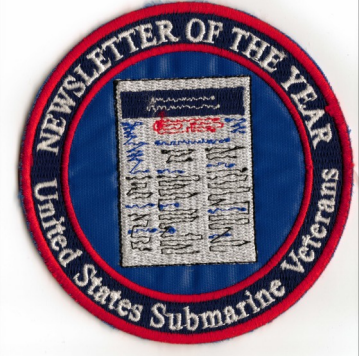


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July 2013

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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.

CPB Member Jay Wellwood wins Westinghouse Award

Human Performance (HuP) plays an important role at Westinghouse. Being a Westinghouse employee myself along with several other Carolina Piedmont Base members and members who are local utility employees, it is fundamental to our nuclear industry and to the way we think, work and behave as we strive to deliver safe and error-free products and services to our customers. Each year, Westinghouse seeks to recognize those employees who have demonstrated a passion for – and made significant contributions to – HuP through the Gary La Bruyere Human Performance Award. All

Westinghouse employees are eligible for the award, which was established in 2006 in recognition of Gary La Bruyere. Gary is a former Westinghouse employee who was a true champion and driving force for HuP at Westinghouse.

In recognition of outstanding contributions made by employees throughout the organization during 2012, the Westinghouse Human Performance Council is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2012 awards. Four winners were selected in the categories of Leadership, HuP Practitioner and Frontline Worker. One of our Carolina Piedmont members, Jay Wellwood, won the award for Hup Practitioner category.

Jay is a project manager for Nuclear Services here in Charlotte. Jay demonstrates the principles of Human Performance on a daily basis through his example. Jay insists that others incorporate the HuP principles in their daily work, and he assists in training, when needed, to help close any gaps in HuP knowledge. From the morning meetings, group meetings, site meetings and customer meetings, Jay ensures that HuP is applied for continuous learning by reviewing applicable HuP tools.

Congratulations Jay on building on the foundation of tools that I'm sure started way back in your days in the US Submarine Force. Bravo Zulu from all your Shipmates.



Lost Boats for July

"Sailors, rest your oars"

USS GRUNION (SS 216)
USS S 28 (SS 133)
USS ROBALO (SS 273)

July 30, 1942
July 4, 1944
July 26, 1944

CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell



Here we are in July and several things have happened since our last newsletter and meeting. We have participated in two parades over the 4th of July period. One was in Troutman on the Saturday before the 4th. We have half a dozen from our base at that parade and around 30 NC Subvets total. After the parade, several of us went to Marion, NC to present a "Book of Remembrance" to a daughter of a WWII Veteran that was lost during WWII. Joe Clark from the Nat Greene did the majority of the leg work on this and our Base Chaplain, Ray Fritz, made the presentation. Ray has also arranged for the

same to be done for the sister (another daughter) out is San Diego. Some of you may have seen the article that was sent out. We also were at the parade in Faith, NC on the 4th. This parade really has a wonderful turnout of people to watch the parade.

Again, there was close to 30 NC Subvets attended with good representation from Carolina Piedmont. Thanks to those that participated in these parades.

Several of us went to Ellerbe, NC to give the "submarine story" to the children at Camp Corral. These are the children of wounded, disabled, or fallen military members. This is always an enjoyable evening. They even fed us there. One of the benefits we receive for going there.

The third season of the "Bilge Rat Productions"

kicks off prior to our next meeting. I am sure others will have something in the newsletter about that, but this too takes us to the other end of the age spectrum and is a very rewarding and enjoyable time spent for others. If you ever get the chance to see this, don't miss it. Each year is really good. And of course, Moe can always use more volunteers for this show. It is difficult for every member to be available for every show we put on. You really don't need to have talent. That should be obvious since Moe finally talked me into participating in it. So talent is definitely not a requirement. Come out and help us out.

A quick reminder that next month our base meeting will be on the third Saturday instead of the fourth (17 Aug). The

reason for this is the National Convention starts on the 4th weekend in August this year and those attending will be in transit on the 4th Saturday.

And speaking of the National Convention, if you are going you really need to get your reservations in at the hotel and your registration in. I believe the cutoff for registration is 1 August (or the registration fee goes up). I do not think we will have a large contingent attending this year, but yours truly will be there. I couldn't get out of this one if I wanted to anyway. I know that there has been a lot of buzz regarding the Groton Base issues. The major part is pretty much over now. The Base Commander resigned and the Vice Commander moved up. There are charges and

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counters, and I am sure it will go on for a while (folks being upset and making emotional statements). A typical case (at least part of it) of “he said” and “she said”. Each can form their own opinion regarding this. Not sure it really matters

anymore for us at Carolina Piedmont. We just need to make sure (and we have it pretty much covered, I think) that we do not fall into that trap with the way we conduct business. I have tried to make sure that we take all the necessary precautions

with how we conduct business to prevent any of that happening to our base. I am also sure this whole thing is going to make for a really interesting Annual Business Meeting at the convention, no matter who you think is right. Actually,

I think it is going to better than any of the fireworks that went on around here for the 4th. It is also time for you to make plans for our annual September picnic at Jack and Carol’s house. This will be on the 28th of September and if (Con’t on Page 19)

XO’s Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries



Greetings to my shipmates, the Base has been busy since the last Piedmont Periscope. We have participated in parades at Troutman NC and Faith NC. Thank you to the members of our Base for their attendance.

Once again the Bilge Rat Production crew made life a little happier with the unveiling of our 3rd version at the Laurels Retirement Center in Pineville NC. The cast really performed an Oscar Award winning caliber show. A BIG BZ to the script writer Dale Moses who not only produced the skit but tirelessly constructed the props for this

show, we can still use more Base members to join our cast, if you can please make an effort to attend one of these productions to show not only support for your Base but to intermingle with the residents who show their appreciation for the cast bringing humor to them but also giving them a blast from the past by singing along to the songs of years gone by. I spoke with one gentleman who stated that he was the senior resident, 102 years young, when I asked him his secret for longevity, he stated, “Just keep breathing”. What a refreshing outlook on life. We are all faced with trials in our life but if we just keep on keeping on, most of the things that trouble us will be taken care of.

We welcome 3 new members since the last PP, Ron Roberson, Steve

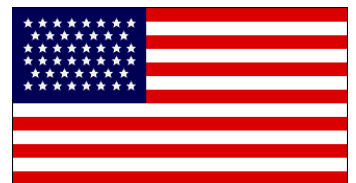
Kortheuer, and Tom Lee. I have always made the point that each and every one of our members are part of the membership committee, Hal Rutter is a great one for beating the bushes and coming up with leads. Wearing something to get the attention of fellow submariners is really easy. If you come in contact with one you can just refer them to me and I promise I will keep in touch with them and answer any questions they may have about our group.

We were Blessed to once again visit with the children at Victory Junction where we presented Kaps and Certificates of Honorary Submariner to 65 campers. We will be making another visit sometime during the Fall and will keep you informed as I get more info. Members of our Base as (Con’t on Page 7)

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 June, 2013



CAROLINA PIEDMONT MEETING MINUTES

22 JUNE 2013 MINUTES

1900- Meeting called to order by Commander Steve Bell.

Invocation given by Chaplain Ray Fritz.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commander Bell.

Full USSVI Creed presented by Commander Steve Bell. Member introduction, 24 members present.

Tolling of the Boats for May and June led by Chaplain Ray Fritz.

Special Presentation- Dale Moses Director of Bilge Rat Productions presented certificates of appreciation to members of the cast of program 2. Sandra Myers gave info about upcoming cruise. Sandra Myers thanked the base for the Remembrance Bible presented to Susan Vera (Paul Myers Sister) in Honor of Al Vera. Al was a retired Naval Officer.

Hal Rutter gave a brief presentation about his visit to Victory Junction.

Reading of Previous meeting minutes. Approved as posted in the Piedmont Periscope and seconded. Motion carried.

Reading of Treasurers report. Current Balance- \$6832.08. K4K fund \$2100.05
Memorial Restoration Fund-\$542.50, Scholarship Fund \$170.80 Available Funds \$4018.73
Approved and seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business- None

New Business-Commander Bell explained the R-12 Pledge situation, recommending that the base not participate on project because the current pledges to date are more than \$60K needed.

Jack Jeffries made a motion to increase our annual donation to the Holland Club from \$1.00 per base Holland Club member per year to \$2.00 per Holland Club member per year. Approved and seconded. Motion carried.

Accepted applications from 2 new members, CMDCM (SS) Ron Roberson , MM2(SS) Steve Korthauer, Welcome Aboard.

Storekeepers report- Still have some 2013 calendars available, reduced price.

Good of the Order- If base members request to have an item on the agenda at the National Convention, it must be put to the base membership for discussion and voted on and approved prior to being presented to the National Committee.

Members of our base combined with members of the Nat Greene base presented the Submariner Story to 103 Campers at Camp Corral.

The final report for our Annual weekend at the Memorial in Burnsville was presented . We raised a total profit for our treasury of \$603.00, we also raised \$201.00 for our K4K fund with the raffle of our last Richard Petty Honorary Submariner cap.

Commander Steve Bell announced that the Annual Memorial service at Burnsville will be taken over by the USS Ashville Base starting next year.

Base Minutes (con't)

Lee Hickerson presented the info for the upcoming Autism Speaks walk to be held in the fall, more on this as info is received.

Carolina Piedmont base participated in the parade at Thomasville and is scheduled to participate in upcoming parades at Troutman and Faith NC.

The Carolina Piedmont Base Color Guard presented the Colors at a Charlotte Knights Ball game.

Our Bilge Rat Production crew is scheduled to give a performance at The Laurels Assisted Living Facility in Pineville NC on Saturday July 13. This is the first for year three of these events.

Benediction given by Chaplain Ray Fritz

Next meeting is 27 July 2013 at the VFW hall in Ft Mill.

2015 Motion to adjourn, seconded. Motion carried.—**Jack Jeffries for Michael Hubell**

The Carolinas Chapter of the Silent Service Motorcycle Club will be holding a ride on Saturday July 27.

This is for all current members SSMC Carolinas Chapter members and any NC or SC USSVI Base members who are interested in joining the SSMC. The only requirements are the you own a legally licensed motorcycle 500cc or greater and you are a current USSVI member of a NC Base, SC Base, or Member-at-large. The ride schedule is below. Be safe. And if you don't ride, watch out of motorcycles.

- 1) Meet/Depart Morganton, NC at 9:30 AM at I-40 (exit 100), BP gas station at exit
- 2) Rt. 181 (up the mountain) to Linville (route known as "The Winding Stair") (thru Linville Gorge & Pisgah National Forest) 42 Miles – 60 Min.
- 3) Arrive Grandfather Mountain State Park (steep switchback road to swing bridge at top – 5,500 Ft) 5 Miles – 15 Min Stop – 30 Min.
- 4) Grandfather Mountain to Boone, NC (via Blue Ridge Parkway) 11 Miles – 30 Min. Lunch Stop in Boone – 30 Min.
- 5) Boone, NC to Deep Gap (via Blue Ridge Parkway) 12 Miles – 30 Min)
- 6) Deep Gap to Wilkesboro, NC (via Rt. 421) 20 Miles – 30 Min Last stop - 15 Min. End ride at Crossroads HD

New members

Steve Korthauer—MM2(SS) Qualified aboard the USS Simon Bolivar (SSBN641) in 1978 and did some time on the USS Henry Clay (SSBN625) also. Steve lives in Ft. Mill with his wife Nanette.

Tom Lee—CTTCS(SS) Qualified aboard the USS Greenling in 1970, also serving on USS Halibut SSN 587, USS Sturgeon SSN 637, USS Tinoso SSN 606, and USS Ray SSN 653. Tom lives in Matthews, NC with his wife Nancy.

Ron Roberson—CMDMC(SS) is newly retires from the Command Master Chief at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Ron qualified in 1985 on the Henry Clay. He served on the Casimir Pulaski (SSBN633), James K. Polk (SSBN 645), Oklahoma City SSN 723, Norfolk SSN 714, and as Command Master Chief at Norfolk. Ron lives in Monroe with wife Mary.

WELCOME ABOARD STEVE, TOM, AND RON!

Chaplain's Corner - Ray Fritz, National Chaplain



June and July are busy months for the Carolina Piedmont Base family. Burnsville and Troutman are highlights in June, Faith in July. After the Troutman parade, I was invited to help with the presentation of a Book of Remembrance to two families: One was to Eileen Torrence, the daughter of Robert Dudley Bissell who was on the USS Pompano SS-181 when it was lost on August 29, 1943. The other to the family of Gerald Boyce Gibson, 91, who left on Eternal Patrol on April 11, 2013. A Book of Remembrance has also been presented to Eileen's sister in California through the help of another Subvet Chaplain, John Lester.

On July 4th, 1776 our Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence. Three-score and ten years later, on

November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln gave his Gettysburg Address following the bloody Battle of Gettysburg that took place on July 1-2-3, 1863 [150 years ago]. The loss by the Confederates at Gettysburg was the turning point of the Civil War.

There were 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson [the author] and John Adams [argued for its passage] were two of the signers. On July 4, 1826, exactly 50 years later and within five hours of each other, they both died. The second [John Adams] and the third [Thomas Jefferson] presidents die on the same day! They had signed the Declaration of Independence 442 days after the first shots of the American Revolution were fired at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts.

What they said about Christianity [not religion or denomination or church, but faith] may surprise many today:

The Declaration of Independence laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity. - John Adams

The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God. - John Adams

The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected, in one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity. - John Adams

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. - John Adams

God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a

conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever. - Thomas Jefferson, Jefferson Memorial

The Christian religion is the best religion that has ever been given to man - Thomas Jefferson, Jefferson Memorial

GETTYSBURG: This past week our son Stephen, who now lives in NY, took part in the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. He was part of the 21st Georgia [From NY!] reenactment of the battle, in particular Pickett's Charge. They were asked to take the center of Pickett's Charge and to tear down the fence that proved to be disastrous for Pickett. He said that being in Gettysburg for the reenactment was the greatest thing he has ever seen or done other than the birth of his four sons! We were sorry that we could not be there to see it but our ten year old grandson, Koleman watched it all!

The saying is true: "If you don't know history, you

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Chaplain Ray

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are doomed to repeat it.”

Our spiritual well-being also rests on history. We have the Old Testament to show us God's hand in the affairs of mankind. I remember hearing, as a young follower of Christ, the statement:

“The New is in the Old concealed, the Old is in the New revealed.”

If you don't know and understand the history of the Old Testament, the Creation, the Fall, the preservation of the Messianic line, etc. you will not fully grasp the New Testament. If you don't know and understand the New Testament you will miss the impact of the Old. God does not want us to be ignorant. The phrase *“that you may know”* (29) are found in the Old and New Testaments.

1 John 5:13 NKJV
These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

Colossians 4:6 NKJV
Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may

know how you ought to answer each one.

Job 19:29c NKJV *That you may know there is a judgment.*

Too many Americans today are ignorant of American History and too many people, who call themselves Christians, and those who do not, do not know what the Word of God says. Brush up on your history this month – it may change your ideas.

May God bless you all day, every day!

Chaplain Ray



I hope everyone had as much fun as I did over the 4th of July holiday. My son and his family spent the holiday with me and it is great to be surrounded by family.

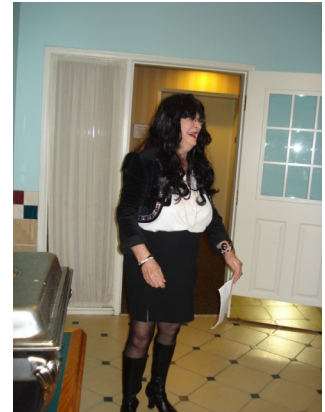
On this patriotic day, we all should remember the sacrifices made by our fellow countrymen to have the freedoms everyone enjoys in this country. My thoughts go to the memory of my Dad.

He was a Boy Scout leader in 1939 in a small

(con't from Page 3) well as members from the Nat Greene Base made life a little more enjoyable to 103 campers at Camp Corral last month by presenting the Submariner Story and a great question and answer session with the dependent children of all branches of the service.

Lady J and I are looking forward to the annual gathering here at the Jeffries “Plantation” please put it on your calendar, more info later. I am asking each of you to stay in touch with me with suggestions how we can improve our Base. We

are here to serve and need inputs from the members to make this happen. Thank you once again for your support and Prayers.- Jack



Who is that? Answer is somewhere in this Newsletter.

From the COB - Rick Petitt

community in Tennessee. When WWII began, many of his older scouts were entering the service. He was not about to let his young men go into this war without him. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Since he was an ‘old’ 29 year old man, he was not allowed to go into combat. He was assigned as a Radioman with the Corps’ Ferrying Command transporting aircraft to the European Theater.

His service ended

abruptly a couple of years later. While working on external antennas on a B29, in Sioux Falls, SD, in the winter, he fell 30 feet to the ground, breaking his hip.

He never saw combat, but he was always a hero in my mind. Some of his ‘kids’ never returned and you know the pain he must have felt. Sacrifices to insure our freedom.

Rick Petitt

Holland Club Member in the Spotlight—Mike Egan FTG2(SS)



This month's Holland Club Member in the Spotlight is Mike Egan. Mike is retired and lived in Monroe with his wife Susan of 32 years were they raise and train Newfoundland dogs. They do some travelling taking the dogs to various shows. Mike grew-up in Hull, Massachusetts. Now, I looked at the map and that is right in the bay. Mike's Step-Father had a trawler out of Boston. After high school, Mike attended Maine Maritime Academy. After his first semester, Mike was in love and was homesick so he decided to drop-out. Knowing that was not going to set well with his family, he and a high school buddy joined the Navy.

So in the middle of December 1960, Mike and his buddy found themselves in Great Lakes, Ill starting Boot Camp. After boot, both of Mike and his friend attended BE school and FTG school together. Mike had been talking with at TM at FTG school,

that told him stories about submarines, so Mike put in for Sub School and Mike's friend went on to serve on a DD.

After Sub School, Mike was assigned to the USS SkipJack, SSN-585. He told me stories of shock tests of of Key West. Something that I really never heard of before, taking the first boat of a class and exposing it to various types of shock tests at various depths and speeds. Mike said this went on for about 6 weeks and caused a bunch of small fires, moving of the torpedo tubes, reduction gears, and other minor damage. This sent them back to Portsmouth, NH for quite a while. During this period, Mike was sent to "C" school.

When he returned to the boat they went back out, but still had some problems that EB had to fix. Mike was happy, he was now a FT striker and no more mess cooking!

The left EB after some repairs, and as they were leaving they got news of the Thresher. They had been in the yard at the same time as the Thresher in Portsmouth and knew some of the crew, if not by name by

sight. Very sad day. What a feeling. Make 3rd Class. That made Mike the only FTG on board. There was a Chief that stood other watches, and a striker that just decide on another rate. They steamed for about two years straight with only one FTG. Mostly northern run and one small Med cruise during Cuban missile crisis. That's when they "hailed-ass" back across and still hold they record for speed crossing the Atlantic. Mike got sick due to lack of sleep being on "port and re-port".

Mike made FTG2(SS), they wanted him to ship-over and he was ready to, but his wife at the time said he was never home and wanted him to get out. The Skipjack was ready to leave for deployment so Mike was TAD'd to USS Nautilus, SSN 571 for 3 months prior to his discharge.

After the Navy, Mike was electrician in the shipyard

in Quincy, MA for a few years. Then a manager of a Friendly Ice Cream Restaurant for 6 or 7 years; then drove a bus in MA in for 15 years for tours groups. Then Mike's back gave him problems and he went to work for the Post Office as a letter carrier in Yarmouth Mass, then transferred to a small Post Office on the NH/Maine Line, then to Portland Maine. From there he retired and moved down here to Monroe due to his wife's VP position with Bank of America. She has since retired and they are raising their dogs in Monroe. Or is that now "dawgs"? Thanks Mike for your service to our Great Nation.



EVENTS

Planning ahead for the Spring and Summer? Maybe this will help:
Aug 17—SubVet Meeting!

Aug 22—Newton Old Soldiers Parade

November—Kingsland GA—WWII SubVets Memorial

St. Marys Memorial
Official notification of the Annual Memorial Service has not yet been published, how-

ever, dates and places are "written in stone". The dates of the Memorial Service are Wed 30 Oct thru Sat 2 Nov with the Base Memorial Service on Friday 1 Nov. The Host Hotel, as in the past, is Cumberland Island Inn & Suites, 2710 Osborne Rd, St Marys GA 31558; ph: 800-768-6250, local 912-882-6250. You can make your room reservations now. We will publish the reservation forms in the PP once we get the information – Moe(SS)

Note the Special Time for the August meeting!!

Due to the National Convention, the August Meeting has been moved to the 3rd Saturday, August 17th 1730 for Dinner 1900 for Meeting

Answer to the Flag

The 46 Star Flag: On July 4, 1908, the U.S. flag grew to 46 stars with the addition to the Union of Oklahoma (November 16, 1907). Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909) and William H. Taft (1909-1913) served as President under the 46 star flag. This was the official flag for 4 years.



Every year the Saturday before Independence Day is the Troutman Parade and the NC SubVets are there to support it. This year besides the two floats, members of the Carolinas Chapter of the Silent Service Motorcycle Club joined in between the Boat and the Torpedo. Pictures by Ray Fritz



**July Meeting
July 27th**

**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 Murray

July

Carol Jeffries -7/06

Al Westberry -7/09

Mary Bickford -7/09

Libby Reese -7/09

Clarence Jordan -7/19

Greg Crystal -7/24

Tom Holland -7/25

Michael Hubbell -7/28

Happy Birthday



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

July

“If you ever injected truth into politics you have no politics.” - Will Rogers

Nancy and Arnold Kirk -7/4

Jim and Liz Harris - 7/14

Emma and Robert Howell - 7/15

Douise and Clarence Jordan – 7/22



SubVettes—President Sandra Myers

Hello Sassy Sisters,
I hope all is well
with you and yours.
I want to thank all of
you for your support
helping to make us
have such an active
group. We have
done so many great
things for our troops.
You sisters
ROCK !!!! Please do

not forget our re-
cruiters, your secret
sisters and if you
have a pen pal from
"Our Boat".
Our meal is another
"this and that".
Our service project
is goodies for the
USO at Charlotte
Airport Glenna's
daughter will de-

live them for us and
I would like to thank
Sara for helping us
out.
Take care and May
God Bless All of you
and yours. Love
Sandra



Pan-Seared Scallops with Citrus-Avocado Salsa

Eaten in moderation, scallops are beneficial for the cardiovascular system being a very good source of vitamin B12 and a rich source of omega-3 fatty acids, magnesium and potassium.

Makes: 4 servings Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 5 minutes

Ingredients:

1 seedless tangerine	1 red grapefruit
1 cup diced Hass avocado (about 1 avocado)	
1/4 cup finely diced red onion	2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
1/2 teaspoon lime zest	2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
salt	freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon olive oil	1 1/2 pounds large sea scallops (about 12)



Directions:

Using a paring knife, remove the peel and pith from the tangerine and grapefruit. Working over a large bowl, carefully cut between the membranes to release the segments and any juices. Add the avocado, red onion, cilantro, lime zest, and lime juice to bowl; gently toss to mix. Season with salt and black pepper to taste.

Heat the oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Season the scallops with salt and black pepper to taste; sear until golden brown and just cooked through, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 minutes a side.

Transfer 3 scallops to each of four serving plates. Spoon salsa over scallops, reserving 1/4 cup salsa for the waffle recipe on the next slide.

VETERANS NEWS
by the RAQ Bulletin

**Deadline for
the next issue
of the
Piedmont
Periscope
will be
August 15th.
Please have all
items to
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by then.**

Your Veteran News From the RAQ Bulletin

National Museum of the U.S. Navy: The National Museum of the U.S. Navy is devoted to the display of naval artifacts, models, documents and fine art, the museum chronicles the history of the United States Navy from the American Revolution to the present conflicts.. The Museum was established in 1961 and opened to the public in 1963. As one of 14 Navy museums throughout the country, it is the only one that presents an overview of U.S. naval history. Permanent and temporary exhibitions commemorate the Navy's wartime heroes and battles as well as its peacetime contributions in exploration, diplomacy, navigation and humanitarian service. Close to 200,000 individuals visit the Museum annually. Admission and its programs are free. It is architecturally accessible. Hours of operation are TUE thru FRI 08-1700 and SAT, SUN & Holidays 10-1700. It is closed Mondays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. It is located in the WASHINGTON NAVY YARD, 805 Kidder Breese Street SE,

Washington, DC 20374-5060. All non military, non DoD visitor Navy Yard entry on weekdays, weekends and holidays is the 11th St SE & O St SE (1022 O St SE). Visitors can park in the pay lot on M St. across from the 6th St. gate on weekdays as vehicular traffic is not allowed to the Museum Monday through Friday. Visitors may drive in through the 11th & O St. gate on weekends. This gate is also the entrance for buses arriving on weekdays, weekends and holidays.

A new exhibit, "1813 Don't Give Up the Ship" opened at the National Museum of the United States Navy at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. The exhibit features ships' and Sailors' armament as well as posters describing the aide that the Navy rendered the U.S. Army during the Great Lakes battles two centuries ago. The new exhibit centers on that support the Navy gave the Army position and the soldiers who were drafted to fight. Once the museum takes down the exhibition it may never come back because a lot of the armaments are on

loan, mostly from private collectors. For more information on the new exhibit, visit the National Museum of the United States Navy website at

www.history.navy.mil/branches/org8-1.htm or the 1813 Don't Give Up the Ship Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/1813DontGiveUpTheShipExhibit>. [Source: Military Report 24 Jun 2013 ++]

Health Screening Update 01: Over the past year, men were 24% less likely than women to see a doctor. This reluctance to seek medical care is dangerous. Many of the health risks that men face can be prevented or treated with early diagnosis. All adults should visit their health care provider from time to time, even if they are healthy. The purpose of these visits is to:

- Screen for diseases
- Assess risk of future medical problems
- Help develop a healthy lifestyle
- Update vaccinations
- Maintain a relationship with a doctor in case of an illness

Even if you feel fine, it is still important to see your health care provider regularly to check for potential problems. Most people who have high blood pressure don't even know it. The only way to find out is to have your blood pressure checked regularly. Likewise, high blood sugar and high cholesterol levels often do not produce any symptoms until the disease becomes advanced. There are specific times when you should see your health care provider. Age-specific guidelines for men age 18-to 39 are as follows:

Blood pressure screening:

Have your blood pressure checked every 2 years unless it is 120-139/80-89 Hg or higher. Then have it checked every year.

Watch for blood pressure screenings in your area. Ask your health care provider if you can stop in to have your blood pressure checked. Check your blood pressure using the automated machines at local grocery stores and pharmacies.

If the top number (systolic number) is greater than 130 or the

bottom number (diastolic number) is greater than 85, call your doctor.

If you have diabetes, heart disease, kidney problems, or certain other conditions, you may need to be monitored more closely.

Cholesterol screening and heart disease prevention:

Men over age 34 should be checked every 5 years.

If you have risk factors for heart disease, such as diabetes, start getting screened earlier, at age 20.

If you have diabetes, heart disease, kidney problems, or certain other conditions, you may need to be monitored more closely.

Dental exam:

Go to the dentist every year for an exam and cleaning.

Eye exam:

If you have vision problems, have an eye exam every 2 years.

Immunizations:

After age 19, you should have a tetanus-diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine once as part of your tetanus-diphtheria vaccines. You should have a tetanus-

diphtheria booster every 10 years.

You should get a flu shot each year.

You should get the HPV vaccine if you have not already.

Your doctor may recommend other immunizations if you have certain medical conditions, such as diabetes.

Infectious disease screening:

Depending on your lifestyle and medical history, you may need to be screened for infections such as syphilis, chlamydia, and HIV, as well as other infections.

Preventive health visits should be every 2 years, and may include:

Checking height and weight

Screening for alcohol and tobacco use

Screening for depression

[Source: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/007464.htm> Jun 2013 ++]

Flag Legislation Update

04: For the ninth time in his career, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) proposed a flag-protection amendment in the Senate on 13 JUN. Hatch introduced Senate

Joint Resolution 17, proposing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would give Congress the authority to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration. On 22 JUN 1989, the U.S. Supreme Court decided in *Texas v. Johnson* that the state's flag-protection law violated the First Amendment; a year later, it declared the same was true for federal law. "This amendment is often misunderstood," said James E. Koutz, national commander of The American Legion. "It does not protect the U.S. flag. It merely returns to Congress the power to pass legislation that would protect the flag, a power that was taken away from them by the Supreme Court in 1989. It is time to correct this mistake – now." Hatch echoed Koutz's clarification in his own remarks, saying that even if the amendment was ratified, it "would not prohibit flag desecration. It would merely give Congress authority to do so."

If passed by Congress,

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the amendment would have to be ratified by three-fourths of the country's state governments before it became the Constitution's 28th amendment. The House version of the flag-amendment proposal, H.J. Res. 47, was introduced 22 MAY by Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL) and Rep. Daniel Lipinski (D-IL). "On this Flag Day, tens of millions of Americans will be inspired by the sight and beauty of the U.S. flag," Bachus said. "It is an appropriate time for Congress to begin to take steps to honor and protect the most recognized symbol of freedom and democracy in the world." Lipinski said that while the protection of the U.S. flag is "a responsibility for all Americans," he cherished First Amendment rights but firmly believed that "purposeful flag desecration is an offensive act that cannot and should not be tolerated." As a congressman representing a district with more than 30,000 veterans, Lipinski said he has "worked along-

side too many veterans – and attended far too many memorial ceremonies for soldiers killed in action – to ever think otherwise."

Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV), a co-sponsor of the resolution, said America's patriots have fought and died to defend the U.S. flag for more than two centuries, "and this amendment makes clear that the American people, through their elected lawmakers, have the constitutional authority to protect their flag from desecration." Hatch noted that while voting Americans have the ultimate authority to change the Constitution's rules for government, "Congress should not deprive the American people of the opportunity to express their will on this important issue. The American people want that opportunity. All 50 state legislatures have indicated their support for a constitutional amendment to allow the protection of the flag. At a time when many issues divide us, the flag to which we pledge alle-

giance ought to be one thing that unites us." The proposed amendment is a single sentence: "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States." Sen. Hatch's resolution has 21 original co-sponsors. [Source: American Legion Leg Up 17 Jun 2013 ++]

The next one is something we don't hear often enough. I teach it to our kids in our Carolina Piedmont Flag Etiquette Program—Moe(SS)

Flag Etiquette: The following guidelines are provided based on the Federal Flag Code and current law:

Displaying the American flag:

Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness.

It should not be displayed during rain, snow and wind storms unless it is an all-weather flag.

It should be displayed often, but especially on

national and state holidays and special occasions.

The flag should be displayed on or near the main building of public institutions, schools during school days and polling places on election days.

It should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

When carried in procession with other flags, the American flag should be either on the marching right (the flag's right) or to the front and center of the flag line. Salutes should be rendered when it is six paces from the viewer and held it until the flag has passed six paces beyond.

When displayed on a float in a parade, the flag should be hung from a staff or suspended so it falls free; it should not be draped over a vehicle. Salutes should be rendered when it is six paces from the viewer and held it until the flag has passed six paces beyond.

When displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, the American flag should be on its own right (left to a person facing the wall) and its staff should be in front

of the other flag's staff.

In a group of flags displayed from staffs, the American flag should be at the center and the highest point.

When the flag is displayed other than from a staff it should be displayed flat, or suspended so that its folds fall free.

When displayed over a street, place the union so it faces north or east; depending upon the direction of the street.

When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half staff.

When suspended from a rope extending from the building on a pole, the flag should be hoisted out, union first from the building.

When flags of states, cities or organizations are flown on the same staff, the American flag must be at the top.

When other flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the American flag should be hoisted first and lowered last. It must be on the right of other flags and no other flag should stand higher than it.

Flags of other nations

should be flown from separate staffs. International custom dictates that flags of different nations be displayed at the same height in peacetime and be approximately the same size.

When displayed flat against the wall on a speaker's platform, the flag should be above and behind the speaker with the union on the left side as the audience looks at it (again, the flag's right).

When the flag hangs from a staff in a church or public place, it should appear to the audience on the left, the speaker's right. Any other flags displayed should be placed on the opposite side of the speaker.

The flag may cover a casket, but should not cover a statue or monument for unveiling. On a casket, the union should be at the deceased person's head and heart, over the left shoulder. But the flag should be removed before the casket is lowered into the grave and should never touch the ground.

Whenever the flag is displayed at half-staff, it should be first raised to the top. Lowering from half-staff is preceded by first raising it momentarily to the top.

The flag should never be

draped or drawn back in folds. Draped red, white and blue bunting should be used for decoration, with the blue at the top and red at the bottom.

The flag may be flown at half-staff to honor a newly deceased federal or state government official by order of the president or the governor, respectively.

On Memorial Day, the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon.

Out of respect for the American flag, never:

Dip it for any person or thing, even though state flags, regimental colors and other flags may be dipped as a mark of honor.

Display it with the union down, except as a signal of distress.

Let the flag touch anything beneath it: ground, floor, water, merchandise.

Carry it horizontally, but always aloft.

Fasten or display it in a way that will permit it to be damaged or soiled.

Place anything on the flag, including letters, insignia, or designs of any kind.

Use it for holding anything.

Use it as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery.

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Lost Boats— USS Robalo SS-273



USS Robalo (SS-273), a *Gato*-class submarine, was the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for the róbalo or common snook. Her keel was laid down on 24 October 1942 by the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company at Manitowoc, Wisconsin. She was launched on 9 May 1943, sponsored by Mrs. E.S. Root, and commissioned on 28 September 1943.

After passage by inland waterways and being floated down the Mississippi River, *Robalo* deployed to the Pacific. On her first war patrol (under the leadership of Commander Stephen Ambuster, Annapolis Class of 1928), she sortied from Pearl Harbor, hunting Japanese ships west of the Philippines. There, *en route* to her new station in Fremantle, she damaged a large freighter, firing four torpedoes at 3,100 yards. She spent 36 of her 57-day mission submerged. When she arrived, her commanding officer was summarily relieved by Admiral Christie

and replaced with Manning Kimmel (Class of 1935).

In March 1944, Christie (based on Ultra) feared surprise from a strong Japanese force. When Chester W. Nimitz, Jr. in USS *Haddo* (SS-255), made contact on his SJ radar and reported "many large ships" Christie scrambled to respond. *Robalo*, along with USS *Flasher* (SS-249), USS *Hoe* (SS-258), USS *Hake* (SS-256), and USS *Redfin* (SS-272) all ran to intercept. No attack ever materialized. For her second patrol, *Robalo* went to the South China Sea, assigned to interdict Japanese tanker traffic from French Indochina to the fleet anchorage at Tawi Tawi. On a "wildly aggressive patrol" lasting 51 days, *Robalo* fired twenty torpedoes in four attacks. She was bombed by a Japanese antisubmarine aircraft, suffering shattered and flooded periscopes and loss of radar, while taking a harrowing plunge to 350 feet after her main induction was improperly closed (a casualty frighteningly reminiscent of *Squalus*) in diving to escape. When she returned to Fremantle,

Captain "Tex"

McLean (commanding Subron 16) and Admiral Christie both considered relieving *Robalo*'s skipper for his own safety. She was credited with sinking a 7500-ton tanker which was not confirmed postwar by JANAC.

Robalo departed Fremantle on 22 June 1944 on her third war patrol. She set a course for the South China Sea to conduct her patrol in the vicinity of the Natuna Islands. After transiting Makassar Strait and Balabac Strait (which was well-known to be mined), she was scheduled to arrive on station about 6 July and remain until dark on 2 August 1944. On 2 July, a contact report stated *Robalo* had sighted a *Fusō*-class battleship, with air cover and two destroyers for escort, just east of Borneo. No other messages were ever received from the submarine and when she did not return from patrol, she was presumed lost.

Fate of survivors -On 2 August, a note was dropped from the window of a cell of Puerto Princesa Prison Camp on Palawan Island in the Philippines. It was

picked up by an American soldier who was on a work detail nearby. The note was in turn given to H.D. Hough, Yeoman Second Class, who was also a prisoner at the camp. On 4 August, he contacted Trinidad Mendoza, wife of guerrilla leader Dr. Mendoza who furnished further information on the survivors. From these sources, it was concluded *Robalo* was sunk on 26 July 1944, 2 miles off the western coast of Palawan Island from an explosion in the vicinity of her after battery, probably caused by an enemy mine. Only four men swam ashore, and made their way through the jungles to a small barrier northwest of the Puerto Princesa Prison Camp, where Japanese Military Police captured them and jailed them for guerrilla activities. On 15 August, they were evacuated by a Japanese destroyer and never



heard from again. *Robalo* was stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 16 September 1944.

There are two Japanese destroyers lost in August 1944 in either of which the four survivors could have been held:

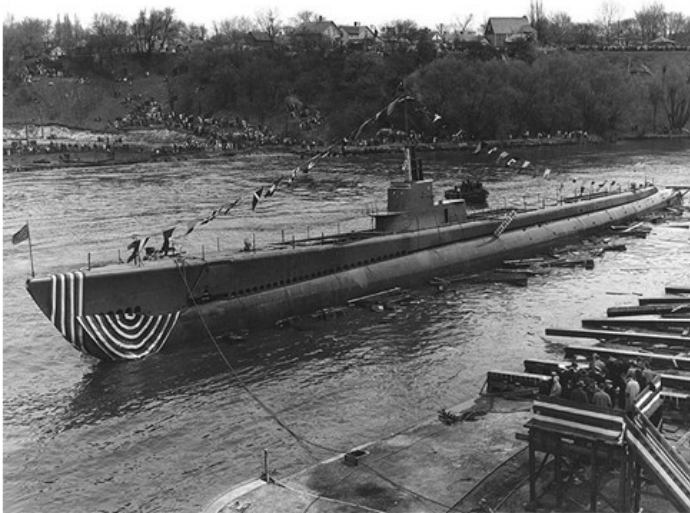
Akakaze, sunk on 23 Au-

gust 1944 off Cape Bili-nao (Luzon), by USS *Haddo* (SS-255).

Yūnagi, sunk on 25 August 1944 off northwest Luzon by USS *Picuda* (SS-382).

Robalo earned two battle stars for World War II service.

Photo # NH 69262 USS Robalo afloat just after launching, at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, 9 May 1943



Did you know...

The Carolina Piedmont Base has an great Flag Etiquette Program that we offer free of charge to any group? This presentation was originally developed for the 4 and 5th grade school levels, but is great for cub scouts, girl scouts, boy scouts, Brownies. Even Youth Church groups should get this 45 to 50 minute presentation on how to display and respect our National Emblem properly.

This program is also great for Civic Organizations, such as Lions Clubs, Sertoma, Rotary Clubs, and any other organization that you might belong and need a "fill-in" program. It is educational for all ages.

Contact Dale Moses at 704-248-7610 or donutdad@att.net for more information.

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Use the flag for advertising or promotion purposes or print it on paper napkins, boxes or anything else intended for temporary use and discarded.

The flag should not be used on a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be attached to the uniform of patriotic organizations, military personnel, police officers and firefighters.

Disposal - When the flag is worn out or otherwise no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be retired (i.e. destroyed) in a dignified way, preferably by burning. Most VFW and American Legion Posts will accept flags for proper disposal. When burning a dignified manner would be:

Fold the flag in its customary manner.

Ensure the fire is fairly large and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the flag.

Place the flag on the fire.

Those present should come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.

After the flag is completely consumed, the fire should then be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.

Out of respect for the

American flag, those in its presence should:

During the hoisting or lowering of the flag or when it passes in parade or review, Americans should stand at attention facing the flag and place their right hand over the heart.

Uniformed military members render the military salute.

Un-uniformed service-members, military retirees, and veterans should render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag.

Men not in uniform should remove any head-dress and hold it with their right hand at their left shoulder, the hand resting over the heart.

Those who are not U.S. citizens should stand at attention.

Small flags carried by individuals, such as those carried by civilian spectators at a parade, are not saluted.

It is improper to salute with any object in the right hand or with a cigarette, cigar, or pipe in the mouth.

[Source: Federal Flag Code & <http://usmilitary.about.com> Jun 2013 ++]

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 June issue)

ARTICLE X – CHARTER

Section 1. Upon signed approval of their Constitution and Bylaws by the appropriate District Commander and endorsement by the Regional Director, each Base shall be issued a Charter from the organization. The Organization's Commander and Secretary, who shall affix the Organizations Seal thereto, shall sign the charter.

Section 2. Issuance of the Charter signifies authorization to carry out the purpose of the organization under the name United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. and authorizes the use of the National Emblem in carrying out that Purpose provided however that no Base has the authority to bind the Organization either financially or contractually.

Section 3. Any Base that fails to comply with the Organization's Constitution and Bylaws will have thirty days (30), after notification in writing by the Organization's Secretary, to correct the deficiency or cause their Charter to be revoked.

Next Month Article XI—OFFICERS

Remember the USSVI National Constitution and Bylaws are available in their entirety on-line at WWW.USSVI.ORG. You as a USSVI member can change these by going through the proper procedure and process described within. You want change, don't B*tch, Read and do something about it. The change starts with you and your knowing of the process.

It's easy to stand there with your beer and say "this needs to be changed"; it's another thing to "Get-R-Done." I'm not saying any change is needed. Just my just as editor to point you to the right tools.

Bylaws (continued from June issue)

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

Section 4. NATIONAL SECRETARY:

The duties of the National Secretary shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Officiate when required in U.S. Submarine Veterans matters in the absence of the National Commander, National Senior Vice-Commander, and the National Junior Vice-Commander.
- b. Serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
- c. Serve as a member of the Membership Committee, updating membership changes as reported by the Junior Vice-Commander on a quarterly basis. Maintain permanent membership data for the current and past year and be responsible for transfer of all other membership data to the USSVI Archives office.
- d. Be the clerk of the organization and keeper of the seal and affix such seal as required.
- e. Be the custodian of all non-financial records and materials, which shall remain U.S. Submarine Veterans property.
- f. Keep permanent records as required by the Articles of Corporation, the National Constitution, and these Bylaws.
- g. Keep permanent records of the proceedings of all National meetings of the Board of Directors.
- h. Prepare and distribute the National Ballot.
- i. Insure that only members in good standing vote on organizational business.
- j. Serve as the official organization correspondent, forwarding to officers and committee chairman such correspondence as may be appropriate to the performance of their duties
- k. Issue a call to all Committee Chairmen for a report of unfinished issues and have these reports published in the fourth quarter issue of the American Submariner.
- l. The National Secretary shall issue a new Base Charter once he has received the following Documents and requested items:
 - a. The Name of the New Base and date of the first base meeting

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Commander (Con't from page 3)

Command from Page 19:

there is any meeting you want to attend, this is the one. So make your plans now for it.

And of course, it is time for me to start my "annual drum beating". For those of you who are not Life Members, it is time to start thinking about paying your 2014 dues. We have somewhere in the neighborhood of 50 members that owe National Dues for 2014. We also have somewhere close to that number who owe Base Dues as well. If you have not figured it out, this is the biggest pain for us that have to deal with this (myself, Jack, and Raymond). It

would be nice if you would be considerate and get your dues in as soon as you can. The total is \$30 per year (\$20 for National and \$10 for Base). It just takes a small amount of time to write a check and mail it to our Treasurer (Raymond Zieverink). His address is on the roster but if you need it, just ask. I would like to thank you for being considerate in advance.

One last thing, the election period for District Commander has been extended to 15 July for

those that have not voted. Of course that extension came out the day we thought the voting results were due and Jack had already submitted for our base. If you still would like to vote, just send it to Jack and he can update our count to the Regional Director. In any case I would like to thank those that voted for me. I know that I was the only one running but I still appreciate your support and vote of confidence. I look forward to seeing most of you at our next meeting on the 27th. Please keep safe as we need each of you in good health. May God bless you and the United States of America.

National Bylaws (con't)

b. A copy of the list of Elected Base officers and Base members.

c. A copy of the completed District Commander's check off Sheet.

d. A copy of the approved new Base Bylaws
m. 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.

It was "Hit and Miss" on the rain, but it did hold off during the Faith Parade on Independence Day. What a great little town for a parade. No motor-cycles for this one, but Moe did ride his up to the muster point and had wet socks for the rest of the morning and ride back to Charlotte. Pictures by Mike Hubbell



Piedmont Funnies Page

Provided by Al Westberry:

A good old Mississippi boy won a bass boat in a raffle drawing.

He brought it home and his wife looks at him and says, "What you gonna do with that. There ain't no water deep enough to float a boat within 100 miles of here."

He says, "I won it and I'm a-gonna keep it."

His brother came over to visit several days later. He sees the wife and asks where his brother is.

She says, "He's out there in his bass boat", pointing to the field behind the house.

The brother heads out behind the house and sees his brother in the middle of a big field sitting in a bass boat with a fishing rod in his hand.

He yells out to him, "What are you doin'?"

His brother replies, "I'm fishin'. What does it look like I'm a doin'?"

His brother yells, "It's people like you that give people from Mississippi a bad name, makin' everybody think we're stupid. If I could swim, I'd come out there and whip your ass."

Provided by Jim Schenk:

A teacher noticed that a little boy at the back of the class was squirming around, scratching his crotch, & not paying attention.

She went back to find out what was going on.

He was quite embarrassed, & whispered that he had just recently been circumcised, & he was quite itchy down there.

The teacher told him to go down to the principal's office.

He was to telephone his mother & ask her what he should do about it.

He did, & returned to his class.

Suddenly, there was a commotion at the back of the room.

She went back to investigate, only to find him sitting at his desk with his 'private part' hanging out.

'I thought I told you to call your mom!' she said.

'I did,' he said, 'And she told me that if I could stick it out till noon, she'd come, and pick me up from school.'

Another Westberry:

A wife, being the romantic sort, sent her husband a text:

"If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile.

If you are eating, send me a bite.

If you are drinking, send me a sip.

If you are crying, send me your tears.

I love you."

The husbands reply:

"I am on the commode. Please advise."

The Affair

A man returns home a day early from a business trip. While en route home, he asks the cabby if he would be a witness. The man suspects his wife is having an affair, and he wants to catch her in the act. For \$100, the cabby agrees.

Quietly arriving home, the husband and cabby tip toe into the bedroom. The husband switches on the lights, yanks the blanket back and there is his wife in bed with another man!

The husband puts a gun to the naked man's head.

The wife shouts, 'Don't do it! I lied when I told you I inherited money' HE paid for the Porsche I gave you. HE paid for our new cabin cruiser. HE paid for your Bulls season tickets. HE paid for our house at the lake. HE paid for your African tour and 4x4. HE paid for our country club membership, and HE even pays the monthly dues!'

Shaking his head from side-to-side, the husband lowers the gun. He looks over at the cabby and says, 'What would you do?'

The cabby replies, 'I'd cover him with that blanket before he catches a cold.'

There was this little kid who had a bad habit of sucking his thumb. His mother finally told him that if he didn't stop sucking his thumb, he'd get fat.

Two weeks later, his mother had her friends over for a game of bridge. The boy points to an obviously pregnant woman and says, "Ah,

ha! I know what you've been doing!"

One from 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. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; 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.

From Jack Jeffries:

Mike was going to be married to Karen, so his father sat him down for a little chat.

He said, "Mike, let me tell you something....On my wedding night in our honeymoon Suite I took off my pants, handed them to your mother, and said, "Here - try these on."

She did and said, "These are too big, I can't wear

them."

I replied, "Exactly, I wear the pants in this family and I always will. Ever since that night we never had any problems."

"Hmmm," said Mike. He thought that might be a good thing to try.

On his honeymoon, Mike took off his pants and said to Karen, "Here - try these on."

She tried them on and said, "These are too big. They don't fit me."

Mike said, "Exactly. I wear the pants in this family and I always will. I don't want you to ever forget that."

Then Karen took off her pants and handed them to Mike. She said, "Here -you try on mine."

He did and said, "I can't get into your pants."

Karen said, "Exactly. And if you don't change your smart ass attitude, you never will."

And they lived happily ever.

A husband and wife are shopping in their local Wal-Mart. The husband picks up a .case of Miller Lite and puts it in their cart.

'What do you think

you're doing?' asks the wife. 'They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans', he replies. 'Put them back, it's a waste of money', demands the wife, and so he does and they carry on shopping.

A few aisles further on along, the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket.

What do you think you're doing?' asks the husband. 'It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful,' replies the wife.

Her husband retorts: 'So does 24 cans of Miller Lite and it's half the price.'

HUSBAND DOWN,
AISLE 7 !

An Arizona couple both well into their 80's, go to a sex therapist's office.

The doctor asks, 'What can I do for you?'

The man says, 'Will you watch us have sexual intercourse?'

The doctor raises both eyebrows, but he is so amazed that such an elderly couple is asking for sexual advice that he agrees.

When the couple finishes, the doctor says, 'There's absolutely nothing wrong with the way you have intercourse.'

He thanks them for coming, he wishes them good luck, he charges them \$50 and he says good bye.

The next week, the same couple returns and asks the sex therapist to watch again. The sex therapist is a bit puzzled, but agrees.

This happens several weeks in a row. The couple makes an appointment, has intercourse with no problems, pays the doctor, then leave.

Finally, after 3 months of this routine, the doctor says, 'I'm sorry, but I have to ask. Just what are you trying to find out?'

The man says, 'We're not trying to find out anything.

She's married; so we can't go to her house.

I'm married; and we can't go to my house.

The Holiday Inn charges \$98.00, The Hilton charges \$139.00, we do it here for \$50.00 and Medicare pays \$43 of it, leaving my net cost of \$7.00.

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Halfway Night III is Underway!

I can't believe it's our 3rd season already. What a show we have, and what a "Crew" we have to do it with.

From the sound lady, Colleen's seat, this is the "best show that we have ever done."

I know we have had fun putting it together and our first performance at The Laurels in Pineville on July 13th was very successful. We left many smiles on the people's faces.

We are shooting for a September 21st date at the Salisbury VA. Followed by a September 28th showing for Base members at Jack's Ranch. One problem is that it is outage season at the nuclear plants and we lose Jeff Nieberding for a few weeks.

If someone would just step forward and ride his motorcycle during the "Leader of the Pack" skit and fill-in as a Papa and lip-sync California Dreaming with Rick Pettitt, Anna Tuchfeld and Sandra Myers it would be a great help. We'll take any help we can get. You don't have to be crazy, but it does help.

By the way, that is Carol Jeffries on page 3

dressed as one of the Sha-gra-las for the Leader of the Pack skit.

Here are some other pictures. We hope to have the whole thing on YouTube as soon as we get our camera guy back, Paul Myers.

So, come and join the crazy fun.— Moe(SS)

Pictures by Colleen Moses





Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Base Meeting VFW POST 1730 Dinner 1900 Meeting
28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 	12	13	14	15	16	17 Base Meeting VFW POST 1730 Dinner 1900 Meeting
18	19	20	21	22 Newton Old Soldier Parade	23	24
25 National Convention Rochester, MN	26 →	27 →	28 →	29 →	30 →	31 →
Sept 1 →	2 	3	4	5	6	7

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! -

