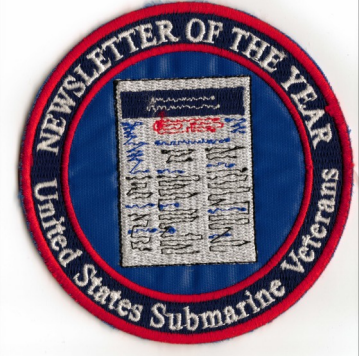


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August 2013

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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.

Why Go to Church—Chaplain Ray

If you are spiritually alive, you will love this!
If you are spiritually dead, you probably will not want to read this.
If you are spiritually curious, there is still hope!
 A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday:
"I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. However, for the life of me, I cannot remember even one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real con-

trovery in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:
"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"
 When you are **DOWN** to

nothing... God is **UP** to something!
 Corrie Ten Boom said:

*Faith sees the invisible
 believes the unbelievable
 and receives the impossible.*

Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment! - Chaplain Ray



Lost Boats for August

"Sailors, rest your oars"

USS S 39 (SS 144)
 USS POMPANO (SS 181)
 USS FLIER (SS 250)
 USS HARDER (SS 257)
 USS BULLHEAD (SS 332)
 USS COCHINO (SS 345)

August 16, 1942
 August 29, 1943
 August 13, 1944
 August 24, 1944
 August 6, 1945
 August 26, 1949

CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell



Exciting times are upon us, once again. We are going to the Jeff Gordon Foundation this week (which is before the newsletter is put out, but obviously after I am writing this). I am sure that Jack will give you a good update on that. We also have the parade in Newton, NC on the 15th, around 1600 (time and muster point will be put out soon). Parades are always a good time. We also have a batch from our base going out on a cruise. I am sure they will have a good time. We have our meeting (one week early this month) and then the National Convention. There is plenty going on and opportunities for our

members to do something this month. It is that time of year (and will be until either the end of the year or until our mission is complete) but I must remind those who are not life members that we are now into the dues collections season for 2014 dues. The sooner you get it in, the sooner it is over for us. Please help us out and get your dues in soon. The sooner the better, but I am asking that you don't wait until the last minute. It is \$20 per year for National and \$10 per year for base for a total of \$30. There are 3 and 5 year plans (that save you a couple of bucks and also gets you off the hook for a while) that you might consider. Of course you can always become a life member, but if you are young, that is a little costly, but a good deal

for the old folks. Just help us out on this. National just put out a notice (being distributed as I type) that allows you onto a website to both see and post concerns within our organization. It may look a little difficult at first but is really simple once you catch on. This looks like a good means for the membership to not only see concerns of others (and responses to those concerns) but also the opportunity for you to do the same. I encourage each of you to take a look at this and take advantage of it as best fits your needs. I do think this is a step forward for our organization. Our meeting is this month is a week early, so please plan accordingly. Also remember that next month (September) is our annual picnic at Jack's

place. You surely do not want to miss that meeting. I have been told (maybe instructed is a better term) that the Bilge Rat Productions show will be put on for our membership. Another reason in itself to come to that meeting. We plan to have the meeting at 1500, but we will eat earlier (a better time will be put out soon). You may choose to not attend our meetings (for your own reasons) but if you can make only one during the year, this is the one. I do not have a lot of information for you this month so will keep this one short. I hope to see you at our next meeting and surely in September. May God bless each of you and keep you safe.
- Steve

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XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries



Carolina Piedmont ROCKS - The Month of July was not really that busy. We had the parade at Faith, and Steve Bell conducted the Eagle Scout Program for Ollie Thompson's Grandson, this was the second of his grandsons to be honored as an Eagle Scout. We have for August, the upcoming parade at Newton NC on August 15th, and the National Convention in Minnesota the end of the month. We are also kicking off our Annual renewal of both base

as well as National dues, please help make my job a little easier by paying as soon as possible. Base dues for 1 year is \$10.00 and National is still \$20.00 per year, please send checks to our Treasurer Raymond Zieverink 3003 Lakeland Drive Rock Hill SC 29730-9560.

I would like to remind you of our annual outing here at our place on September 28th, please mark your calendar for this annual event plenty of fellowship and a great meal also. We have once again obtained a PROFESSIONAL karaoke DJ for the event so plan on coming out and having a good time. We plan on getting the thing rolling about 1400 and who know

when it will end. Our address here is 6017 Dudley Rd, Monroe NC 28112. If you need further directions call me at 704 764 5211.

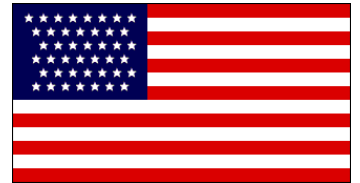
Don't forget that our meeting this month is the 3rd Saturday, August 17th due to the date of the National Convention. How could I have left out that we visited some of the children at Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital today, and I am awaiting a date for our return to Levine Children's Hospital for our KAP(SS) 4KID(SS) program, if you are interested in attending please let me know.

Hope to see you at our next meeting. GOD BLESS you my Brothers, Jack.

The Supply Shack- Jeff Nieberding

Carolina Piedmont Jackets are still available to order, several members have ordered theirs already. USSVI vests are also available to order thru the SK.

Patches, the SK is now able to order patches from BC Patch LLC at wholesale prices. This is usually \$2 - \$3 less per patch than we normally see. Let the SK know what you need.



Flag Trivia—Where did this Flag fly in our Nation's history? See Page 11



Taken at Jeff Gordon's Children's Hospital - From left Carol Jeffries, Hospital Coordinator Angel, Jack Jeffries, Rick Petitt, Steve Bell, Ma Bell, Hospital Coordinator Robyn.

Machinery One — Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary

Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes

For July 27, 2013



-Call Meeting to Order

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

-Invocation

The Invocation was given by Base Chaplin Ray Fritz.

- Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Bell.

- Tolling of the Boats

The Tolling of the Boats was presented by Ray Fritz and Michael Hubbell.

-Member Introductions

There were 20 members present, and special Guests.

-Special Presentations

Jim Meyers presented a scholarship check from the Robert E. Fennell Scholarship Fund to Ms. Shelby R. Hopkins, the granddaughter of Robert F. "Hoppy" Hopkins of the Nat Greene Base. Ms. Hopkins will be pursuing a nursing career and attending UNC Charlotte in the fall.

-Reading/Approval of the last Meeting Minutes

The motion to accept the Minutes of the Base Meeting held on June 22nd, 2013 as posted in Carolina-Piedmont Periscope News Letter was made and seconded. The motion carried.

-Reading/Approval of the Treasurer's Report

The Treasure's Report was given by Ray Zieverink.

As of July 27th, 2013 the following funds where available to the Base.

CURRENT BALANCE	\$6,606.85
MEMEMORIAL RESTERATION FUNDS	\$ 542.50
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 205.80
KAPS-4-KIDS	\$1,809.67
BASE FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$4,048.88

-Old Business

Base Minutes (con't)

None

-New Business

-Bible procurement

Steve Bell reviewed the current procedures for the Memory Bibles given to the families of departed shipmates. Base Commander Steve Bell and Base Chaplin Ray Fritz were given the authority to procure and present these Bibles on a case by case basis. Steve took the time to explain that some Bibles have been presented to those not directly related to the Carolina-Piedmont Base. All present agreed that Steve and Ray have done well and should continue with the current policies.

-Operating Budget

Steve Bell reviewed the current Annual Operating Budget. This covered the \$100.00 annual Base Budget to cover expenses incurred while conducting Base business. And the \$100.00 annual budget for our Bilge Rat Productions. After open discussions, Ray Zieverink made the motion to increase the Base Operating Budget to \$250.00 a year, including moving the Bilge Rat Productions budget into the Base Operating Budget. The Motion carried. (Note: Bilge Rat Productions expenses will come from the operating unless it is a capital purchase).

-Store Keeper's Report

There was no report for July 2013.

-Good of the Order

-Eagle Scout Presentation

Base Commander Steve Bell reported on the presentation of the Honorary Submariner to the 2nd grandson of Ollie Thompson. Ollie was the man responsible for donating the NC Subvets Mk14 Torpedo.

-USS Scorpion Challenge Coin

Steve Bell presented the USS Scorpion Challenge Coin. These coins are being sold to help raise funds for the USS Scorpion 50th Memorial. Steve Bell is taking orders for those wishing to purchase a coin. Each coin is \$10.00 (cash).

-Kaps-4-Kids Update

Jack Jefferies updated the membership on this summer and fall K4K visits. On August 7th the Base will be visiting the Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital. Up to 5 members are welcome to attend. On October 19th the Base will again be visiting the Victory Junction Camp, 2 members are welcome to attend (in addition to Jack and Steve). A date for the Levine Children's Hospital visit has not been set yet, Jack will be providing additional information on the date. Any members interested in attending any of these visits are asked to contact Jack Jefferies.

-Bilge Rat Productions

Season 3 has kicked off with a visit to the Pineville Assisted Living facility. Dale Moses requests that any members who have music stand consider donating them for the use of the shows musicians and singers. A volunteer is needed to a non-speaking role at the Salisbury VA show to be held at 11AM on the 21st of August at Bldg. 10.

Base Minutes (con't)

-Membership Renewal

Steve Bell reminded the membership that annual dues for the base and USSVI are due by December (for calendar year of 2014). Steve asked that all members get their dues in to Ray Zieverink as early as possible.

-E-Board Meeting

Steve Bell reviewed some of the issues covered during the E-Board meeting held prior to the monthly business meeting. Opened for discussion was a possible weekend event to replace the Burnsville Meeting now being hosted by the USS Asheville Base. Steve suggested combining the Troutman 4th of July parade with a weekend event. This event could be a major fund raiser for our Base. The membership was asked to give this serious consideration, further discussions will be held during future Base meetings. Further details of other subjects covered during the E-Board meeting will be forth coming through Steve.

-CPB August meeting

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

-Jack's Annual Picnic

Ray Zieverink made the motion to increase the funding of the CPB Annual Picnic held at Jack Jefferies' home in September to \$250.00 to help cover the costs. The motion carried.

-NC Subvets

NC Subvets Commander Jim Myers reported that at the time of the meeting over \$2000.00 has been raised state wide for our member in distress. Jim expressed his admiration and heartfelt thanks to all hands. Jim reported that the 2014 USSVI Southeast Regional Convention will be hosted by the Tarheel Base next year. Planning for the convention has just begun and all members will be kept up to date as the planning progresses. Jim also reported that Tony has decided to donate the area of his property that has the Lost Boat Memorial (Burnsville) on it to the NC Subvets. The NC Subvets Board is currently working on creating a separate legal entity to oversee the Monument. This action is to prevent any complications with the by-laws of USSVI and with the I.R.S. Further information shall be released as the legal issues are resolved.

-News Letter

Dale Moses reminded all that the newsletter deadline will be August 8th, 2013.

-Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont base will be held on August 17th, 2013 at the VFW in Fort Mill. Dinner will start at 1730 hrs.

-Benediction

The Benediction was given by Ray Fritz.

-Motion to Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Hubbell, Base Secretary

USSVI SCHOLARSHIPS AT WORK



As mentioned in the minutes, Miss Shelby Hopkins received a \$1000.00 USSVI scholarship. Here proud Grandfather Robert “Hoppy” Hopkins presents Shelby with the check. On Shelby’s right is her mom, Denise, her dad and Hoppy’s son Robert Hopkins Jr, next to Robert, Jr is Grandmother Carole.

Shelby will be attending University of North Carolina Charlotte and entering the Nursing Program.

Oh, the other guys to left of Hoppy are Base/District Commander Steve Bell and NC SubVets/Nat Greene Base Commander Jim Myers. (photo by Tom Kelly)

WANTED— Bilge Rat Productions is in need of music stands for our shows. If you have any in the attic from you kids or grandkids high school music days we sure could use them. We could also use any microphones with the 1/4 inch jack plugs, mic stands, and any sound equipment. As we continue to grow our needs grow also. We currently DO NOT really on any Base funding for our shows, our members donate more than their time!

AND as usual, we are always looking for additional personal. Thinking ahead to next season, starting in the spring, we are considering a Country HEE-HAW show, so if you can pick, sing, clown-around, let Moe know. My contact in info is on Page 2.

New members

None—But working

Reminder—

Now is the time to pay your 2014 Dues!!

Chaplain's Corner - Ray Fritz, National Chaplain



Chaplain Ray is a little busy getting ready for vacation and then the National Convention, but he did pass on this interesting article:

Doolittle Raiders - A Final Toast

It's the cup of brandy that no one wants to drink.

On Tuesday, in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, the surviving Doolittle Raiders gathered publicly for the last time.

They once were among the most universally admired and revered men in the United States. There were 80 of the Raiders in April 1942, when they carried out one of the most courageous and heart-stirring military operations in this nation's history. The mere mention of their unit's name, in those years, would bring tears to the eyes of grateful Americans.

Now only four survive.

After Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor,

with the United States reeling and wounded, something dramatic was needed to turn the war effort around.

Even though there were no friendly airfields close enough to Japan for the United States to launch retaliation, a daring plan was devised. Sixteen B-25s were modified so that they could take off from the deck of an aircraft carrier. This had never before been tried -- sending such big, heavy bombers from a carrier.

The 16 five-man crews, under the command of Lt. Col. James Doolittle, who himself flew the lead plane off the USS Hornet, knew that they would not be able to return to the carrier. They would have to hit Japan and then hope to make it to China for a safe landing.

But on the day of the raid, the Japanese military caught wind of the plan. The Raiders were told that they would have to take off from much farther out in the Pacific Ocean than they had counted on. They

were told that because of this they would not have enough fuel to make it to safety.

And, those men went anyway.

They bombed Tokyo, and then flew as far as they could. Four planes crash-landed; 11 more crews bailed out, and three of the Raiders died. Eight more were captured; three were executed. Another died of starvation in a Japanese prison camp. One crew made it to Russia.

The Doolittle Raid sent a message from the United States to its enemies, and to the rest of the world: We will fight. And, no matter what it takes, we will win.

Of the 80 Raiders, 62 survived the war. They were celebrated as national heroes, models of bravery. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer produced a motion picture based on the raid; *"Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo,"* starring Spencer Tracy and Van Johnson, was a patriotic and emotional box-office hit, and the phrase became part of the national

lexicon. In the movie-theater previews for the film, MGM proclaimed that it was presenting the story *"with supreme pride."*

Beginning in 1946, the surviving Raiders have held a reunion each April, to commemorate the mission. The reunion is in a different city each year. In 1959, the city of Tucson, Arizona, as a gesture of respect and gratitude, presented the Doolittle Raiders with a set of 80 silver goblets. Each goblet was engraved with the name of a Raider.

Every year, a wooden display case bearing all 80 goblets is transported to the reunion city. Each time a Raider passes away, his goblet is turned upside down in the case at the next reunion, as his old friends bear solemn witness.

Also, in the wooden case is a bottle of 1896 Hennessy Very Special cognac. The year is not happenstance: **1896 was when Jimmy Doolittle was born.**

There has always been a plan: When there are only two surviving Raiders, they would open the bottle, at last drink from it, and

**To contact Ray for your Chaplain needs —
Chaplain Ray - raysabode@bellsouth.net**

toast their comrades who preceded them in death.

As 2013 began, there were five living Raiders; then, in February, Tom Griffin passed away at age 96.

What a man he was. After bailing out of his plane over a mountainous Chinese forest after the Tokyo raid, he became ill with malaria, and almost died. When he recovered, he was sent to Europe to fly more combat missions. He was shot down, captured, and spent 22 months in a German prisoner of war camp.

The selflessness of these men, the sheer guts... There was a passage in the Cincinnati Enquirer obituary for Mr. Griffin that, on the surface, had nothing to do with the war, but that emblemizes the depth of his sense of duty and devotion:

"When his wife became ill and needed to go into a nursing home, he visited her every day. He walked from his house to the nursing home, fed his wife and at the end of the day brought home her clothes. At night, he washed and ironed her clothes. Then he walked them up to her room the next morning. He did

that for three years until her death in 2005."

So now, out of the original 80, only four Raiders remain: Dick Cole (Doolittle's co-pilot on the Tokyo raid), Robert Hite, Edward Saylor and David Thatcher. All are in their 90s. They have decided that there are too few of them for the public reunions to continue.

The events in Fort Walton Beach this week will mark the end. It has come full circle; Florida's nearby Eglin Field was where the Raiders trained in secrecy for the Tokyo mission. The town is planning to do all it can to honor the men: a six-day celebration of their



Well we are fast approaching the end of summer 2013. I hope everyone had a wonderful, if not wet, summer. It is truly amazing how fast the summers click by. Seems like only yesterday, I was a young, energetic young sailor, getting ready to go to sea on the USS Tecumseh. This Saturday I will once again be shoving off the pier in Charleston, SC for another big adventure.

valor, including luncheons, a dinner and a parade.

Do the men ever wonder if those of us for whom they helped save the country have tended to it in a way that is worthy of their sacrifice? They don't talk about that, at least not around other people. But if you find yourself near Fort Walton Beach this week, and if you should encounter any of the Raiders, you might want to offer them a word of thanks. I can tell you from firsthand observation that they appreciate hearing that they are remembered.

The men have decided that after this final public reunion they will wait until a later date -- some time this year -- to get together once more, infor-

mally and in absolute privacy. That is when they will open the bottle of brandy. The years are flowing by too swiftly now; they are not going to wait until there are only two of them.

They will fill the four remaining upturned goblets.

And raise them in a toast to those who are gone.

Watch the Final Toast on youtube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OKSQO6z6mXE>



From the COB - Rick Petitt

This time it will be on the USS Fantasy.....well not USS Fantasy, but a majestic ship just the same. I do like these patrols a lot better than the ones I took in the 70's. Everything is a little bit more fun but some things never change. Like: I still have to take my Scotch on board in a Listerine bottle; I will probably be sea-sick before we get back home; I

will still put in a "wake-up call" for Mid-Rats. Ah. The memories. At least I won't have to be "laundry queen" this patrol. It is a great event to be with many of our Subvet brothers and their spouses and just have FUN. If you aren't on board this trip, consider going in the future.

COB
Rick Petitt

Holland Club Member in the Spotlight— DW Eggleston



This month's Holland Club Member in the Spotlight is Donald W. Eggleston or "DW" as he is known by his friends. DW lives in the small town of Monticello, SC with his wife of 29 years Lyla. Monticello is near Jenkinsville, SC and the VC Summer Nuclear Plants for all us nukes. DW grew-up in Springfield, Illinois although he says he hates to admit anything to do with Illinois. After graduation from high school, DW started college at the University of Missouri at Rolla, MO, where he started his studies in electrical engineering. After about a year, DW grew tired of school but still wanted to pursue the electronic field. In 1955, he did just that in the Navy as a Electronic Technician. While in "A" school, it was announce that the top 3 graduates would receive orders to submarine school and submarine duty. This sounded great to DW. He thought sub duty would be

great duty and he made it happen.

After Sub School, DW was sent to the USS Segundo SS 398 where he served as served as an:ET3(SS) after qualifying submarines in 1956. DW also did some time on shore duty at Point Loma in SD maintaining radar equipment.

DW applied for Nuclear Power School, but since he showed no signs of re-enlistment at the time, was not selected.

After the Navy DW stayed in SD and worked for Convair Astronautical working on the Atlas missile guidance system. About two years later, he decided to go back to U of M at Rolla, Missouri and finish his degree in Electrical Engineering.

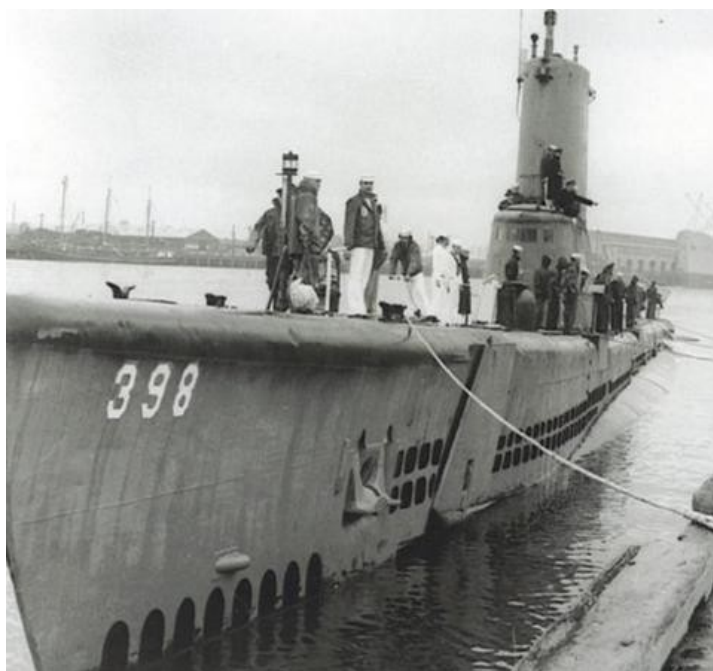
After college, DW went to work for an electrical manufacturing company for about 8 years in Springfield, Illinois and then transferred to Pickens, SC. Later he went to work for Duke Power where he spent 25 years as Manager of Distribution, Metering, Engineering, and Operations out of Charlotte. DW was also the National Chairman of Edison Institute serving Metering

and Service Committee chairman. DW retired in 1991.

Since his retirement he started his own company doing meter and load testing for about 4 years. After that, he became a fishing guide on Lake Murray for about 15 years. He still does some fishing. He takes great pride in working with the troops at Fort Jackson with

sponsoring fishing trips. DW is active with the Palmetto Base and has served as in various offices and as their newsletter editor.

Thanks DW for your service, your continued service to the Palmetto Base, and your work with the troops at Fort Jackson. Catch some big ones!



EVENTS

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

September Meeting!!

Remember the September meeting is at Jack's "Ranch" in Monroe on Sept 28th. You can show up anytime after Noon. 1500 is the meeting with a great meal before the meeting.

Followed by entertainment from

Bilge Rat Products and

Karaoke by Al and Sandy Westberry

So be ready to eat, drink, laugh, sing,

And just have a merry ol' time.

You might want to bring a passing non-meat dish, something to drink, and your chairs.

Don't miss this fun!

Jack will email directions.

Note the Special Time for the August meeting!!

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

August Meeting August 17th

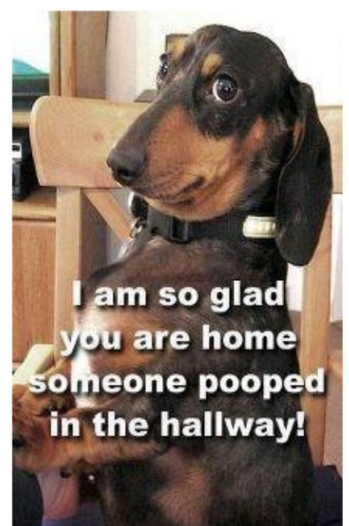
Dinner at 1730 Meeting at 1900

Dinner prepared by ours Sub-Vettes at the cost of \$6.00/person

Please remember to pay for your meal support the Base's activities

Answer to the Flag

The 43-Star Flag: This Flag became the Official United States Flag on July 4th, 1890. Five stars were added for the admission of North Dakota (the 39th State on November 2nd, 1889), South Dakota (the 40th State on November 2nd, 1889), Montana (the 41st State on November 8th, 1889), Washington (the 42nd State on November 11th, 1889), and Idaho (the 43rd State on July 3rd, 1890) and was to last for just 1 year. The only President to serve under this flag was Benjamin Harrison (1889-1893).



Binnacle List

Howard Murray

August

Sara Connelly 8/04

Torrance Adams & Steve Bell 8/07

Andrew Brown 8/08

Diana Fritz 8/09

Stan Schulz 8/11

Bob Bunney 8/14

Tom Kelly 8/23

Janet Snyder 8/27

Steve Clay, Terry Jones, & Paul Trexler 8/29

Happy Birthday



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

August

“If by some divine act of providence we could get rid of both parties and hire some good men, like any other good business does, that would be sitting pretty.” – Will Rogers



Ma and Steve Bell - 8/15

Ruth and Howard Murray - 8/17

Jean and John Wallace - 8/18

Vicki and Paul Simerly - 8/21

Cindy and Tom Coffman – 8/22

Diana and Ray Fritz - 8/22



SubVettes—President Sandra Myers

Hey Sassy Sisters,
Hope all is well with you and yours. We are doing great. We accomplished a lot at our meeting
THANKS to you.
We will try and be at our meeting but several of us will be returning from our annual

cruise. Since we took care of so much business we are setting great. Please don't forget your secret sister and recruiters. I will be going to the National Convention and will "toot our horn" which I am so proud of all

of you and thank you so much. We will have our "this & that" meal at the meeting. CAROLINA PIEDMONT ROCKS !!!!!
Love to all Sandra



CE Fish and Chips

This whole-grain breaded fish and baked chips are delightfully crunchy and delicious and, with a \$6 price tag for 4 servings and just 300 calories per serving, this version of the English classic beats out any famous fast-food variety.

Serves: 4 **Hands-on time:** 30 minutes **Total time:** 45 minutes

Ingredients:

2 cups multigrain loaf, cubed 1 extra large sweet potato, peeled
4 3- to 4-oz white fish filets (such as Alaskan pollock)
1/2 tsp Cajun seasoning or paprika Sea salt and fresh ground black pepper, to taste
2 egg whites

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Bake bread cubes on a baking sheet for 10 minutes or until toasted. Leave oven on and at the same temperature.

Using a food processor fitted with a standard blade, grind bread cubes into about 1 1/2 cups bread crumbs, about 3 minutes.

Using a mandoline, slice sweet potato into paper-thin slices. (If you don't have a mandoline, thinly slice with a knife.)

Lay sweet potato slices on baking sheets lined with parchment paper or aluminum foil. Bake at 350°F for about 8 minutes. Then reduce oven to 250°F and continue baking for 4 to 5 minutes or until slightly browned and crisp. Makes about 4 cups of chips.

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Sprinkle filets with seasoning, salt and pepper. Place egg whites and bread crumbs into 2 separate bowls. Dip filets into egg white, then roll in bread crumbs and place into shallow cooking pan. Bake for 6 minutes. Serve each filet with 1 cup chips.



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Your Veteran News From the RAQ Bulletin

Save Our Benefit Update 03 ► Commissary Update.

The Coalition to Save Our Military Shopping Benefits (group of veteran and military organizations, together with associations of businesses that supply commissaries and exchanges) held a meeting 28 JUL. At their meeting it was noted that Congress' demands for cuts in government spending is having a major impact on the Department of Defense and as a result, almost ALL of the benefits promised to military people are under attack. In addition, there is a deliberate attempt to try and divide active duty from retirees from Guard/Reserve from veterans. The mandated furloughs for DoD employees have already resulted in a cutback in store hours in commissaries. But worse cuts could be coming. While the FY 2014 budget, which begins this 1 OCT appears to fully fund commissaries, the FY 2015 budget could be devastating.

Among the options reported to be under consideration are:

1. A 30% cut in the number of commissaries;
2. Closing all commissaries;
3. Closing commissaries in major metropolitan areas;
4. Increasing the costs of products in commissaries;

Cutting overseas transportation for commissary products

The most important thing you can do is to shop at your commissary and then let your Senators and Representative know that the commissary benefit is important to you and you don't want to lose it. [Source: TREA News for the enlisted 29 Jul 2013 ++]

Pledge of Allegiance ► Vet Hand Salute

Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE-2) has reintroduced a bill to settle a debate about rendering hand salutes when not in uniform. Representative Terry, who never served

in the military but whose congressional district includes Offutt Air Force Base, is sponsoring the Veterans Equality to Salute Act, or VETS Act (H.R.2284). The bill would allow service members and veterans who are not in uniform to render hand salutes during the Pledge of Allegiance, rather than putting their hands over their hearts. The bill was referred the House Judiciary Committee, the congressional panel responsible for all things related to the American flag and saluting. He introduced a similar bill in 2011, and the idea was passed by the House last year as a provision attached to 2013 National Defense Authorization Bill. But it was dropped during negotiations with the Senate. "This common-sense legislation creates parity for those veterans and active-duty military not in uniform who want to give a military-style salute when they are reciting the Pledge of Allegiance," Terry said in a

statement, adding that a local VFW chapter suggested the change. The change would not be unprecedented. In 2008, Congress amended the flag code to allow veterans and service members not in uniform to issue hand salutes when the U.S. flag is raised or lowered. In 2009, the code was changed to allow a hand salute during the playing of the National Anthem. Terry's legislation includes no enforcement mechanism to determine if the person giving a hand salute is or has served in the military. [Source: American Legion Leg Up 17 Jun 2013 ++]

Navy Ship Mail Policy ► **9 Digit Zip Codes**

All mail sent to Navy ships, squadrons and mobile units must now use nine-digit zip codes or it will be returned to sender, according to a Navy statement 16 JUL. Mail without the nine-digit zip code that is currently en route will also be returned as undeliverable, according to both Tuesday's statement and a July 12 service memo

from Navy Secretary Ray Mabus. The U.S. Post Office shuttered two of its coastal military mail operations and instead opened one processing center in Chicago, according to the statement. When they did so, they changed from manual sorting to an automated operation requiring the longer zip codes, which include the commonly known five digits, separated by a dash from the lesser known "plus-4" digits. Commanding officers have been directed to provide sailors with their nine-digit zip codes so they can, in turn, inform their correspondents. [Source: Stars & Stripes article 16 Jul 2013 ++]

VA Pain Management Update 01 ► **Painkiller Epidemic**

Dr. Robert Kerns spoke recently with North Carolina's Fayetteville Observer's staff writer John Ramsey about the painkiller epidemic and the Department of Veterans Affairs' position on prescription drugs and their use. Dr. Kerns is the Department of Veter-

ans Affairs national program director for pain management. A professor of psychiatry, neurology and psychology at Yale University, Kerns also serves on the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Advancing Pain Research, Care, and Education. The interviewer opened with the question, *"The number of hydrocodone prescriptions at the Fayetteville VA went from about 1,100 in 2001 to more than 47,000 last year. That's a 4,100 percent increase when hydrocodone prescriptions have gone up nationally by about 56 percent. Do those numbers raise any red flags?"* To read Dr. Kerns' response to this issue and a number of others the full interview is provided in the attachment to this Bulletin titled, **"DVA Pain Management Program"**. [Source: Fayetteville Observer | John Ramsey | 17 Jul 2013 ++]

Clickjacking Scam ► Beware Seemingly Safe Links

Even savvy computer users can fall for clickjacking, the latest trick that hides a scam on a seemingly safe webpage. It works by making victims think they are

clicking a harmless link, when they are really activating a scam. Here's how clickjacking works:

-It starts like most online phishing scams. You receive an email, social media message or text that directs you to a website. For example, scammers may claim to be from a major store chain, and they are giving away something cool like a free iPad. They instruct you to go to a website and enter to win.

-When you get to the site, everything looks normal. But scammers have hidden links and other content on the page using a web design trick. In addition to the content you can see, scammers have added an invisible layer. They set the opacity to zero, so the content is transparent but still active.

-You complete the form and hit the "Register Now!" button. But scammers have placed an invisible link on top of the register button. This is "clickjacking." You think your click is entering you for the free gift, but you are really activating some code. This code can do anything from ordering something on Amazon (using the "one click" purchase feature) to

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changing the settings on your computer. This technique is also used to trick you into "liking" something on Facebook that normally wouldn't. This is called "likejacking."

How to Spot a Click-jacking Scam

1. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. Don't set yourself up for "clickjacking" by going to the website in the first place. Stay away from teasers for sensational videos (Click here to see shocking footage!) and offers that are too good to be real (Free Hawaiian vacations!).
2. Update your web browser. The newest versions of browsers have security updates that warn you of suspicious websites.
3. Log out of websites. Many clickjacking scams take advantage of web users' habit of staying logged into sites like Facebook or Amazon. This makes it easier for scammers to "like" or even purchase something in your name
4. Don't believe what you see. It's easy to steal the colors, logos and header of any other established organization. Just because a site looks real, it does not mean it

is.

You can read more about how 'clickjacking' works on Wikipedia <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clickjacking>. To find out more about scams, check out BBB Scam Stopper at <http://www.bbb.org/scam-stopper> [Source: BBB Spam Alert 5 Jul 2013 ++]

National Fraud Investigation Agency Scam ► Loan Collection Calls

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) wants to warn consumers about National Fraud Investigation Agency. Consumers tell BBB they are getting collection calls from National Fraud Investigation Agency for loans they never took out. National Fraud Investigation Agency representatives tell consumers that felony charges will be filed against them if they do not pay over the phone immediately. Some consumers told BBB the business had their old addresses, social security numbers and other personal identifiable information. But when one consumer asked the business to provide proof of the debt, they refused. The business told another

consumer that they had sent notices to the consumer's old address, but the consumer never received them. BBB has been unable to locate the business. Mail sent to the address at 943 Sycamore St #1215, Cincinnati, OH 45202 has been returned as undeliverable. According to Google Maps, 943 Sycamore St does not exist. BBB's phone calls to the business asking for another address have been ignored. If you get suspicious calls about a debt you allegedly owe, BBB offers the following advice:

-Ask the debt collector to provide official documentation to prove that you owe the debt.

-Do not provide or confirm any bank account, credit card or other personal information over the phone until you have verified the legitimacy of the call.

-File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission and/or your state's Attorney General's office if the caller is abusive, uses threats or otherwise violates federal telemarketing laws.

[Source: BBB Alert 3 Jul 2013 ++]

USS Pueblo Update 02

► Victory Day Display

If there was ever any doubt about what happened to the only U.S. Navy ship that is being held by a foreign government, North Korea has cleared it up. It's in Pyongyang. And it looks like it's here to stay. With a fresh coat of paint and a new home along the Pothong River, the USS Pueblo, a spy ship seized off North Korea's east coast in the late 1960s, is expected to be unveiled this week as the centerpiece of a renovated war museum to commemorate what North Korea calls "Victory Day," the 60th anniversary this Saturday of the signing of the armistice that ended hostilities in the Korean War. The ship is North Korea's greatest Cold War prize. Its government hopes the Pueblo will serve as a potent symbol of how the country has stood up to the great power of the United States, once in an all-out ground war and now with its push to develop the nuclear weapons and sophisticated missiles it needs to

threaten the U.S. mainland. Many of the crew who served on the vessel, then spent 11 months in captivity in North Korea, want to bring the Pueblo home. Throughout its history, they argue, the Navy's motto has been "don't give up the ship." The Pueblo, in fact, is still listed as a commissioned U.S. Navy vessel, the only one being held by a foreign nation.

But with relations generally fluctuating in a narrow band between bad to dangerously bad, the United States has made little effort to get it back. At times, outsiders weren't even sure where North Korea was keeping the ship or what it planned to do with it. Requests for interviews with the captain of one of the North Korean ships involved in the attack were denied, and North Korean officials have been tight lipped about their plans before the formal unveiling. The Pueblo incident is a painful reminder of miscalculation and confusion, as well as the unresolved hostilities that

continue to keep the two countries in what seems to be a permanent state of distrust and preparation for another clash, despite the truce that ended the 1950-1953 war. Already more than 40 years old and only lightly armed so it wouldn't look conspicuous or threatening as it carried out its intelligence missions, the USS Pueblo was attacked and easily captured on Jan. 23, 1968. Surrounded by a half dozen enemy ships with MiG fighter jets providing air cover, the crew was unable to put up much of a fight. It scrambled to destroy intelligence materials, but soon discovered it wasn't well prepared for even that. A shredder aboard the Pueblo quickly became jammed with the piles of papers anxious crew members shoved into it. They tried burning the documents in waste baskets, but smoke quickly filled the cabins. And there were not enough weighted bags to toss all the secret material overboard.

One U.S. sailor was killed when the ship was strafed by machine gun fire and boarded. The remaining

82, including three injured, were taken prisoner. The North Koreans sailed the Pueblo to the port of Wonsan. For the survivors, that's when the real ordeal began. "I got shot up in the original capture, so we were taken by bus and then train for an all-night journey to Pyongyang in North Korea, and then they put us in a place we called the barn," said Robert Chicca of Bonita, Calif., a Marine Corps sergeant who served as a Korean linguist on the Pueblo. "We had fried turnips for breakfast, turnip soup for lunch, and fried turnips for dinner. ... There was never enough to eat, and personally I lost about 60 pounds over there." Although the ship was conducting intelligence operations, crew members say that most of them had little useful information for the North Koreans. That, according to the crew, didn't stop them from being beaten severely during interrogations. "The Koreans basically told us, they put stuff in front of us, they said you were here, you were spying, you will be shot as spies," said Earl Phares from Ontario, (Con't on Page 24)

Lost Boats— USS FLIER SS-250



USS *Flier* (SS-250), a *Gato*-class submarine, was the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for the flier, a round sunfish widely known in the United States.

Her keel was laid down 30 October 1942 by Electric Boat Company of Groton, Connecticut. She was launched on 11 July 1943 (sponsored by Mrs. A. S. Pierce), and commissioned on 18 October 1943 with Lieutenant Commander John D. Crowley in command.

First war patrol- *Flier* reached Pearl Harbor from New London, Connecticut, on 20 December 1943, and prepared for her first war patrol, sailing 12 January 1944. However, the submarine ran aground near Midway Island on 16 January. *Macaw*, a *Chanticleer*-class submarine rescue ship, attempted to pull *Flier* free but ran aground herself and sank. *Flier* was eventually saved by *Florikan* and towed to first Pearl Harbor and then the Mare Island Navy Yard for repairs. On 21 May she

sailed again for action, heading for a patrol area west of Luzon. She made her first contact on 4 June, attacking a well-escorted convoy of five merchantmen. Firing three torpedoes at each of two ships, she sent the transport *Hakusan Maru* to the bottom and scored a hit on another ship, before clearing the area to evade countermeasures.

On 13 June 1944, *Flier* attacked a convoy of 11 ships, cargo carriers and tankers, guarded by at least six escorts. The alert behavior of the escorts during the attack resulted in a severe counterattack on *Flier* before she could observe what damage she had done to the convoy. On 22 June, she began a long chase after another large convoy, scoring four hits for six torpedoes fired at two cargo ships that day, and three hits for four torpedoes launched against another cargo ship of the same convoy the next day. Second war patrol-*Flier* put in to Fremantle, Australia, to refit between 5 July and 2 August 1944, then sailed on her second war patrol, bound for the coast of Indochina via the Lombok Strait, Ma-

cassar Strait and Balabac Strait. At about 2200 on 12 August, while transiting Balabac Strait on the surface, she struck a naval mine. She sank in about a minute, but 13 officers and men were able to clamber out. Eight of them reached the beach off Mantangula Island after 15 hours in the water. Friendly natives guided them to a coast-watcher, who arranged for them to be picked up by submarine, and on the night of 30–31 August, they were taken on board by *Redfin*.

Flier received one battle star for World War II service on her single war patrol, designated "successful." She is credited with having sunk 10,380 tons of Japanese shipping. Wreck - On 1 February 2009, the U.S. Navy announced the discovery of *Flier* near the Philip-

pines Balabac Strait. The discovery of a *Gato*-class submarine was made during an expedition by YAP Films, based in part on information provided by a survivor of the sinking of *Flier*. Further research by the Naval History and Heritage Command revealed that no other submarine, American or Japanese, had been reported lost in that general vicinity. In addition, footage of the wreck showed a gun mount and radar antenna, both of which were similar to the same equipment seen in contemporary photographs of *Flier*. The ship rests in 330 ft of water.



EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION

Eagle Scout Neil Thompson (right) grandson of WWII Subvet “Ollie” Thompson, Past National Commander WWII Subvets (on Eternal Patrol) and Steve Bell (left), Carolina Piedmont Base Commander and District One Commander, Southeast Region. Neil’s Court of Honor was held on 26 July 2013 in Charlotte, NC.

Having presented a few of these myself as Cmdr of the Requin Base, I always compared this achievement to obtaining a set of Dolphins. One has to go “Above and

Beyond” what a normal Sailor does, and an Eagle does the same compared to an normal Scout. Congratulations Neil. We Submariners know the hard work it took.



Below—Eagle Scout Neil Thompson and District/Base Commander Steve Bell



Do you know an Scout that is close to obtaining “Eagle”? If so, please contact Steve Bell.

If you know of a Cub, Brownie, Boy or Girl Scout Troop; or a 4th or 5th grade Teacher that is in need of a Flag Etiquette presentation, please contact Moe (SS). Contact info is on Page 2. You can make our Base better! Do your part!

Some Useful Links

Steve Bell provide these links. I’ll have some more in future editions.

Cold War Regulus Missile Submarines

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nsj8lmUUcZ8&feature=player_embedded

Diesel Boat Retrospective (16 minutes)

<http://youtu.be/2F9ThfoLH6c>

Navy 1955 Training Film: The Submarine Part I

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=o9xSsy4ivV8

Navy 1955 Training Film: The Submarine Part II

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7ixYuCOBUk&feature=player_embedded

This does count toward Re-qual, so you better watch them or the COB will have you on Dink List!

IT'S BEEN SO HOT IN ARIZONA...

.....the birds have to use potholders to pull the worms out of the ground.

.....the trees are whistling for the dogs.

.....the best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance

.....hot water comes from both taps.

.....you can make sun tea instantly.

.....you learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.

.....the temperature drops below 99 F and you feel a little chilly.

.....you discover that in July it only takes two fingers to steer your car.

.....you discover that you can get sunburned through your car window.

.....you break into a sweat the instant you step outside... At 7:30 A.M.

.....you realize that asphalt has a liquid stage.

.....the potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter.

.....the cows are giving evaporated milk.

.....farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.

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 July issue)

ARTICLE XI – OFFICERS

Section 1: NATIONAL OFFICERS

A. Nationally elected officers of the organization will be: National Commander (NC), National Senior Vice-Commander (NSVC), National Junior Vice-Commander (NJVC), National Secretary (NS), and National Treasurer (NT).

B. The prerequisite for National Office is that a Nominee must be a Regular Member in good standing a minimum of thirty consecutive months.

a. Nominees for Junior Vice-Commander must have completed at least two years as a Member of the Board of Directors.

b. Nominees for Senior Vice-Commander must have completed at least two years as a Member of the Board of Directors.

c. Nominees for National Commander must have completed at least two years as a voting member of the Board of Directors by the time they take office as National Commander (NC).

C. The term of office for all National officers will be two years or until a successor is elected.

D. No individual shall serve more than two consecutive terms as National Commander.

E. Other than the position of National Commander, there are no restrictions on the number of terms an individual may be elected to any office.

F. The term of office for a National elected officer will begin immediately after the annual business meeting.

G. The following Officers will be appointed by the National Commander and confirmed by the Board of Directors: Chaplain, Historian, Parliamentarian, Editor of the National Publication, Boat Sponsor Program Chair, National Storekeeper, Chief Technology Officer and Webmaster. The Committee Chairmanships will be appointed as outlined in Bylaws Article VI and with Board of Directors confirmation.

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Bylaws (continued from June issue)

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

Section 5. NATIONAL TREASURER:

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

- a. Serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
- b. Serve as a member of the Ways and Means Committee.
- c. Be the Chief Financial Officer of the organization.
- d. Be the custodian of all financial records of the organization.
- e. Receive and be responsible for the collection of all moneys due and payable to the organization.
- f. Have custody of all organization funds, and shall provide for their safekeeping, retention, disbursement, and investment in a manner acceptable to the Board of Directors.
- g. Make such reports and returns as are required by Federal, State and Local governments, The Articles of Incorporation, The Constitution, and these Bylaws, including the disbursement of appropriate taxes and fees.
- h. Maintain accounts appropriate to the structure and activities of the organization and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- i. Upon election to the position as National Treasurer, the Treasurer-Elect within 15 days and prior to becoming custodian of the organizations funds shall apply for a personal bond in the amount to be determined at the newly elected Board of Directors meeting held subsequent to the Annual Business Meeting. All costs involved in securing the required personal bond shall be borne by the organization. The outgoing Treasurer shall be responsible to ensure that the present bond has been executed and that the organization is fully protected prior to transferring any funds to the new Treasurer. An incumbent Treasurer shall be required to comply with this requirement.
- j. Work up, keep current, and pass on immediately to his relief a "Turn Over" folder, including all official correspondence, records, and official material assigned to his care.

Constitution—Officers Section 1 (from page 18)
H. The term of office for appointed officers will begin immediately after confirmation by the Board of Directors and notification by the National Commander.

I. Nationally elected and appointed officers will carry out their duties as prescribed by the National Bylaws.

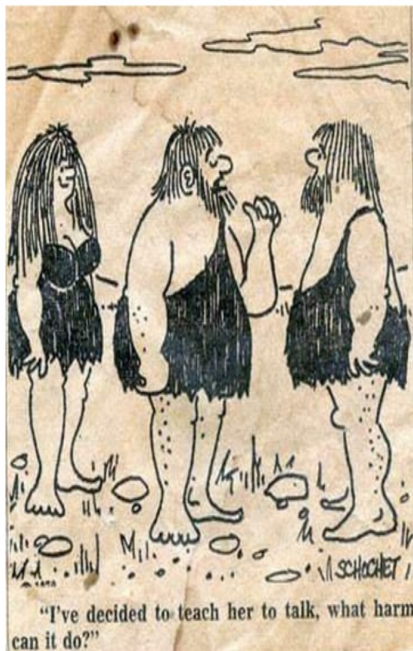
J. No officer elected or appointed shall be paid any salary for services rendered on behalf of the organization.

Section 2 - BOD—Next Month.

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.

THE ORIGINAL SIN

NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY, ABSOLUTELY NO ONE CAN TOP THIS...



Supplied by Chaplain Ray

Military Rules

Marine Corps Rules:

1. Be courteous to everyone, friendly to no one.
2. Decide to be aggressive enough, quickly enough.
3. Have a plan.
4. Have a back-up plan, because the first one probably won't work.
5. Be polite. Be professional. But, have a plan to kill everyone you meet.
6. Do not attend a gunfight with a handgun whose caliber does not start with a '4.'
7. Anything worth shooting is worth shooting twice. Ammo is cheap. Life is expensive.
8. Move away from your attacker. Distance is your friend.
(Lateral & diagonal preferred.)
9. Use cover or concealment as much as possible.
10. Flank your adversary when possible.

Protect yours.

11. Always cheat; always win. The only unfair fight is the one you lose.

12. In ten years nobody will remember the details of caliber, stance, or tactics. They will only remember who lived.

13. If you are not shooting, you should be communicating your intention to shoot.

Navy SEAL's Rules:

1. Look very cool in sunglasses.
2. Kill every living thing within view.
3. Adjust Speedo.
4. Check hair in mirror.

US Navy Rules:

1. Go to Sea.
2. Drink Coffee.
3. Deploy Marines and/or Seals.

Go Navy !



Piedmont Funnies Page

A circus owner runs an ad for a lion tamer and two people show up. One is a retired submariner in his late sixties and the other is a gorgeous blond in her mid-twenties.

The circus owner tells them, "I'm not going to sugar coat it. This is one ferocious lion. He ate my last tamer so you two had better be good or you're history. Here's your equipment -- chair, a whip and a gun. Who wants to try out first?"

The girl says, "I'll go first." She walks past the chair, the whip and the gun and steps right into the lion's cage. The lion starts to snarl and pant and begins to charge. She throws open her coat revealing her beautiful naked body. The lion stops dead in his tracks, sheepishly crawls up to her and starts licking her feet and ankles. He continues to lick and kiss her entire body for several minutes and then rests his head at her feet. The circus owner's jaw is on the floor.

He says, "I've never seen a display like that in my life." He then turns to

the retired submariner and asks, "Can you top that?"

The tough old submariner replies, "No problem, just get that lion out of there."

Another one from Westberry:

A young guy from South Dakota moves to Florida and goes to a big "everything under one roof" department store looking for a job.

The Manager says, "Do you have any sales experience?" The kid says "Yeah. I was a vacuum salesman back in South Dakota."

Well, the boss was unsure, but he liked the kid and figured he'd give him a shot, so he gave him the job.

"You start tomorrow. I'll come down after we close and see how you did."

His first day on the job was rough, but he got through it.

After the store was locked up, the boss came down to the sales floor.

"How many customers bought something from

you today son?"

The kid frowns and looks at the floor and mutters, "One".

The boss says "Just one?!?"

Our sales people average sales to 20 to 30 customers a day.

That will have to change, and soon, if you'd like to continue your employment here. We have very strict standards for our sales force here in Florida. One sale a day might have been acceptable in South Dakota, but you're not on the farm anymore, son."

The kid took his beating, but continued to look at his shoes, so the boss felt kinda bad for chewing him out on his first day.

He asked (semi-sarcastically), "So, how much was your one sale for?"

The kid looks up at his boss and says "\$101,237.65".

The boss, astonished, says \$101,237.65?!? What the heck did you sell?"

The kid says, "Well, first, I sold him some new fish hooks.

Then I sold him a new fishing rod to go with his new hooks.

Then I asked him where he was going fishing and he said down the coast, so I told him he was going to need a boat, so we went down to the boat department and I sold him a twin engine Chris Craft.

Then he said he didn't think his Honda Civic would pull it, so I took him down to the automotive department and sold him that Ford 4x4 Expedition."

The boss said "A guy came in here to buy a fish hook and you sold him a boat and a TRUCK!?"

The kid said "No, the guy came in here to buy tampons for his wife, and I said, 'Dude, your weekend's shot, you should go fishing.....'"

Here are a few things that bother Jim Schenk:

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing

the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway...

Why is 'bra' singular and 'panties' plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made

from?

Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Supplied by Steve Bell

A young ventriloquist is touring Norway and puts on a show in a small fishing town. With his dummy on his knee, he starts going through his usual dumb blonde jokes.

Suddenly, a blonde woman in the fourth row stands on her chair and starts shouting, "I've heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes. What makes you think you can stereotype Norwegian blonde women that way? What does the color of a woman's hair have to do with her worth as a human being? It's men like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in the community, and from reaching our full potential as people. Its people like you that make others think that all blondes are dumb! You and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes, but women in general, pathetically all in the name of humor!"

The embarrassed ventriloquist begins to apologize, and the blonde yells:

"You stay out of this!I'm talking to that little shit on your lap."

Oh, Those Irish!

An Irishman was drinking in a bar in London when he gets a call on his cell phone.

He orders drinks for everybody in the bar as he announces his wife has just produced a typical Irish baby boy weighing 25 pounds.

Nobody can believe that any new baby can weigh in at 25 pounds, but the man just shrugs, "That's about average up our way, folks... like I said... my boy's a typical County Clare baby boy."

Two weeks later the man returns to the bar. The bartender says, "Say, you're the father of that typical Irish baby that weighed 25 pounds at birth, aren't you? Everybody's been making' bets about how big he'd be in two weeks. So how much does he weigh now?"

The proud father answers, "Seventeen pounds."

The bartender is puzzled and concerned.

"What happened?" "He

was 25 pounds the day he was born."

The father takes a slow swig of his Whiskey, wipes his lips on his shirt sleeve, leans into the bartender and proudly says, "Had him circumcised."

From Al Westberry:

"Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many. "

He rushed to help an elderly lady driver out of the car and sat her down on a lawn chair.

He said with excitement, "You appear quite elderly to be driving."

"Well, yes, I am," she replied proudly. "I'll be 97 next month, and I am now old enough that I don't even need a driver's license anymore.

The last time I went to my doctor, he examined me and asked if I had a driver's license. I told him yes and handed it to him. He took scissors out of the drawer, cut the license into pieces, and threw them in the waste basket, saying, 'You won't need this anymore,' so I thanked him and left!"

"The United States themselves are essentially the greatest poem"

- Walt Whitman

USS Pueblo Update (con't from page 17)

Calif., who was cleaning up after the noon meal in the galley when the attack began. "Everybody got the same amount of beatings in the beginning."

North Korea said the ship had entered its territorial waters, though the U.S. maintained it was in international waters 15 miles off the nearest land. The incident quickly escalated. The U.S., already deeply embroiled in the Vietnam War, sent several aircraft carriers to the Sea of Japan and demanded the captives be released. Just days before the attack, North Korean commandos had launched an assassination attempt on South Korea's President Park Chung-hee at his residence. North Korea responded by putting members of the crew before cameras to confess publicly. The crew members planted defiant codes into forced letters of confession and extended their middle fingers in images sent around the world. That led to further beatings

when the North Koreans figured out the gesture's meaning. On Dec. 21, 1968, Maj. Gen. Gilbert H. Woodward, the chief U.S. negotiator, signed a statement acknowledging that the Pueblo had "illegally intruded into the territorial waters of North Korea" and apologizing for "the grave acts committed by the U.S. ship against" North Korea. Both before and after, he read into the record a statement disavowing the confession. The hostages were released across the Demilitarized Zone that divides the two Koreas two days before Christmas - 335 days after their capture.

The Navy considered a court-martial for the ship's captain, Cmdr. Lloyd M. "Pete" Bucher, for letting the Pueblo fall into enemy hands without firing a shot and for failing to destroy much of the ship's classified material. But he was never brought to trial. John H. Chafee, secretary of the Navy at the time, said Bucher and the other crew members

"had suffered enough." To this day, members of the Pueblo crew say Bucher made the right decision, though years later his second-in-command publicly questioned Bucher's decisions not to fight. "It would have been nice to take out some of the guys, some of them, and maybe go down fighting, but it would have been total suicide," said Phares. "We never thought anything would happen, and we weren't supposed to create an international incident." In 2002, former U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Donald P. Gregg said a North Korean foreign ministry official hinted at a deal to return the Pueblo. But when he later visited Pyongyang, he said he was told the climate had changed and a return was no longer an option.

In January the next year, Colorado Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell reintroduced a resolution in Congress asking North Korea to return the ship. There has been no progress since, however, at least none that has been made

public.

"The ship was named after Pueblo, Colorado, and they would have loved to have the ship back," Chicca said. "It's very disappointing to have it still there, and still being used as anti-American propaganda." The planned display of the ship by North Korea hangs over the heads of the crew members who have long campaigned for its return. "I'll never give up, but I don't think it's ever coming back," Phares said. "It's just unfortunate that we got put in that situation, and that the top brass blamed us, or blamed Bucher, for everything." [Source: Associated Press| Eric Talmadge | 25 Jul 2013 ++]



"These men are not an army, they are citizens defending their country."

- Robert E. Lee to A.P. Hill, May 1864

Submarine Veterans' Gulf Coast 2013 Annual Christmas Party

Thursday Dec. 12th thru Sunday Dec. 15th 2013

Holiday Inn Resort

(Eighth year at this great Hotel)

11127 Front Beach Rd, Panama City Beach, FL 32407

1-850-234-1111 or 1-800-633-0266 (toll-free)

Rooms \$59.00 plus tax (10.57%) - Includes Morning Coffee & Donuts

Hospitality Room and Banquet \$45.00

(Hospitality Room includes Free Libations & Assorted Snacks)

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(narwhalssn@yahoo.com)

This is a Christmas Party - Gifts Optional (to receive a gift, you must bring a gift)

Everyone Bring a Present (\$10 to \$15) - Men bring a Guy's gift and Ladies bring a gal's gift

Banquet Christmas Party Saturday Night

Banquet will have a Cash Bar starting at 5 P.M. followed by Dinner and Party at 6:00 P.M.

MENU - SANTA'S FAVORITE BUFFET

Garden Fresh Salad

Tender Roasted Tom Turkey with Giblet Gravy - Spiral Honey Glazed Ham

Country Style Sausage Cornbread Stuffing - Whipped Potatoes - Candied Yams

Green Bean Almandine - Fresh Whole Kernel Corn - Freshly Baked Rolls

Dessert Selections - Freshly Baked Pumpkin, Apple Pie or Cobbler - Iced Tea or Coffee

Memorial Service 11 A.M. Saturday December 14th

Nightly Bar 50/50 Raffles (w/extra prizes) - 6 for \$5.00

Large Split the Pot 50/50 Saturday Night Raffle (w/extra prizes) - 6 for \$5.00

(This is not a profit maker - Any Residual Funds will go to a Submarine Related Project)

Mail Reservations for Banquet and Hospitality Room to

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Reservations have to be in hand NLT November 30th to guarantee you banquet seating

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Problems or Questions? Contact Jim Hunnicutt @ 1-850-457-3584 or mcpc.ss@peoplepc.com



Season's Greetings 2013

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Spouse / Guest: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Local Chapter/Base: _____

Number Banquet & Hospitality Room: _____ → → → _____ x \$45.00 = \$ _____

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Saturday Night 50/50 Raffle (6 tickets for \$5) - How Many: _____ → → → _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

Total Remitted: --\$ _____

If personal information remains the same as previous years, just enter "SAME" Jan - Feb. 2013



Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 	12 VFW Post meets 1900	13	14	15 Newton Old Soldier Parade	16	17 Base Meeting VFW POST 1730 Dinner 1900 Meeting
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 National Convention Rochester, MN	26 →	27 →	28 →	29 →	30 →	31 →
Sept 1 →	2 Labor Day 	3	4	5	6	7
8 	9 VFW Post meets 1900	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 National POW/MIA Recognition Day	21 Bilge Rat's Show Salisbury VA 11:00
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Base Meeting At Jack's Ranch

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! -

