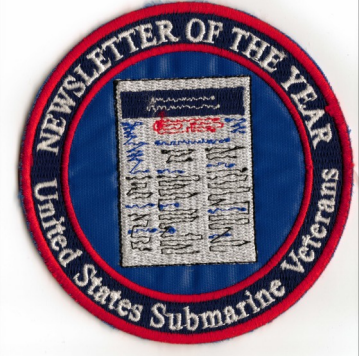


# Piedmont Periscope



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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.*

## Can You Believe—Moe(SS) Lost for Words?



Well it did happen in Burnsville. The Smartass with all the comebacks and corny ideas was sort of shocked when District Cmdr Dick Kanning called my name and told me to report front and center. Dick awarded me his District Commander's Challenge Coin for my actions in forming Bilge Rat Productions, the traveling group that the Base has that performs at various local assisted living homes.

### Lost Boats for June

*"Sailors, rest your oars"*



But I was lost for words. The real recipients are the people that do the shows and follow my strange ideas. Let me thank them now.

I'll start with my biggest supporter, Colleen, my dear wife. She really hears this stuff over and over. Thanks Dear.

Ray Zieverink our stage manager, just makes everything run smooth. Our singers Joel Tuchfeld and Jim Schenk, whether they

sing together or individual bring smiles to the crowds faces. Then there's are actors, Jeff Nieberding, Rick Petitt, Jack Jeffries, and Glenna Hubbell.

Now I don't want to forget the cue-card lady, Cindy Petitt, and the music/computer lady again my wife Colleen.

Thank you all you are the ones that made me look good. THANK YOU.

We have a new addition for are next round. Sandra Myers will be playing the wife in a Dragnet skit.

Now, if you can pretend to act, sing with others, or can play an instrument, or write skits, or just want to help, call Moe(SS).

USS O-9 (SS 70)	June 19, 1941
USS S 27 (SS 132)	June 19, 1942
USS R 12 (SS 89)	June 12, 1943
USS HERRING (SS 233)	June 1, 1944
USS GUDGEON (SS 211)	June 7, 1944
USS GOLET (SS 361)	June 14, 1944
USS BONEFISH (SS 223)	June 18, 1945

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



A lot has happened since our last meeting. Burnsville is behind us, national election right in front of us, and our normal everyday business. Let me start with Burnsville. We had a good time in the mountains. However, it was not without its bumps. There were a couple of issues this year. I promise that they will be addressed, and with a little hope, all will be resolved for next year. Since nothing goes perfect, I expect new issues next year. Let me discuss the National election a little. I have put out the information regarding the proposed amendments to

our Constitution and By-Laws. I hope each of you have read them. If not, please do. You also get to vote on the top five positions within the organization (which includes your Regional Director). Some of those positions are unopposed, so that decision is easy (but I would still like you to vote for them to show that we have confidence in them). The three positions that you need to choose from are National Senior Vice, Secretary, and Treasurer. Read these gentlemen's biographies and select the one you think will do the job the best. Again, I do ask each of you to take the time to read the necessary information (it is available now in the online American Submariner and should be in your mailbox very soon)

and vote. It is your organization so vote for the C&B changes you think are best (not necessarily what the National Board recommends) and the individuals you think will do the best job.

For those of you who are not Life Members (or have paid your 2013 dues), it is never too soon to do that. The more we get done early, the easier it is at the end of the year. I hope each of you that owe dues for next year will continue to be with us.

We have had a submarine class that was conducted since our last meeting as well as a couple of Eagle Scout presentations. We also attended a Memorial Service for a departed WWII Subvet, attended the Charter Meeting for a new NC Base, the USS Asheville Base, rededi-

cation of the Vietnam War Memorial in Gastonia, and had a couple of Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) presentations (both Levine and Victory Junction, which I am sure Jack has written about).

As you can see, even though no meeting has been held for almost two months, the Carolina Piedmont Base continues to be active. Oh yes, some of us went to Paul and Sandra Myers' daughter wedding as well. It is really nice to see our base this active and just keep right on rolling along. It makes me proud to be your Base Commander. I look forward to seeing as many of you as can be at our June meeting. I understand it is now summer and vacation time. So if you are not with us and our on the road, please be careful as

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we want you back with us. It takes all of us to keep the base rolling as it does.

May God bless you all.

Steve Bell



*Don't  
Forget to  
VOTE  
y'all*

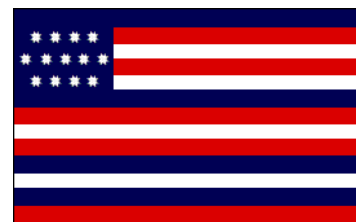
### The Supply Shack- Jeff Nieberding

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.

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



### Got a Story?

Sent it to  
Moe(SS) at  
ppeditor@carolina.rr.com

### XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries



XO notes- CAROLINA PIEDMONT ROCKS. Well I hope everyone is rested up from our annual journey to Burnsville to honor the Boats lost during WWII. It was a fun filled weekend. We even had a professional karaoke expert there with his equipment. Thank you, Al and Sandy Westberry. Some of us even got to try our hand at singing along with the teleprompter. I think we even had a duet performing as Sonny and Cher.

We also were entertained by a senior Elvis

as well as the debut of a new skit written by Dale Moses, the saga of Snoopy and the Red Baron. The props that Dale made were perfect. We will add that skit to our collection where we plan to entertain at area senior citizen homes and anywhere else they will let us.

We were also busy with our Eagle Scout program where we presented USSVI certificates at 3 separate locations. We presented the Submariner Story to about 120 students of Patriot Middle School located in Concord. We were invited once again to Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte where we presented KAPS to some of the patients there. Just the other evening, we were once again at Victory Junction where we presented KAPS, certificates and

museum boat pictures to about 90 campers.

Dale Moses arranged for our Color guard to present the Colors at a Charlotte Knights baseball game and several of our members were there to witness the home team win a hard fought game.

The National election is coming up and I urge each member to vote, this is one of the things we are proud of, we have a good percentage of our members that vote.

WOW now you can see that Carolina Piedmont ROCKS...REMEMBER EACH ONE OF OUR MEMBERS IS A MEMBER OF THE RECRUITING PARTY. If you run into a fellow bubblehead, brag about our group. Until next time we meet...Jack



## Machinery One — Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary

### Notes from Burnsville 2012 Meeting

The NC Subvets have been meeting yearly at the Burnsville Memorial since we dedicated it as North Carolina's Submarine Memorial in 2003 with the exception of 2004. Our meeting headquarters have changed over the years from the Nu-Wray Inn on the town square of Burnsville, to the Pinebridge Inn in Spruce Pine, and since last year the Skyline Inn off of the Blue Ridge Parkway.



This year we had 34 Subvets, many of which were accompanied by their wives or guests, and was one of the largest groups since 2003. The bases represented were the Charleston Base, Carolina Piedmont Base (host base), Nat Greene Base, Tarheel Base, and the soon to be the newest USSVI Base in the state the USS Asheville Base.

Once again Steve Bell and the Carolina Piedmont Base were great hosts for the meeting. The local band we had last year performed again this year. The fiddle player is as good as any of the big name fiddle players such as Charlie Daniels.

The Tolling of the 52 Boats was again done at the memorial with the color guard provided by the Carolina Piedmont Base and Hoppy Hopkins played taps as part of the ceremony. The current owner of the memorial, Tony Valovich and his wife were present at the ceremony and later at Saturday night's dinner at the Skyline Inn. We are very lucky to have an owner of the memorial who has been so dedicated to maintain it in its excellent condition. Tony is an Associated Member of the Tarheel Base.



Steve Bell and Dick Kanning run the Saturday morning NC SubVets meeting.

Plus a new NC Base is formed.—The Asheville Base

Good luck to the Asheville Base! Smooth Sailing Ship-mates!



Color Guard does aright for a bunch of Submarine Sailors who never marched that much and handled a rifle. A little practice and the boot camp training comes right back. Funny how those CCs imbedded that in our heads.







R— Hand Salute!  
As the Colors are  
Presented

L— What a view  
of the NC Moun-  
tians!

You have got to  
come next year!



Karaoke on Friday provided  
by Al Westberry—Jack and  
Rick do Sonny and Cher;  
Sandra does what? Carolina  
Piedmont “Rocky Tops”!

Below: Jack and Jeff have a  
“Dogfight” during the  
Snoopy and the Red Baron  
Skit



Ellis or Elvis? It’s only one let-  
ter off! (off being the key word)



Elvis, found living in the NC mountains,  
comes in on his walker. He still has the  
moves and is still poplar with all the ladies!

Right—Our Band at the Dinner Banquet.

Jim Schenk entertains with a couple of  
songs.





## For I am a Submariner by James Dempewolf

I served on the Holland  
over a century ago. I still  
serve to  
this day on the Trident,  
Los Angeles, Seawolf &  
Virginia  
class boats and look for-  
ward to Rigging-for-  
Dive the  
Minnesota and North  
Dakota. Places like Fre-  
mantle,  
Rota, LaMadd, Chinhae,  
Pattaya, Sasebo, and  
Subic  
stir my soul.  
For I am a Submariner.

I rest in peace beneath  
many seas across this  
earth.  
I was on the Barbel off  
Palawan, the... Scorpion  
off the  
Azores and the Bonefish  
in the Sea of Japan. We  
gave  
them hell in the harbors  
at Wewak and  
Namkwan. I am  
a Shellback, a Bluenose,  
a Plank Owner, a MCPO  
of  
the Navy, a CNO, and a  
President.  
For I am a Submariner.

I heard Howard Gil-  
more's final order, "Take  
Her Down."  
I heard the word passed,  
"Underway on Nuclear  
Power."  
I have done every job

asked of me, from a  
Sparks to  
Messcook to Torpedo-  
man to Motormac to  
Ping-Jockey,  
even Friggin-Nuke,  
COB and Skipper. I  
know "Snorkel  
Patty" and Admiral  
Rickover.  
For I am a Submariner.

I have twin Dolphins  
tattooed on my chest and  
twin screws  
tattooed on my ass. I  
know the difference be-  
tween a Lady  
and a Hooker but treat  
both with equal respect.  
I know  
Georgia Street and Mag-  
saysay drive. And al-  
though the  
Horse & Cow keeps  
moving I will always  
find her. I know  
the meaning of "Hot,  
Straight, and Normal."  
For I am a Submariner.

I have stood tall and re-  
ceived the Medal of  
Honor and  
been thrown in the Brig  
for being Drunk & Dis-  
orderly.  
I know the reverent tone  
of "Diesel Boats For-  
ever" and  
the Gudgeon's "Find em,  
Chase em, Sink em." I  
was on  
the Spearfish evacuating

nurses from Corregidor  
and  
the Skate when she sur-  
faced at the North Pole. I  
have  
spent time in the Royal  
Hawaiian.  
For I am a Submariner.

I have gone by names  
like Spritz, Cromwell,  
O'Kane,  
Ramage, Breault,  
"Mush" and Lockwood.  
I have served  
on boats like the Nauti-  
lus, Thresher, Parche,  
Squalus,  
Wahoo and Halibut. On  
December 7th I was on-  
board  
the Tautog at Pearl Har-  
bor. I was also on the  
Tusk in  
49 and sacrificed myself  
for my shipmates on the  
Cochino.  
For I am a Submariner.

I have stood watches in  
the cold of Holy Loch  
and the heat  
of the South Pacific. I  
know what the "41 For  
Freedom"  
accomplished. I was on  
the Sealion at Cavite in  
41 and the  
Archerfish in Tokyo Bay  
in 45. I have endured  
depth charges  
and POW camps. I was  
on the Seafox when we  
lost five

sailors to a Japanese am-  
bush on Guam.  
For I am a Submariner.

I tip beers over sea-stories  
with my shipmates at  
yearly  
conventions. We toll the  
bell and shed a tear for our  
buddies who are on eternal  
patrol. Many pilots have  
been glad to see me, in-  
cluding a future president.  
I have completed numerous  
highly classified missions  
during the Cold War. Be-  
cause "Freedom Is Not  
Free,"  
be assured that I am out  
there at this very moment.

For I am a Submariner.



## Bill Britt—Senior Chief USN (Ret)



I don't usually print Jack's POC e-mails but Bill Britt was one of my active members when I was Secretary and Commander of the Requin Base. Bill was the one of the original builders of our Nautilus Float. I know he was very active in the Holland Club as stated below. I remember him being a big fan of New England the year they went to the Superbowl undefeated and lost but to who else but the Pittsburgh Steelers. But Bill took it like a true Submariner. A great Shipmate, be with God, Senior Chief, you earned it. — Moe(SS)

William E "Bill" Britt was born Christmas Day, 12/25/1927 and entered the USN in 1945. He reported aboard USS

Sarda SS 488 and qualified in submarines in 1947 where he served as a Ships Cook.

Following service aboard 9 submarines (Sarda, Sea Poacher, Sea Cat, Piper, Cutlass, Burrfish, Corsair, Theodore Roosevelt, Patrick Henry) and changing his rate twice (Missile Tech Chief then Fire Control Senior Chief), Bill retired following 23 years of service in 1968.

Bill joined USSVI on Feb 13 1993 as a life member and entered Holland Club in 1997. Bill belonged to three Bases Requin (Primary Base), Lockwood Internet and Cod and served as Holland Club Chairman from 2000 to 2008.

In 1999 Bill was chosen for the National "Joe Negri Shipmate of the

Year" award. This award, named for the WWII Subvet and primary founder of USSVI, is awarded to the member who, by his personal individual efforts and participation during the preceding year contributed the most to the advancement and embodiment of the USSVI Creed and Agenda. Who by his dedicated service and support to our USSVI organization and his fellow Submarine Veteran Brethren exemplifies the meaning and spirit of the word, 'Shipmate.'

Bill is survived by his wife, Beverly.

Sailor, rest your oar. You have served your Nation and your Shipmates well. You stand relieved, Senior Chief. We have the watch.

## NC SubVets Parade Schedule

**June 30—Troutman**—stage starting at 9:30 starts 11:00

**July 4—Faith**— meet at Lowes parking lots at Rt 52 and I-85 at 8:30—we ride the Float from there to Faith.

**August 16—Newton** Old Soldiers Parade—Starts at 5:00 PM more info later

# New members Binnacle List

Welcome Aboard

Al Westberry

Jim Schenk

Ed Erb

Clarence Jordan

Glenn Harris

## Happy Birthday to:

### June

Don Duncan	6/04
Rodger Ellingwood	6/07
Howard Nudi	6/11
Walt Sealy	6/11
Rudy Ogas	6/16
Don Queen	6/26
William Holzendorf	6/26



“The trouble with practical jokes is that very often they get elected.”

- Will Rogers



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

### June

Shelia and Rudy Ogas	6/16
Mary and Winborne Springs	6/21
Anne and Paul Trexler	6/25
Susan and Mike Egan	6/26
Glenna and Michael Hubbell	6/26
Christie and Clarence Senn	6/29





## SubVettes

Hello my fellow Sassy Sisters,

I hope all is well with you and yours. If you missed Burnsville you sure missed a great time. Elvis was even there. Even though he has aged some his voice is the same.

Our meal for June will be our usual "this and that." Please do not forget your secret sisters and our recruiters. For June meeting please bring your donations for the VA trip to Johnson

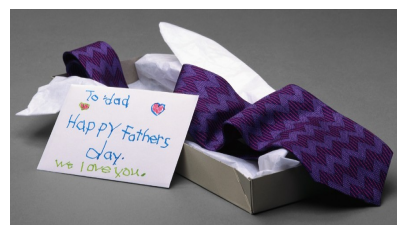
City Tennessee. I am planning to go the week after our meeting. Looks like a Monday or Tuesday, as the volunteer office is not open on the week end. If you would like to go with me, just let me know and hopefully I can make it happen.

At our meeting we need to give money to Clarence for publishing our cookbooks. Hopefully, we can make some money

with the sale of these to do some others projects that cost and not take it out of our pocket. I know times are rough for many and I hope we can ease that some. Our director of our Nursing Home shows would like us Sisters to participate, if you so desire. I just volunteered to help. So let's get on board with this project and have fun and make some less fortunate get a good laugh. Take care Sisters, and May God Bless You and



Yours and Our great Country the USA!!!  
Love Sandra, Hope to see you all at the next meeting.



## Blueberry Cheesecake Ice Cream

Cool off on a hot day with a big bowl of creamy homemade ice cream. Perfect for entertaining, this five-star recipe makes enough for a crowd.

### Ingredients:

2 cups granulated sugar	3/4 cup (6 ounces) 1/3-less-fat cream cheese, softened
4 large egg yolks	3 cups 2% reduced-fat milk
1 cup half-and-half	3 cups fresh blueberries, coarsely chopped
1/4 cup powdered sugar	1/4 cup water

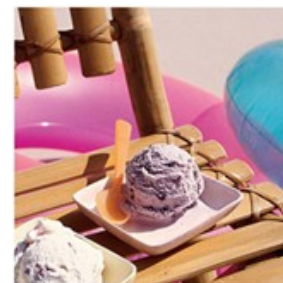
### Directions:

Combine first 3 ingredients in a large bowl; beat with a mixer at high speed until smooth. Combine milk and half-and-half in a medium, heavy saucepan; bring to a boil. Remove from heat. Gradually add half of hot milk mixture to cheese mixture, stirring constantly with a whisk. Return milk mixture to pan. Cook over medium-low heat 5 minutes or until a thermometer registers 160°, stirring constantly. Place pan in an ice-filled bowl. Cool completely, stirring occasionally.

Combine blueberries, powdered sugar, and 1/4 cup water in a small saucepan; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer for 10 minutes or until mixture thickens slightly, stirring frequently. Remove from heat, and cool completely.

Stir blueberry mixture into milk mixture. Pour mixture into the freezer can of an ice-cream freezer; freeze according to manufacturer's instructions. Spoon ice cream into a freezer-safe container; cover and freeze for 1 hour or until firm.

Note: This recipe yields two quarts of ice cream, so if you make the entire recipe, use a traditional bucket-style freezer. Halve the recipe if you use a countertop model; they typically have a smaller capacity.







2. Forgive your enemy, but remember the a\*\*hole's name.

3. If you help someone when they're in trouble, they will remember you when they're in trouble again.

4. Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them.

5. Alcohol does not solve any problems, but then neither does milk.



The Secret Service has issued new rules.

The Secret Service issued new rules of conduct for agents last Friday.

They can no longer get drunk, procure hookers or go to strip bars.

The rules say that from now on, if agents feel compelled to engage in such behavior, they can run for public office like everyone else.



### **Blonde Jokes supplied by Steve Bell (I'm not taking the blame for these)**

A friend told the blonde: "Christmas is on a Friday this year"

The blonde then said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th."

Two blondes find three grenades, and they decide to take them to a

police station.

One asked: "What if one explodes before we get there?"

The other says: "We'll lie and say we only found two."

A blond is in the bathroom and her husband shouts: "Did you find the shampoo?" She says, "Yes, but I'm not sure what to do...it's for dry hair, and I've just wet mine."

A blonde goes to the vet with her goldfish. "I think it's got epilepsy," she tells the vet. The vet takes a look and says, "It seems calm enough to me".

The blonde says, "I haven't taken it out of the bowl yet".

A blonde spies a letter lying on her doormat. It says on the envelope "DO NOT BEND". She spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.

A blonde man shouts frantically into the phone "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor. "No", he shouts, "This is her husband!"

A blonde was driving

home, drunk as a skunk. Suddenly she has to swerve to avoid a tree, then another, then another.

A cop car pulls her over, so she tells the cop about all the trees in the road. The Cop says "That's your air freshener swinging about!"

A blonde's dog goes missing and she is frantic. Her husband says "Why don't you put an ad in the paper?" She does, but two weeks later the dog is still missing.

"What did you put in the paper?" her husband asks.

"Here boy!" she replies.

Now this one actually makes sense...lol)

An Italian tourist asks a blonde: "Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?"

To which the blonde replies: "If they fell forward, they'd still be in the boat."



### **Painting the Church**

There was a Scottish painter named Smokey MacGregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further.

As it happened, he got away with this for some time. Eventually the local church decided to do a big

restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings.

Smokey put in a bid; and because his price was so low, he got the job.

So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine.

Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened, and the rain poured down, washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and use-less paint.

Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried,

"Oh, God, Oh, God, forgive me. What should I do?"

And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke,

"Repaint! Repaint! And thin no More!"

*"Blessed are the cracked, for they are the ones who let in the light."*

## Chaplin's Corner - Ray Fritz, Base Chaplain



Diana and I wish all the dads a very Happy Father's Day!

Our first child, a son, was born while I was serving aboard the USS U.S. Grant SSBN 631 in 1964. Like many of you, whose children may have been born while dad was serving on submarines, he is a Connecticut Yankee. The rest of our children were born in Corning, NY.

Being a dad is a tremendous responsibility... we have to teach them how to fish, ride a bike, hunt, drive a car... mom gets to teach all the other stuff - like manners (**keep your elbows off the table**), how to dress (**you can't wear two different colored socks!**), and hygiene (**take a bath and wash the whole body!**).

I know that, to you, your children are your pride and joy. You would do anything for them to help them succeed in life. We also know that they will make mistakes just as we did - we just pray that the mistakes they make will not harm them.

Then, there are grandchildren! Wow! They are a real joy. One nice thing is that when you get tired of them you can send them home!

While Diana was recovering from bronchitis, this past weekend, I had the joy of attending the marriage of the lovely Emily Myers [**daughter of Sandra and Paul Myers**] and William Cantrell III at the Victorian Villa Inn.



It was a beautiful wedding ceremony with the lake in the background. They made their vows under the cover of a beautiful pavilion. The exchanging of rings was followed with the Unity

Sand ceremony. After the ceremony came the reception and dinner.

I watched as Emily first danced with William and then with her dad and then with her mom and dad. There was joy and laughter and some tears of joy as well. May God's word to Paul and Sandra be - "Well done!"



The Apostle Paul's message to fathers is clear. Dads are to lead. They are not called to be dictators. He addresses children first because they

are an important part of the formula ...

**Ephesians 6:1-4** *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup>"Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), <sup>3</sup>"that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."*

Then he talks to fathers...

**<sup>4</sup>Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (ESV)**

I have selected 10 reasons from an article entitled **50 Reason Why It's Good to be a Man:**

**10 You know stuff about tanks.**

**9 You can go to the bathroom without a support group.**

**8 If someone forgets to invite you to something he can still be your friend.**

**7 You can drop by to see a friend without bringing a little gift.**

**6 If another guy shows up at the same party in the same outfit, you might become lifelong buddies.**

**5 One wallet, one pair of shoes, one color, all seasons.**

**4 There is always a**



game on somewhere.  
**3 Your pals can be trusted never to trap you with, "So... do you notice anything different?"**  
**2 If something mechanical doesn't work, you can bash it with a hammer and throw it across the room.**  
**1 You can do your nails with a pocketknife.**

They are the cute things but Paul is serious about being a father. Very quickly, whether you are a new father, an older father, or a grandfather, Paul says don't do things that will provoke your children **[grandchildren]** to anger. Instead **show** them, by your lifestyle, the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Be a man of conviction. Be a man of integrity. Be a man of God. Saying you are a Christian and being one are not the same. Let your light shine before your children and grandchildren. When you do they will shine as well.

Happy Father's Day!

May God Bless Emily and William all the days of their lives together.

God bless you all,

*Chaplain Ray*

### On My Porch

On the first day, God created the dog and said, sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this I will give you a life span of twenty years.  
 The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"  
 And God said that it was good.  
 On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."  
 The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"  
 And God again said that it was good.  
 On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."  
 The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you

want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years?"

Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service. If you are looking for me I will be on my porch.

### Answer to the Flag Trivia:

**The Serapis Flag:** Designed with 13 stripes alternating red, white, and blue. This flag was raised by Captain John Paul Jones on the British frigate Serapis during the most famous Revolutionary naval battle. He was born John Paul in Scotland in 1747 and went to sea when he was only twelve years old. By the time he arrived in Philadelphia in 1775 as an experienced sea captain, he had changed his name to John Paul Jones.

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

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### .Vet Housing Up-

**date 05:** Tim McGraw will be saluting veterans in a big way while on tour this summer. The country music superstar is giving away 25 mortgage-free houses — one for each stop on his upcoming “Brothers of the Sun” tour with Kenny Chesney — to wounded or needy service members. McGraw kicked off the campaign with a Memorial Day concert for military members at New York City’s Beacon Theatre during Fleet Week. “My sister’s a veteran, my uncle’s a veteran, my grandfather was a veteran, one of my best friends is a veteran,” McGraw said in an interview. “I’ve known people my whole life who are in service to America. And I think in my position to be able to do something like that is probably the ultimate thing. So to be able to go on tour and provide sort of a stable foundation for a veteran and their family is something I really look forward to.” McGraw is partnering with the charity Operation Homefront and Chase on the program, dubbed HomeFront, with contributions from the Academy of Country

Music’s ACM Lifting Lives program and The Premier Group on behalf of the North Carolina Furniture Manufacturers. “It’s going to be a great opportunity to set a family on track that’s done so much for us and my family,” McGraw said. “So I can’t imagine a better thing to do on tour. It’s going to be fun — I mean every tour date we’re going to be out there.” [Source: Associated Press Chris Talbott article 24 May 2012 ++]

**Vet Gravesites:** The final resting places for many of the men and women who fought America’s wars have fallen into shocking disrepair, with neglect, theft and vandalism prompting veterans groups to question the nation’s commitment to honoring its dead soldiers. Advocates say smaller federal, state, county and private cemeteries that contain the graves of service members are often poorly kept, marked by crumbling headstones, overgrown with weeds and littered with debris. Perhaps even worse, many veterans’ gravesites have been targets of vandalism and theft.

“These are people who have defended our ideals. The way we treat and ultimately revere them in perpetuity is a message for tomorrow’s generation.”, says Tim Tetz, the American Legion national legislative director. “It’s a pattern that you’re seeing across the country right now. You have cemeteries being expanded or added to with less or the same number of people caring for the grounds. Examples of a faltering commitment to honor America’s dead soldiers include:

□ Vietnam veteran and retired Army Capt. Ronald Rulon told Fox-News.com he felt his heart drop when he heard that 200 bronze flag stands had been stolen from a local veterans’ cemetery where many of his friends and fellow soldiers are buried. It’s terrible,” said Rulon, 70, of Mullica Township, N.J. “It’s an affront to the veterans who gave their lives so the very people who stole from their graves could have their freedom, and all the niceties they enjoy in their day-to-day life.” Startling accounts of theft, vandalism and neglect at smaller veterans’ grave-



yards across the nation have become too common, as cemeteries face budget and staffing shortfalls in a struggling economy.

□ A supervisor at one New Jersey county veterans cemetery told FoxNews.com his facility cut half its grounds keeping positions over the past decade, even as the population of those interred rose from 3,000 to 5,000 vets.

□ Last year, a maintenance supervisor at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, just outside of Milwaukee, was arrested after allegedly using the veterans cemetery as his private dump, burying everything from cans of paint thinner to television sets, according to The Associated Press.

□ A Catholic cemetery outside Boston, the burial site of some 4,000 vets, recently made news when thieves stole 200 brass flag stands to sell for scrap -- a phenomenon so common many are turning to plastic flag holders. A supervisor told FoxNews.com his facility has suffered deep staffing and budget cuts over the last decade, even as the number of graves has risen by

15,000.

□ In April, a local utility shut off power to a small cemetery in Jersey City, N.J., where thousands of veterans of wars ranging from the Revolutionary War to World War II are buried after the facility fell behind on its bills. Power was eventually restored to Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery, home to soldiers from the Civil War.

□ Paul Guillou, superintendent of St. Joseph's Cemetery in Pittsfield, Mass, said "We used to have 15 full-time people and now there's only 10. There's more work and less equipment for a greater number of graves. We're asked to do more with less." Guillou said he regrets that caring for veterans' graves is a casualty of budget shortfalls. "These guys and gals served their country, World War I, World War II, Vietnam, Korea. They deserve, at the least, a peaceful interment," he said.

The graves of veterans can be found in virtually every cemetery in the nation, and private operators owe no more care to their graves than anyone else's. But some exclusively veterans' ceme-

teries do receive taxpayer funds, including the 131 run by the National Cemetery Association for the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Funding to those cemeteries has remained roughly static at \$250 million over the last decade, even as more veterans of World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars have passed on, according to Tetz. A spokesman for the NCA insisted the federally funded veterans' cemeteries are well kept. "There really isn't problem on the federal level," said Darrin White, who oversees three national cemeteries, as well as a military section of a fourth facility, in the Philadelphia and New Jersey area. "We've kept up with the pace." But advocates say no matter where veterans are buried, their memory and resting places deserve the respect of a grateful nation. "These are people who have defended our ideals ... the way we treat and ultimately revere them in perpetuity is a message for tomorrow's generation about what it means to sacrifice," said Tetz. "If we aren't revering or honoring these people, it begets the question of what tomorrow will bring for our country." [Source: Fox News Mike Jaccarino article 24 May 2012 ++]

## USS Iowa Naval Museum Update 01:

The USS Iowa — the iconic World War II-era battleship that once served as transport to President Franklin D. Roosevelt — left San Francisco Bay on Saturday on its way to its new home in Southern California. Surrounded by pleasure boats and other vessels, the 887-foot long, 58,000-ton battlewagon was towed through the bay and passed under the Golden Gate Bridge at about 2:30 p.m. Crowds watched from both sides of the bridge as the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Sockeye provided an official escort and the San Francisco fireboat Phoenix led the way. At the St. Francis Yacht Club on San Francisco's shoreline, officers and crew members of the USS Decatur, outfitted in their dress whites, saluted as the Iowa drifted past, Rogers said. Club members also honored the Iowa with a farewell gun salute and a signal flag message — 'Farewell My Dear Friend.' "Everything has gone beautifully," said spokesman Bob Rogers of the Pacific Battleship Center, a nonprofit organization that will operate an inter-

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active naval museum on board the USS Iowa at the Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro. “The Phoenix was spraying water in every direction. She took her right out the Gate.”

The Iowa, first commissioned in 1943 and again in 1951 and 1984, saw duty in World War II and the Korean War. The ship once carried Roosevelt to a summit with Winston Churchill, Joseph Stalin and Chiang Kai-shek. It also took part in escorting tankers in the Persian Gulf during the Iran-Iraq war before being decommissioned in 1990. In recent years, she sat in the cold and fog, anchored with other mothballed ships in nearby Suisun Bay. Last year, the Pacific Battleship Center beat out the San Francisco Bay Area city of Vallejo when the Navy awarded the ship to the organization. The center’s future plans include an interactive tour experience that will allow the visitor to experience what life at sea was like during active duty. Among the highlights will be viewing the inside of one of the main gun turrets, seeing the 17.5-inch armored conning station on the bridge and viewing Roo-

sevelt’s stateroom. The ship was recently moved to the Port of Richmond, not far from where “Rosie the Riveters” built ships in the 1940s. Workers scrubbed and painted the ship’s exterior, replaced the teak deck and reattached the mast in preparation for the museum commissioning in July. The Iowa was scheduled to leave on May 20 but was delayed because of a storm system. As it turned out, its departure came on the same day as weekend celebrations were under way marking the Golden Gate Bridge’s 75th anniversary. The trip down the coast was expected to take about four days. [Source: AP article 27 May 2012 ++]

### Commissary Coupon Use Update 04:

Coupons are like cash — and they’ve been producing a lot of it for some commissary shoppers. But if you’re an “extreme couponer” who has used coupons to get large sums of cash back at the commissary register, take heed: Stores are cracking down. As of 1 MAY, Defense Commissary Agency (DECA) policy will clarify that certain extreme couponing practices can be con-

sidered abuse of the commissary privilege, such as buying excessive amounts of one item with coupons that exceed the value of the product. If you’re suspected of privilege abuse, you could be reported to installation officials — who can suspend or permanently revoke commissary privileges.

Also as of 1 MAY, customers who present coupons that result in “overages” no longer may receive unlimited cash back. Instead, you’ll get commissary gift cards for refunds of more than \$25. Overages of less than \$25 will be refunded in cash. For example, if you have a negative balance of \$35.99, you’d get a gift card for \$25 and \$10.99 in cash. “The average coupon user might not notice the policy changes because they are aimed at preventing possible

misuse of the commissary benefit — primarily using coupons to get large amounts of cash back,” said Joseph Jeu, DeCA director and CEO, in a statement announcing the change. Overages happen when the face value of the coupon ex-





ceeds the price of the item. Most manufacturer coupons are geared to prices in civilian stores; commissary prices are already discounted. Over the past three years, DeCA officials have seen more customers getting cash back when they use coupons, said Courtney Rogers, DeCA's customer relations specialist. "Using gift cards to cover coupon 'overages' discourages practices contrary to DeCA's mission," which is to provide a benefit that sells groceries at cost, she said. The changes "will help bring our policies in line with our retail counterparts and protect the commissary benefit," she said.

Most coupon overage transactions happen during customers' normal household shopping. The overages are applied to the rest of the transaction, so little or no cash is due to the customer. "However, there have been instances of customers purchasing large quantities of one or two products using multiple coupons, resulting in large overages," Rogers said. Commissaries are among the few grocery stores that allow refunds for overages, said Bud Miller, executive director of the Coupon Infor-

mation Corp., a not-for-profit association of consumer product manufacturers that fights coupon fraud. Unlike the commissaries, none of the military exchanges allows coupons to exceed the value of an item, nor do they allow overages. Why does DeCA allow these overages at all? Unlike other stores — and military exchanges — DeCA does not generate a profit. "Since manufacturers reimburse us for those overages, we would profit from those overages if we did not refund that money to the customer," Rogers said. A small number of people have received hundreds of dollars in cash back from commissaries, and among them are people who just want the cash, said Miller. "Those are the worst abusers." Whether in commissaries or in other stores, Miller said, there have been cases in which people bought as much as they could with coupons and not only got cash back but then resold the products for a profit. "It's a small minority of abusers who make it more difficult for the honest couponers," he said — to include emptying the shelves for other customers.

The extreme couponing

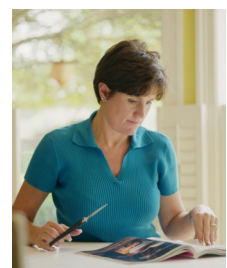
trend has caused civilian grocery stores to make changes, such as limiting the number of the same item you can buy with coupons in one shopping trip. DeCA will continue its policy of limiting coupons to one per item, meaning you'll still be able to buy multiple packages of the same product as long as you have multiple coupons. As before, the exception is during a particular commissary promotion, when a manufacturer or distributor provides coupons directly to the commissary. Store officials will monitor excessive coupon use. Examples of "suspected privilege abuse" in the revised policy include buying "excessive quantities of an individual item" — more than three cases or 36 units — "with coupons that exceed the value of the product."

DeCA also is cracking down on "abuse" that doesn't necessarily involve coupons. Buying more than 36 units of any item — as well as frequently buying large quantities of cigarettes or tobacco products, exceeding one case or 30 units — may not in itself be considered abuse, but it raises a red flag that there may be the potential for abuse, Rogers said. On the commissary section of the site

WeUseCoupons.com, some spouses in large families expressed concern about being under suspicion if they bought large quantities of items with coupons. Several said they were fine with the new policy of paying the overage in gift cards. "Keeping the money 'in-house' is still better than no overage at all," one spouse said. "I can always find something at the commissary to put that [money] toward." The new policy also requires gift cards to be issued, rather than cash, when merchandise costing more than \$25 is being returned without the original receipt. Coupons redeemed in 2011 at military stores by number/value were:

- Defense Commissary Agency: 123 million/\$110 million
- Army and Air Force Exchange Service: 2.4 million/\$5.7 million
- Navy Exchange: 1.6 million/\$2.3 million
- Marine Corps Exchange: 334,000/\$491,000

[Source: Mil.com Karen Jowers article 3 May 2012 ++]





## Lost Boats— USS Gudgeon SS-211

**USS Gudgeon (SS-211)**, a *Tambor*-class submarine, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the gudgeon). Her keel was laid down by the Mare Island Navy Yard. She was launched on 25 January 1941, sponsored by Mrs. William S. Pye, and commissioned on 21 April 1941 with Lieutenant Commander Elton W. "Joe" Grenfell in command.

After shakedown along the California coast, *Gudgeon* sailed north on 28 August, heading for Alaska via Seattle, Washington. On her northern jaunt the new submarine inspected Sitka, Kodiak, and Dutch Harbor for suitability as naval bases. Continuing to Hawaii, she moored at the Pearl Harbor submarine base 10 October. Training exercises and local operations filled *Gudgeon's* time for the next two months. During the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December she was at Lahaina Roads on special exercises, but returned to base immediately.

**First war patrol:** On 11 Decem-

ber, *Gudgeon* (commanded by Elton W. "Joe" Grenfell) departed Pearl Harbor on the first American submarine war patrol of World War II. Her commanding officer was provided with explicit written orders to carry out unrestricted submarine warfare. *Gudgeon* made her first contact on a target in Japanese Home Waters 31 December. When she returned 50 days later, *Gudgeon* had contributed two more impressive "firsts" to the Pacific submarine fleet. She was the first American submarine to patrol along the Japanese coast itself, as her area took her off Kyūshū in the home islands. On 27 January 1942, en route home, *Gudgeon* became the first United States Navy submarine to sink an enemy warship in World War II. *Gudgeon* fired three torpedoes, and *I-73* was destroyed; though *Gudgeon* claimed only damage, the loss was confirmed by HYPO.

**Second and Third War Patrols:** On her second war patrol, 22 February to 15 April 1942 *Gudgeon* scored

two kills, first sinking an unknown freighter maru on 26 March and then dispatching the 6526-ton *Nissho Maru* on 27 March in the East China Sea southeast of Kumun Island. She then checked into dry-dock for overhaul, but undocked three weeks early and readied for sea in a remarkable 40 hours to participate in the momentous Battle of Midway. Departing Pearl Harbor on 18 May, *Gudgeon* took station off Midway Island as part of the submarine screen which encircled the two giant fleets clashing there. Although she had a ring-side seat for the action, which saw Japan handed its first naval defeat in 350 years. *Gudgeon* was prevented from offensive action by the confusion of battle and the possibility of mistaken identity. She returned to Pearl Harbor on 14 June.

### Fourth War Patrol:

Departing for her fourth patrol 11

July, *Gudgeon* sank the 4853-ton transport *Naniwa Maru* in a night submerged attack off Truk on 3 August, her only kill of the patrol. In her other attack of the fourth patrol USS *Gudgeon* carried out an aggressive attack on a

four-ship convoy 17 August, torpedoing and damaging the Japanese tankers *Shinkoku Maru* (10020 BRT) and *Nichiei Maru* (10020 BRT) northwest of Truk before the patrol ended at Fremantle, Australia, on 2 September.

#### **Fifth and Sixth War**

**Patrols:** Now a part of the Southwestern Pacific submarine

forces, *Gudgeon* sank the 6783-ton *Choko Maru* west-northwest of Rabaul on 21 October during her fifth war patrol, 8 October to 1 December, and carried out a daring attack on a seven ship convoy on 11 November, torpedoing several ships but sinking none.

The submarine's sixth war patrol, from 27 December 1942 to 18 February 1943, was unsuccessful terms of ships sunk, but she carried out two special missions. On 14 January 1943 *Gudgeon* successfully land six men on Catmon Point, Negros Island, Western Visayas, Philippines, to carry out the vital guerrilla resistance movement there. Returning from her patrol area, *Gudgeon* was diverted to Timor Island on 9 February, and

the following day rescued 28 men—Australian, English, Portuguese, and Filipino—for passage to Fremantle.

**Seventh and eighth war patrols:** *Gudgeon's* seventh war patrol, from 13 March into April 1943, netted her two more Japanese ships before she ran out of torpedoes and had to return to Australia. On 22 March she sank the 5434-ton transport *Meigen Maru* as well as seriously damaging two other ships in the Java Sea convoy some 30 miles north of Surabaya, Java, Netherlands East Indies. Five days later *Gudgeon* took on 9987-ton tanker *Tōhō Maru* in a night surface attack in the Makassar Strait punctuated by bursts of gunfire as the Japanese ships spotted and fired on the submarine. It took five torpedoes to sink *Toko Maru*, and most of *Gudgeon's* crew enjoyed the rare treat of watching her slide into the depths. Another attack later the same day damaged the 1192-ton tanker *Kyoei Maru*.

On her eighth war patrol, conducted as she sailed from Australia to Pearl Harbor on 15 April to 25 May 1943, *Gudgeon* chalked up three more kills. Her first came 28 April as she sank *Kamakura Maru*, a former

ocean liner, southwest of Naso Point, Panay, Philippines. The 17,526-ton transport was the largest Japanese transport, and one of the largest enemy ships sunk by an American submarine. Special operations interrupted *Gudgeon's* patrol as she landed six trained guerrilla fighters and three tons of equipment for the guerrilla movement on Panay on 30 April. After sinking the 500-ton trawler *Naku Maru* with her deck guns west of Panay 4 May, *Gudgeon* battle-surfaced again that same day and left a coastal steamer burning and settling. Eight days later, on 12 May, she torpedoed and sank the 5861-ton freighter *Sumatra Maru* off Bulusan, Luzon, Philippines. Returning to Pearl Harbor, the veteran submarine was sent to San Francisco, California, for badly needed overhaul, her first since commissioning two years earlier.

**Ninth and Tenth War Patrols:** A refreshed sub and crew departed Pearl Harbor for their ninth war patrol 1 September 1943 in the Mariana Islands area. Before returning to Midway Island on 6 October with all torpedoes expended, *Gudgeon* had sunk the 3158-ton *Taian Maru*, torpedoed and damaged the 3266-ton

auxiliary gunboat *Santo Maru* north of Saipan, as well as seriously damaging several other ships.

Heading along the China coast for her tenth war patrol, from 31 October to 11 December, *Gudgeon* chalked up two more marus. Early in the morning of 23 November she spotted a convoy of four ships in the East China Sea some 70 miles north of Shusan Island and closed for attack. *Gudgeon* fired a spread of six torpedoes with gratifying results. The 870-ton frigate *Wakamiya*, hit by one torpedo, broke in two, sinking



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almost immediately. The two tankers in the convoy, the 5106-ton *Ichijo Maru* and the 8469-ton *Goyo Maru*, were also hit but managed to escape. *Gudgeon* closed in to finish off the 6783-ton troop transport *Nekka Maru*.

**Eleventh War Patrol:** *Gudgeon*'s 11th war patrol saw a few successful sinkings of Japanese vessels, the first on 11 February. Before this sinking the submarine had a spell of bad luck where, on 2 February 1944, she had sighted a damaged aircraft carrier with two escorts. *Gudgeon* had closed for attack, but the escorts spotted her and attacked. A down-the-throat shot with four torpedoes temporarily discouraged the destroyers and allowed *Gudgeon* to seek deep water and safety, but when she surfaced the Japanese men-of-war were gone. Later in the same patrol *Gudgeon* was forced to try another down-the-throat shot at an enemy escort, but no hits. Success came only on 11 February. This date saw her torpedoing and sinking the already damaged (by Chinese air attack) 3091-

ton merchant *Satsuma Maru* off Wenchow, China. On 17 February *Gudgeon* sank a Japanese sampan with gunfire in the East China Sea, another sampan being damaged in the attack. She returned to Pearl Harbor on 5 March 1944.

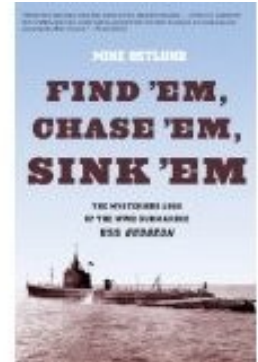
**Loss:** *Gudgeon* sailed for her 12th war patrol on 4 April 1944.

The submarine stopped off for fuel at Johnston Island on 7 April, and was never seen or heard from again. On 7 June 1944, *Gudgeon* was officially declared overdue and presumed lost. Uboat.net claims *Gudgeon* was sunk 18 April 1944 at a known location by the Japanese south-east of Iwo Jima. Some sources say the submarine was more likely to have sunk by attack near Maug Islands.

For more detailed and original information about *Gudgeon*'s likely sinking on 18 April 1944, see *Find 'Em Chase 'Em Sink 'Em: The Mysterious Loss of the WW II Submarine USS Gudgeon* and other "Ostlund" references below (listed on [www.wikepeida.org](http://www.wikepeida.org)). During her three-year

career, *Gudgeon* scored 14 confirmed kills of a total of well over 71,372 tons sunk, placing her 15th on the honor roll of American submarines.

For her first seven war patrols *Gudgeon* received the Presidential Unit Citation. She earned 11 battle stars for World War II service.



## SSMC

You've heard of the USMC, but not the SSMC? Well let old Moe(SS) tell you a little bit about the SSMC.

The American Legion has the Legion Riders. Have you heard of them?

Well, the USSVI has some Bubblehead bikers that organized a couple of years ago into the **Silent Service Motorcycle Club** or SSMC. They are formal a Base within the USSVI and are split into Chapters throughout the Country.

In our neck of the woods, it's the Carolinas Chapter, covering both North and South Carolina. We have a member of the Nat Greene Base who actually resides in Virginia and our Vice President, Mike Adams is also Commander of the Denizens of the Deep Base and lives in GA.

I was instrumental in starting the Chapter in April of last year. And no good deed goes unpunished, I got to be the first President and looks like I got it again this year. Someday, maybe I'll learn.

But I know we still have some Base members that are "Scooter Trash" and need to join us. The first

year will cost you 10 bucks, just like joining any other Base. Renewing, we only take 5 bucks, and sent that to SSMC National. That way we don't have to maintain any funds in a checking account. And until we grow more we are good with that. We did go from 9 plank owners to 15 members presently. We are just about to lose one due to relocation to FL for his wife's work. Well, he can ride more down there, but he will be missed.

So if you ride, and are a USSVI member here in the Carolinas we need a few good men—Bubblehead Bikers.

Contact Moe(SS) at donutdad@carolina.rr.com.



## Heart Attack & Water

Something I didn't know either! I asked my Doctor why do I and other people urinate so much at night time. Answer from my Cardiac Doctor = Gravity holds water in the lower part of your body when you are upright (legs swell). When you lie down and the lower body (legs and etc) seeks level with the kidneys it is then that the kidneys remove the water because it is easier. This then ties in with the last statement!

I knew you need your minimum water to help flush the toxins out of your body, but this was news to me.

Correct time to drink water... Very Important. From A Cardiac Specialist!

Drinking water at a certain time maximizes its effectiveness on the body:

**2 glasses** of water after waking up - helps activate internal organs

**1 glass** of water 30 minutes before a meal - helps digestion

**1 glass** of water before taking a bath - helps lower blood pressure

**1 glass** of water before going to bed - avoids stroke or heart attack

I can also add to this... My Physician told me that water at bed time will also help prevent night time leg cramps. Your leg muscles are seeking hydration when they cramp and wake you up with a Charlie Horse



## A “how to” guide for qualifying in a U.S. Navy Submarine –by K.T. Flatley

(Insert your name here.) “Having successfully completed the rigorous professional requirements for qualification in submarines, having gained a thorough knowledge of submarine construction and operation, having demonstrated his reliability under stress, and having my full confidence and trust, I hereby certify that he is qualified in submarines”... These words mark the end of the long road towards submarine qualification. The process by which one gets to this moment is a difficult one. Qualifying submarines is a task that takes hard work, long hours, and above all, dedication. Completion will grant you entry into a unique brotherhood, and give you the kind of pride that only comes with having accomplished something bigger than yourself.

A submarine crew is much like a family. Everyone knows each other by first name, formality is largely thrown aside, and there are no secrets. When a new man first arrives he is looked at like an in-law, he is a “non-qual.” The Navy has assigned him to the

crew but everyone wants to know if he is really going to fit in. He must prove his worth through qualification. During this process he must learn all of the major ships systems and their components, how to draw them, show how they work, and learn how to fight any possible casualty from fire, to flooding, to poison in the air, on every level of the boat. This is done in order to ensure that when the boat is submerged every crew member can be relied upon to know what to do in case of an emergency. If the “non-qual” accomplishes this task he will be then become qualified, will be awarded the Navy’s submarine warfare pin, also known as dolphins, and will become a full member of the crew.

A non-qual’s first day onboard any Navy sub is intimidating to say the least. Upon a new man’s arrival he becomes the most junior and most inexperienced member of a very highly trained crew. When he first arrives he is given his qualification card and is assigned his “sea dad.” This person is a qualified member of the crew that will help guide the “non-

qual” through the qual process. The qual card has all the systems that he must learn listed in it with a signature block next to it. When he is done studying a particular system he must go to a crew member that works directly with or on that system and get a “check out.” This is a verbal quiz designed to test knowledge of a particular part of the boat and once that crew member feels you have all the knowledge required he will sign your card. This process will be repeated over 70 times on the road to qualification. Each non-qual is given only nine months to complete this task and he is expected to complete at least three to four check outs per week. The qualification process is not only a mental challenge, but a physical one as well. Qualification can only be done on a non-qual’s “own time,” meaning after he has completed all of his regular work. The submarine, while at sea, works on an eighteen hour schedule that rotates through three six hour watches. Six hours are spent on watch; the other twelve are “off time.” This is a very

general term though. There are ship drills scheduled during this time that are designed to test the crew on their abilities to fight casualties. There are also long lists of maintenance that each crew member is assigned in order to keep the boat running. This means that the six hour period normally used for sleep by most qualified crew members must be used for “doing quals” by non-qualified members. The small amounts of entertainment that are available to the crew, such as movies or card games, are off limits to non-quals. All of a non-qual’s free time is to be dedicated toward qualification. If a non-qual is unable to keep up with the minimum amount of signatures that are required each week, he will then be designated as delinquent, or “dink” in his quals. In this case, a non-qual will be required to muster for an extra two hours of supervised study time after he has completed all of his other tasks. He must continue to do this until he catches up on his minimums. For extra motivation through these slips, the non-qual’s sea dad is also made to mus-



ter with him during this period. Suffice to say, most men stay dink for very short periods of time.

As a non-qual nears the end of his qualifications he is then required to do a "walk through" of every level of the ship. This is a process where a senior member of the crew walks with you through each level of the boat and asks you to identify and explain the uses for all the equipment on that level. Once this is completed, the non-qual is then given one to two weeks to study for his final board. This is the final step before becoming qualified and it is by far the most difficult. In the oral board, three senior enlisted men, each an expert in different parts of the boat, and one of the boats officers will give the non-qual essentially, one large check out. Every major system is reviewed in depth in order to see if the individual can put all of his knowledge together at the same time. This process can last anywhere from three to six hours, on average, and is the culmination of many long months of work. It can be a moment of joy and relief for those who pass, or a time of disap-

pointment for those who do not. Each non-qual is given three chances to pass a final board. Once the final board is completed it is now time to be recognized. The crew that has pushed this man, sleep deprived him, and treated him like an outsider is now all lined up at attention to honor and welcome him into their ranks. The Captain of the boat pins the submarine dolphins to his uniform and presents him with the submarine qualification certificate. This is truly a moment of enormous pride and satisfaction for those who get there. It is the culmination of a not only a process of learning, but also of acceptance into an organization that is larger than yourself. He will from this moment on always be able to call himself a submariner, even long after he hangs up his Navy uniforms. Qualification in submarines is a daunting task. However, once finished you become part of a fellowship that can only be understood by those who have done it themselves. That can only be truly recognized by the very small and special group of men that have the pride and honor of calling themselves SUBMARINERS.

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## A NUKE Story

NPTU Charleston To  
Get Newer Moored  
Training Ships

From the *Charleston  
Post and Courier*:

Over the 10-year span, the USS Daniel Webster and the USS Sam Rayburn, both built in the early 1960s, would be replaced one by one with the 1970s-era USS La Jolla and the USS San Francisco...

...Here's what's coming  
Expansion plans  
Renovate X-Ray piers to  
hold two larger submarines

Replace the USS Daniel Webster and USS Sam Rayburn with the USS La Jolla and USS San Francisco

Remove older office, classroom and storage barges, replace with shoreside buildings  
New gate, fencing and other security improvements

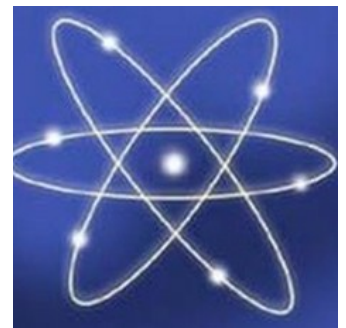
Nearly double parking to 1,900 spaces

Training plans  
2012 -- 1,200 students per year  
2015 -- 1,500 per year

2022 -- 1,800 per year  
2020-2022 -- 2,800 per year\*

\*Temporary assignments while the school at Ballston Spa, N.Y., is refueled

The draft assessment mentioned in the story is [here](#), and says, not surprisingly, that the new training ships will be designated MTS 701 and MTS 711. With Charleston Naval Shipyard closed down, the conversion work will obviously be done elsewhere; I'm guessing Norfolk. When I was a Shift Eng on MTS 626 in '93-'95 and half of our trainees were going to skimmers, I always wondered why they didn't bring of the the cruisers that was decomming during that time in as an MTS; it could have provided lots of office space as well. I think the ship's sailed on that idea...



“Optimism and stupidity are nearly synonymous.”

— [Hyman G. Rick-](#)

## OTHER BASE ACTIVITIES

There are many things I could have done on my day off. Today I did one of those things that makes life worth living. Spent it with my submarine mates and their ladies at the Levine Children's Hospital. Any day this old grey beard can help to make a child smile is a good one.— Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary



Above: Base Members assembly in the lobby; Jack “cheers Carolina Piedmont Rocks”; “Milling-about Smartly”



Back Row: L to R—  
Carrie Keuten, Visit  
Coordinator at Le-  
vine, Carol Jeffries,  
Sandra Myers, Ray  
Zieverink, Steve  
Bell, Rick Petitt,  
and Jim Harris.

Front Row: L to R-  
Joel Tuchfeld, Jack  
Jeffries, and Mike  
Hubbell.

### Flag Day at the Laurels

On Flag Day, June 14th, we were ask to return to the Laurels Assisted Living Center in Pineville to present the residents with our Flag Etiquette Program. All seemed to enjoy the presentation that Moe(SS) presented as he told stories of the questions that various children have asked over the years. The Laurels was one of the places the Base presented it's “Half-way Night Show” and they look for the return of that on a future date.

### New “Half-Way Night Show” Line-up

The new show line-up will kick-off on July 21st at Plantation Estates in Matthews, members Paul Myers work place with wife Sandra debuting as the wife in the new Dragnet skit. Another new skit will be Snoopy and the Red Baron with the characters acting out the lines to the old “Royal Guardmen” hit.

The King of Rock and Rock is still alive and comes out of re-

tirement on his walker to perform. This along with are standard vocalists of Joel Tuchfeld and Jim Schenk gives our 45 to 50 minute show a great variety.

Our players are Jeff Nieberding, Rick Petitt, Sandra Myers, and Jack Jeffries. We are greatly supported by Ray Zieverink, Colleen Moses, and Cindy Pettitt. We can use more help. Contact Moe(SS).



## OTHER BASE ACTIVITIES

For the 3rd year in a row, the Carolina Piedmont Base Color Guard has presented the Colors on Saturday Night's Memorial Weekend Game. The Presenters were Joel Tuchfeld, Jack Jeffries, Howard Dach, Rick Pettitt, Jeff Nieberding, Jim Harris, with Dale Moses commanding. We looked good for a bunch of Submarine Sailors that marched little and carried rifles next to never. BRAVO ZULU Guys!



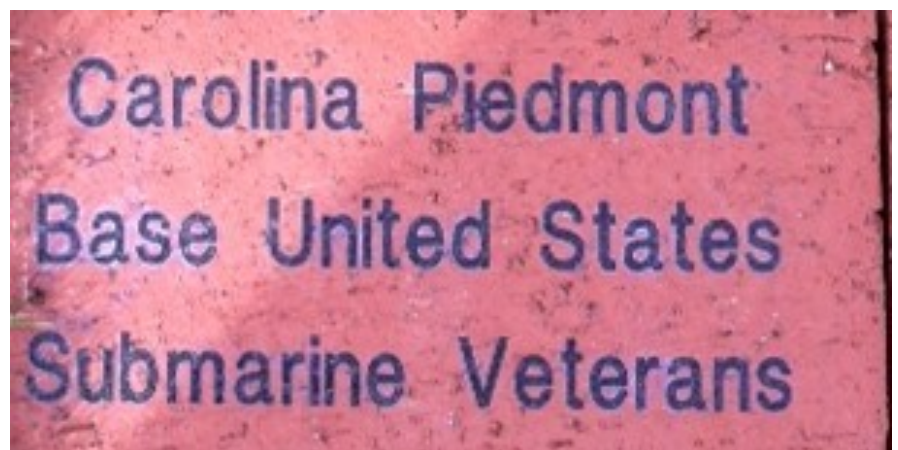
### Victory Junction Brick

Last year somebody donated a brick to be placed in Victory Junction for us. Here is a photo of it that we took at our last visit last week when we were there. This brick is under the water tower at the entrance in a huge walkway of bricks.— Steve

Chevy runs...

But we all know its,




**PRIDE RUNS DEEP**







### Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 	18	19	20	21	22	23 <b>Regular Base Meeting—Ft. Mill VFW 1730 dinner 1900 meeting</b>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Troutman Parade
<b>JULY 1</b>	2	3	4 Faith Parade 	5	6	7
8 	9 VFW Meeting	10	11	12	13	14 VFW Poker Run
15	16	17	18	19	20 PP Deadline	21 Plantation Estates Show 1030 AM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Regular Base Meeting—Ft. Mill VFW 1730 dinner 1900 meeting
29	30	31	<b>AUG 1</b>	2	3	4

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! -

