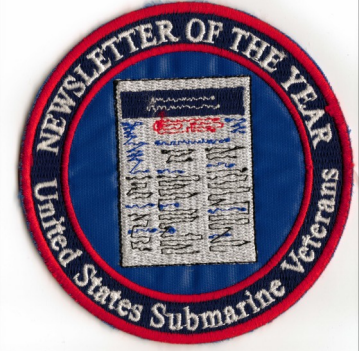


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February 2013

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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.

Base Has New Holland Club Members and More!

At the January meeting the Base inducted 2 new Holland Club members that were present and have 4 others that are members but were not at the meeting, some due to illness. Holland Club Coordinator Walt Sealy and Commander Steve Bell inducted Howard Dachs into the Holland Club for his 50 years of being "Qualified in Submarines". Then when it came time for Base and SE District Commander Steve Bell's induction, Regional Director Dick Kanning took over the ceremony and assisted Walt with Steve's induction. Steve's Base Certificate was signed by Vice Commander Jack Jeffries.



Lost Boats for February

"Sailors, rest your oars"

Also entering the Holland Club this year are members Mike Toomey, Donald Duncan, Robert Howell, and Dave Peck. Congratulations to all new members and thank you for setting the course for those of us that have not gotten there yet. You truly were are teachers. Other awards given out were USSVI Longevity Pins for continuous membership in the USSVI.

5 year pins:
Jack Annulies, Perry Blake, Steve Clay, Rodger Ellingwood, Ed Erb, Ray Fritz, Tom Kelly, Larry Lynch, Calvin Reese, Paul Simerly, Glen Snyder, Ray Ziverink

10 Year pin: Mike Egan
15 Year pins: Bill King and Herman Ziegler
20 Year pin: David Holm

Pictures by Tom Kelly
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USS SHARK (SS 174)	February 11, 1942
USS AMBERJACK (SS 219)	February 16, 1943
USS GRAYBACK (SS 208)	February 26, 1944
USS TROUT (SS 202)	February 28, 1944
USS BARBEL (SS 316)	February 04, 1945

CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell



Hard to believe it is already time for me to be writing this. Seems like just yesterday I wrote this for the newsletter. Before we know it winter will be done and spring will be here. That means that it is getting close to time for our annual Burnsville event. This year should be as good as we have had in the past. And that means that there is a good time waiting for everyone that attends. Details are in another section of this newsletter. Just get your registration in before the May cutoff. The membership renewal for 2013 is now complete. We did not do as well as we had

hoped, but did much better than the national average. We lost two (as of the time I am writing this) but still have hopes that they may have a change of heart.

I would like to congratulate our 2013 Holland Club members. I know, I am one of them and am very proud of that. We have six new members this year. We inducted two of them in January and hope to get the other four this month. Just seems like yesterday and there were only a couple of them from our base. We now have thirty one. That means about one third of our base belongs to the Holland Club. I would also like to congratulate those receiving longevity pins this year. That includes sixteen members (12 five year awards, 1 ten year award, 2 fifteen year awards, and 1 twenty

year award). Even though only five received the pin at the January meeting, the rest will get theirs over the next couple of months. I thank each of you for your service to our organization.

I know I have put this out at the meeting, but it is now the awards season for our organization. You can review the manual on the USSVI website (under Awards) and if you think anyone deserves receiving one of them please follow the instructions in the manual and submit them. A person cannot receive one unless somebody puts them in. It is not all that hard and you just never know, you might submit a winner.

A note for those that were not at the meeting (and may not read the minutes), we have moved the August meet-

ing up one week to the 17th vice the 24th. The reason for that is the National Convention (held in Minnesota) starts on the 25th of August and it is a little difficult to get there as soon as some of us need to if we hold our meeting on the 24th. By letting you know now gives everyone time to plan accordingly. I would like to ask each of you to be safe as we enjoy seeing you at our meetings. Looking forward to our next meeting on the 23rd, hope to see many of you there. May God bless American and each of you.— Steve

Charlotte St. Paddy's
Day Parade

Saturday March 16th

More info coming—
Watch your e-mail for
muster place and time

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XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries



CAROLINA PIEDMONT ROCKS - First I will start with a report on our membership renewal. We set a goal of 100% membership retention, we achieved 98% with only 2 that have not sent in dues as of yet. The notice from National was that any member not renewing National dues for 2013 will be dropped from the National roster, this means you will be dropped from the base roster as well. You cannot belong to a base if you do not belong to USSVI. We hate to see you go and this can be taken care of with your prompt submission of dues to Lee Hickerson 8410 Clear Meadow Lane Charlotte NC

28227. This also means that you will be dropped from the American Submariner mailing list as well as our AWARD WINNING Piedmont Periscope mailing list. I want to THANK all that renewed dues.

We presented our Bilge Rat production presentation at the Terrace Retirement Center the 19th of January and it was a hoot, you should see Dale Moses dressed up as a housewife, maybe someone has a picture that we can submit. We were scheduled to bring our show on the road to the Veterans at Salisbury but had to cancel until the weather allows us to make an outdoor presentation in the spring. We are going to present the show at the Crescent Heights Independent Senior Living Facility 240 Branchview Drive NE Concord NC 28025. If you can make it, please come and share the delight we get from presenting the skits.

We still haven't received a date for our next visit to Levine Children's Hospital but will keep you informed as soon as the info comes to us.

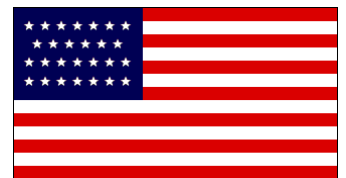
I am pretty sure that you all have received info on our annual weekend in the mountains for the memorial service at the monument on Moonshine Mountain. The dates for the weekend are 17 and 18 May. Please make an effort to attend this weekend and become acquainted with some of the members of our new district base, the USS Asheville base. Nominations are now open for our base officers, if you have someone to nominate please contact Jeff Nieberding our election master at jan7334@comporium.net. The elected officer positions are Base Commander, Vice Commander, Treasurer and Base Secretary. The elected officers will be sworn in at the Burnsville gathering. - Jack

The Supply Shack- Jeff Nieberding

Carolina Piedmont Jackets are still available to order, several members have ordered theirs already. 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



New members
Welcome Aboard

Keep Asking!! - You're the #1 Recruiter!

Machinery One — Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary

Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes For January 26th, 2013



-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 Michael Hubbell.

-Member Introductions

There were 21 members present.

-Special Presentations

Holland Club Inductions: Steve Bell and Howard Dachs were inducted into the Holland Club for 2013, in recognition for being Qualified in Submarines for 50 years.

Five year Longevity pins were presented to Ed Erb, Ray Fritz, Calvin Reese, Raymond Zieverink, and Tom Kelly by Steve Bell.

-Reading/Approval of the last Meeting Minutes

The motion to accept the Minutes of the Base Meeting held on November 17th and December 15th, 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 January 26, 2013 the following funds where available to the Base.

CURRENT BALANCE	\$5,967.98
MEMEMORIAL RESTERATION FUNDS	\$ 542.50
KAPS-4-KIDS	\$1,861.05
BASE FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$3.564.43

-Old Business

Base Minutes (con't) — Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary

None

-New Business

-Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Charlotte, NC

Steve Bell reported to the membership of the upcoming parade in Charlotte. The motion was made for the base to participate in this year's parade. The motion was carried, and Steve Bell instructed Base Treasurer to send a check to cover the \$50.00 entry fee. Further details on this event will follow.

-2031 National Convention Ad

Steve Bell asked the membership for input on purchasing ad space in this year's USSVI National Convention's Booklet. It was brought out that having a full page District One ad would be more appropriate. The issue was tabled until the next meeting pending the District Commander putting a call out regarding this advertisement. The cost of a full page ad would be \$167.75. That equates to \$21 per base, assuming all base within the District participate.

-Store Keeper's Report

There was no report for January 2013.

-Good of the Order

-Base Officers Elections-

Base Commander Steve bell opened the floor to nominations for the Carolina-Piedmont Base elected officer. The following men have been and have accepted nominations.

Base Commander – Steve Bell

Vice Commander – Jack Jeffries

Base Secretary - Michael Hubbell

Base Treasurer - Raymond Zieverink

Nominations will remain open until the February meeting.

-Burnsville 2013 and future

Steve Bell reminded all members that the Annual NC SUBVETS meeting in Burnsville, NC will be held on May 17th and 18th, 2013. Registration forms will be sent to all members via E-mail, Steve requests a prompt response for those planning on attending. Steve also reported that he would like to turn the oversight of the Burnsville meeting to The Asheville Base. Further discussion will be held during the Business Meeting at Burnsville.

-Bilge Rat Productions

Dale Moses asked for more volunteers to assist in these events. He is looking any kind of help that you are willing to provide. He can always use backups. Dale also asked for you to contact him prior to throwing things away at home in case he might be able to use them as props in the future.

-Regional Convention

Base Minutes (con't) — Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary

Steve Bell reminded the membership of the upcoming Southeast Regional Convention to be held on 7 through 11 April 2013 in Charleston, SC. All are encouraged to attend and that hotel reservations are closing on 6 March 2013 (for those desiring the special rates).

-Sailor of the Year

Dick Kanning reported on changes to the Sailor of the Year Board. SUBLANT now requires that a member of USSVI is on the Awards Board. For 2013, the board member will be Steve Bell. Additionally the motion was made and carried to make a Base donation of \$250.00 to the Sailor of the Year program. Steve Bell instructed Lee Hickerson to provide the check for that amount from Base Funds at the February meeting to the District Commander.

-Special Report from Dick Kanning

USSVI Regional Director Dick Kanning recognized the efforts of base member Clarence Jordan for his work in creating patches and certificates for both the Carolina-Piedmont Base and for the North Carolina Subvets. Dick also recognized the efforts of Dale Moses, the editor of the Piedmont Periscope Newsletter. Dick noted that for 2 years Dale has received top honors for the newsletter in its class from the USSVI National Board.

Dick further recognized the efforts of all members of the Base and of the Southeast District 1 and NC Subvets. Dick expressed his gratitude and noted the many awards and recognition we have received on the national level.

Dick also passed around a copy of the Tolling of the Boats brochure from the Topeka-Jefferson City base. Dick reports that the cost of these brochures is \$0.10 each with the idea that the Bases may consider the purchase of these brochures to further spread the word to the general public of our purpose.

-Kaps-4-Kids

Jack Jefferies reported that due to the flu season the visit to the Levine Children's Hospital has been rescheduled. Jack will contact interested members as to the new date. Jack also reported that the base will continue to hold events at Victory Junction and individual members will be contacted for their dates. The Base is planning on additional events at the Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital as well. Jack will contact the membership with the upcoming dates when they become available.

-Membership Renewal

Steve Bell reported that the Base is currently at 97% retention.

-CPB Website

Steve Bell proposed the creation of the Carolina-Piedmont Base website. Steve is asking for volunteer(s) to be web master. Steve reported that at this time this is only in the conceptual stage. Any interested persons are encouraged to contact Steve.

-CPB Color Guard

Dale Moses reported that the Base Color Guard will be posting the Colors at the Charlotte Knights baseball game on May 27th, 2013. Times and ticket pricing will be sent out to the membership as soon as available. The membership is encouraged to join the Color Guard at the game.

-CPB August meeting

Base Minutes (con't) — Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary

Steve Bell reported that to avoid conflict with this year's National Convention, the August meeting will be moved up to August 17th, 2013. Please mark your calendars.

-News Letter

Dale Moses reminded all that the newsletter deadline will be February 14th, 2012.

-Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont base will be held on February 23rd, 2012 at the VFW in Fort Mill. Dinner will start at 1730 hrs. The SUBVETTES will be providing the meal again this month.

-Benediction

The Benediction was given by Ray Fritz.

-Motion to Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Hubbell, Base Secretary

From the COB - Paul Myers



Sandra and I are having s
great time and will see you
soon. Fair-winds and fol-
lowing seas my dear ship-
mates and May God
Bless—Paul

Chaplain's Corner - Ray Fritz, National Chaplain



Well it seem Ray got a little busy this month with his duties as National Chaplain. So I'm going to do the best I can and fill in with something here.

I downloaded the Chaplain's Manual from the USSVI site and I see many prayers and such in there. Including some from my friend Father Aaron Peters from the Topeka-Jefferson City Base. Fr. Aaron is a great guy.

First, I want to tell you a story about me. When Colleen and I was married almost 41 years ago, it was in a Catholic Church and I told her I would someday turn Catholic. We raised both daughters Catholic and Colleen has gone to Mass at every place we lived. Me, I would go occasionally, but was never

serious about turning Catholic until my Grandson was born with a slight birth defect and we did not know if he was going to make it. My Granddaughter, from my other daughter was born 5 weeks later and she too had some problems.

This was all happening about the time I was changing careers and getting back into nuke power and moving to Georgia. I told God if I would commit to him if he would save my grandkids.

So they made it and that Fall I started classes in St. Marys, GA to become a Catholic and 7 years ago this Easter (actual on April 14th) I did. 34 years after are marriage, but better late than never.

I thank God everyday for allowing me to make the right decision and giving me a great wife, two great daughter and their wonderful husbands who I am proud to call my

"sons", and 5 wonderful grandkids.

It has helped me look at life differently and I think made me a better person. I'm still "salty" and fun-loving, but not to the point of being hurtful to others, like I was sometimes in my past. Well enough about me.

Ray, hopefully will be back next month, or I'll have to go into some of the things I shouldn't have done in the first place. That might be a real long newsletter.

-Moe(SS)

From the Manual I found this:

THANK GOD I'M A SUB VETS WIFE

By: Irma Goodenow

Now as I laid me down to sleep
I tossed and turned and counted sheep;
I prayed about the things in life
Thanked God I'm a sub-vets wife
If not for him I'd not be here
To make new friends from far and near;
This sailor man he

changed my life;
Thank God I'm a sub-vet's wife
As silent service they are known
A special bond that's all their own;
They tell their tales and sometimes jive
Thank God I'm a sub-vet's wife
Now when they heard the klaxon's dive
Their job was not from nine to five;
For each of us they gambled life
Thank God I'm a sub-vet's wife
Let's not forget when we take roll
Those gallant men still on patrol;
And those who've since departed life
They too once had a sub-vet's wife
And then I turned and watched him sleep
"Dear Lord" I prayed, "My sub-vet keep";
We've been a pair through love and strife
Thank God I'm a sub-vets wife.

**To contact for
Your Chaplain
needs —
Chaplain Ray at
[raysabode@
bellsouth.net](mailto:raysabode@bellsouth.net)**



UL— Commander Steve, Howard Dachs, Dick Kanning and Walt Sealy as Howard is inducted into the HC.

UR—Steve is inducted by Walt and Regional Director Dick Kanning

ML—Dick tells the Base how proud he is of our accomplishments

MR—Tom Kelly, Ray Ziverink, Ed Erb, Ray Fritz, and Calvin Reese pose w/Steve after getting pins

Below— All Holland Club members present pose for a picture. Well over 450 years of Qualified experience!



Binnacle List

Mike Toomey—Knee replacement (healing well)

Kathy Boone

Happy Birthday to:

February

Sandi Wardean 2/03

Hal Rutter 2/09

Ruth Ann Worth 2/09

Jim Taylor 2/12

Jack Jeffries, Jerry Paciorek 2/13

Cindy Petitt 2/17

Monica Dachs, Sandra Myers 2/18

Jim Harris 2/26



“No man can be condemned for owning a dog. As long as he has a dog, he has a friend.” – Will Rogers



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

February

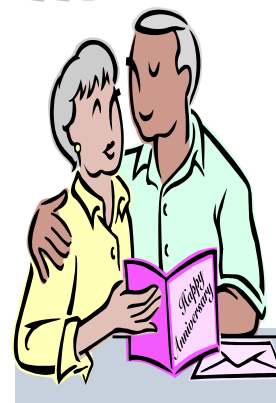
Toie and Perry Blake – 49 years this Feb!

Linda and Greg Crystal - 2/5

Janet and Tom Krpata – 2/23

Tatiana and Mike Ward – 2/23

Linda and Raymond D. Zieverink - 2/24



SubVettes—President Sandra Myers

Hello Sassy Sisters,
Sorry we have been
MIA, but I must say
we have had a blast
and seen so much.
I have bought several
boxes of Girl Scout
cookies in our behalf
for the troops. I ask,
if possible, could you
buy a box for our
troops.

Another great project
would be send thank\
Valentine to a service
member thru AOL. It

will cost nothing but
a little time.

Our dinner for the
meeting is Italian
and Chocolate I will
be there and I am
planning on wearing
red or pink for our
Valentine celebra-
tion.

I have checked Face-
book and email
some, but I have not
put our locations due
to security reasons at
our house.

I plan on making-up
some of the projects
we have fell behind
on, also could you
please bring one tube
of Chapstick to send to
troops. I have found

an address that they are
sending it to our troops.
Take Sassy Sisters. We
miss you all and will see
you soon. - Love Sandra



Asian Kiwi Chicken Salad

- 3/4 pound skinless, boneless chicken breasts
 - 2 teaspoons grated lime zest
 - 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
 - 2 tablespoons honey
 - 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
 - 8 cups (loosely packed) shredded Romaine
 - 2 kiwi fruit, peeled, halved lengthwise, and thinly sliced crosswise
 - 1/2 cup canned sliced water chestnuts, rinsed and drained
 - 1/4 cup sliced scallions
1. Cook chicken in a vegetable steamer until cooked through, 10 to 12 minutes. Transfer chicken to a plate and set aside to cool. When cool enough to handle, cut chicken into slices, reserving any juices that have collected on plate.
 2. In a small bowl, combine lime zest, lime juice, honey, soy sauce, ginger, and any reserved chicken juices. Pour 1/3 cup of this dressing over chicken slices and set aside to marinate at least one hour.
 3. Line individual serving plates with shredded lettuce. Arrange kiwi and water chestnut slices around outside, mound chicken in center and sprinkle with scallions. Drizzle remaining dressing over salad.

Number of servings: 4

Nutritional Information

Per serving: 192 calories, 1.5g total fat, 0.3g saturated fat, 0.3g monounsaturated fat, 0.4g polyunsaturated fat, 3.8g dietary fiber, 23g protein, 23g carbohydrate, 49mg cholesterol, 371mg sodium.

VETERANS NEWS
by the RAQ Bulletin

**Deadline for
the next issue
of the
Piedmont
Periscope
will be
March 14th.
Please have all
items to
Moe(SS) at
Edi-
tor_periscope@
Att.net
by then.**

Your Veteran News From the RAQ Bulletin

Vet Toxic Exposure - Lejeune Update 34:

Many more Marines and their relatives could be eligible for compensation for illnesses now that a federal agency determined that the water at North Carolina's Camp Lejeune was contaminated four years earlier than previously thought. In a letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry said computer modeling shows that drinking water in the residential Hadnot Point area was unsafe for human consumption as far back as 1953. President Barack Obama signed a law last year granting health care and screening to Marines and their dependents on the base between 1957 and 1987. "This is yet another piece of the puzzle that's coming together and slowly exposing the extent of the contamination at Camp Lejeune — and the Marine Corps' culpability and negligence," said Mike Partain, a Marine's son who was born at the southeast North Carolina base and who says he is one of at least 82 men diagnosed with breast cancer. "This is four

years overdue."

The Marines were slow to react after groundwater sampling first showed contamination on the base in the early 1980s. Some drinking water wells were closed in 1984 and 1985, after further testing confirmed contamination from leaking fuel tanks and an off-base dry cleaner. Health officials believe as many as 1 million people may have been exposed to tainted water. It's not clear how many Marines and family members will be affected by the expansion of the time line. Partain estimates thousands because the Hadnot Point water system supplied the barracks where the majority of the Marines lived, as well as the Naval Hospital, unmarried officer barracks and some family housing areas. "It is by far the largest exposed population on the base," Partain said.

In a letter to Gen. Allison Hickey, VA undersecretary for benefits, the head of the toxic substance registry noted that a preliminary water modeling report showed that the period covered under the 2012 legisla-

tion didn't go back far enough, and that volatile organic compounds exceeded maximum contaminant levels at Hadnot Point as early as August 1953. "I hope this information is useful as the Department of Veterans Affairs evaluates claims from veterans who served at USMC Camp Lejeune prior to the release of our full water modeling report in the spring," agency Director Christopher J. Portier wrote in the letter, dated 16 JAN. The letter was first released publicly during a meeting the day after of the agency's community assistance panel at the disease registry headquarters in Atlanta. Former Marines and family members angrily questioned officials about why these studies have taken so long to complete. During the meeting a VA representative said that the approval rate for claims related to the water contamination has been about 25 percent so far. As of September, the VA had granted 17 breast cancer claims and denied 13 others; not all were males. Marine Corps Capt. Kendra Motz said she got the disease regis-

try letter Thursday and didn't have immediate comment. A VA spokesman said that agency was looking into the letter.

Documents show that underground storage tanks at Hadnot Point may have leaked more than 1 million gallons of fuel, a much bigger concern than the off-base dry cleaners, said Partain. "This exposure had nothing to do with ABC cleaners and was the sole responsibility of the USMC," Partain said in an email. Former Master Sgt. Jerry Ensminger singled out the case of a Florida Marine who is dying of a rare case of male breast cancer, and whose claim the VA recently denied. "We've got veterans out there with life-ending diseases," said Ensminger, who blames the contamination for the leukemia that killed his 9-year-old daughter, Janey, in 1985. "These people are terminal, and they need this information." That veteran, Tom Gervasi, 76, had his left breast removed in 2003. His service at Camp Lejeune ended six months before the cutoff date. The VA has denied his cancer claim twice. He learned of the most recent rejection

on 16 JAN in a call from U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio's office.

Gervasi's doctors have given him at most three years to live. He would like his wife, Elaine, to have VA benefits when he is gone. "Hopefully, this will work in my favor," Gervasi said in a telephone interview from his home in Sarasota. "I don't know. It's sort of like fighting city hall, so to speak. When you're fighting the federal government, you're not always going to win. Very seldom you're going to win." "It is my hope that VA will act quickly to amend their policy and review relevant disability claims that have been denied," U.S. Sen. Richard Burr said in a statement. "These men and women have been suffering through no fault of their own and we owe them the care they need without delay." Ensminger told the group that a fellow Marine had succumbed the day before to kidney cancer, one of the diseases linked to the Lejeune contamination. "I know you all deal with facts and figures; I deal with the personal aspect of this," he said. "You get to know these people. You cry with them,

and every one of them that dies, you die a little bit each time with them. And it's just not fun." [Source: Associated Press | Allen Breed & Martha Waggoner | 18 Jan 2013 ++]

Military History: The Treaty of Ghent, as it became known, was signed on Christmas Eve 1814 bringing an end to the War of 1812. However, due to the long voyage time so endemic in that time period, the treaty did not arrive in America for another month. Ironically, though peace was nominally in effect and only awaited Congressional ratification, the individuals in distant quarters remained ignorant and carried on with hostilities. The time between signing and ratification of the Treaty allowed for the famous Battle of New Orleans and the relatively unknown final cruise of the *President* as an American vessel. One of the central players in the upper echelons of American naval command in the War of 1812 was Commodore Stephen Decatur, the same officer who had distinguished himself so greatly in combat during the First Barbary War. In the more recent conflict, Decatur, commanding the heavy frigate USS *United States*, battered the luckless HMS *Macedonian* into submis-

sion in late 1812. Other cruises by the famed American commander were few and largely unremarkable affairs. By the Spring of 1814, the Navy Department detached Decatur to service in New York City, and as a result, Decatur was given command of the 44-gun *President*, the favorite flagship of Commodore John Rodgers. Decatur transferred his crew from the *United States* overland from New London, Connecticut and into their new quarters aboard the *President* not long after Rodgers relinquished his command of the well-armed frigate. To read more on the events that subsequently occurred which led to the capture of Decatur's flagship refer to the attachment to this Bulletin titled, "Capture of the Frigate *President*".

[Source: <http://www.militaryhistoryonline.com/19thcentury/articles/usspresident.aspx> | Caleb Greinke | 23 Jul 2007 ++]

Identity Theft Update

13: Did you know that ID thieves target children 35 times more frequently than adults? According to a 2012 survey by All-Clear ID, one in 10 chil-

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by the RAQ Bulletin

Got a Story?
Sent it to
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dren is a victim of identity theft with the most likely target those under the age of five. "Parents don't have a reason to check a child's Social Security number, or credit report for that matter, up until they turn 18," Siciliano says. And because children can't enter into the type of agreements that impact one's credit, most parents never find out about the identity theft until it's too late. Again, all the thief needs is your child's Social Security number, and one common way to obtain it is by creating a virus that lifts tax, healthcare and school documents from a parent's computer. Siciliano says once the bad guy has opened up new accounts under your name or your child's name, they can get mobile phones, open utility accounts, apply for credit cards, open bank accounts, refinance your home - basically anything you can do with your name, except they don't pay the bill and leave you with ruined credit. Make sure to get antivirus software updates on your computer regularly. Protect your family's Social Security numbers and shred any documents containing sensitive personal information. In all, 2012 was a banner year for tax refund ID theft. A study found that the IRS reported more than 640,000 cases that year, a 62% jump from 2011. [Source: Yahoo Finance.com 15 Jan 2013 ++]

VA Burial Benefit Update 17: The Department of Veterans Affairs announced 14 JAN the availability of the new online funeral directors resource kit. Funeral directors nationwide may use the kit when helping Veterans and their families make burial arrangements in VA national cemeteries. "We recognize that Veterans and their families need compassion when they approach funeral directors for help," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "We want to assist directors by giving them the information and tools they need to aid these families." The website was created to enable funeral directors to find the most pertinent information to help families plan burials and apply for VA memorial benefits quickly. It has links about eligibility, benefits and services plus videos and information regarding services offered with and without military funeral honors. The videos are available in English and Spanish. The website is available at <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/funeraldirector.asp>. Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from national cemetery offices, from the Internet at <http://www.cem.va.gov> or by calling VA regional offices at 800-827-1000. To make burial arrangements at the time of need at a VA national cemetery, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117. [Source: VA News Release 14 Jan 2013 ++]

my Social Security: The Social Security Administration has new "my Social Security" online services. If you currently receive benefits, you now can get a benefit verification letter; change your address and phone number; and start or change your direct deposit. That's in addition to accessing

your earnings record and viewing benefit estimates if you do not currently receive benefits. People age 18 and older who are not receiving benefits can sign up for a my Social Security account to get a personalized online Social Security Statement. The online Statement provides eligible workers with secure and convenient access to their Social Security earnings and benefit information, and estimates of future benefits they can use to plan for their retirement. In addition, the portal also includes links to information about other online services, such as applications for retirement, disability and Medicare. For more information, go to <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount>. [Source: OPM Email and Soc Sec Website 15 Jan 2013 ++]

Computer Fix Scam:

It's a classic scam -- a fake tech support caller claims he needs access to your computer to fix a non-existent bug. But a new twist involves the caller actually installing a virus on victims' computers. How the Scam Works:

You get a telephone call from someone claiming to be with tech support from a well-known software company. Microsoft is a popular choice. The callers often have strong accents but use common names such as "Adam" or "Bill." The scammers may know your name and other personal information, which they get from publicly available phone directories. They might even guess what computer operating system you're using.

The caller tells you that your computer is sending error messages, and they've detected a virus on it. He says only a tech support employee can remove the virus, but first you need to grant him access to your machine. If you give the OK, the caller will run a scan of your files and actually point out how the virus has infected the computer. The scammers then offer to remove the virus.... for a fee. Of course, they need your credit card details first.

Here's the twist. Those who allowed the caller remote access to their computers, whether they paid for the virus to be removed or not, reported difficulties with their computer afterwards, according to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center. Some said their computers would not turn on or certain programs/files were inaccessible. Some victims even reported taking their com-

puters for repair, and the technicians confirmed software had been installed.

What to do if "Tech Support" Calls?

Never give control of your computer to a third party unless you can confirm that it is a legitimate representative of a computer support team with whom you are already a customer.

Never provide your credit card or financial information to someone claiming to be from tech support.

Take the caller's information down and report it to your local authorities or the FTC at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov>.

If you did allow a caller to access your computer change the passwords for your computer, email and online banking/credit card accounts; Be sure to run a virus scan; and consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/consumers/defend.html> if you shared personal and banking information with the scammer. For more information refer to Microsoft's advice on avoiding tech support call scams at <http://www.microsoft.com/security/online-privacy/avoid-phone-scams.aspx>. To find out more about scams, check out the new BBB Scam Stopper <http://www.bbb.org/scam-stopper>. [Source: BBB Scam alert 17 Jan 2013 ++]

Mobilized Reserve 22

JAN 2013: The Department of Defense announced the current number of reservists on active duty as of 22 JSN 2012. The net collective result is 1,132 fewer reservists mobilized than last reported in the 15 JAN 2013 RAO Bulletin. At any given time, services may activate some units and individuals while deactivating others, making it possible for these figures to either increase or decrease.

The total number currently on active duty from the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 39,271; Navy Reserve 5,023; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve 7,240; Marine Corps Reserve 2,050; and the Coast Guard Reserve 560. This brings the total National Guard and Reserve personnel who have been activated to 54,144 including both units and individual augmentees. Since 911 there have been 809,955 reservists deactivated. A cumulative roster of all National Guard and Reserve personnel who are currently activated may be found online at <http://www.defense.gov/news/MobilizationWeeklyReport012213.pdf>. [Source: DoD News Release No. 034-13 dtd 23 Jan 2013 ++]

Lost Boats— USS *Amberjack* SS219



USS *Amberjack* (SS-219) was a *Gato*-class submarine, the first United States Navy ship named for the amberjack, a vigorous sport fish found in the western Atlantic from New England to Brazil.

Her keel was laid by the Electric Boat Company of Groton, Connecticut, on 15 May 1941. She was launched on 6 March 1942 (sponsored by Mrs. Randall Jacobs), and commissioned on 19 June 1942, Lieutenant Commander John A. Bole, Jr. in command. After shakedown training in waters off New London, Connecticut and Newport, Rhode Island, *Amberjack* got underway on 20 July, bound for the Pacific. She transited the Panama Canal in mid-August and reached Pearl Harbor on 20 August. Following training exercises, *Amberjack* got underway for her first war patrol on 3 September. Two days later, she touched at Johnston Island to refuel and, later that day, resumed her voyage to her patrol area between the northeast coast of New Ire-

land and Bougainville, Solomon Islands. On 15 September, *Amberjack* was patrolling off Kavieng, New Ireland. Three days later, she made contact with a large Japanese transport escorted by a destroyer, and fired a spread of four torpedoes at the vessels, but none hit. While patrolling in Bougainville Strait on 19 September, the submarine launched two torpedoes at an enemy freighter. The first hit under the target's bridge, and the second broke her keel in two. *Amberjack* was credited with having sunk *Shirogane Maru*. *Amberjack* made her next contact with Japanese shipping on 25 September, spotting a large cruiser escorted by a destroyer. However, before the submarine could get into position for an attack, the destroyer headed toward her and forced her to go deep. Several depth charges were dropped on the submarine, but they inflicted no damage. During the next few days, *Amberjack* reconnoitered Tau, Kilinailau, Greenwich Island, and Ocean Island.

The submarine spotted a Japanese cruiser on the

morning of 30 September and launched four torpedoes from her bow tubes. None hit, so she fired another two forward tubes shortly thereafter. These also went wide of the mark, and the cruiser escaped damage. One week later, the submarine was patrolling off Kavieng when she spotted smoke on the horizon. After a Japanese cargo ship sailed into view, *Amberjack* launched two torpedoes. One missed forward and the other hit the target's hull forward. The enemy ship was still able to continue under her own power and *Amberjack* took up pursuit. About one hour later, both sides opened fire with their deck guns but neither was within range of the other and they broke off fire. After two more hours of the chase, the submarine fired a

slow speed torpedo which hit its target five minutes later. The cargo vessel, later identified as *Senkai Maru*, swung left and seemed to stop. Its bow swung up in the air, the ship took a vertical position, and sank from sight shortly thereafter. Lifeboats carrying the cargo ship's survivors were later spotted as the submarine headed for Kavieng.

While patrolling off Kavieng Harbor on 10 October, *Amberjack* spotted Japanese ships in the harbor and launched four torpedoes into the anchorage. One damaged a freighter and an-



other damaged *Tonan Maru II*, which was being used to ferry air-planes. The vessel sank in shallow water, but was later salvaged, towed to Japan for repairs, and was returned to service. On 16 October, the submarine headed for Espiritu Santo for repairs to her ballast tanks and arrived there on 19 October. While undergoing repairs, she was assigned the task of hauling aviation gas, bombs, and personnel to Guadalcanal. While en route to the Solomons, her destination was changed to Tulagi. She arrived there on 25 October and unloaded her embarked troops and cargo under the cover of darkness. The next day, she set course for Brisbane, Australia, and reached that port on 30 October. After a refit alongside *Griffin* and a series of training exercises, *Amberjack* began her second war patrol on 21 November. On the morning of 27 November, the submarine encountered two enemy destroyers which were probably carrying supplies for Japanese forces on Guadalcanal. While launching four torpedoes from her stern tubes, the submarine heard the

screws of a third ship crossing ahead of her bow. None of the torpedoes hit their target, and the submarine began to take action to avoid depth charges. Approximately two hours later, all sounds had faded away, and the submarine rose to the surface to look for signs of damage. She spotted nothing so she assumed a new station at the southern end of the eastern entrance to Shortland Harbor.

On 29 November, while on patrol ten miles east of the Treasury Islands, *Amberjack* spotted a surfaced Japanese submarine. Before she could set up an attack, however, the enemy vessel rapidly drew away. She again saw a Japanese submarine on 3 December proceeding toward the entrance to Shortland harbor and sent four torpedoes toward the fleeing enemy, but all failed to hit. During the next one and one-half weeks, she made numerous ship contacts, but carried out no attacks. On 15 December, the submarine sighted a convoy consisting of four or five ships on a course for Rabaul and launched two torpedoes at a large freighter, one at a small tanker, and one more at a

small freighter. However, she apparently inflicted no damage on any of the targets.

Her next contact occurred on 20 December. While patrolling submerged, *Amberjack* began hearing a series of explosions which drew closer and closer.

She surfaced and saw two Japanese destroyer escorts, which soon thereafter began raining depth charges on the submarine. Within the space of one minute, six exploded close aboard, shook the vessel considerably, and caused numerous broken light bulbs forward. Some fittings mounted on the overhead were broken off, and several valves were sprung open. However, the submarine suffered no crippling damage and moved on to continue her patrol off the northeast coast of New Ireland.

She spotted another Japanese ship on 3 January 1943, a destroyer which apparently was waiting to rendezvous with a convoy from the Palau Islands.

The submarine was unable to attack the ship and, two days later, set a course for Brisbane, Queensland. She reached that port on 11 January and safely concluded her patrol.

Following this patrol, the submarine's period of refit was cut to 12 days due to the urgent need for submarines to patrol enemy in-

fest waters. She got underway on 24 January but was forced to return to Brisbane for repair of minor leaks which developed during a deep dive. Again departing Brisbane on 26 January, *Amberjack* started her third war patrol in the Solomons area. On 29 January she was directed to pass close to Tetipari Island and then proceed to the northwest and patrol the approaches to Shortland Basin. Orders were radioed on 1 February for her to move north and patrol the western approaches to Buka Passage. Having complied with these orders, *Amberjack* made her first miles southeast of Treasury Island on 1 February, and of sinking a two-masted schooner by gunfire 20 miles from Buka the afternoon of 3 February 1943. At this time she was ordered to move south along the Buka-Shortland traffic lane and patrol east of Vella Lavella Island. In a second radio transmission on 4 February, *Amberjack* reported having sunk a 5,000 ton freighter laden with explosives in a two-hour night surface attack that date in which five torpedoes were fired. During this engagement, Chief Pharmacist's Mate Con't on Page 17

USSVI Constitution and Bylaws

Here a little more of the USSVI Constitution and Bylaws. As I stated last month we'll do a little each month and the Constitution will be here on the left side and the Bylaws on the right side. When we run out of National, we'll start on the Base—Moe(SS)

Constitution (continued from January issue)

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE/CREED

Section 1: STATEMENT of Purpose/Creed.

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their 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. (C01-08)

Section 2: In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be Strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

Section 3: The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

ARTICLE IV – POLICY

The organization shall adopt no policy in conflict with the Constitution, Laws, and Practices of the United States.

ARTICLE V – PRINCIPAL OFFICES

The organization will have offices within the United States as the Board of Directors may designate, or as the proper fulfillment of the Purpose of the organization may require.



Bylaws (continued from January issue)

ARTICLE III -- ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Section 1. The Senior National Officer present at the Annual Business Meeting shall be the presiding officer. The order of seniority is as follows: NC, NSVC, NJVC, NS, NT

Section 2. The Annual Business Meeting shall validate the elections and report the results for National Officers and Constitution and By Laws Amendments.

Section 3. The Annual Business Meeting shall approve the Annual Budget as presented by the National Board.

Section 4. The Annual Business Meeting shall determine sponsorship of the National Convention at least two but not more than three years hence.

Section 5. The Order of Business for the Annual Business Meeting shall be:

- a. Call to Order.
- b. Moment of silence for Departed Shipmates.
- c. Invocation.
- d. Pledge of Allegiance.
- e. Reciting of the Creed
- f. Reading and acceptance of the minutes of the previous Annual Business Meeting.
- g. Introduction of National Officers in attendance by name and Base
- h. Board of Directors Report by National Commander.
- i. Report of the Senior Vice-Commander.
- j. Report of the Junior Vice-Commander.
- k. Report of the National Secretary.
- l. Report of the National Treasurer.
- m. Committee reports as necessary
- n. Unfinished business from previous Annual Business Meeting.
- o. New Business including Resolutions from a Base as outlined in Section 2 above.
- p. Good of the order.
- q. Swearing in of Officers for the new term.
- r. Closing of the Annual Business Meeting.

ARTICLE IV -- BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Section 1. The Annual Board of Directors meeting and Special Meetings of the Board of Directors shall
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Lost Boats Con't from page 15

Arthur C. Beeman was killed by machine gun fire, and an officer was slightly wounded in the hand. On 8 February, *Amberjack* was ordered to move to the west side of Ganongga Island and on 10 February, she was directed to keep south of latitude 7°30'S and to cover the traffic routes from Rabaul and Buka Island to Shortland Basin. On 13 February, *Amberjack* was assigned the entire Rabaul-Buka-Shortland Sea area and told to hunt for traffic. The last radio transmission received from *Amberjack* was made on 14 February. She related having been forced down the night before by two destroyers, and that she had recovered from the water and taken prisoner an enemy aviator on 13 February. She was ordered north of latitude 6°30'S, and told to keep hunting for Rabaul traffic. All further messages to *Amberjack* remained unanswered, and when, by 10 March, she had failed to make her routine report estimating the time of her arrival at base, she was ordered to do so. No reply was received, and she was reported as presumed lost on 22 March 1943. Reports received from the

enemy after the war record an attack which probably sank *Amberjack*. On 16 February 1943, *Hiyodor* and *Sub Chaser Number 18* attacked a U.S. submarine with nine depth charges at about 5 05'S 152 37'E. An escorting patrol plane had previously attacked the submarine. A large amount of heavy oil and "parts of the hull" came to the surface. This attack is believed to have sunk *Amberjack*. However, no final conclusions can be drawn, since *Grampus* was lost in the same area at about the same time. From the evidence available, it is considered most likely that the attack of 16 February sank *Amberjack*, but if she did survive this attack, any one of the attacks and sightings thought to have been made on *Grampus* might have been made on *Amberjack*. Awards-*Amberjack* won three battle stars for her World War II service, and was credited with sinking three ships, for a total of 28,600 tons while damaging two more ships for 14,000 tons damaged. The enlisted men's recreation center at Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, is named for Chief Pharmacist's Mate Arthur C. Beeman, who was killed in the gun battle of 4 February 1943.

Bylaws (con't)

conduct and consider any such organizational business as shall come before them. The senior National Officer present shall preside over the Board of Directors meetings and Special meetings of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of one time during the organizational year at a time and place as the board shall decide.

Section 2. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the National Commander at any time, or by three members of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Notice of Special Meetings shall be given by service upon each member of the Board of Directors, in person, or by postal mail or email to his last known address, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, specifying the time and place of the meeting and the purpose of the meeting.

More next month.

As always, the entire USSVI Constitution and Bylaws are available online at USSVI.org.

**February
Meeting
February 23th
Dinner at 1730
Meeting at
1900
Dinner prepared by ours
SubVettes at
the cost of
\$6.00/person
Please pay and
support the
Base**

Answer to the Flag Trivia:

The 27-Star Flag: This Flag became the Official United States Flag on July 4th, 1845. A star was added for the admission of Florida and was to last for only 1 year. The only President to serve under this flag was James Polk (1845-1849) from our own area of Pineville, NC.



Piedmont Funnies Page

A doctor had sex with one of his female patients and felt guilty all day long. No matter how much he tried to forget about it, he just couldn't. The guilt and sense of betrayal of his patient were overwhelming.

But every once in a while he'd hear an internal, reassuring voice in his head that said: "Don't worry about it. You aren't the first medical practitioner to have sex with one of his patients and you won't be the last. And you're single. Just let it go."

But, invariably, another voice in his head would bring him back to reality, whispering..... "You're a veterinarian, you sick bastage."

I Think You're The Father of One of My Kids...

A guy goes to the supermarket and notices a very attractive woman waving at him. She says, 'Hello.' He's rather taken aback because he can't place where he knows her from. So he asks, 'Do you know me?'

To which she replies, 'I think you're the father of one of my kids.'

Now his mind travels back to the only time he has ever been unfaithful to his wife.

So he asks, 'Are you the stripper from the bachelor party that I made love to on the pool table, with all my buddies watching, while your partner whipped my butt with wet celery?' She looks into his eyes and says calmly, 'No, I'm your son's teacher.'

Southern cops have a way with words! – Provided by Jim Schenk

These are actual comments made by South Carolina Troopers that were taken off their car videos:

1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."
3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document." (My Favorite)

4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."

5. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you." (LOVE IT)

6. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"

7. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"

8. "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."

9. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"

10. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."

11. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."

12. "In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Center)

13. "Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"

14. "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."

15. "I'm glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail."

AND THE WINNER IS....

16. "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."

Al Westberry has some questions:

Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke?

Why do banks leave

vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Why is it that doctors and attorneys call what they do 'practice'?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavoring, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

A man moves into a nudist colony. He receives a letter from his grandmother asking him to send her a current photo of himself in his new location.

Too embarrassed to let her know that he lives in a nudist colony, he cuts a photo in half and mails it. The next day he discovers that he had accidentally sent the bottom half of the photo. He's really worried but then remembers how bad his grandmother's eyesight is, and hopes she won't notice.

A few weeks later, he receives a letter from his Grandmother, it says:

"Thank you for the picture. Change your hairstyle...It makes your nose look too short." Love, Grandma

Students in an advanced Biology class were taking their mid-term exam. The last question was, 'Name seven advantages of Mother's Milk.' The question was worth 70 points or none at all.

One student, in particular, was hard put to think of seven advantages.

However, he wrote:

1) It is perfect formula for the child.

2) It provides immunity against several diseases.

3) It is always the right temperature.

4) It is inexpensive.

5) It bonds the child to mother, and vice versa.

6) It is always available as needed.

And then the student was stuck. Finally, in desperation, just before the bell rang indicating the end of the test, he wrote:

7) It comes in two attractive containers and it's high enough off the ground where the cat can't get it.

He got an A.

Supplied by Jack Jeffries

An attractive blonde from Cork, Ireland, arrived at the casino. She seemed a little intoxicated and bet twenty thousand dollars in a single roll of the dice.

She said, "I hope you don't mind, but I feel much luckier when I'm completely nude." with that, she stripped from the neck down, rolled the dice and with an Irish brogue

yelled, "Come on, baby, Mama needs new clothes!"

As the dice came to a stop, she jumped up and down and squealed... "Yes! Yes! I won, I won!" She hugged each of the dealers, picked up her winnings and her clothes and quickly parted.

The dealers stared at each other dumbfounded. Finally, one of them asked, "What did she roll?" The other answered, "I don't know - I thought you were watching."

MORAL OF THE STORY - Not all Irish are drunks, not all blondes are dumb, but all men...are men!

Below supplied by
Al Westberry

**Men have feelings too.
For example, we feel
hungry.**

**I'm writing a book about
reverse psychology...
Please don't buy it.**

**My sex life is like a Ferrari...
I don't have a Ferrari.**

**I once won an argument
with a woman...
in this dream I had.**

**Ladies, if a man says
he will fix it, he will.
There is no need to
remind him every 6
months about it.**

Holland Club Member in the Spotlight



This month's Holland Club Member in the Spotlight is Perry Blake. The day before I talked to Perry, I got to get the real story from his wife of 49 years this month, Toie. So we'll start with her side of the story. Toie, said they met about six months after Perry's discharge from the Navy. Their first date was a hockey game. Toie's family was all into hockey and her brother played for a AAA team of the Detroit Redwings. Asheboro, where Perry grew-up also had a hockey team, so their first date, rival teams played. Toie grew up in Charlotte. I told I had already met the "other" person from Charlotte, now I talked to both of them! She told me to call back the next day because Perry had gone to the hockey game in up-town Charlotte. I called the next day and Perry was "armed and waiting" for me. I asked him about being married for 49 years. He said, "If

I'd killed her on our wedding night, I'd been paroled years and years ago." I had to laugh and tell him that's the same line I use with my wife. Submarine Sailors, you can't take us anywhere! Anyway, Perry is happily married to Toie and lives in Matthews, NC where they still run a family business together. More about that in a while. Perry entered the Navy in March of 1957. Perry's Father told him he was going into some service and did not care which one as long as it was the Navy. He lacked the funds to send Perry to college and wanted him to learn something while he served his Country. Perry did his Boot training in San Diego, followed by Internal Communication Technician School also in San Diego. I asked Perry why did you volunteer for submarines. He said that after I&C school that Sub School in New London was just the next stop, so the Navy picked for him. He did spend some time on the USS Sennet, but went on to the USS Picuda (SS-382) and Qualified in 1958. Perry says he never regretted a minute of his service and loved his time aboard the Picuda in Key West. Perry did attend Motion

Picture School in Norfolk even though he use to run the projection equipment at the local theater in high school and really did not need the school. Isn't that the Navy for you? Perry did his four year tour and was discharged as an IC3(SS). After the Navy, Perry went to work for AT&T working on their long lines for 29 years. After retiring from AT&T with 30 years of service, Perry and Toie started their own business installing business communication systems which is still doing well today. Favorite duty was in Key West on the Picada. Perry and Toie really enjoy going to the Boat's reunions.



Why we love children...

Provided by Al Westberry

NUDITY

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

OPINIONS

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents...'

KETCHUP

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now; she's hitting the bottle.'

MORE NUDITY

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels

and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

POLICE # 1

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop?'

Yes,' I answered and continued writing the report.

My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?' 'Yes, that's right,' I told her.

'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'would you please tie my shoe?'

POLICE #2

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking and I saw a little boy staring in at me.

'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked.

'It sure is,' I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, 'What'd he do?'

ELDERLY

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

DRESS-UP

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, 'Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit.'

'And why not, darling?'

'You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.'

DEATH

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole

and made ready for the disposal of the deceased.

The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Father, and unto the Son, and into the hole he goes.' (*I want this line used at my funeral!*)

SCHOOL

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk!'

BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out.

'What have you got there, dear?'

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'

Two Chiefs

Two Chiefs are getting wiped at the CPO Club when suddenly one of 'em throws up all over himself.

"Damn, now my wife will kill me!", the inebriated Chief said.

The other chief says, "Don't worry. Just tuck a twenty in your breast pocket and tell your wife that someone threw up on you and gave you \$20.00 dollars to have it dry-cleaned."

So they stay for another couple of hours and get even drunker. Eventually they stumble out and go home and this chief's wife starts in on him, "You reek of alcohol and you've puked all over yourself! My God, you're disgusting!"

Speaking very carefully so as not to slur his words, the Chief says, "Now way a mint, I can splain everthin. Ish snot wha jew think. I only had a cupla drrrinks. But thish damn Marine got ssick on me. He had one too many and he juss koudin hold hizz liquor. He said hes was verrry sorry an' gave me twennie bucks for the cleaning bill!"

His wife looks in the breast pocket and says, "But this is forty bucks."

Oh, yeah I almos' fergot, he shhhit in my pants, too.



BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE -2013

We invite you all to come to the Burnsville 2013 event on 17 and 18 May. The 17th is mostly just a day of getting together and enjoying the evening together. There will be plenty of snacks and drinks available at no additional cost to you and some Karaoke to top off the evening. The 18th will be an NC Subvets meeting, followed by lunch wherever you care to go. Many of us go to the Western Sizzlin a couple miles down the road from the hotels. It is also on the way to the memorial. We will have our Memorial Service at 1400. Most of you know where that is, but if this is a first time for you, you can ride with someone or just follow, your choice. The evening is a dinner put on by the main hotel (Skyline Village Inn) followed by Karaoke for your evening entertainment. Our reports back from various attendees said the entire weekend was well worth it. So make your plans early to come join us that weekend. The registration form is within this newsletter.

The room prices vary somewhat. Single rooms with balcony are \$85 a night, without balcony are \$69. Double rooms are \$99 with balcony and \$85 without balcony. Of course this cost is without tax. Verify your cost when you make your room reservation. This cost will apply to both hotels. Make your reservations at 704-517-6374 (Skyline Village Inn). If this hotel cannot accommodate you, he will take care of your reservations at the overflow hotel and let you know. Please make your reservations prior to 4 May 2012. We have a cutoff date of 3 May so we can all plan accordingly.

Fill out the registration sheet and send it to: Steve Bell, 138 Burton Hills Circle, Gastonia, NC 28054. Make your check payable to Carolina Piedmont Base – USSVI.

Come on out and enjoy the weekend with us. I doubt you will regret it. If you are just coming up for the service, we welcome you too. We look forward to seeing you in the mountains in May.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
2013 BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

FRIDAY MAY 17

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

SATURDAY MAY 18

1000	NC SUBVETS Meeting (Swearing in of Carolina Piedmont Base Officers)
1130 (approx)	Lunch at Western Sizzlin (on your own)(for those that want to eat there)
1400	Memorial Service on Moonshine Mountain
1800	Catered meal @ Skiline Village Inn (downstairs)
1900 (approx)	Karaoke for the evening (upstairs)

-We will caravan (or try to) to Moonshine Mountain from Western Sizzlin after lunch.

-Hospitality Room will be open during the day Saturday. After the service, there may be a showing of the latest Bilge Rat Productions Show.

-Evening meal is a buffet style meal prepared at the hotel.

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

2013 NC SUBVETS Burnsville Memorial Service

17-18 May 2013

Pre-Registration Form – Cutoff Date 3 May 2013

Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Base _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Emergency Contact/

Telephone: _____

NO. TOTAL

Registration/Catered Meal, Saturday May 18 Per Person \$25 _____

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TEAR OFF THIS SECTION AS A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

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

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

NO. TOTAL

Registration/Catered Meal, Saturday May 18 Per Person \$25 _____

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

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

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

Reservations: Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of the individual (828-765-6276 or 704-517-6374). A special rate of approximately \$85.00 (plus tax) for most rooms (if you are doubling up with someone, there is an extra \$10 charge) is available for U.S. Subvets per night. Double rooms are \$99 and singles are \$69 (plus tax of course). This hotel has only 16 rooms but has made a deal with a hotel (Big Lynn Gap Motel) approximately 2 miles away for overflow at the same rate. Skyline Hotel will arrange for either hotel as appropriate. **DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL RATE IS 3 MAY 2012.** Check out the website at www.skylinevillageinn.com.

2013 U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS SE REGIONAL

SHERATON, NORTH CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

APRIL 7,8,9,10,11 – 2013

RESERVATIONS: (**NLT 6 March 2013**) 1-843-747-1900

HOTEL ROOMS: \$85.00 (plus tax)

NAME _____ GUEST _____

ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

April 7 SUNDAY

Early Registration and Hospitality Room Opens
(Daily Free Libations and delicious Snacks)

APRIL 8 MONDAY

Circle if Attending

11:30 AM- All Hands Lunch @ FRA 269

Yes No

2:00 PM- Tour of NNPTU & Weps Station

Yes No

APRIL 9 TUESDAY

10:30 AM- Men's Meeting/ Luncheon

Yes No

10:30 AM- Ladies' Meeting/ Luncheon

Yes No

2:00 PM- CSS HL Hunley Submarine Tour

Yes No

APRIL 10 WEDNESDAY

1:00 PM- WW II/USSVI Cold War Memorial Service

Yes No

6:00 PM- Cocktails (cash bar)/BANQUET/Dance

Yes No

APRIL 11 THURSDAY

8:00AM – 10:00AM Depart Day/ Hospitality Room Farewell

Registration Fee (per person) \$25.00 x _____ = _____

All Hands Lunch @ The Fleet (pp) \$15.00 x _____ = _____

Men's/ Ladies Luncheon (pp) \$15.00 x _____ = _____

CSS HL Hunley Sub Tour (pp) \$15.00 x _____ = _____

Banquet Dinner and Dance (pp) \$35.00 x _____ = _____

50/50 Depth Charge Drawing 1@\$1.00,7@\$5.00,20@\$10.00 = _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

Please Make Checks Payable To: Thomas S. Beach

Send To: Thom Beach, 1014 Live Oak Ave, Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Problems or Questions? Contact: thombeach@yahoo.com or 1-843-761-7134

LINKS: www.ussvicb.org www.sheratoncharleston.com www.fra269.org

RESERVATIONS:

1. Room reservations must be made one (1) month before the start of the convention.
2. Cancellations must be confirmed at least three (3) days prior to your scheduled arrival date.
3. Please mail in your registration form indicating the events you desire so I can make reservations and tours for you.

TRANSPORTATION

1. We need to share rides to all scheduled events away from the hotel. All events are within ten (10) miles of the hotel.
2. Please help out and share your empty seats.
3. The hotel provides shuttles to and from the airport, to downtown Charleston, to Tanger Outlet Mall and within approximately three miles of the hotel. Tanger Malls is across the bridge over the interstate, turn right at the light and then turn right at the next light.

THE AREA:

1. The Sheraton Hotel is located at I26, exit 213B.
2. The FRA is located at the intersection of Red Bank Road and Hwy52, just behind Wendy's hamburgers.
3. The American Legion is south of Red Bank Road from the FRA approximately one (1) on the left mile behind the used car lot.
4. The VFW is north on Hwy 52 on the right approximately one (1) mile from the FRA beside Circle K.
5. The Cold War Memorial (leaving from the hotel) is East on I26 towards Mt. Pleasant ext. 220. Make a right turn at the bottom of the bridge and a second right turn at gas station. Cold War Memorial is ½ mile on the left.
6. The After Battery is West on I26. Take exit 187. Turn left, go to the BP station and turn right onto Hwy 78/178. Bear right at the fork of the road Hwy 178. Go to School House Road and turn left. Watch for a US flag on the left, turn and enter the driveway and go to the end.




RED BANK ROAD:

In the north area, Red Bank Road was the back bone of the military from the 40's through the 90's. It runs from the waterfront at the Navy Weapons Station to the railroad tracks in the middle of Goose Creek. It was used to transport ammo, bombs, torpedoes, and missiles to and from the weapons Stations for ships, submarines and the old Army Depot. It was also a fine liberty strip and it has still remained pretty much unchanged over the years.

When leaving the hotel complex, turn right onto Montague. Go to Park Circle and go ¾ of the way around the circle and turn right onto North Rhett. Stay on North Rhett for approximately four miles until you come to Red Bank Road. If you turn right on Red Bank Road, you enter the military complex where you will find the Exchange, Commissary, and VA Clinic. If you turn left onto Red Bank Road, you will find that the road ends at the railroad tracks by Wendy's Restaurant. Wendy's is on the right and the Fleet Reserve is behind Wendy's.



Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 	11	12	13	14	15	16 Halfway night Show – Salisbury VA
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Base Meeting VFW POST 1730 Dinner 1900 Meeting
24	25	26	27	28	MAR 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 	11	12	13	14	15	16 St. Paddy' Parade—Charlotte
17 	18	19	20	21	22	23 Base Meeting VFW POST 1730 Dinner 1900 Meeting
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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! -

