROCK HILL, SC
AMERICAN LEGION-
ELI BAILES POST
#43-----

FORT MILL, SC
AMERICAN LEGION-
FRANK ROACH
POST #34-----

ROCK HILL, SC
NATIONAL SO-
JOURNERS HE-
ROES OF '76
CAROLINA CHAPTER #184 ----
COLUMBIA, SC
NATIONAL MARINE
CORPS LEAGUE-
OLD ENGLISH

Mass of the Colors for Rock Hill on the 25th

LEATHERNECKS
DETACHMENT
#1123-ROCK HILL,
SC
NATIONAL MARINE
CORPS LEAGUE-
DEVIL DOGS-----
CHESTER, SC
CAROLINA PIED-
MONT SUBMA-
RINE VETERANS-
USSVI-FORT
MILL, SC
MILITARY ORDER OF
THE PURPLE
HEART--ROCK
HILL, SC
CUB SCOUT PACK
#132 -EDGEMOOR,
SC

ROCK HILL POLICE
DEPARTMENT-----
ROCK HILL, SC
ROCK HILL FIRE DE-
PARTMENT-----
ROCK HILL, SC
YORK COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OF-
FICEYORK , SC
KNIGHTS OF SAINT
ANDREWS-----
COLUMBIA, SC
YORK RITE
GREENVILLE
COMMANDERY #4
GREENVILLE, SC

The speaker will be Ma-
jor General Wade

Hampton McManus, US
Army (Ret).

Rock Hill High School
and the Rock Hill Valley
of the Ancient and Ac-
cepted Scottish Rite of
Masonry present this
Massing of the Colors
and there is no charge
for admission. Please
attend and demonstrate
your support and appre-
ciation for these organi-
zations on Sunday,
March 25, at 3:00 P.M.
at Rock Hill High
School auditorium.



Jeff Nieberding and
Dale Moses getting
ready to "March?" off
after presenting the
National and Base
Colors at Greenville,
SC.



Chaplin's Corner - Ray Fritz, Base Chaplain



March 2012

I mentioned the “The frozen wasteland” of the Southern Tier region of NY last time and, as I am writing this, we are preparing to leave for the ‘frozen wasteland’ once more. My last surviving uncle died in Florida last month. His memorial service is on Saturday in Penn Yan, NY. He was 91, was a great uncle, and had lived a long, good life. We will miss him.

I just finished reading Gary Penley’s book “Deep Venture” – A Sailor’s Story of Cold War Submarines. It was an interesting read but it wasn’t until the 14th chapter before he got into ‘Deep Adventure’. Most of the book is about his drinking and carousing. I thought he portrayed a very poor image of submarine sailors – at least compared to the ones that I had the privilege to serve with and know today. I do recall pouring a couple down the hatch but for the most part, I don’t recall anyone getting into a fight in my eight years in the sub service – on or off the boat.

I do remember hearing

of one shipmate who lit a cigarette in the forward head while oxygen was being bled into it. A sign had been properly posted on the door but I guess he wasn’t paying attention. The crew had a name for him after that, “Balls of fire!” Of course, he could have been killed but they re-directed the oxygen bleed after that!

The moral on the Skate and the Grant was very high. When we had been through some tight situations I didn’t see moral plummet or men become terribly scared. There were tense moments but that should be expected. And, I never heard of or witnessed anyone get into a fist fight! Perhaps things changed later on while Gary was in. I don’t know.

Now, this is only my opinion, but I thought Mr. Penley was really stuck on himself and didn’t have a very high regard for his fellow shipmates – even though some of them seem kind of off the wall – but weren’t we all? Besides, we were and are the best! Aren’t we?

Mr. Penley first served

aboard the USS San Joaquin County {LST 1122} before going to Sub school and Nuke school and then the USS Hamilton. After serving aboard the Hamilton, he didn’t have enough time left to qualify aboard another nuclear sub, so he was transferred to the USS Thornback SS 418, a WWII diesel sub. It was aboard this boat that he had most of his ‘deep venture’.

Overall I thought it was a good read, especially if you enjoy spending your ‘on the beach’ time in the Acey-Deucey Club or the 525 Club or the ‘strip’. I did go to the ‘strip’ a few times, spent some time in a bar in order to help some a shipmate safely back to the sub. I counted it a privilege to have them look to me to help them back. It was, and I never lost a shipmate!

If you would like to borrow the book just let me know.

So, why tell you this? Well, because our perspectives on life are different. My experience in the same situation will probably be different from yours. My view of the same situation may

vary from yours. In reality we don't see things as they are, we see things as we are. We see things through our prism and from our history of living.

Whenever my friend, George Bible, and I get together he has a 1,000 stories to tell. Some of them, I was there for but his rendition is different from mine. I like seeing them through his eyes – wow!

I grew up in the rolling farmland country of upstate (300+ miles from NYC) NY where winters were harsh and summers were hot. I remember having holes in my shoes and holes in the knees of my trousers. I remember making ice cream, I thought it took hours to crank. We made it once a month or so – and we used real cream! It was delicious.

There were no McDonald's but there were Ice Cream Parlors where they made fantastic Banana Splits!

There were no Wal-Marts but there were 5¢ & 10¢ stores. Remember them?

We went to the store once a week. We played ball in the open fields. We played cow-

boys and Indians. We wrestled and sometimes fought but, in a few moments, we were friends again.

I grew up among hard working people who didn't have much in the way of material things but were rich in character. Our neighborhood stretched along about 3 miles of main road. Our nearest neighbor's house was about a 1/8th of a mile away.

We saw all the stars at night. We rode sleds in the winter in the moonlight. I whistled, in the darkness of the night, as I ran to where some other kids lived so we could play outdoors.

My perspective on life was different than those who may have lived in a city or urban area.

It is a blessing to live in this great country. Our view of its history may be different because of where we grew up and what we were taught. As for me, my time in the Navy was worth every minute and I would do it again for my country. Our country is not perfect but we have resolved many of them through the years – some costing the precious blood of our sons and daughters. People

are dying to get here while in other countries people are dying, trying to get out! That is why I get a little passionate when, from my perspective; we are headed down the wrong road toward socialism.

God bless and thanks for listening,

Chaplain Ray

PS – Just returned from our quick trip to NY. We are glad to be back and look forward to seeing you all at the next Subvet meeting!

Money can't buy happiness but it sure makes misery easier to live with. There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure. You're never too old to learn something stupid. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Change is inevitable except from a vending machine.

A diplomat is someone who tells you to go to hell in a way that you look forward to the trip.

Answer to the Flag Trivia:

This one is "Crescent Flag of South Carolina," and the colors are listed as "Blue field, white crescent." This flag is very similar to others I've seen, usually listed as the Fort Moultrie Flag. The difference, though, is that this one has the word "LIBERTY" in the crescent instead of across the bottom of the flag.

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

"Col. Moultrie devised a large blue flag with a white crescent in the upper left, facing the hoist. Col. Moultrie says in his memoirs that **"this was the first American flag displayed in the South."**

Deadline for the April Issue will be the 20th.

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Small Claims Court Questions

California resident Heather Peters recently won \$9,867 from Honda because her Civic didn't live up to the 50 MPG Honda had advertised. She was not satisfied with the meager offer from Honda to resolve her complaint and was faced with the decision to join a class action suit or to take them to court. She decided the latter, did her homework, and presented a compelling case without a lawyer (not allowed). If you feel 24 you have been screwed over by a merchant, business, or acquaintance and are interested in learning more about suing in small claims court check out her website <http://www.dontsettlewithhonda.org/#!/small-claims>. It contains a 'Small Claims' section which notes the maximum you can sue for, whether or not attorneys are allowed, and links to information on filing small claims cases in all 50 states. For instance, the California link provides information that will help you:

- ☐ Learn about going to small claims court;
- ☐ Using instructions and guides to help you with

your case;

- ☐ Learn about trying to resolve your dispute out of court, and

- ☐ Get answers to frequently asked questions.

It covers the following basics:

- ☐ General information about small claims court and cases and making the decision if small claims is right for your situation using helpful resources.

- ☐ Small Claims Cases: Suing Someone, Being Sued, Mediation, and Going to Court

- ☐ Researching Your Case so you can be better prepared when you go to court.

- ☐ How to collect the judgment if you win, using tools and instructions on how to work with the other side to get paid.

- ☐ Ways to pay your judgment if you lose your small claims case including working out payment arrangements and payment plans.

- ☐ How to appeal the small claims judgment.

If you are suing it provides the following checklist and elaborates

on each item:

1) Talk to the person or business you are thinking about suing. Try to work things out before going to court. You can also write a "demand letter" that asks the person or business in writing what you are asking for. You can get help in preparing a demand letter at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/11145.htm>.

2) Try mediation or other alternatives to lawyers and courts. You can try mediation throughout your case, even if it does not work now.

3) Consider if going to court can give you what you want. If you win in court, the court cannot collect the money for you. Is the person you are suing able to pay? If you want to sue a neighbor because the neighbor behaves badly, will suing make the neighbor behave better? Courts cannot force good behavior. Will the time and money it takes to go to court be worth the likely outcome? Ask yourself these questions before filing your claim so you do not find yourself worse off after suing than if you did not sue at all.

4) Learn about how small claims court works. Go to the courthouse and watch a small claims hearing. That way you will know what to expect. Get help from your court's small claims advisor listed at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-advisors.htm>.

5) If you decide to go to court, follow these steps: Figure out how to name the defendant, ask for payment, find the right court to file your claim, fill out your court forms, file your claim, serve your claim, and go to court. Guidance for each step is provided on the website.

6) After your hearing, read what to do on the Plaintiff's Post-Hearing Checklist.

[Source: Money-TalksNews Stacy Johnson article 14 Feb 2012 ++]

POW/MIA Update

14: The following MIA/POW's have been identified. For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/>

dpmo or call (703) 699-1420 : 25 **Korea.** DPMO announced 13 FEB that Army Cpl. William R. Sluss, 21, of Nickelsville, Va., was to be buried Feb. 18, in Gate City, Va. In late November 1950, Sluss and elements of the U.S. 2nd Infantry Division were attacked by Chinese forces near Kunu-ri, North Korea. On Nov. 30, 1950, Sluss, along with many other American soldiers, was listed as missing in action as a result of that heavy fighting. In 1953, returning Americans who had been held as prisoners of war reported that Sluss had been captured by the Chinese, and died in the spring of 1951 as a result of malnutrition while in a prisoner of war camp in North Phyongan Province, North Korea. Between 1991 and 1994, North Korea gave the United States 208 boxes of remains believed to contain the remains of 200-400 U.S. servicemen. North Korean documents, turned over with some of the boxes, indicated that some of the human remains were recovered from North Phyongan Province, where Sluss was believed to have been held in "Camp 5." To identify

the remains, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory used circumstantial evidence, forensic identification tools such as dental records and radiographs, and mitochondrial DNA – which matched Sluss's brother and sister.

VA Hospice Care Update 02: Hospice is a specialized type of healthcare that is designed to provide supportive care and services to persons in the final phase of a life-limiting illness. The focus is on the patients' comfort and quality of life, and relief for the entire family from the burdens typically associated with this journey. Turning to hospice can be a tough choice, but finding appropriate care can be even more challenging for the families of veterans. "As veterans age, they face a distinct set of needs and challenges, including medical issues related to where they served, memories that might trigger anxiety and stoicism that makes asking for help difficult," said the founder and president of LightBridge Hospice & Palliative Care Jill Mendlen. Their facility was recently certified to take part in the "We Honor Vet-

erans" program headed by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the Department of Veterans Affairs. One of only 12 hospice facilities in the U.S. to meet the criteria, LightBridge offers specialized training to its staff to help meet the needs of ailing veterans. "After all they've done for us, it's a privilege to thank those who served with the superior end-of-life care that they deserve," Mendlen said. The facility's individualized program of care is tailored to meet the entire family's needs, with a variety of services that provide comfort and support. A patient's Individualized program of care may include:

- ☐ Regular visits by each member of the hospice team to place of residence.
- ☐ Medications related to the hospice diagnosis.
- ☐ Medical supplies and equipment.
- ☐ Personal care and grooming.
- ☐ Emotional support and guidance.
- ☐ Bereavement care and counseling.
- ☐ Financial consultation.
- ☐ Education and support

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for caregivers.

- Physical and speech therapies.
- Aromatherapy, Healing Touch or other integrative therapies

Last week, that care was demonstrated as they hosted a ceremony to honor residents at Poway's Solaris Senior Living Community. Led by Ralph Moran, 27, a volunteer and former Marine sergeant, four retired military personnel were presented with a plaque, pin and pillow sewn from uniforms by spouses of active duty military. Hospice patients John Fain, 91, and Wayne Howard, 86, were joined by Flowers Hogan, 83, and Henry Miller, 88 for the event. Serving veterans in Poway and throughout the county is something LightBridge's senior vice president, Pamela Hough, says hits close to home. "This level of expertise is very personal to the staff at LightBridge because many of us have a military background or family in the military," she said. For more information about the veteran program at LightBridge, or to volunteer, contact 858-458-2992/3655F, 6155 Cornerstone Court East, Ste. 220, San Diego, CA

92121 or Email: contact@LightBridgeHospice.com or web 26 <http://www.lightbridgehospice.com>. For additional info on VA's Hospice and Palliative care programs refer to http://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/Hospice_Palliative_Care2.asp. [Source: Poway Patch | Town Pulse Annie Lane article 16 Feb 2012 ++]

DoD 2013 Budget Update 10:

The Pentagon's new defense budget sets up a politically charged competition within the US military – one that pits active-duty troops against military retirees who have served in previous wars. In other words, the Pentagon can either cut the amount it spends per service member, or it can increase the fees that retirees pay for health care and other benefits. Personnel costs in the Pentagon's base budget have grown enormously over the past decade – up 90 percent since 2001. These costs now represent one-third of the Pentagon's budget. If the Pentagon continues at this rate and the overall defense budget stays flat, by 2039, "personnel

costs would consume the entire defense budget," says Todd Harrison, an analyst at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments in Washington. "We obviously can't let that happen," he adds. "That won't happen."

The increase in the cost per person has been driven in no small part by new and expanded benefits for retirees, including a health-care program that did not exist before 9/11. This health-care benefit, a Medicare supplement called TRICARE for Life, costs some \$11 billion a year. "That's not a small amount of money," Mr. Harrison says, adding that it amounts to the price of an aircraft carrier every year. At the same time, overall personnel costs continue to grow. For every dollar in basic pay that the Pentagon currently spends, it must now set aside roughly 33 cents to pay the expected retirement benefits of US troops who are serving today. This means that personnel costs are consuming an increasingly large share of the military budget, affecting the amount of money that the Pentagon spends on "research and devel-



opment, readiness, training, and other priorities,” Harrison says. “It’s an intergenerational competition that’s going on in the budget whether we like it or not,” he says. “This is one that people don’t like to talk about – and you don’t hear the military framing it this way.” Perhaps the hardest problem is that the United States currently has more military retirees drawing pay than active-duty troops: Some 2 million retirees draw pay, versus 1.5 million in the active-duty force.

Under the 2013 defense budget, the Pentagon is planning to cut the active-duty Army and Marine Corps by 72,000 and 20,000, respectively, over the next several years. That would bring the forces roughly back to the levels they were in 2005. The Pentagon has already announced plans to slow the growth in basic pay, raise the fees that retirees pay for health care, and form a commission to study retirement benefits. Now, the new Pentagon budget quadruples the premiums that the highest-earning retirees must pay in the years to come for TRICARE for Life. This 31 is likely to prompt backlash, but it was either

raise the premiums or “make much larger cuts in force structure, and we don’t want to do that,” Robert Hale, the Pentagon’s chief financial officer, said in a briefing Monday. Also, pay raises for troops will be lower – probably decreasing from 1.7 percent annually in 2013 and 2014 to 0.5 percent in 2015 and then back up to 1 percent in 2016 (assuming some sort of economic recovery), according to Mr. Hale.

The question remains whether the Pentagon can slow the growth in personnel costs per person in a way that it can avoid deeper cuts in the size of US forces, or end strength, Harrison says. “I think that’s what’ll end up happening,” he says. “If they can’t slow the growth in the costs per person, we’re going to see deeper reductions in end strength than are already planned.” That is a possibility the Pentagon is already exploring. Retention rates are high in the military given the weak economy, Hale says. As a result, the Pentagon will tighten reenlistment standards, and it’s also looking into incentives to encourage troops to leave the military. Even so, “I don’t

think we can stand here and say there won’t be any involuntary separations. We’re just going to see how the economy recovers,” he adds. “We’ll try to do this in as humane a way as we can.” [Source: The Christian Science Monitor Anna Mulrine article 13 Feb 2012 ++]

Military Retirement System Update 15:

The President did not propose any changes to the military retirement system in his budget for FY 2013 but did ask Congress to establish a Commission to review military retirement in the context of overall military compensation. The Commission would be charged with determining whether there are cost effective changes that should be made to the current system. The President and the Secretary of Defense strongly recommend that any recommended changes be fully grandfathered – that is, they would only apply to new recruits. The special Military Retirement Modernization Commission would operate under the following procedures which are similar to those that govern actions by a BRAC Commission:

□ The Department would make a formal recommendation to the Commission

regarding changes in military retirement;

□ After considering the Department’s recommendation and other inputs, the Commission would make a recommendation to the President;

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□ The President could request that the Commission make changes in its recommendations but could not require changes;

□ The President would decide whether to forward the Commission’s recommendation to Congress; and

□ If forwarded, Congress would have to vote up or down on the recommendation without amendment and under expedited procedures.

[Source: AFSA On Call 16 Feb 2012 ++]





Lost Boats— USS TULLIBEE SS-284

USS *Tullibee* (SS-284), a *Gato*-class submarine, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the tullibee a whitefish of central and northern North America. Her keel was laid down on April 1, 1942 at Mare Island, California, by the Mare Island Navy Yard. She was launched on November 11, 1942 sponsored by Mrs. Kenneth C. Hurd; and commissioned on February 15, 1943, Commander Charles F. Brindupke in command.

Tullibee held shakedown training from April 8-30 1943 and departed for Hawaii on May 8. She arrived at Pearl Harbor on May 15 and held further training exercises in Hawaiian waters. Numerous air fitting leaks developed, and she was docked for repairs twice. When this proved ineffective, the submarine entered the navy yard until July 11.

First War Patrol -On July 19, *Tullibee* got underway for the Western Caroline Islands and her first war patrol. On July 28, she sighted a passenger-cargo ship, accompanied by an escort and an aircraft that prevented her attack. On August 5, the submarine began pa-

trolling the Saipan-Truk traffic lanes. Five days later, she sighted smoke on the horizon that proved to be three freighters with an escort. *Tullibee* closed the range to 2,700 yards; launched one torpedo at the ship on the right and three at the vessel on the left. As the submarine fired the first torpedo, a ship rammed her and bent her number one periscope. She went deep and was depth charged by the escort as the ships sped away. As they had been set to run at a depth of 15 feet (4.6 m) — too deep for the draft of the largest target — none of the torpedoes exploded. On August 14, *Tullibee* sighted a convoy of three freighters with an escort and began an end-around run to get into good attack position. She launched a torpedo from a range of 3,000 yards and went deep. It missed, and she returned to periscope depth to fire three torpedoes at the last ship. It apparently saw their wakes as it turned and combed them. The submarine again went deep. When she surfaced, the targets had escaped. On August 22, *Tullibee* sighted a convoy of five ships es-

corted by two destroyers; closed to 2,000 yards; and launched three torpedoes at the nearest freighter. Two minutes later, she fired three more at another ship. As she went deep to avoid a [destroyer](#) heading her way, she heard one explosion. She soon heard the bursts of two more torpedo explosions, followed by breaking up noises. When she surfaced, she sighted over 1000 empty 50 US gal oil drums, but no ships. Postwar examination of Japanese records indicated that *Tullibee* had damaged one freighter and had sunk the passenger-cargo ship *Kaisho Maru*. The patrol terminated when the submarine reached [Midway Island](#) on September 6.

Second War Patrol - On September 28, *Tullibee* began her second war patrol. Her assigned area was in the East China Sea between the Ryukyu Islands and the China coast. On October 4, she sighted a convoy of nine passenger-cargo ships with three destroyer escorts. The submarine pulled well ahead of the convoy and tracked them until the next morning. At 00:58, she fired a spread of three torpedoes at a large

freighter, with one hitting the target a minute later. Another spread of three from the bow tubes produced two hits on a heavily-laden cargo ship. Minor explosions and breaking up noises began immediately as *Chicago Maru* sank. Twelve days later, *Tullibee* contacted a convoy of seven ships with three escorts that later separated into two groups; one hugging the China coast and the other heading for Pescadores Channel. She attacked the largest ship in the latter group with six torpedoes; one hit the target. The submarine began an end-around run and launched four torpedoes at another ship. Two torpedoes soon broached, and *Tullibee* broke off the attack. She went deep and rigged for silent running to evade the escorts. On November 5, the submarine was running submerged near Oki-noyerabu Shima when she sighted a large, three-story building on the island. She surfaced and fired 55 shells into the barracks before retiring at full speed. She began the voyage back to Hawaii the next day and reached Pearl Harbor, via Midway Island, on November 16. Her official

score for this patrol was one passenger-cargo ship sunk, a tanker damaged, and a passenger-cargo ship damaged.

Third War Patrol - *Tullibee*'s third patrol was in a "wolfpack" with sister ships *Halibut* and *Haddock*. The trio sortied from Pearl Harbor on December 14 1943 for the Mariana Islands to intercept enemy shipping plying between Truk and Japan. On January 2, 1944, *Tullibee* sighted a Japanese *I*-class submarine on the surface and launched four torpedoes at a range of 3,000 yards. The enemy saw the wakes and combed the four of them as *Tullibee* was forced deep by an enemy floatplane that dropped six bombs.

On January 19, *Haddock* reported that she had damaged the Japanese escort carrier *Unyō*, which limped to Saipan. *Tullibee* sighted the carrier there on January 25, close ashore and well protected by escorts and aircraft. The submarine remained on station for several days awaiting an opportunity to sink the aircraft carrier. However, when she surfaced on January 28, she learned that the carrier had slipped away. Three days later, the submarine made radar contact with two targets. She launched three torpedoes at what appeared to be a

freighter and swung left to fire one at the escort. The first target, net tender *Hiro Maru*, took two hits and disintegrated in about one minute. The torpedo fired at the escort missed, and the submarine went deep to evade. *Tullibee* cleared the area the following day and returned to Pearl Harbor on February 10.






Fourth War Patrol and Loss - On March 5, *Tullibee* stood out of Pearl Harbor to begin her fourth war patrol. Nine days later, she called at Midway Island to top off her fuel and then proceeded to her patrol area in the Palau Islands. She was scheduled to support aircraft carrier strikes against those islands on March 30-31. On March 25, *Tullibee* arrived on station and began patrolling. The next day, off the Palau Islands she made radar contact on a convoy consisting of a large passenger-cargo ship, two medium-sized freighters, a destroyer, and two other escorts. The submarine made several surface runs on the transport but kept losing her in rain squalls. *Tullibee* finally closed to 3,000 yards and launched two torpedoes from her bow tubes at the target. About two minutes later, the submarine was rocked by a violent explosion. It was only learned after the war that *Tullibee*'s torpedo

had run a circular course and she had sank herself. Gunner's Mate C.W. Kuykendall, on the bridge at the time, was knocked unconscious and thrown into the water. When he regained consciousness, the submarine was gone. He heard voices in the water for about ten minutes, then they stopped. The next day, he was picked up by a Japanese escort. Kuykendall survived as a prisoner of war and was released after V-J Day. *Tullibee* received three battle stars for World War II service. *Tullibee* was stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on July 29, 1944.

Next Meeting is
at
VFW POST
9138
March 24th
at VFW Post
9138
Bring a passing
dish
Dinner 1730
Meeting 1900



Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

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!

