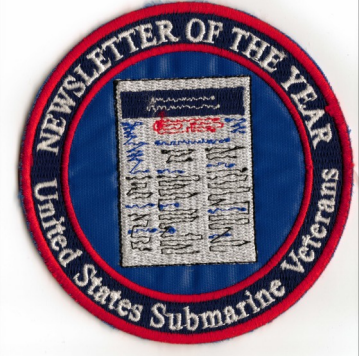


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Base Color Guard Now Official

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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.

For the last 3 years we have presented the Colors at the Charlotte Knights game on Memorial Day Saturday. Recently, the City of Charlotte needed a Color Guard for a youth baseball tournament with the opening ceremony to be held at Carowinds. They could not find a Color Guard, the Knights recommend our Base and we rose to meet their needs.

That prompted me to send the Carolina Panthers an e-mail. No response. I told the Commander and the President of the SubVettes about it while eating after one of our "Half-way night" shows. The Sub-

Vettes Presidents said if you guys are going to do that, then you are going to look good.

The SubVettes at their last meeting donated 250 dollars to assist in outfitting our Color Guard. THANK YOU LADIES!

We are outfitting 10 members, a few extra for vacations, illness, etc. By the 10 members contributing some money for their USSVI Garrison Cap, we are able to get the Caps, white gloves, white belts, and 2 new white rifle slings for our drill rifles.

The Base voted last meeting to add a POW/MIA Flag, with pole,

spear, and white carrying belt.

I said I was going to send the Panthers an e-mail a week until I got a response. Well, after the second e-mail, I got a voice message saying that they were set for this year, but we are on the back-up list. So if someone cancels or if they make the play-offs, then we may have a spot.

Our members are Howard Dachs*, Jim Harris, Mike Hubbell, Jack Jeffries, Dale Moses*, Jeff Nieberding, Rick Petitt, Calvin Reese, Walt Sealy, and Joel Tuchfeld. * means that person is a also qualified to Command the team. Thanks to all who volunteered.— Moe(SS)



Lost Boats for August

"Sailors, rest your oars"

USS S 39 (SS 144)	August 16, 1942
USS POMPANO (SS 181)	August 29, 1943
USS FLIER (SS 250)	August 13, 1944
USS HARDER (SS 257)	August 24, 1944
USS BULLHEAD (SS 332)	August 6, 1945
USS COCHINO (SS 345)	August 26, 1949

CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell



By the time you read this, the National will be very close to being over. Those that have voted, I want to thank you for that effort. For those that have not, I ask you to take the time to vote. It is your organization and you should have a say in it. And if you do not, then please do not complain about how things are, you missed your chance this time. It is that time of year again to remind those that pay annual dues that it is now time to get your 2013 dues in, both National and Base. That is \$30 total, \$20 for National, and \$10 for the Base. It is nice when we don't have to hound in-

dividuals and also even nicer to get it in before the end of the year.

Please help us out on this and either pay at a meeting or send your dues to our Treasurer, Lee Hickerson.

The parade season is now winding down, but there will be a couple of parades around Veteran's Day. Come on out and enjoy a parade.

The National Convention is the next big event for our organization.

For those that are going to help me run the registration desk for a day, thank you very much.

We look forward to having a good time with those members of our base and with other old shipmates. It is always good to swap old sea stories with them. And you just never know who you may run across at events such as this.

Our new "halfway night" skit has been used and went over really well. There is one more planned prior to our next meeting. This event is really appreciated by those that receive it. A great idea by Dale Moses and those that help put it on. We really appreciate them doing this, not only for the residents, but also for getting our name known more in the public.

We are also working up our color guard to look better when they are called upon. A little more 'uniform or professional' and they are looking better as they work together more. Another means of getting our base known within our communities. If you are not aware, our meeting in September (the 22nd) will be our fourth annual 'picnic' at

Jack's Place. These are always good. Al Westbury said he will assist again with the entertainment again this year. This is another one of those events that is worth attending.

I ask all of you to take care of yourselves, look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. May God bless all of you and help keep you safe.—Steve

KILN AND MOLDS FOR SALE

If anybody wants or knows somebody that wants some ceramic molds and a kiln, contact the Base Commander's wife. Almost 200 molds and a kiln. It is an "all or none" deal. Make an offer.

Thanks, Steve
704 824 3510

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XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries



CAROLINA PIEDMONT ROCKS. This has been a very rewarding Month for our base. We have been Honored with being able to have Base Color Guard present the Colors at the start of a Mecklenburg County youth baseball tournament, 2 Eagle Scout presentations, our Bilge Rat Productions presented various skits at Plantation Estates and presenting the Submariner Story to about 300 dependent children from Fort Bragg, Camp Le-

jeune and Pope Air Force Base. We did the presentation with members from the Nathanael Greene Base. During the three weeks of the presentations, we had the Mark 14 as well as our model submarine float on display. Thank you to all that participated. We are now getting ready for the National Convention the first week of September and our base will be well represented. The National Election is now underway and WE NEED AS MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE to cast their vote. If you have not voted as of yet and need any kind of help, PLEASE CONTACT ME 704 764 5211. We are now at the time of year where we need to pay our annual dues, both National

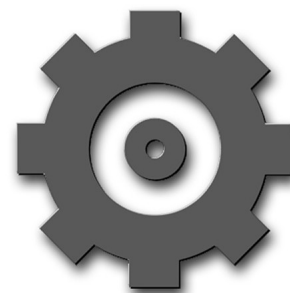
(if you are not a life member) and base dues, National is still \$20 and base is \$10, please send dues owed to our Treasurer Lee Hickerson at 8410 Clear Meadow Lane Charlotte NC 28227. We now have Base information cards available for distribution that Howard Dachs has designed and printed, please pick some up at our next meeting or any that you can attend, for our out of area members contact me and I will see that a supply reaches you, these are for when we meet up with another Submariner, they can contact the base for information. Once again I would like to THANK YOU for your membership in our MULTIPLE AWARD WINNING BASE.

The Supply Shack- Jeff Nieberding

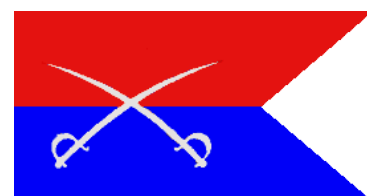
Carolina Piedmont Jackets are still available to order, several members have ordered theirs already. Just let the SK know and he'll fix you up with an order form.

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 19



Machinery One — Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary

Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes

For July 28th, 2012



Call Meeting to Order

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

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Base Chaplin Ray Fritz.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Bell.

Tolling of the Boats

The Tolling of the Boats was presented by Ray Fritz and Paul Myers.

Member Introductions

There were 21 members and 1 guest present.

Special Presentation

Hall Rutter and Ed Erb were given WWII Veteran Challenge Coins. The “Ruptured Duck” was given to returning veterans to wear on their civilian clothes to show that they had served during the war and to help them to find work. Jim Schenk gave Ed a scaled model of the USS Ronquil SS396.

Reading/Approval of the last Meeting Minutes

The motion to accept the Minutes of the Base Meeting held on June 23rd, 2012 as posted in Carolina-Piedmont Periscope News Letter was made and seconded. The motion carried.

-Reading/Approval of the Treasurer’s Report

The Treasure’s Report was given by Lee Hickerson.

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

CURRENT BALANCE	\$5443.23
MEMEMORIAL RESTERATION FUNDS	\$ 482.50
KAPS-4-KIDS	\$1,791.05
USSVI SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 9.65
HALFWAY NIGHT	\$ 77.79
BASE FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$3,100.03

Old Business

SC PIN

Jeff Nieberding reported that he was still researching the availability of an American and South Carolina Veterans' Pin.

NC Veterans Council Update

Steve Bell reported that at this time the Base will not be directly involved in the NC Veterans Council.

New Business

Fuel Cost for transporting the Float to Convention

Steve Bell reported the NC Subvets will have the Floats at the National Convention to honor the WWII vets. The hat was passed to help offset the cost of the fuel transporting the Floats. Any left over monies raised will go to the Trailer Maintenance Fund.

New Flag/Flag Equipment

Dale Moses reported on the cost of adding the MIA/POW Flag and related equipment for the Color Guard. Dale recommended using the Halfway Night Funds and an additional \$53.00 from the General Fund to cover the cost. The motion to use these funds was made and seconded, the motion was carried.

-Store Keeper's Report

Jeff Nieberding reported that a partial order of the North Carolina Veterans Pins has arrived. Pins are being sold for \$5.00 each.

Good of the Order

National Elections

Steve Bell again reminded all members to go online at the USSVI website and vote. At this time only 45% of the base membership has voted.

National Convention

Steve Bell reminded those that are attending the Convention that the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be manning the registration table on Tuesday. Steve asked that base members to set aside part of their day to help man the desk. At the meeting Steve Bell did not know if he would be present due to Jury Duty; please note that since the meeting Steve has learned that he will be able to attend on Tuesday.

Steve bell also asked that those attending help sell raffle tickets for the Sea Chest that Lee Hickerson made and donated.

Membership Renewal

Steve Bell reminded all members to start getting your 2013 due in ASAP. Under the new rules, USSVI will drop those who do not get there dues in on time. National and Base dues are \$30.00 total.

Halfway Nite

Dale Moses reported the next performance of "Snoopy and the Red Barron" will be on August 18th the Loral's at Pineville. Also there will be a special performance by Bilge Rat Productions at Jack's House during our Annual meeting there.

Camp Corral

The NC Subvets will participate at Camp Corral on August 1st.

Chaplain's Corner - Ray Fritz, Base Chaplain



August 2012

Where does the time go?

We are tired but blessed beyond measure. We had 4 of our grandchildren in our home, most of the time, from July 8th - August 8th! I was able to take them to Carowinds almost every day and even rode the Night Hawk and the Ricochet! Ouch!

It reminded me of just how busy our home was with four children.

My thoughts go back to the USS Skate when we were first married and to the USS Grant when we had our first child.

On the Skate we spend a lot of time at sea with a day or two in port here and sometimes a week, but we were gone a lot. The family reunions when we pulled into port were fantastic. Wives and children would come down to the pier at the Sub base or at State Pier in New London. The great thing was that the wives of the duty section men were often able to join the crew for the evening meal! Diana and I ate our first Thanksgiving meal together on the Skate because I had the duty on Thanksgiving day! Believe me, we had a more abundant meal than we could afford at home!

USS Skate SSN-578 at State Pier, New London, CT



Our First Thanksgiving Meal – November 1959

I share this because most of you can identify with similar moments in your Navy career.

The **USSVI Convention** in Norfolk, VA is coming up in September and there will be many ship reunions at that time. I am looking forward to seeing some of the plank owners of the Skate along with shipmates who served after I did that I have not yet met.

This reminds me of another reunion. The Apostle Paul talks about that in the book he penned to the Thessalonians. He writes to the followers of Christ there. They were apparently concerned about others who had died before Christ's re-

turn. Paul responds to their concerns:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen

**To contact for
Your Chaplain
needs —**

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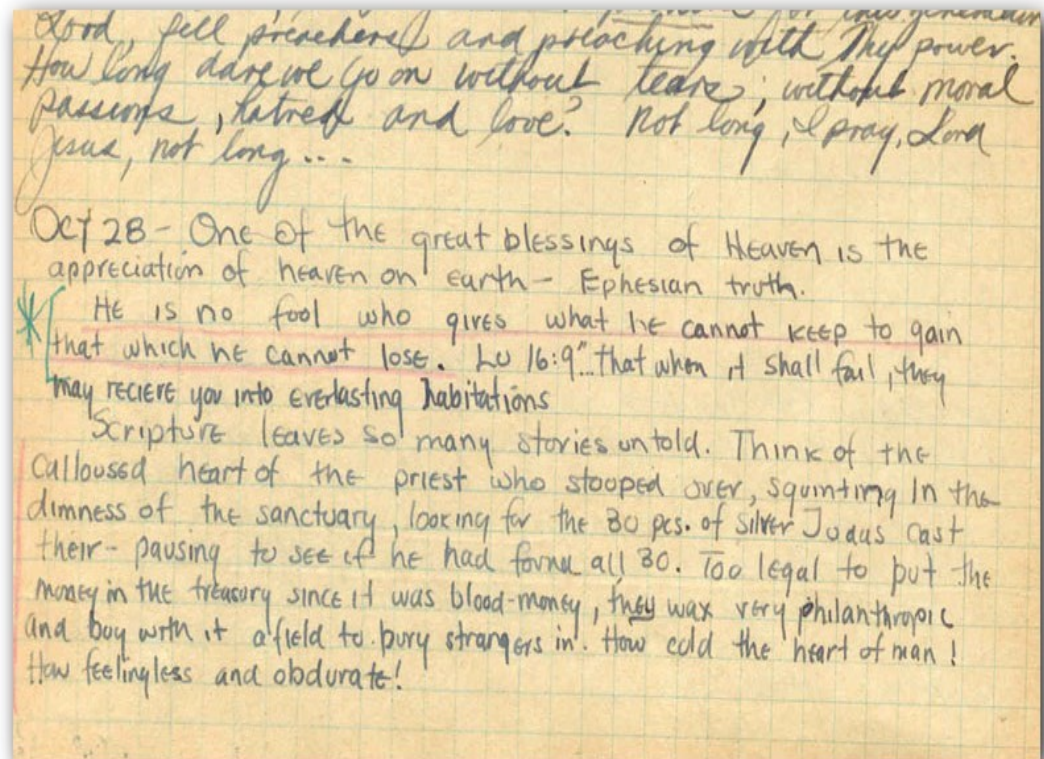
asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.

And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the great reunion in the sky for those who are true followers of Christ. It was a comfort to those who had lost loved ones in Christ. They were **NOT** to grieve as people who have no hope grieve.

This is the reunion that



we should all be prepared for. Jesus said:

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Now you can argue with Jesus about that but that is what He said. It may seem narrow to many but Jesus said that He is the

"way." There is no other way. Sorry. I didn't say that, Jesus did.

As you ponder that think about this. Jim Elliot, martyred by the Aucca Indians in 1957 had written these words in his journal: **"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep [life] to gain that which he cannot lose [eternal life]."**

NOTE: The blue inserts were added by me.

If I am right, as a follower of Christ, I have everything to gain and nothing to lose. On the other hand, if you are not a follower of Christ and what He said is true, you have nothing to gain and everything to lose. That is worth at least thinking about. (con't on page 28)

New members

Welcome Aboard

None this month but we all need to be working on this. And don't forget to pay your dues!

Binnacle List

Pat Busila
Glenn Harris
Ruth Worth
Jim Schenk

Happy Birthday to:

August

Al "Karaoke King" Westberry 7/09 — forgotten last month
Steve Bell, Torrance Adams — 8/07
Andrew Brown—8/08
Diana Fritz—8/09
Bob Bunney—8/14
Tom Kelly— 8/23
Janet Snyder — 8/27
Steve Clay, Terry Jones, Paul Trexler— 8/29



**"There ought to
one day—Just
one— when there
is open season on
senators"
- Will Rogers**



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

August

Ma and Steve Bell - 8/15
Ruth and Howard Murray - 8/17
Jean and John Wallace - 8/18
Vicki and Paul Simerly - 8/21
Cindy and Tom Coffman – 8/22
Diana and Ray Fritz - 8/22
Annette and Bob Gill - 8/31



SubVettes

Hello Sassy Sisters,
Hope all are well and you staying cool. Looks like all the cookbooks will be ready soon and I am sure looking forward to seeing the finished product. I know a lot of hard work has been done on this project. A BIG THANKS to ALL who were involved in making this cookbook come together. Our meal for August will be another “this and that”, but we sisters decided to make it sum-

mery food. For example, cheese/meat/cracker tray, various salads, fruit salad, finger sandwiches, etc. For desserts, I suggest pies, cookies or something light and cool for a hot day. Please do not forget your recruiters and secret sisters. Our service projects is buy a school supply for a dollar at Dollar Tree for children of our military and send a note to our military at

heroes@aol.com.
Hope you stay cool.
Take care and may God Bless You and Yours.
Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Ladies,

Thanks again for your contribution to the Base Color Guard. We will do you Proud.

- Moe(SS) and the Team



Creamy polenta with roasted red pepper

Polenta, coarse-grind Italian cornmeal, can be served hot and creamy, cut into shapes and grilled, or baked until set. Here, it's mixed with red pepper for added flavor and color.

Ingredients

- 1 red bell pepper, roasted and seeded
- 1 garlic clove
- 1 3/4 cups water
- 1 3/4 cups plain soy milk or 1 percent low-fat milk
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup polenta, preferably stone-ground
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon chopped thyme

Directions

In a blender or food processor, combine the roasted pepper, garlic and 1 tablespoon of the water. Process until smooth.

Preheat the oven to 450 F. Lightly coat a 9-inch round cake pan with olive oil cooking spray.

In a large saucepan, combine the soy milk, remaining water, olive oil and salt. Whisk in the polenta and place over medium heat. Whisk constantly until the polenta begins to thicken. Reduce the heat to low and resume stirring with a wooden spoon. Cook, stirring frequently, until the polenta pulls away from the sides of the pan, about 15 minutes. Pour the mixture into the prepared cake pan and sprinkle with the cheese. Bake until firm, about 15 minutes. Let stand in the pan for 10 minutes before serving. Cut into 6 wedges and sprinkle with the thyme.



Piedmont Funnies Page

The wife left a note on the fridge.

"It's not working, I can't take it anymore! Gone to stay at my Dad's."

I opened the fridge, the light came on and the beer was cold.... Not sure what she was talking about!



Why We Need Health Insurance

I was in a bar Saturday night, and had a few drinks.

I noticed two large women by the bar. They both had strong accents so I asked, "Hey, are you two ladies from Ireland?"

One of them screamed, "It's Wales you idiot!"

So, I immediately apologized and said, "Sorry, are you two whales from Ireland?"

That's all I remember.



The Baptist Cowboy

A cowboy, who just moved to Wyoming from Texas, walks into a bar and orders three mugs of Bud. He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender approaches and tells the cowboy, "You know, a mug goes flat after I

draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time."

The cowboy replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Arizona, the other is in Colorado. When we all left our home in Texas, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there. The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn. One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs. All the regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss."

The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's

just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking. Hasn't affected my brothers though."



The Master Chief sleuth

One day, a Master Chief went to the Officer's Club with his Captain to eat lunch. When they entered the main dining room, they found the place was quite crowded.

They did notice three Lieutenants sitting at a table with two empty chairs, so the Captain asked them if they could join them. They promptly invited them to join them. They ordered lunch and joined them in conversation as they ate. At one point, the Master Chief mentioned that he had observed characteristics about many officers from which he could determine the sources of their commissioning. The Lieutenants were eager to hear about this and asked if he could tell how each of them had been commissioned.

The Master Chief turned to the Lieutenant on his left and said he went

through ROTC. The Lieutenant confirmed that was correct and asked how he had noted this. The Master Chief replied that the Lieutenant, through his conversation, seemed to have a strong academic background but limited military experience.

The Master Chief then told the Lieutenant on his right that he had gone through OCS with previous enlisted service. The Lieutenant confirmed this was correct and also asked how he had determined this. The Master Chief said, again through his conversation, that the Lieutenant seemed to have a firm military background and a lot of common sense. The Lieutenant across the table from the Master Chief asked if he had determined his source of commission. The Master Chief replied that the Lieutenant had graduated from the United States Naval Academy. The Lieutenant stated that was correct and asked if he noticed his high level of intelligence, precise military bearing, or other superior qualities acquired at Annapolis.

The Master Chief replied that it was none of these that led to his determination. He had simply observed the Lieutenant's class ring while he was picking his nose.

Thanks to Jim Schenk for the above chuckles.



A little boy was sitting outside a store eating one Snickers candy bar after another, when an older man walked up and said: "You shouldn't be eating so much candy, it'll rot your teeth, it's just bad for you to eat so much candy."

The little boy looked up and said: "My grandfather lived to be 95 years old". The older man asked: "Oh? by eating Snickers candy bars?" The little boy said: "No.....by minding his own business."



I was visiting my son last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

"This is the 21st century, he said. 'I don't waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my iPad.'"

I can tell you this, that damn fly never knew what hit him.



A COWBOY TOMBSTONE:

Here are the five rules for men to follow for a happy life that Russell J. Larsen had inscribed on his headstone in Logan, Utah. He died not knowing that he would win the 'Coolest Headstone' contest.

Five rules for men to follow for a happy life:

1. It's important to have a woman who helps at home, cooks from time to time, cleans up, and has a job.

2. It's important to have a woman who can make you laugh.

3. It's important to have a woman who you can trust, and doesn't lie to you.

4. It's important to have a woman who is good in bed, and likes to be with you.

5. It's very, very important that these four women do not know each other or you could end up dead like me.



Ramblings of a Retired Mind

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has

clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener.

I also made a cover for my hearing aid and now I have what they call blue teeth, I think.

You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized that people didn't like me anyway.

I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans!

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is 'when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.'

I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age, and call it 'Pumping Rust'.

I've gotten that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest is falling into your drawers!

When people see a cat's litter box, they always say, 'Oh, have you got a cat?' Just once I want to say, 'No, it's for company!'

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, 'A Good Doctor!'

I was thinking about how people seem to read the

Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then, it dawned on me, They were cramming for their finals. As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve.



A Few Cowboy rules:

1. Pull your pants up. You look like an idiot.
2. Turn your cap right, your head ain't crooked.
3. Let's get this straight: it's called a 'gravel road.' I drive a pickup truck because I want to. No matter how slow you drive, you're gonna get dust on your Lexus. Drive it or get out of the way.
4. They are cattle. That's why they smell like cattle. They smell like money to us. Get over it. Don't like it? I-10 & I-40 go east and west, I-17 & I-15 goes north and south. Pick one and go.
5. So you have a \$60,000 car. We're impressed. We have \$250,000 Combines that are driven only 3 weeks a year.
6. Every person in the Wild West waves. It's called being friendly. Try to understand the concept.
7. If that cell phone rings while a bunch of geese/pheasants/ducks/doves are comin' in during a hunt, we WILL shoot it outta your hand. You better hope you don't have it up to your ear at the time.

VETERANS NEWS
by the RAQ Bulletin

**Deadline for
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Piedmont
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will be
September
13th. Please
have all items
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by then.**

Your Veteran News From the RAQ Bulletin

Vet Toxic Exposure~Lejeune Update 32: Thousands of newly released documents about water contamination at Camp Lejeune add to the evidence that the military long knew about tainted tap water blamed for deaths and illnesses of Marines and their families, and that officials covered up the information for years, a North Carolina congressman said Friday. "For the last 30 years, instead of saying there could be health effects and or even we don't know what the health effects are, they've minimized it," said Democratic Rep. Brad Miller. On 19 JUL, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT) released more than 8,500 Department of Defense documents relating to the water contamination that continued at the base for decades. The release came the same week the Senate approved a bill to provide health care for Marines and their relatives who suffered due to the contamination. The bill covers Marines who lived or worked at the base from Jan. 1, 1957, to Dec. 31, 1987. Water supplied to Camp Le-

jeune's main family housing areas was contaminated by dry cleaning solvents and other sources from the 1950s until 1987. Health officials believe as many as 1 million people may have been exposed to tainted water. Among them was Janey Ensminger, who was 9 when she died of leukemia in 1985. The bill providing health care for the victims is named after her. Since her death, her father has pushed to find information about the contamination. Jerry Ensminger, a retired Marine who lives in Elizabethtown, N.C., has started combing through the documents and said he has already found one from 1985 that describes trichloroethylene — or TCE — as toxic. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency didn't classify TCE as a known cause of cancer in humans until September. The Marines have said for years they didn't know at the time that TCE was harmful because it wasn't included in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, Ensminger said. "Yet they had it classified as toxic in their own documents and they're still

lying about it," he said. He added, "The facts are, they have all these documents, and they knowingly poisoned their own people." [Source: AP article 21 Jul 2012 ++]

Military Funeral Disorderly Conduct Update 21:

In the omnibus veterans affairs bill passed by the Senate 18 JUL are additional restrictions on protests near military funerals and tougher penalties on groups that violate the law. Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-ME) sponsored the original "Sanctity of Eternal Rest for Veterans" or SERVE Act (S.815) following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in a case centered on an anti-gay church group that was protesting at military funerals around the country. The Supreme Court ruled in March 2011 that the Westboro Baptist Church's protests were protected free speech. But Snowe and other lawmakers wanted to place additional restrictions on when, where and how groups could protest near funerals for military personnel. Members of the Kansas-based church protested at a funeral in Maine for

a soldier killed in Iraq. A student at Searsport High School, Zach Parker, campaigned for a ban on protests at military funerals. Snowe's SERVE Act was incorporated into the veterans bill passed by the Senate on Wednesday night. The act would: double the "quiet time" before and after military funeral services to 120 minutes; increase the buffer zone around the funeral service from 300 to 500 feet and around the access point to funerals from 150 to 300 feet; and impose stiffer penalties on violators. "Our nation has a vested interest in honoring those who serve in our armed forces and this bill achieves that while respecting the intent of the First Amendment to our Constitution," Snowe said in a statement. The omnibus bill now heads to the House for consideration. [Source: Portland (Maine) Press-Herald Kevin Miller article 19 Jul 2012 ++]

Gift Card Scam:

Cell phone users nationwide are receiving suspicious text messages that claim to be from Target. The texts tell consumers they won a drawing for free gift card... and all they have to do is click a

link and enter their address and phone number. Unfortunately, the gift card drawing is fake. And the texts are just a way to collect personal info for shady advertisers. The text messages vary, but all contain an offer of a gift card, a URL to visit and PIN to enter on the website. A typical text would read: "Your entry in our drawing WON you a free \$1000 Target giftcard! Enter "917" at <http://www.target.com.tgrz.biz> to claim it and we can ship it to you immediately" The text's URL leads to a website that is branded with Target's colors and its mascot dog Bullseye. You are asked to enter the PIN and an email address. Then, you are taken to a form and instructed to fill out your name, cell number and mailing address. One recipient reported completing the form and receiving a second PIN in return. The confirmation message instructed her to wait for a follow-up text and enter that new PIN at the website address she received. The text turned out to be promoting a horoscope website, and no mention was made of the Target gift card. Refer to the BBB

organizations' complete scam directory at http://www.bbb.org/us/scam-source/top-scams/?utm_source=Scam+Alert+-+Target+Gift+Card+Texts+are+Fakes&utm_campaign=Target+text+gift+card&utm_medium=email for more information about breaking scams in your area. [Source: BBB Scam Alert 17 Jul 2012 ++]

BRAC Update 27: Another round of military base closings and realignments is on tap in 2014 or 2015 -- the sixth since the Pentagon began axing installations built during the Cold War. More than 130 major facilities were shuttered in the first five rounds, the last of which occurred in 2005. The next round will likely slash several dozen facilities around the country. The Pentagon says more closings are necessary to cut excess capacity and save money. But bases are an important piece of local economies, providing many direct and indirect jobs. The prospect of more base closings unnerves members of Congress, who are often cheerleaders for home-state military bases and the federal money that comes with them. They're not eager to appoint a base closing commission just yet, but in a year or so, pressure from

the Pentagon will force them to do so. Base closings have a mixed impact on communities. Some facilities are successfully converted to thriving civilian uses. In Alameda, Calif., for example, where aircraft were once overhauled at the Alameda Naval Air Station, Hollywood movie studios are shooting films and start-up companies are working to bring electric cars and other new technologies to market. Other closed bases are not so successful. After consulting with sources on Capitol Hill and elsewhere, The Kiplinger Letter identified bases that are sure to be eyed for closing or realignments once the base commission gets rolling. They are:

Editor's Note: There were some big ones in the list but I'm leaving out the details on all but one.— Moe(SS) round, .

Ft. Benning

New London Naval Submarine Base

□ Near Groton, Conn. | Population: 6,770 active-duty; 12,140 family members; 1,179 civilians | Founded: 1916 | Size: 680 acres | Regional economic cost of base closing (first year): \$4.5 billion. Often called the home of the submarine

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force, the New London Navy base is among the largest of all Navy bases. Officers at this base train nearly every submariner in the Navy. A defense base closing commission will consider options to transfer parts of the base to other bases, including in Norfolk and Newport News, Va.

Ft. Riley

Ft. Sill

Barksdale Air Force Base

Ft. Leonard Wood

Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station

Eglin Air Force Base

[Source: The Kiplinger Letter Senior Associate Editor Richard Sammon 18 Jul 2012 ++]

USS Miami (SSN-775):

Navy investigators have determined that a civilian laborer set a fire that caused \$400 million in damage to a nuclear-powered submarine because he had anxiety and wanted to get out of work early. Casey James Fury of Portsmouth, N.H., faces up to life in prison if convicted of two counts of arson in the fire aboard the USS Miami attack submarine while it was in dry dock May 23 and a second blaze outside the sub on June 16. The 24-year-old

was taking medications for anxiety and depression and told investigators he set the fires so he could get out of work, according a seven-page affidavit filed 23 JUL in U.S. District Court in Portland. Fury made his first court appearance that afternoon but did not enter a plea. Magistrate Judge John Rich III scheduled a combined detention and probable cause hearing for next month. The U.S. attorney's office has filed a motion asking that he be held without bail. Fury's federal public defender, David Beneman, did not speak in court and earlier in the day declined to comment to The Associated Press. People who appeared to be family members attended the hearing but also declined to comment.

The Miami was in dry dock at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, for an overhaul when the fire damaged the torpedo room and command area inside the forward compartment. It took more than 12 hours to extinguish during which six fire crew members were injured while trying to quell the blaze. A second fire was reported June 16 on the dry dock cradle on which the Miami rests,

but there was no damage and no injuries. Fury, who was working on the sub as a painter and sandblaster, initially denied starting the fires but eventually acknowledged his involvement, the affidavit states. He admitted setting the May 23 fire, which caused an estimated \$400 million in damage, while taking a lie-detector test and being told by the examiner he wasn't being truthful. Fury told Timothy Bailey, an agent for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, that "his anxiety started getting really bad," so he grabbed his cigarettes and a lighter, walked up to a bunk room and set fire to some rags on the top bunk. The Navy originally said the fire started when an industrial vacuum cleaner sucked up a heat source that ignited debris inside. Fury said he set the second fire after getting anxious over a text-message exchange with an ex-girlfriend about a man she had started seeing, according to the affidavit. He wanted to leave work early, so he took some alcohol wipes and set them on fire outside the submarine. He said he initially lied about setting the fires



"because he was scared and because everything was blurry to him and his memory was impacted due to his anxiety and the medication he was taking at the time". Fury told NCIS agent Jeremy Gauthier that he was taking three medications for anxiety, depression and sleep, and a fourth for allergies. He checked himself into an in-patient mental health facility on June 21 and checked himself out two days later. If convicted of either charge, in addition to life imprisonment he could face he could receive a fine of up to \$250,000 and be ordered to pay restitution, officials said.

USS Miami (SSN-755) is a United States Navy attack submarine of the Los Angeles class. She is the third vessel of the U.S. Navy to be named after Miami, Florida. The contract to build her was awarded to the Electric Boat division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut, on 28 November 1983 and her keel was laid down on 24 October 1986. She was launched on 12 November 1988 sponsored by Mrs. Jane P. Wilkinson, and commissioned on 30 June 1990 with Commander Thomas W.

Mader in command. On March 1, 2012, Miami and her crew of 13 officers and 120 enlisted personnel arrived at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine. While at the shipyard, Miami was to have received a major overhaul and system upgrades. [Source: Associated Press article 24 Jul 2012 ++]

Obit ~ Ernest

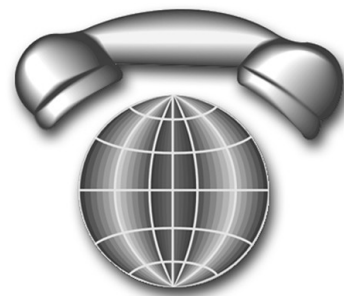
Borgnine: U.S. Navy Veteran and longtime movie icon Ernest Borgnine died at the age of 95 on July 8. Raised during the Great Depression, Borgnine enlisted in the Navy in 1935, mainly to help his family through the difficult times. He was discharged in 1941, but quickly re-enlisted after the attack on Pearl Harbor. During his 10 year naval career reaching the rank of gunner's mate 1st class, he served on the U.S.S. Lamberton and on the U.S.S. Sylph from 1941 until his discharge in 1945. His military decorations included the Navy Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal with Fleet Clasp, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. Also, Borgnine

received the honorary rating of chief petty officer in October 2004, from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry D. Scott for Borgnine's support of the Navy and naval families worldwide.

After the war, he used his G.I. Bill to attend the Randall School of Drama in Hartford, Conn. In 1949, his acting career was launched on Broadway and led to roles in feature films such as "The Dirty Dozen," and "The Poseidon Adventure." While Borgnine was best known for his role as Cmdr. Quinton McHale in the popular television show, "McHale's Navy," he was also an avid supporter of Veterans. In 1987, he was co-chair, along with Army Nurse Corps Veteran and fellow actress Martha Ray, for VA's National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. Working with VA's Voluntary Service staff, Borgnine and Ray visited Veterans at numerous VA facilities, uplifting the spirits of all Veterans that they met. He also served in various capacities at many Veterans' events and celebrations over the years.

Borgnine thought so highly of the Navy that he asked in his will that attendants to his funeral donate to the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society

in lieu of bringing flowers. One attendant from the press donated a thousand dollars that day. For more information on Ernest Borgnine, visit the Wikipedia website http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernest_borgnine, the Turner Classic Movies website <http://www.tcm.com/tcmdb/person/19440%7C48516/Ernest-Borgnine/biography.html>, and view the video at the Archive of American Television website <http://www.emmytvlegends.org/interviews/people/ernest-borgnine>. [Source: Various Jul 2012 ++]



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Lost Boats— USS Pompano SS 181

USS *Pompano* (SS-181), a United States *Porpoise*-class submarine was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for the pompano.

Her keel was laid down on 14 January 1936 by the Mare Island Navy Yard in California. She was launched on 11 March 1937, sponsored by Mrs. Isaac I. Yates, and commissioned on 12 June 1937, Lieutenant Commander Lewis S. Parks in command.

Engine problems: Six boats were built in this group, with three different diesel engine designs from different makers. *Pompano* was fitted with H.O.R. (Hooven-Owens-Rentschler) 8-cylinder double-acting engines that were a license-built version of the MAN auxiliary engines of the cruiser *Leipzig*. Owing to the limited space available within the submarines, either opposed-piston or, in this case, double-acting engines were favored for being more compact. *Pompano*'s engines were a complete failure and were wrecked during trials before even leaving the Mare Island Navy Yard. *Pompano* was laid up for eight

months until 1938 while the engines were replaced. Even then the engines were regarded as unsatisfactory and were replaced by Fairbanks-Morse opposed piston engines in 1942.

Pompano's engines were a unique prototype of the H.O.R. engine, having 8 cylinders. An inherent problem with double-acting cylinders, owing to the piston rod reducing the piston area on one side, is an imbalance in the force on each side of the piston. The H.O.R. engines were plagued by vibration, and other, problems as a result. While *Pompano* was still being built, the *Salmon* class submarines were ordered. Three of these were built by Electric Boat, with a 9-cylinder development of the same H.O.R. engine. The 9-cylinder arrangement was an attempt to re-balance the engine, so reducing the overall effect of vibration across the engine. Although not as great a failure as *Pompano*'s engines, this version was still troublesome and the boats were later re-engined with the same General Motors 16-248 two-stroke V16 Diesel engines as their sister boats. Other Electric

Boat constructed submarines of the *Sargo* and *Seadragon* classes were also built with these 9-cylinder H.O.R. engines, but later re-engined.

Service history: In the years preceding World War II, *Pompano* operated out of Mare Island off the West Coast of the United States, training her crew and patrolling in a constant state of readiness.

Although the submarine was awarded a battle star for the attack on Pearl Harbor, she had not yet arrived from Mare Island. Reaching port shortly after the attack, she sailed from Pearl Harbor on 18 December 1941 for her first war patrol, devoted mainly to reconnoitering the eastern Marshall Islands for an aircraft carrier strike in January. Aircraft from *Enterprise* bombed her in error on 20 December, but she escaped damage.

Pompano arrived off Wake Island on 1 January 1942 to gather intelligence, approaching close enough to see Japanese machine gun posts. On 8 January, "bedevilled by breakdowns in her temperamental H.O.R. engines" she inspected Bikar and subsequently viewed several other islands of the

group.

She sighted several large ships protected by patrol craft in the harbor at Wotje. On 12 January, one of these stood out: *Yawata*, with four escorts. *Pompano* fired four Mark 14 torpedoes for two hits, and the target apparently broke up, disappearing from view. Five days later, when one of the patrol boats steamed out of the harbor, *Pompano* worked her way between him and the channel. Both torpedoes exploded prematurely (a constant problem for the Mark VI exploder), foiling her first attack. Then, with the enemy charging directly for her, the submarine waited until her target was 1,000 yards away before firing two more torpedoes "down the throat". They missed, and the enemy delivered an ineffective depth charging.

After thoroughly reconnoitering Maloelap, *Pompano* departed on 24 January, arriving at Pearl Harbor on 31 January. On the same day, aided by her reports, the fast carriers of the Pacific Fleet struck the Marshall Islands.

On her next patrol, to Japanese home waters,

Pompano left Pearl Harbor on 20 April 1942 (with a load of older Mark 10 torpedoes, due to production shortages at Newport Torpedo Station), refueled at Midway Island, and entered her area 7 May patrolling the sea lanes west of Okinawa and in the East China Sea. Shipping was scarce, but on 24 May, she caught a large sampan and sent it down with gunfire. On the next day, after chasing for seven hours and fighting a motor fire in the process, she torpedoed *Tokyo Maru*, which exploded and sank.

As *Pompano* shifted her patrol area to the main route between Japan and the East Indies, a large transport escorted by one destroyer caught her eye on 30 May. Running to a position ahead of the convoy, she waited until her victim was only 750 yd away, scoring solid hits (with two more Mark 10 torpedoes) which sank *Atsuta Maru* two and a half hours later.

With her fuel getting low and a strong possibility of not being able to refuel at Midway Island on the way back because of the Japanese attempt to invade the island, *Pompano* began to work eastward. On the morning of 3 June, she found a small inter-island steamer, setting the vessel afire with gunfire.

On 5 June, while on the shipping route between Japan and the Mariana Islands, the submarine caught a trawler and sank it with gunfire. Two days later, word arrived the Japanese fleet, decisively defeated in the Battle of Midway, was fleeing toward Japan. *Pompano* took up a position to intercept them, but made no contact. On 13 June 1942, she put into Midway for refueling, and on 18 June arrived in Pearl Harbor. She was credited with sinking five ships for a total of 16,500 tons; postwar, only two for 8,900 tons were confirmed.

After a refit - and a change of command, to Willis M. Thomas - she sailed from Pearl Harbor again on 19 July, bound for Japan, on her third war patrol. By 3 August, she was in her area, and began patrolling within four miles of the coast. A few minutes past midnight on the morning of 7 August, she launched four torpedoes at a large freighter, but all missed.

Two days later, a destroyer sighted *Pompano*, and opened fire. As *Pompano* ducked under, shells could be heard hitting the water. Soon a heavy barrage of depth charges exploded close aboard. Rising water in the engine room necessitated starting the pumps, which brought another

heavy barrage. After running aground twice while attempting to escape, wiping off the sonar heads and with her battery almost exhausted, she surfaced, determined to fight on, only 1,000 yd from shore, evaded the ashcan and hastily cleared the area.

Undaunted, at noon on 12 August 1942, she dove and set up on a freighter, which was coming into position when *Pompano* sighted an enemy destroyer coming down between the sub and her target. Firing two torpedoes, *Pompano*'s men heard two very loud explo-

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Lost Boats— USS S-28 (SS 133)

sions, and saw a huge column of spray and water through the periscope, blotting out the destroyer's bow at 700 yd. Both sets of screws stopped immediately. As *Pompano* closed the freighter, it settled below, evidently a victim of the second torpedo.

Another attack on 21 August failed when a convoy escort kept *Pompano* down while three freighters passed. On the morning of 23 August, she launched another torpedo attack on a large passenger freighter, only to have all three torpedoes miss. The target replied with his deck gun. Surfacing after nightfall, the sub sighted a destroyer 7,000 yd away but could not attack when the destroyer sighted her in turn, and launched depth charges close aboard.

The last attack of the patrol came while *en route* Midway when, on the 500-mile circle from Tokyo, *Pompano* sighted *Naval Auxiliary 163* lying to. Since the vessel was of shallow draft, and since there were no other enemy forces visible, the submarine surfaced and engaged with deck guns, sinking the enemy an

hour later. *Pompano* sighted an unidentified periscope the next morning, but it disappeared before she could attack. The ship arrived Midway on 8 September and Pearl Harbor four days later.

An overhaul at Mare Island Navy Yard, including the installation of new main engines, kept the ship in the yard until 18 December 1942. Sailing back to Pearl Harbor, she departed on her fourth war patrol on 16 January 1943. The Marshalls were her first objective, and at dawn on 25 January, she was off Kwajalein. After reconnoitering the area, she moved on to Truk to begin patrolling.

Catching a tanker with only one escort on 30 January, she damaged it with torpedoes. Another tanker came in view on 4 February, but only one of the stern torpedoes hit; damaged, it managed to make port. Moving back to the Marshalls, *Pompano* sighted another tanker on the morning of 18 February. Two hits slowed the Japanese down, but depth charging held *Pompano* down until her target had escaped. Af-

ter reconnoitering Rongerik, Rongelap, and Bikini Atoll, she returned home, mooring at Midway on 28 February. She would get credit for no sinkings this time out.

She left Midway again on 19 March, bound for Tokyo. During the entire patrol, with 26 days on station, she sighted only four torpedo targets, one of them a submariner's dream, an aircraft carrier, identified as *Shokaku*. *Pompano* fired six torpedoes at long range 4,000 yd, and was credited with damage for 28,900 tons. She made only one other attack, spent two-thirds of the patrol fighting rough weather, and returned to Midway on 5 May, then to Pearl Harbor five days later.

On 6 June, the submarine was underway again from Pearl Harbor for the Nagoya, Japan. Stopping briefly at Midway to top up supplies, she entered her area on 19 June, patrolling across traffic lanes from Japan to the south. She celebrated the Fourth of July by putting two more torpedoes into a grounded ship, damaged by an earlier attack by

From the COB



Hello fellow shipmates and your better halves. I hope all are doing well. Sandra and I are doing great looking forward to my retirement coming up soon. See you soon at our next meeting.

Harder. Next day, she encountered a convoy, firing four torpedoes with no hits. On 7 July, she came upon two destroyers and, showing surprising aggressiveness, launched three torpedoes at each, missing every time. Two days after that, an ill-advised long shot at a three-ship convoy also missed, while on 10 July, a tanker escaped thanks to two erratic Mark 14s. Her last two torpedoes were extreme-range misses against a freighter. A good-sized *sampan* was sunk with gunfire on 17 July. *Pompano* ended the unsuccessful patrol at Midway on 28 July.

Pompano left Midway on 20 August, bound for Hokkaidō and Honshū. She was never heard from again, and when she failed to return, was presumed

lost. The Japanese knew she was in her area, however, for two ships fell to her torpedoes during September, *Akama Maru* on 3 September, and *Taiko Maru* on 25 September. The enemy made no anti-submarine attacks during this period in *Pompano's* area, so newly-laid mines in the vicinity, not known to U.S. Navy intelligence until after she sailed, probably sank her. *Pompano* was stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 12 January 1944.

Awards: *Pompano* received seven battle stars for service in World War II.

Supplied by Jack Jeffries (so you know who to blame)

The Jewish Genie

An Arab had spent many days crossing the desert without finding a source of water. It got so bad that his camel died of thirst.

He crawled through the sands, certain that he was breathing his last breath, when suddenly, he saw a shiny object sticking out of the sand several yards ahead of him.

He crawled to the object, pulled it out of the sand, and discovered that he had a Manischewitz wine bottle.

Rabbi, complete with black alpaca coat, black hat, side curls, and tzitzis. 'Vell kid,' said the genie, 'you know how it voiks. You got tree vishes.' 'I'm not going to trust you,' says the Arab. 'I'm not going to trust a Jewish genie!'

'Vott you got to lose?

Looks ta me - you're a goner anyway!'

The Arab thought about this for a minute, and decided that the genie was right. 'Okay, I wish I were in a lush oasis, with plentiful food and drink.'

*** P O O F ***

The Arab found himself in the most beautiful oasis he had ever seen and he was surrounded with jugs of wine and platters of delicacies.

'Okee-dokee kiddo, vat's your second vish?'

'My second wish is that I were rich beyond my wildest dreams.'

*** P O O F ***

The Arab found himself surrounded by treasure chests filled with rare old coins and precious gems. 'Okay kid, you got just vone more vish. Best you should make it a good vone!'

After thinking for a few minutes, the Arab says, 'I wish that no matter where I go, beautiful women will always need and want me!'

*** P O O F ***

He was turned into a tampon.

THE MORAL OF THE STORY:

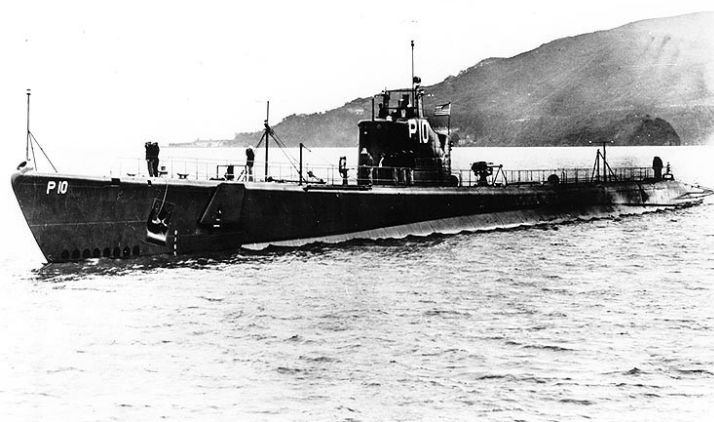
If you're an Arab doing business with a Jewish genie, there's going to be a string attached.

Answer to the Flag Trivia:

This flag was the personal headquarters flag for General George Custer (1839-1876). It was made by his wife Libby. The original was lost at the battle of the Little Bighorn. It is believed that this flag was made of silk but no authentic documentation has been found to prove its dimensions. The flag was carried by a sergeant who rode directly behind the General.

Dov Gutterman, 20 June 2000

Custer's personal command guidon measured 27 x 47 x 30 inches. It was made of cotton with two leather button hole patches sewen in pole end. There were 2 spares in the quartermaster stores at Fort Abraham Lincoln after his death. They were given to a museum. In 1970, the museum sold the guidons to an auction house in Kansas City.



It appeared that there may be a drop or two left in the bottle, so he unscrewed the top, and out popped a genie. BUT this was no ordinary Genie. This genie appeared to be a Chasidic [ultra religious]

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08 July 2012

RE: 2012 SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WWII MEMORIAL REGISTRATION

Dear WWII Submarine Veterans, Submarine Service Veterans, Family and Friends,

We are extremely pleased to enclose the registration forms for the 2012 World War II Memorial Ceremony Week which will begin on Wednesday, October 31st through Sunday, the 4th of November 2012.

This year the Memorial Service itself is on Friday morning November 2nd at 10:00 am. You will find all the details on the enclosed registration forms which are being sent you by the Museum on behalf of the Kings Bay Naval Base and the Kings Bay Chapter of Submarine Veterans.

If we can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the museum by phone or email, or anyone else listed below. We look forward to welcoming you back to Camden County in November!

Going deep,

Keith F. Post, Executive Director

2012 Memorial Registration Information and Points of Contact

St Marys Submarine Museum	912-882-2782	gift_shop@tds.net
Museum Executive Director	912-674-2620	submus@tds.net
SUBASE Command Master Chief	Jimmy Schubert	james.schubert@navy.mil
USSVI Kings Bay Chapter		
Base Commander	Sean Farrell	subvetskbay@yahoo.com

St. Marys Area Accommodations

Gateway Inn & Suites (On Base TVQ)	912-573-4871	www.dodlodging.net
Eagle Hammock RV Park (On Base)	912-673-1161	eaglehammock@tds.net
	800-818-1815	
Navy Lodge Kings Bay (On Base)	912-882-6868	800-NAVY-INN
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	800-768-6250	
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Bed and Breakfast Lodging and Kingsland Hotels listed on back!

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WWII SUBMARINE VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31ST – SUNDAY, NOV. 4TH

This is a Combined Pre-Registration Form & Subase Privacy Act Release Form (PARF) for the 2012 WWII Memorial Service, Dinners, SSBN Tours & Subase Access. This form in NO way guarantees a SSBN tour or access to Kings Bay Naval Subbase. **PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO ENTER THE SUBASE AT ALL TIMES.** The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) prevents agencies from releasing information about you to anyone without your written permission. Your social security number will be used for the purpose of obtaining a background check or for release to government agencies if needed. Please use **ONE FORM PER PERSON. EVERY PERSON MUST HAVE A SEPARATE FORM.** Feel free to make photo copies of this form for use by additional guests.

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Veteran and/or Guest Information

Veteran's or Guest Name: _____

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USSVI Base Affiliation _____

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WWII SUBMARINE VETERANS MEMORIAL REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31ST – SUNDAY, NOV. 4TH

This section is for WWII Submarine "War Patrol" Veterans Only:

This year we are once again honoring our WWII War Patrol Veterans. Your Registration Fees and Meals are complementary for this year's Memorial. All you are responsible for is your hotel expenses and transportation.

WWII WAR PATROL VETERAN NAME: _____ \$ FREE

Please check all events that you will be attending. ☐ BBQ ☐ Steak Night ☐ Memorial Ceremony ☐ Eagles

This section is for other Submarine Veterans and All Other Guests:

SUBVET NAME: _____ \$ _____

Guests Names: _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15 EACH

Number of Guests _____ \$15 x Person \$ _____

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Local Officials Meet and Greet Evening @ Cumberland Inn & Suites \$15 x Person \$ _____

Friday, November 2nd – Steak Night:

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Thursday AM _____ PM _____

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*Please note that ALL boat tours are subject to

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Carolinas Walk Now for Autism Speaks

In October 2011, the Carolina SUBVETS walk team raised almost \$2000.00 for Autism Speaks and exposed several thousand walkers to USSVI.

An opportunity exists for USSVI members in the Carolinas to again raise and donate money for Autism research and increase public awareness of USSVI. We have formed the 2012 Carolina SUBVET team and are looking for members to join the team and commit to gaining pledges for participation. On Saturday 27 October 2012 we will do a short (3 laps) walk (jog, run, skate, your choice) around Charlotte Motor Speedway. Or you can choose to donate personally or spread the word and get others to donate. More details are available on the website at the link below. Go to: <http://www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/carolinas>

On the Left look for these links:

Click here to [Register for this Walk](#)

Support A Walker

Click here to [Join Carolina SUBVETS](#) walk team.

Or follow these instructions.

Register For This Walk (Go here If you want to walk and raise money)

Clicking on this takes you to the Waiver /Agreement page. Click on I Agree after reading.

Click on Join A Team. In the middle of the next page enter [Carolina SUBVETS](#) in the empty space and click on search. When the page refreshes click on our team name.

At the top of the next page click on Join Our Team. Fill in the blanks on the following pages and then start telling you friends.

Support A Walker (Go here to donate money to one of the [Carolina SUBVETS](#) walkers)

Enter the name of a walker in the spaces provided and click Submit.

Click on the name when it comes up.

Enter the amount you wish to donate and click on Continue or below that is a link to a printable donation form you can mail in with a check or cash donation.

Join or Support a Team (Go here to Join the [Carolina SUBVETS](#) team if you are already registered)

Enter [Carolina SUBVETS](#) and click Submit. Follow the links to our Team page and click on Join Our Team.

**WALK NOW FOR
AUTISM SPEAKS**

Please join us for the
2012 Carolinas Kickoff and 2011 Carolinas Awards

Saturday August 11, 2012
Kickoff & Awards Festivities: 4:00p.m.-6:00p.m.
Awards Presentation (inside Memorial Stadium): 6:30p.m. - 6:45p.m.*
Autism Awareness Charlotte Hounds Lacrosse Game: 7:00p.m.
*Discounted tickets to game are available at: <http://tinyurl.com/7ge3eg8>
\$3 for every ticket sold will be given back to Autism Speaks

Charlotte Memorial Stadium
310 N. Kings Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28204

*If not attending game, awards can
be picked up at pre-game festivities.*

Register now for the
10th Annual Carolinas Walk Now for Autism Speaks
Saturday, October 27, 2012
zMAX Dragway, Concord NC
www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/carolinas

WANTED

Any old luggage with wheels and pull handles that you are giving away or throwing out. Bilge Rat Productions, the Base's showman that travel to the area Assisted Living Homes needs these to store and carry their collection of props and equipment. Contact Moe(SS) at [704-248-7610](tel:704-248-7610) or at donutdad@carolina.rr.com—Thank you, thank you very much.— Moe(SS)

Base Happenings



Eagle Scout presentation at the Harvest Baptist Church in Newport SC that Steve did on May 20th 2012.

The young man who received the Eagle Scout award's name is James J. Burrow from Clover SC.



Moe and Steve award Jim Schenk a "Wounded in Action" Award for a spill he took coming down the stairs retiring the Colors at Carowinds.



Jim Schenk presents WWII SubVet Ed Erb a model of the SS 396 that John Rupertus purchased and Jim de-tailed to honor Ed who made 6 war patrols.



Left— Holland Club President Walt Sealy presents WWII SubVets Ed Erb and Hal Rutter with a "Ruptured Duck" Pin from the Holland Club as Command Steve Bell looks on.

See what you miss by not attending the meetings? And the dinner the ladies provide is outstanding. There is nothing better than a carry-in dinner. Sure we bring it in and we pay 6 bucks for it, but half goes to the Ladies and half goes to the guys. That's how we buy things for the Color Guard, support other Base's projects, etc. Just read the minutes. We do a lot with the little funding with have. We are good at stretching those dollars. And a big THANK YOU is need to Sandra and Paul Myers who sell raffle tickets for a week at there condo at Myrtle Beach until they reach a \$1000.00. Then they donate that to Kaps-4-Kids. What a Group we belong to!!

All pictures by Base member Tom Kelly— Thanks Tom

More Base Happenings— Camp Coral



Top Left— Boat Float Arriving;

Top Right— NC SubVets try to figure out where to “berth” the Float

Above Left— Nat Greene Cmdr talks about the MK14 torpedo, while Jack does what he does best— I’ll leave that to you.

Above Right—The Camper get ready for retirement of the Colors

Right—Retirement of the Colors

Bottom Right—The Campers fold the Flag

Bottom Left— Some must have said “Chow’s Down”, I hope these guys are watch reliefs!





Top Left—Nat Greene Cmdr Jim Myers talks about the MK14

Top Right.— Al Westberry, Jack Jeffries, Dale Patterson, Steve Bell, and Jim Myers gather around the Boat float

Middle Left—Dale, Jack, and Al talk to some campers

Middle Right— Dale explains the boat while Al looks on.. The two Cmdrs are talking Command stuff (maybe).

Bottom—Al, Jack, and Dale, talk to the campers take questions about the boat.



DISTRICT COMMANDER NEWS—DICK KANNING

From Your District Commander

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE! As a member of USSVI and SED1 and SE Region, each one of us has the responsibility of taking interest in the well-being and functions of OUR organization. This year, national Elections and several proposed amendments are on the ballot. It is paramount that each member VOTE. Of particular interest is the selection of NSVC. Bill Andrea, our present SERD, is vying for that position and I wholeheartedly support him. I have no competition to be your next SERD. BUT I sure need Bill to be the next SERD, as we are on the same wavelength and share common goals and *modus operandi*. I need your vote to make this a reality!

NEW SDE1 Cdr. Steve bell is your next SED1 Cdr. He'll be formally sworn in during the 2012 Convention. I can only hope you share the same rapport with him that I believe I've had over the past 7 plus years. Considering at the start of my tenure, there was but 1 Base in NC. with approx. 100 members. Now there are 6 with membership approaching 400. Also the formation of NC SubVets is a unique but very active and successful endeavor.

Norfolk 2012: Just 3 short weeks and the festivities begin. With the generosity of NCSubvets and Jim Myers cooperation our Mark-14 parade float will be there in full dress. But another example of NCSubVets spirit, is the generosity of its members providing fuel money for Jim's efforts. Some volunteers will be needed to "undress" the trailer of a night and redress it in the AM. Just for sanity's sake and preservation of our banners. John Kennedy informed me that there will be a Hampton Roads Base member at the registration desk to assist out volunteers as I'm sure there will be numerous requests for venue changes, etc. On the idea of volunteers, my wife Marge made a couple of theme blanket comforters for raffle, with the proceeds going to out Charitable Foundation. We could use some assistance selling raffle tickets there. The blankets will be on display near the registration table.

No training needed, cash only at ^ for 5 and 12 for 10. Stop by and give a hand.

Keep up all the work you have done and continue to excel at. Camaraderie comes no higher than having fun with your SubVet Shipmates!

Yours In Service Dick

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The decision is yours to make.

I encourage you to prepare for that reunion. I want to be there and I would love to see you there as well.

Prayer: May I sanctify You, O Christ, as Lord of my heart; may I always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks me, to give the reason for the hope that is in me, but with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

May Your favor, O Lord our God, rest upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us – Yes, confirm the work of our hands. Psalm 90:1.

God bless you and your loved ones,

Chaplain Ray



Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Regular Base Meeting—Ft. Mill VFW 1800 dinner 1900 meeting
26	27	28	29	30	31	Sept 1
2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8
	National Convention	National Convention	National Convention	National Convention	National Convention	National Convention
9 	10 VFW Post 9138 Meeting 7 PM	11	12	13 PP Newsletter Deadline 4 PM	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Jack's Ranch Meeting 2:00 PM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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! -

