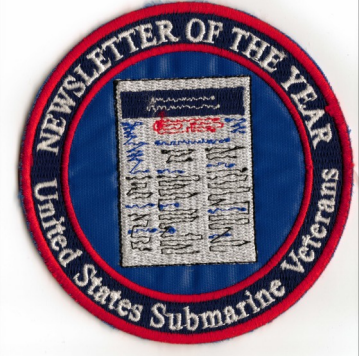


# Piedmont Periscope



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June 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.*

## Halfway Night III about “ready for the Road”

With the final dress rehearsal taking place this weekend, the third Halfway Night Show of “Bilge Rat Productions” is about ready to hit the road with their new show.

The area Assisted living homes should really like this one. It's more than our standard variety shows of that I and II were. It's more of a play with musical interludes.

The entire cast had input in the editing of the script and adding of the gags and musical ideas for this one. We do have some new and returning cast members. But could always use

more help.

New this time are Carol Jeffries, Linda Zieverink, Barb George, and Ana Tuchfeld. Returning is Sharon Weber to sing with Barb George as the Shirelles with some of the other gals singing back-up. Some of the skits are lip sync and require back-up singers such as the Leader of the Pack, where Sandra Myers and some of the gals lip sync while some rowdy guys on “bikes”, Rick Petitt, Jeff Nieberding, and Jack Jeffries “cruise” around the stage until the leader (Rick) wrecks his bike. Jim Schenk will be do-

ing some Bill Hailey tunes, while Jim George does some British Invasion numbers. Joel Tuchfeld does some Bobby Darin including “Mack the Knife”.

We have a visit from Elvis, the Mama's and Papas (Rick, Sandra, Ana, and Jeff), and from Sonny and Cher.

Oh, I forget the visit from the Kingston Trio (Jim, Jim, and Joel) and Peter, Paul, and Mary (Jim, Jim, Sharon). These can change due to the people we have at the time.

This is centered on a story about a young lady working on her term (con't on Page 17)



## Lost Boats for June

“Sailors, rest your oars”

USS O-9 (SS 70)	June 19, 1941
USS S 27 (SS 132)	June 19, 1942
USS R 12 (SS 89)	June 12, 1943
USS HERRING (SS 233)	June 01, 1944
USS GUDGEON (SS 211)	June 07, 1944
USS GOLET (SS 361)	June 14, 1944
USS BONEFISH (SS 223)	June 18, 1945

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



Summer is all but here now. I would like to wish all of you a safe and enjoyable summer. Please be careful out there on the roads, some of those folks just do not drive very well so avoid them if you can. This last month plus has really kept me reasonably busy. However, everything I attended was worth every bit of time I spent on it. I will cover those without going into deep detail about each of them. I went up to the USS Asheville base meeting to deliver three boxes of memorabilia that was delivered to me at the Regional Convention for them. I also delivered two flag poles that our

base donated to them to help them in getting their color guard started.

They work with a relative new Sea Cadet unit up there. The Sea Cadets gave our Asheville base instructions on proper color guard procedures. Guess us older sailors seem to forget how to do things (I recognize that too well myself).

Early in May four of our base members (Jack, Rick, Ray Fritz, and myself) went back to the high school in York, SC (we went there last year as well) and shared the submarine story with three classes of the NJROTC unit there. I think we might have recruited one for future submarine duty. The Commander there is retiring at the end of this school year but the Senior Chief wants us to return next year. These

are enjoyable visits so if you ever get the opportunity to attend, please do. I can promise you that you will get the opportunity to talk.

This was followed our Burnsville event seems to have gone over really well this year. If you missed it, I am truly sorry as we really had some good times this year. We had much fun each evening with the Karaoke put on by our own base member Al Westbury. We did have three motor cyclist come through our hospitality room on the second floor Friday night and Sonny and Cher showed up Saturday evening (both part of the next production of the Bilge Rats). As usual we had a productive NC Subvets meeting. The memorial ceremony went very well. We put two Asheville members into the Hol-

land Club. Our Honor Guard was there looking good as usual. Jim Stenk and John Rupertus presented the of the NC Subvets WWII members (George Bass and Joe Clark) with models of the qualification boats. The evening meal was good and Ray Fritz put on a really nice memorial for the Scorpion. Well done Ray.

The following week I went to Norfolk, VA for their annual WWII Memorial ceremony conducted at the Submarine Learning Facility. At that same ceremony, the USS SCORPION was inducted into the Submarine Hall of Fame. This was just a great event that I got invited to because of my position of District Commander. A very worthwhile event and well done.

Then came Memorial Day weekend. Well, just

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Memorial Day. We went up to Thomasville, NC for the parade there. As usual, this is a good parade for us. The streets were full; the folks always like to applaud the various military units that are in the parade. That evening was Charlotte

Knights baseball game. Our guys were the Color Guard for this game as we have been for the last three years or so. They did a very good job living up to our standards. Well Done.

Now to end the month, I went to Groton, CT. Ac-

tually went up at the end of the month and into the first part of June. In any case, I choose to go there and be a participant in the annual Groton Base Holland Club Induction Ceremony. As most of you know, I went into the

Holland Club. I am also a dual member of Groton Base. The ceremony this year was done on the pier by the USS NAUTILUS at the Submarine Museum. Great setting for this of event. COMSUBGRU 2, RDML Ken Perry (con't on Page 19)

## XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries



May has been a busy month. We had our annual service at Moonshine Mountain to honor WWII boats that were lost, we had about 70 attendees for the service. I am sure all that attended this annual get together enjoyed themselves. We had a super hospitality room where we had live karaoke on Friday and Saturday evenings. The Friday evening festival was interrupted by DA group of unruly motorcycle riders, one of them was discovered on the upper level, I have enclosed a picture of the culprit for your identification. Saturday evening we were rewarded by a

concert by Sonny and Cher, you had to be there to enjoy it. Please make an effort to attend this annual gathering next year.

We had 2 Eagle Scout presentations, one that Tom Hulme presented USSVI a certificate and patch to his son and one that I presented to Jordan Croskrey on Saturday 8 June.

We have another visit to Victory Junction scheduled for 18 June where Hal and Dee Rutter will join Steve and I for our 13th visit. We also have a visit scheduled for 25 June at the Camp Corral, more on this later. Our base was proud to once again present the colors at the Charlotte Knights ball game on Memorial Day. At this time, I am waiting for the return of 4 applications for new members. As members of the recruiting section I hope

that you all can supply a lead for membership. Until next month I pray the Lord keeps you safe. Jack



Above— One of the “unruly motorcycle riders that interrupted karaoke on Friday Night at Burnsville. Please help us ID this “scooter trash”.

## 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 9

## Machinery One — Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary

### Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes For April, 2013 (no May meeting)



### CAROLINA PIEDMONT MEETING MINUTES

27 April 2013

1900- Meeting called to order by Commander Steve Bell.

Invocation given by Chaplain Ray Fritz. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commander Steve Bell.

Reading of USSVI Creed by Commander Bell.

Tolling of the Boats by Chaplain Fritz with COB Rick Petitt. Member introduction 26 members present.

**Special Presentation-** Holland Club Chairman Walt Sealy conducted Holland Club induction ceremony and presented Holland Club credentials to Mike Toomey.

Chaplain Ray Fritz presented Memory Bibles to Paul Myers and Mike Toomey.

**Minutes** of March meeting approved and seconded as published in Piedmont Periscope.

**Reading of Treasurers report** by Treasurer Lee Hickerson - Bank Balance: \$6776.08; K4K:2121.05, Scholarship Fund: \$170.80, Memorial Restoration fund: \$542.50 Burnsville \$1080.00, Available Funds \$2861.73.

**Old Business** – None.

**New Business- Commander** Bell discussed the need for funds be donated to the trailer maintenance fund. A motion was made a motion to send \$200.00 to the Trailer Maintenance Fund. Motion was approved and seconded.

**Good of the Order-**Commander Bell explained our contribution to the Thresher Memorial fund of \$450.00. Calvin Reese and Jeff Nieberding gave a report on the Regional Convention held in Charleston.

Commander Bell gave a report on the effort of South Carolina Subvets to have the state issue Specialty Plate for Submarine Veterans. We need to have an estimated plate count to turn in the people in charge.

Commander Bell read a Thank You letter from the Scorpion Memorial and displayed a Scorpion Challenge Coin that was sent to the Carolina Piedmont Base for the base participation in the “99 for 99” program.

Sandra Myers, President presented a check from the Carolina Piedmont Subvettes for \$200.00 to the K4K Chairman Jack Jeffries for the K4K fund.

Sandra Myers also gave info for the upcoming cruise, more info as we receive it.

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### Base Minutes (con't)

Commander Bell passed the Trophy around that was awarded to the Southeast Region District1 that was the Regional District of the Year Award presented at the Regional Convention by Regional Director Dick Kanning.

2020- Benediction given by Chaplain Ray Fritz.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded.

Jack Jeffries for Mike Hubbell ,**Base Secretary.**

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### From the COB - Rick Petitt

We just celebrated Memorial Day by presenting the colors at the Charlotte Knights baseball game last week. We are now a few days away from D- Day, a monumental day in our Nation's history.

I have been reflecting on these two dates and I think about their significance. Just watched a movie called "We Were Soldiers" and it puts everything in perspective. Viet Nam is MY war. I grew up watching it from 12 years old until I joined the Navy and was part of it in 1972.

This war took from us the best from our friends and family. I lost friends from college and a brother in law who was killed within days of his arrival in Viet Nam. He was the most intelligent and outgoing of 10 kids in the family and he was taken in a flash. The freedom that all those "flag burning" college protestors enjoyed was at the expense of many great American kids that sacrificed their lives for us. Their protests are the rights that WE fight to protect. This is a hard concept to accept when your loved ones are lost to defend that right. For me, I am extremely proud to have served with the most patriotic, brave and dedicated sailors in the United States Navy. I trusted my life with these guys as they did with me. My career in the US Navy Submarine Fleet has been the most important thing in my life. Outside of the Submarine world, everything else is mediocre. If you can excel in the Submarine fleet, you can succeed anywhere. I credit all those difficult years underwater to all the successes I have had since.

For me, I would not change a single thing for my Naval career. I hope you feel the same way. For now let us celebrate the service of our predecessors who served during World War II, specifically the Pearl Harbor attack. Rick Petitt -COB

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**New members**  
Welcome Aboard

Jack has 4 on the line. Are you asking?

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Chaplain's Corner - Ray Fritz, National Chaplain

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May was a very busy month for Diana and me! We enjoyed Burnsville even though we had to return home Saturday night. I am sure there will be many pictures in this article from Burnsville. While at Burnsville, I accidentally ate candy containing sugar alcohols (“No sugar” candy usually contains sugar alcohols). As a result, I spent most of Sunday-Thursday just lying around and not eating! My digestive system shut down, period! I am thankful to be doing well, now.

**A Graduation:** There have been a few graduations in my life but this past weekend we attended our oldest grandson's graduation in Hendersonville, NC. He has been homeschooled all the way through, and is, of course, one sharp

dude! (I just had to get this personal note in)

### Fear the Right Fear

**1 Peter 3:14b-17 NKJV**

“And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.” <sup>15</sup>But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; <sup>16</sup>having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evil-doers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. <sup>17</sup>For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

Peter was referring to Isaiah 8:12-13 in 14b. The people of Judah were terrified by the impending prospect of invasion by the cruel As-

syrians who had been further strengthened by an alliance with Judah's own brethren in the ten-tribe kingdom of Israel. It is indeed cause for concern when Christians join ranks with ungodly pagans in opposing those who defend the true Word of God. It is cause for concern, but NOT for fear.

Most of you understand fear. There have been times in our lives when we have been fearful and with good cause. Dealing with fear is one of the toughest problems we face, but how successful we are depends on the approach we take.

When I was a young boy we lived about ¼ mile from the neighbors. At night I would walk to the neighbors or home from the neighbors. The road was dark and the woods were scary. I would run

as fast as I could. Sometimes I would force myself to slow down, walk, and whistle. That seemed to work since no animals ever grabbed me! Although there were bear and other animals around and my fears were real, they were misplaced. I don't believe walking and whistling would have made much difference but that was my method of dealing with fear. You have done and do similar things in dealing with fear.

Friends, we are sure to fail if we try to **be** God. We will succeed only if we **trust** God.

Satan's lie to **Eve** was “For God knows that when you eat of it (the forbidden fruit) your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” (Genesis 3:5, NIV)

When it comes to fear, we don't just want to be **like** God. We want to **be** God.

**To contact Ray for your Chaplain needs —**

**Chaplain Ray**

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We not only want to *know* the future; we want to *control* it as well. However, those powers are reserved only to God.

What we fear most is uncertainty, and in these times there's plenty of uncertainty to go around. God wants us to fear the right things, but he does not want us to fear everything. He especially does not want us to fear trusting him, and that is what can make all the difference for us. God wants us to know He is **with us** and

### Burnsville 2013

This was Colleen and my 4 year going to the Burnsville Memorial. Each year has been more fun than the previous, but I'm not sure if this year could be topped. I had the most fun I think I ever had with this Base. Al and (Sandy) Westberry had everyone singing during karaoke. I for one, who can't sing, but look forward to proving that to others, have a ball. And I found me a new singing buddy Calvin Reese. Maybe next time we can do some "Moe and Joe" tunes for y'all!

## Burnsville—2013 Pictures (from various sources—Thanks)



All the SubVets pose on the Moonshine Mountain Memorial

Here are two of the three "Bikers" that invaded us Friday night during karaoke. I wonder if I can get these guys to sign-up for the SSMC? Jack and Steve, Ray Z. was the other "Biker", all part of a new skit for the new Halfway Night III Show.



The rain held for the CPB Color Guard to present the Colors. Mike Hubbell, Calvin Reese, Jack Jeffries, Walt Sealy, and Moe(SS). Doc Hopkins from Tarheel is out of picture with the bugle for Taps.

Saturday Night and the Gals have the mics and are treating us guys to some tunes. They won our hearts, again.







Your CPB Color Guard representing you at Rock Hill's Massing of the Colors. Dale Moses, Jeff Nieberding, Calvin Reese, Jack Jeffries and Rick Petitt. We were the only Unit Posting the POW/MIA Flag. Your Color Guard could always need help. Ask Moe(SS) if you are interested. Picture by Cindy Petitt

For the 4th Memorial Weekend in a row the CPB Color Guard presents the Colors at a Charlotte Knight's Game. This time we added the State Flags of SC and NC. Rick Petitt in Command. Rifleman are Joel Tuchfeld and Dale Moses; Calvin Reese with the National Colors, Jeff Nieberding with the USSVI, Rick with the SC, Mike Hubbell with the NC, and Jack Jeffries with the POW/MIA Flag.



With members and their spouses and guests we had about 37 people associated with the Carolina Piedmont Base at the Game. Some of the empty seats are due to the Color Guard getting ready to present the Colors and people grabbing snacks prior to the game. Thank you Cindy for all the pictures.



## Holland Club Member in the Spotlight



This month's Holland Club member in the spotlight is USSVI life member Don Duncan. Don is retired and lives here in Charlotte.

Don grew up basically all over the central mid-west. Graduating High School in Wichita, Kansas and then attended the University of Missouri in Columbia on a 4 year Navy ROTC scholarship. Don obtained his degree in chemical engineering at Mizzou before receiving his commission. Don choice of submarines was due to him being intrigued by submarines. Movies had something to do with this while just the stories fascinated him also. But his first duty station after sub school was the USS Sennet, SS408 based out of Charleston. Don qualified on the Sennet in 1963.

After leaving the Sennet in 1964, Don spent about 2 years with COMSUBFLOT6 in Charleston as a Communication and Intel Officer. He said this was

interesting times, the "Bay of Pigs" as well as other events.

After Don's tour with COMSUBFLOT6 he transferred to the USS Trutta, SS421 out of Key West. Don said he really enjoyed Key West and his time on the Trutta. Don left the Trutta in 1968 to go to the University of South Carolina in Columbia to head-up the NROTC program there. While there he taught navigation to some of the other instructors. After completing his tour at USC in 1970, Don left active duty but remained in the Naval Reserve. He worked for several international chemical companies and did his graduate studies at USC and even taught there for a brief period.

Eventually, Don's job brought him to Charlotte. While in the Naval Reserve, Don was the senior Officer in the Charlotte Naval Reserve Training Center until Don retired at the rank of Commander.

We thank you Don for your service and your influence on others that may have taught us. You made the Submarine Force better and us

## EVENTS

Planning ahead for the Spring and Summer? Maybe this will help:

**June 8th—Eagle Scout Presentation**

**June 18th—Victory Junction visit**

**June 25— Camp Coral visit**

**June 30th—Troutman Independence Day Parade**

**July 4th—Faith Independence Day Parade**

**Aug 22—Newton Old Soldiers Parade**

**November—Kingsland GA—WWII SubVets Memorial**

Look for e-mails for the muster times and locations. We'll publish them as they become available here in your  
**PIEDMONT PERISCOPE.**

## Answer to the Flag

**The 33-Star Flag:** This Flag became the Official United States Flag on July 4th, 1859. A star was added for the admission of Oregon (February 14, 1859) and was to last for 2 years. The two Presidents to serve under this flag were James Buchanan (1857-1861) and Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865).

**June Meeting**

**June 22th**

**Dinner at 1730**

**Meeting at 1900**

**Dinner prepared by ours SubVettes at the cost of \$6.00/person**

**Please remember to pay for your meal and help and support the Base and it's activities**

# Binnacle List

Howard Dachs

## June

Jim George 6/02

Rodger Ellingwood 6/07

Howard Nudi 6/11

Walt. Sealy 6/11

Tom Krpata 6/13

Rudy Ogas 6/16

Don Queen 6/21

William Holzendorf 6/26

Don Duncan 6/28

## Happy Birthday



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

### June

**“The only time  
people dislike gos-  
sip is when you  
gossip about them  
” – Will Rogers**



Ellen and Howard Nudi 6/11

Emma and Robert Howell 6/15

Shelia and Rudy Ogas – 6/16

Annette and Robert Gill – 6/18

Arnetta and Stan Schulz – 6/19

Mary and Winborne Springs – 6/21

Danielle and Andrew Brown – 6/26

Susan and Mike Egan – 6/26

Glenna and Michael Hubbell - 6/26

Christie and Clarence Senn - 6/29



## SubVettes—President Sandra Myers

Sassy Sisters,

Hope all is well with everyone. I would like to thank all of you for cards and prayers during the sickness and death of my brother-in-law, Al Vera. I apologize for not being in-

volved with our activities. Please do not forget your secret sister and recruiters. Our meal is the usual this and that I think it makes it easier for all of us. We need goodies to send to

our members families that are serving our country. Hope to see you soon and May God Bless you and yours,

Love Sandra



### Herbed Zucchini Soup

This is one of the few soups that make the cut in spring/summer.

Try it chilled on a warm evening.

#### **Ingredients**

3 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth

1 1/2 pounds zucchini (about 3 medium), cut into 1-inch pieces

1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon, or dill or 1 teaspoon dried

3/4 cup shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese, (3 ounces)

1/4 teaspoon salt      1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

#### **Preparation**

Place broth, zucchini and tarragon (or dill) in a medium saucepan; bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce to a simmer and cook, uncovered, until the zucchini is tender, 7 to 10 minutes. Puree in a blender (see Tip), in batches if necessary, until smooth. Return the soup to the pan and heat over medium-high, slowly stirring in cheese until it is incorporated. Remove from heat and season with salt and pepper. Serve hot or chilled.

#### **Tips & Notes**

Make Ahead Tip: Cover and refrigerate for up to 3 days. Serve chilled or reheat.

Hot liquids can splatter out of a blender when it's turned on. To avoid this, remove the center piece of the lid. Loosely cover the hole with a folded kitchen towel and turn the blender on. Better airflow will keep the contents from spewing all over the kitchen.

#### **Nutrition**

Per serving: 115 calories; 5 g fat ( 3 g sat , 0 g mono ); 19 mg cholesterol; 7 g carbohydrates; 0 g added sugars; 10 g protein; 2 g fiber; 448 mg sodium; 452 mg potassium.





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**Deadline for  
the next issue  
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by then.**

## Your Veteran News From the RAQ Bulletin

**Vet Gun Control Update 09:** A House panel has approved legislation that would greatly curtail when veterans deemed mentally incompetent are reported to the FBI's background check system. The move to winnow what records get placed into the database comes even as both sides of the gun-control debate have called for strengthening the background-check system. Currently, the Department of Veterans Affairs automatically submits the names of those veterans who are deemed unable to handle their own financial affairs and have a fiduciary appointed to administer their benefits. But the House Committee on Veterans Affairs approved legislation requiring a judge's order before a veteran's name is submitted to the database. Lawmakers said veterans who are not a threat to harm themselves or others should not be denied a constitutional right to buy and possess guns. [Source:

The Hill Post | Kevin Freking | 8 May 2013 ++]

**VA Caregiver Program Update 20:** On 25 APR Chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Bernie Sanders introduced S.851, the Caregivers Expansion and Improvement Act of 2013.

This bill would expand eligibility for comprehensive benefits and services to family caregivers of all veterans who were severely injured in the line of duty while serving in the armed forces. Currently, only family caregivers of veterans severely injured on or after September 11, 2001, are eligible for these benefits and services such as: caregiver training; support groups, counseling and other support services; a monthly stipend; health coverage through CHAMPVA; respite care; mental health services and counseling related to the caregiver role and burden.

A survey by the National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC) of caregivers who are caring for veterans from combat eras dating from World War II to the more recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan showed that the overwhelming majority of veteran caregivers are women. Twice as many veterans' caregivers said they have been caregiving for 10 or more years compared to national statistics, three times as many caregivers reported spending 40 hours a week or more providing care compared to the national total, and six out of ten caregivers of veterans surveyed are at least 50 years of age including one in eight who is 65 or older. The military community is encouraged to support this bill by contacting their legislators with a request they sign on as a sponsor to the bill and ask that it be brought to the floor for a vote and enacted as soon as possible. Towards this the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) organization has provided a prepared editable message on their Take Action site at <http://capwiz.com/dav/issues/alert/?aler->

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which you can use to contact your Senators. [Source: DAV Action Alert 8 May 2013 ++]

### Vet Health Care:

Military veterans will have more health insurance options under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), but some vets, like many Americans, may still struggle to find affordable, accessible care that meets their needs. Roughly 40 percent of the 22.3 million military veterans receive health-care services from the Veterans Health Administration, which operates a nationwide network of medical centers, hospitals and clinics. Many veterans are eligible for both VA health care and Medicare, Medicaid or Tricare, the health plan for active and retired military and their families. About half of veterans have private insurance; approximately one in 10 veterans younger than 65 are uninsured. Some health insurers and employers are offering positive incentives. But might taxes work? Veterans who

were honorably discharged after being on active duty for at least two years may qualify for VA health services. Since funding for the VA health program is limited, however, priority is given to veterans who have service-related disabilities or low incomes. Although there are no premiums for VA health care, some veterans may owe co-payments for services. Veterans who return from active military duty are typically eligible for free VA health care for five years. Under the Affordable Care Act, most people will have to have health insurance starting in January or pay a penalty. Veterans who are enrolled in VA health care won't have to buy additional coverage, although they can supplement their coverage if they want to.

Mike Sage, 64, a Vietnam War combat veteran, pays \$15 per visit for primary-care services and \$50 for specialist care at the VA clinic near his home in Monmouth, Ill. Prescrip-

tion drugs are \$8 for a 30-day supply. But his wife, Kay, like many veterans' spouses, doesn't qualify for VA health care. They plan to check out the policies offered on the Illinois health insurance exchange this fall to see if there's a better option than the catastrophic-coverage plan with a \$5,000 deductible that she currently carries. Kay Sage might qualify for a premium tax credit for coverage on the exchange if the couple's household income is between 100 percent and 400 percent of the federal poverty level (\$15,510 to \$62,040 for a family of two in 2013). The expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act — which states are currently wrestling over whether to implement — could also affect veterans' health care. The law allows the expansion of the federal-state program for low-income people to include adults with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level (\$15,856 in 2013). According to an analysis published by the Urban Institute last month, four in 10 uninsured veterans have incomes below

138 percent of the federal poverty level, potentially enabling them to qualify for Medicaid if their states expand the program. Most of those veterans have incomes below 100 percent of the poverty level. "For these veterans, it's critical that their state expand Medicaid," says Jennifer Haley, a research associate at the Urban Institute who co-authored the report.

In states that don't expand their programs, veterans whose income falls below 100 percent of the poverty level will generally not qualify for Medicaid, nor for subsidized coverage on the exchanges. Even though a non-disabled veteran may meet the income threshold for VA health care — nationally, about \$34,000, further adjusted by geographic location — he or she may not live near VA facilities or know that VA care is available, according to the report. At a hearing last month before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, VA officials said they expect a net increase of 66,000 veterans seeking health care through VA facilities when the mandate to

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have health insurance kicks in next year. Some veterans will come into the VA system but others will leave to seek coverage on the exchanges or through Medicaid, they said. Those who are eligible for more than one health program may pick and choose, using one program for cheaper prescription drugs, for example, and another for specialist care. But more choices may not mean better care, says Kenneth Kizer, director of the Institute for Population Health Improvement at the UC Davis Health System. In an opinion piece published last year in the Journal of the American Medical Association, Kizer, a former VA official, noted that having access to multiple plans can lead to fragmented care, increasing the chances of errors and other complications. "Tests get repeated, drugs get prescribed that may not be compatible with each other," he says. "One provider may not realize what the other is doing." [Source: The Washington Post | Michelle Andrews | 6 May2013 ++]

**VA Blue Water Claims Update 22:** During the Vietnam War, more

than 20 million gallons of the herbicide Agent Orange was sprayed to remove jungle foliage. A toxic chemical in the herbicide, dioxin, was been linked to devastating health effects, including non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, prostate and other cancers, Type II Diabetes, and Parkinsons disease. In 1991, legislation was enacted that empowered the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to declare certain illnesses presumptive to exposure to Agent Orange and enabled Vietnam veterans to receive disability compensation for these related conditions. However, in 2002, the VA limited the scope of the Act to only those veterans who could provide orders for boots on the ground in Vietnam. Boots on the ground encompassed infantry and the inland waterways and harbors. As a result, veterans who served in the waters off the coast of Vietnam, commonly called blue water veterans, were forced to file individual claims with the VA to restore their benefits, which are then decided on a case-by-case basis. The VA has denied more than 32,880 over the past years.

A May 2011 report

issued by the Institute of Medicine concluded that plausible routes of exposure to Agent Orange exist for blue water veterans. However, legislation was needed to allow VA to extend Presumptive coverage to these veterans. Presumption would lift the burden from the individual veteran to prove direct exposure to Agent Orange - a nearly impossible task due to a lack of record keeping and the inability to know the precise location of dioxins in the air and groundwater runoff. It would also reduce backlogged VA claims by automatically covering claims for disability compensation from these veterans who are suffering from diseases that the U.S. government has linked to Agent Orange. Rep. Chris Gibson (R-NY) has introduced the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act (H.R.543) to extend coverage and associated benefits with Agent Orange exposure to this additional group of Vietnam Veterans. The National Association of Uniformed Service (NAUS) has endorsed this legislation and is encouraging the military community to ask their legislators to also support it. They



have provided an editable preformatted message at <http://capwiz.com/naus/home/> for you to use to send to your legislators with the click of a button.

[Source: NAUS Weekly Update 26 Apr 2013 ++]

**VA Official Time:** In 2011 taxpayers spent around \$156 million on federal employees who are not assigned any federal work at all. Under the law, a federal agency can pay its employees who act as union stewards on a full-time basis to work for an outside entity, the public employee union. This practice, known as "official time," amounts to a subsidy to the public employee unions who benefit from these taxpayer-funded employees. In 2011, the government did not disclose just how many employees were being paid to do nothing for the taxpayers. But now, due to a public personnel disclosure project being conducted by Americans for Limited Government (ALG), this is changing. Under the project, ALG has filed a series of Freedom of Information Act requests

to find out how widespread is this practice of paying federal employees full time to work for a union no matter how many employees are involved. The results have been stunning.

The U.S. Department of Transportation disclosed that it has 35 employees on full-time "official time" and their average salary is \$138,000 per year. Many of these employees have salaries in excess of \$170,000 per year.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency disclosed that it spends more than \$1.6 million per year on employees who work full time for the union.

The National Labor Relations Board disclosed that they have two employees working full time for the union and that they both make over \$100,000 per year.

The VA department has over 250 employees working full time for unions such as the American Federation of Government Employees,

the National Association of Government Employees, the National Federation of Federal Employees and the Service Employees International Union. At least one of these 250 doesn't even report to work at a department facility, but rather "teleworks from a private AFGE office in D.C.

Under the collective bargaining agreements between the agencies and the unions, the work that these employees do on "official time" status is controlled by the union, not the agency. Given the current sequester situation, massive deficit spending, agencies crying about strained budgets, threatening staff furloughs and closing the White House to public tours, now is a great opportunity to take a serious look at cutting costs. One area ripe for cuts is the "official time" practice. [Source: Washington Examiner | Nathan Mehrens | 21 Apr 2013 ++]

**Battleship Missouri Memorial Update 01:** The Battleship *Missouri* Memorial at Pearl Harbor Hawaii has been designated

as the permanent home of the Admiral Nimitz Sculpture. The sculpture pays tribute to the legendary World War II admiral, Chester William Nimitz. The statue is scheduled to be unveiled in conjunction with the Battleship *Missouri* Memorial's annual End of World War II ceremony on 2 SEP. The Battleship *Missouri* Memorial is open daily from 8 a.m. To 4 p.m. Or from 8 a.m. To 5 p.m. During June, July and August. General admission, which includes choice of a guided tour, is \$22 per adult and \$11 per child, ages 4-12. Military, kamaaina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. For more information or for reservations, call toll-free (877) 644-4896 or visit the USS *Missouri* Memorial Association website at [www.USSMissouri.org](http://www.USSMissouri.org). [Source: Military.com 15 Apr 2013 ++]



## Lost Boats— USS S27 SS-132



**USS S-27(SS-132)** was a S-class submarine of the United States Navy. Her construction was authorized in March 1917, and her keel was laid down on 11 April 1919 by the Fore River Plant, Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, Quincy, Massachusetts. She was launched on 18 October 1922 sponsored by Mrs. Frank Baldwin, and commissioned at Groton, Connecticut, on 22 January 1924, Lieutenant Theodore Waldschmidt in command.

**Service history** - Based at New London, Connecticut through 1924, S-27 was transferred to the Pacific in 1925, and, after exercises in the Hawaiian Islands during the spring of that year, she arrived at her new homeport, San Diego, California in June. She remained based in southern California through the decade and, except for fleet maneuvers, operated primarily off that coast. Fleet maneuvers, exercises, and problems took her to the west coast of Central America; to the Panama Canal Zone; into the Carib-

bean Sea and to Hawaii. In 1931, she was transferred to Hawaii; and on 23 February, she arrived at Pearl Harbor, whence she operated until mid-1939. On 16 June 1939, she sailed east; and on 27 June, she arrived at San Diego and resumed operations off the southern California coast.

For the next two and a half years, she conducted exercises and tests off that coast, primarily for the Underwater Sound Training School. In late November 1941, she proceeded to Mare Island, where she was undergoing overhaul when the United States entered World War II.

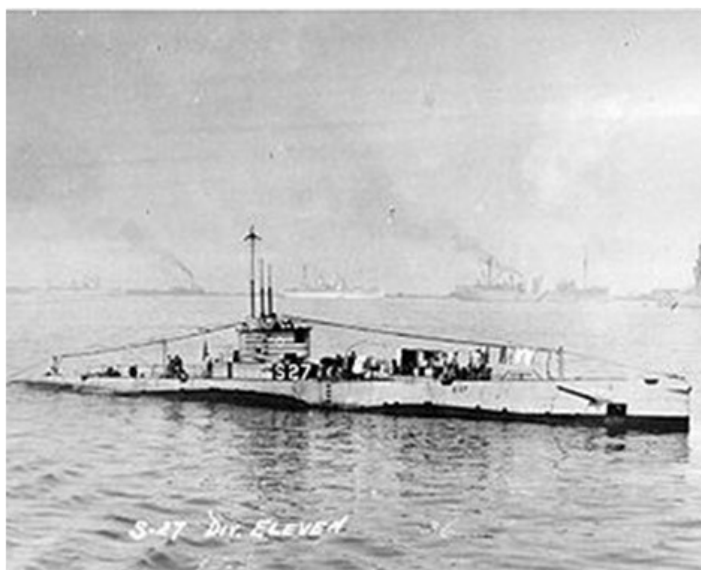
**World War II** - On 23 January 1942, S-27 stood out of San Francisco Bay and moved south. Three days later, she returned to San Diego, California, and resumed operations for the Sound School which she continued into the spring. Then ordered north to the Aleutian Islands, she departed San Diego on 20 May; steamed to Port Angeles, Washington; thence, continued on to Alaskan waters where she commenced patrol operations.

### Grounding and loss -

On 12 June, a little over a week after the beginning of the war in the Aleutians, she put into Dutch Harbor, took on provisions, refueled, and then headed west with orders to patrol in the Kuluk Bay area and to reconnoiter Constantine Harbor, Amchitka. On the night of 16-17 June, she was ordered to Kiska. On 18 June, she reconnoitered Constantine Harbor, found no signs of enemy activity in that evacuated village, and moved on to round the southern end of the island, whence she would proceed to Kiska. In mid-afternoon, she rounded East Cape and that night when she surfaced, fog obscured her position. Lying to

charge on both engines, she was carried about 5 mi from her estimated dead-reckoned position. The fog prevented knowledge of the drift. At midnight, she got underway, slowly, on one engine and continued to charge on the other. Soon after 00:43 on 19 June, breakers were sighted about 25 yd forward of the bow. "Back emergency" orders were given. Seconds later, she grounded on rocks off St. Makarius Point.

Waves bumped her violently against the rocks, rolling her 10-15 degrees on each side. Her motors were continued at "back emergency", but she was held firm by a submerged rock. Fuel was blown. Efforts to back off were continued,



but the lightened ship swung harder against the rocks. Her starboard screw struck a rock and was disabled. Efforts were made to force the ship ahead to clear the stern, but she could only move about 20 ft forward before she was again held fast. The immediate area was sounded. No passage was found. By 03:30, the pounding of the sea had increased and plans were made to move the greater part of the crew off. Dispatches of her plight, sent first at 01:15, were continued. Six were sent in all. One, giving no position, was received at Dutch Harbor.

A ferry system, using a rubber boat and lines rigged between the ship and the beach, was set up. Men, provisions,

clothing, guns, and medical supplies were transferred safely. By 11:00, all but six, the commanding officer, Lieutenant H.L. Jukes, and five others, were ashore. All equipment was destroyed. Classified material was burned. At 15:30, three of the remaining men went ashore. The side plating was now loose, the torpedo room was flooding. At 15:50, the radioman, executive officer, and commanding officer left the submarine.

The night of 19-20 June was spent in an unsheltered cove. On 20 June, camp was set up at Constantine Harbor, using the buildings and heating equipment which had survived a Japanese bombing. By 21 June, the camp was fully or-

ganized: routines, including sentries and lookouts, had been established. Trips to and from the cove continued for three days. *S-27* was reboarded on 21 June and 22 June; thereafter, the presence of chlorine gas prohibited further visits to take off more supplies.

On 24 June, a PBY Catalina piloted by Lieutenant, junior grade, Julius A. Raven, USNR, on a routine flight spotted the activity at Constantine Harbor; landed; and took off 15 of the survivors. On 25 June, three planes were sent in to take off the remainder. All guns salvaged from *S-27* were destroyed. Nothing was left except the submarine's abandoned hulk and canned provisions, blankets, and winter clothing.

(Halfway III from pg 1) paper about the music of the 50's and 60's, played by Cindy Petitt. She asks her Grandfather for help with her paper, because he lived through these times and knows all about them.

Grandpa is played by our own Steve Bell.

He talks about the draft, beatniks, hippies, and the thing young Cindy wants to know the most about the Beatles.

You'll see beatniks and hippies and even Bullwinkle J. Moose enter the set; and the entire cast singing a Beatles finale. Follow by Kate Smith leading the crowd in "God Bless America". This was so much fun to put together, I for one can't wait to take it on the road.

I almost forgot to mention our outstanding stage manager who keeps the show flowing from backstage, Ray Zieverink.

Good job Ray!

Now as I mentioned before, we can always use understudies do to peoples schedules, vacations, sickness, etc. So, if you can sing great! If you can play and sing GREAT!. If you can stand there and move your lips to music, that will work TOO!.

Get out and have some fun and do some community service. Feels good.





## USSVI Constitution and Bylaws

Here a little more of the USSVI Constitution and Bylaws. As I stated in January we'll do a little each month and the Constitution will be here on the left side and the Bylaws on the right side. —Moe(SS)

### Constitution (continued from April issue)

#### ARTICLE IX—STRUCTURE

##### Section 1. REGIONS

A. Geographic Regions consisting of Districts or other subdivisions will be established and realigned from time to time as needed by the voting members of the Board of Directors.

B. Each Region shall be governed by a duly elected or appointed Regional Director as per the National By-Laws.

##### Section 2. DISTRICTS

A. Geographic Districts will be established and realigned from time to time as needed by the voting members of the Board of Directors.

B. A duly elected or appointed District Commanders (DC) shall govern each district as per the organization's By-Laws.

##### Section 3. BASES

A. Bases will consist of at least seven (7) regular members in good standing.

B. Each Base will be governed by a duly elected or appointed Base Commander as per Base Bylaws.

C. All Base Constitution, Bylaws and their amendments must not conflict with the National Constitution or National Bylaws and must be approved by the District Commander or next in the chain of command to become effective.

D. Bases may be formed and organized upon receipt in writing of authorization from the District Commander, or next in the chain of command of the geographical district that the base headquarters are to be located.

E. No Base may act as an agent for USSVI, nor may they obligate either financially or legally the National Organization.)

F. New base constitution and bylaws must not conflict with the Organization's Constitution or Bylaws and must be approved upon Base formation by the Regional Director via the District Commander. Next—Article X— Charter

### Bylaws (continued from April issue)

#### ARTICLE V -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS (Con't)

##### Section 2. JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER

The duties of the Junior Vice-Commander shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Execute the powers and authority in organization matters, when required, in the absence of the National Commander and National Senior Vice-Commander.
- b. Serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
- c. Act as Chairman of the Membership Committee and maintain an accurate and permanent roll of members and provide membership cards to members in good standing. The Chairman will provide a membership report on a quarterly basis to the National Secretary (NatSec). The report shall be prepared and transmitted to the Nat Sec no later than 15 days following the end of the calendar quarter.
- d. Serve on the Ways and Means Committee.
- e. Be Responsible for the direction and control of the National Office
- f. Prepare and present an annual report relative to the operation of his office at the Annual Business Meeting.
- g. Work up, keep current, and pass on immediately to his relief a "Turn Over" folder, including all official correspondence, records, and official materials assigned to his care.

More next month, starting with the duties of the National Secretary. Remember you can always find the entire National USSVI Bylaws at [USSVI.org](http://USSVI.org).  
Happy reading.



## Commander—(con't)

(con'd from Page 3)  
was the guest speaker. Groton Base Commander, John Carcioppo, was the Mast of Ceremonies. There were 27 inductees that attended. We were led in by the bagpipes, went through a line of side boys, and sit in front of a crowd of around 200 or so. This is really a very well planned and executed event by the Groton Base. If you ever have the opportunity to attend on, or even the chance to be an inductee there, I highly recommend it. This is a First Class event put on by the Groton Base. It was followed by a lunch at the Base Club. I must add a WELL DONE to Groton Base for this. Just a fabulous ceremony. Our storekeeper, Jeff, has both Challenge coins and bumper/window stickers I am sure he would love to sell to you. As you read in the last edition of the Piedmont Periscope, the history and meanings behind the challenge were presented. It is not only for you to have on in your collection, but also for you to share (at times of course) with others. Both of these are ways for our base to

make a few bucks to help us in the various projects that we try to do during the year. So consider purchasing some of these to: 1) to share or show your pride in our base, and 2) maybe to help our treasury out a little. The stickers are \$5 each and the coins are \$5 for the bronze and \$10 for the silver.

We will be having a few parades coming up in the near future. If you can make them, it is worth the effort. The Troutman, NC parade will be on 29 June, Faith on 4 July, and the Newton, NC on 22 August (I think). More information will be put out regarding each of these parades. There are a couple of parades in the fall (around Veterans Day) and information regarding those will also be put out. And don't forget to mark your calendar for the Pearl Harbor dinner on 7 December. This year it will be in Cary, NC. All of these are fine events and worth attending. Oh yeah. The National Convention in Rochester, MN on 25 Aug – 1 September. If you plan on that, you need to get your reservations in to the hotel and also get your registration in. I seem to en-

joy myself at each of these, but then again, I can always have a good time around a bunch of submarine sailors.

We have a trip to Victory Junction coming prior to our meeting this month. I am sure you will get an interesting report regarding that. Also, we (well, Jack is) are still trying to get in touch with the Camp Coral folks to see if we can attend that. Stay tuned on that, they just don't respond well if we try to plan ahead too far. If we get in touch and that is a go, Jack will be putting the word out and any of you are welcome to join us.

As you are aware, the District Commander election is in process right now. It finishes at the end of the month. I am running for District Commander (I would say again but currently I am in the position under an appointment). I ask for your vote and support. For those that have already voted, thank you for participating.

One of the other jobs that has been going on behind the scenes is I am also the Chairman of the Meritorious Award Selection Committee. That is in progress to finish up soon. I have also participated in the selection process for

both the Silver and Golden Anchor Awards. Just a couple other things thrown in to help keep me off the streets. I look forward to seeing most of you at our next meeting on the 22nd. Please keep safe as we need each of you in good health. May God bless you and the United States of America.

### AL WESTBERRY

#### Wonders:

IF ONE SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMER DROWNS, DO THE REST DROWN TOO?

IF YOU ATE BOTH PASTA AND ANTIPASTO, WOULD YOU STILL BE HUNGRY?

WHY ARE HEMORRHOIDS CALLED "HEMORRHOIDS" INSTEAD OF "ASSTEROIDS"?

WHAT WAS THE BEST THING BEFORE SLICED BREAD?

CAN AN ATHEIST GET INSURANCE AGAINST ACTS OF GOD?

HOW DO THEY GET DEER TO CROSS THE ROAD ONLY AT THOSE YELLOW ROAD SIGNS?

# Piedmont Funnies Page

Provided by Al West-  
berry: Cajun Logic

Boudreaux, the smooth-  
est-talking Cajun in the  
Louisiana National  
Guard, got called up to  
active duty.

Boudreaux's first assign-  
ment was in a military  
induction center. Be-  
cause he was a good  
talker, they assigned him  
the duty of advising new  
recruits about govern-  
ment benefits, especially  
the GI insurance to  
which they were entitled.  
The officer in charge  
soon noticed that  
Boudreaux was getting a  
99% sign-up rate for the  
more expensive supple-  
mental form of GI insur-  
ance. This was remark-  
able, because it cost  
these low-income re-  
cruits \$30.00 per month  
for the higher coverage,  
compared to what the  
government was already  
providing at no charge.  
The officer decided he'd  
sit in the back of the  
room at the next briefing  
and observe Boudreaux's  
sales pitch.

Boudreaux stood up be-  
fore the latest group of  
inductees and said, "If  
you has da normal GI  
insurans an' you goes to  
Afghanistan an' gets  
youself killed, da

govment' pays you bene-  
fishery \$20,000. If you  
takes out da suppmantal  
insurans, which cost you  
only t'irty dollars a munt,  
den da governmen' gots  
ta pay you benefishery  
\$400,000! "Now,"  
Boudreaux concluded,  
"which bunch you tink  
dey gonna send ta Af-  
ghanistan first?"

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## A CHURCH STORY

A small church had a  
very attractive big-  
busted organist, Linda,  
and her breasts were so  
large that they bounced  
and jiggled while she  
played the organ.  
Unfortunately, this dis-  
tracted the male mem-  
bers of the congregation  
considerably.  
The very proper church  
ladies were appalled.  
They said something had  
to be done about this or  
they would have to get  
another organist.  
So, one of the ladies ap-  
proached Linda very dis-  
creetly about the prob-  
lem, and told her to  
mash up some green per-  
simmons and rub them  
on her nipples and over  
her breasts, which  
should cause them to  
shrink in size, but  
warned her not to taste  
any of the green persim-

mons, because they are  
so sour they will make  
your mouth pucker up,  
and you won't be able to  
talk properly for awhile.  
The voluptuous organist,  
reluctantly agreed to try  
it.

The following Sunday  
morning the minister  
walked up to the pulpit  
and said....Dew to thir-  
cumsthanthis bewond  
my contwol, we will not  
hab a thermon tewday

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## Supplied by Jack

### Jeffries

## Did You Know This About Leather Dresses?

Do you know that when  
a woman wears a leather  
dress, a man's heart beats  
quicker, his throat gets  
dry, he gets weak in the  
knees, and he thinks irra-  
tionally?

Ever wonder why?

It's because she smells  
like a New Truck.



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## MALE SENSITIVITY TRAINING

The room was full of  
pregnant women with  
their husbands.

She said, "Ladies, re-  
member that exercise is  
good for you. Walking  
is especially beneficial.  
It strengthens the pelvic  
muscles and will make  
delivery that much eas-  
ier. Just pace yourself,  
make plenty of stops and  
try to stay on a soft sur-  
face like grass or a path."

"Gentlemen, remember -  
- you're in this together.  
It wouldn't hurt you to  
go walking with her. In  
fact, that shared experi-  
ence would be good for  
you both."

The room suddenly be-  
came very quiet as the  
men absorbed this infor-  
mation.

After a few moments a  
man, name unknown, at  
the back of the room,  
slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?" said the Instruc-  
tor.

"I was just wondering...  
would it be all right if  
she carries a golf bag  
while we walk?"

Brings a tear to your eye



doesn't it? This kind of sensitivity just can't be taught

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A Kansas farm wife called the local phone company to report her telephone failed to ring when her friends called - and that on the few occasions, when it did ring, her dog always moaned right before the phone rang.

The telephone repairman proceeded to the scene, curious to see this psychic dog or senile lady. He climbed a telephone pole, hooked in his test set, and dialed the subscriber's house.

The phone didn't ring right away, but then the dog moaned and the telephone began to ring.

Climbing down from the pole, the telephone repairman found:

1. The dog was tied to the telephone system's ground wire with a steel chain and collar.
2. The wire connection to the ground rod was loose.
3. The dog was receiving 90 volts of signaling current when the number was called.
4. After a couple of jolts, the dog would start moaning and then uri-

nate.

5. The wet ground would complete the circuit, thus causing the phone to ring

Which demonstrates that some problems CAN be fixed by Pissing and Moaning.

Provided by Walt Sealy

I've sure gotten old!

I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia. I have poor circulation; I can hardly feel my hands and feet anymore.

I can't remember if I'm 85 or 92.

I have lost all my friends. But, thank God I live in Florida, I still have my driver's license.

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A father watched his young daughter playing in the garden. He smiled as he reflected on how sweet and pure his little girl was. Tears formed in his eyes as he thought about her seeing the wonders of nature through such innocent eyes.

Suddenly she just stopped and stared at the ground. He went over to her to see what work of God had captured her attention. He noticed she was looking at two spiders mating.

'Daddy, what are those two spiders doing?' she asked.

'They're mating,' her father replied.

'What do you call the spider on top?' she asked.

A Daddy Longlegs,' her father answered.

'So, the other one is a Mommy Longlegs? the little girl asked.

As his heart soared with the joy of such a cute and innocent question he replied, 'No dear. Both of them are Daddy Longlegs.'

'The little girl, looking a little puzzled, thought for a moment, then lifted her foot and stomped them flat. 'Well', she said, "that may be OK in California , but we're not having any of that crap in the Carolinas ."

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Morris returns from the doctor having been for his annual check up and tells his wife that the doctor has told him that he has only 24 hours to live.

Given the prognosis, Mor-

ris asks his wife for sex. Naturally, she agrees, so they make love.

About 6 hours later, the husband goes to his wife and says, "Honey, you know I now have only 18 hours to live. Could we please do it one more time?"

Of course, the wife agrees, and they do it again.

Later, as the man gets into bed, he looks at his watch and realizes that he now has only 8 hours left.

He touches his wife's shoulder and asks, "Honey, please... just one more time before I die."

She says, "Of course, dear," and they make love for the third time.

After this session, the wife rolls over and falls asleep.

Morris, however, worried about his impending death, tosses and turns, until he's down to 4 more hours.

He taps his wife, who rouses. "Honey, I have only 4 more hours. Do you think we could...?"

At this point the wife sits up and says, "Listen Morris, enough is enough! I have to get up in the morning and go to work, you don't!"





### Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Base Meeting VFW POST 1730 Dinner 1900 Meeting
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Troutman Parade
30	July 1	2	3	4 Faith Pa- rade 	5	6
7 	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Base Meeting VFW POST 1730 Dinner 1900 Meeting
28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2	3

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

