

# Piedmont Periscope



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USS F-4 (SS 21)	March 25, 1915
USS H-1 (SS 28)	March 12, 1920
USS PERCH (SS 176)	March 3, 1942
USS GRAMPUS (SS 207)	March 5, 1943
USS TRITON (SS 201)	March 15, 1943
USS TULLIBEE (SS 284)	March 26, 1944
USS KETE (SS 369)	March 20, 1945
USS TRIGGER (SS 237)	March 26, 1945

## USSVI Purpose/Creed

*Our Purpose: "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."*

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

*The organization will engage in various pro-*

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

## Lost Boats for March



*"Sailors, rest your oars"*

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



I just got back from being in Norfolk, VA for the Sailor of the Year (SOY) selections for COMSUBLANT. Once again I was asked to sit on the selection board this year. I got to participate in all of it this year. Last year I had jury duty on the first day and missed several things because of that. Anyway, I will tell you that today's sailors are very sharp. We can surely feel good about who has the helm. Our brothers from the Hampton Roads made a good showing at the announcement ceremony as well as a couple of Groton Base members. Subvets was well represented there.

I will be off again in a couple of days to attend the USSVI BOD Mid-Term meeting in Dallas, TX. My understanding is that it is two days of effort to go over many things that are pending. One of which is the upcoming National election. The results of that meeting have the potential to be a little large for this article. I will include it my District newsletter that will be out later this month. Please read that when it comes out.

All of the candidates for the various National offices were announced the other day in one of the USSVI Official Business e-mail that was put out. There is no completion for either of the Vice Commander positions, so those are easy to select who to vote for. The other positions all have two people

running for each (at least the ones we can vote on). As it turns out, our current Regional Director (Dick Kanning) has a competitor. We need a really good voter turnout for our base on this as we need as many votes as we can get. As far as Secretary and Treasurer, I really do not know any of these individuals, but have some feedback on some of them. Having worked on the BOD since September, I do have some working opinion on both of the candidates running for National Commander. As a matter of fact I nominated one of them. Regarding the Proposed Amendments, again check out my District newsletter later this month, I need to see how they all pan out after the meeting in Dallas. Our Regional Convention is coming up next

month (7-10 April). If you plan on going for all or part of it, you need to get your hotel reservations and your registration turned in. Good chance to sit around and enjoy visiting with others from our region. Since it is in our District, I will be up there for the entire event. I will follow that by attending the Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington, NC that following Saturday. A reminder for all of you... Each of you is a member of the Membership Committee. So keep an eye out for any potential new members. Get them to join us. Even if it just to come to a meeting and see what we are all about. And even if you have an old shipmate somewhere else in the country, get them to join a base near them if they are not a member of USSVI.

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Even though we lost five members from last year and the renewal campaign is over, it is never too early to pay up your dues. Sure saves some of us a lot of headache. Even so, many of you might want to look at the 3 and 5 year payment program that is offered both by National and our base. Two advantages of that are: 1) you won't be bothered as frequently, and 2) you can save a couple of bucks (on dues for both) by signing up for longer periods. Just

something for you to think about. Of course, there is always the option of Life Membership, but I do understand that can be a little costly for some. Our next meeting is 22 March and I am hoping to see each one of you at that meeting. Especially any of you who have not been there in a while. Always good to see old shipmates.—Steve



When did this Flag fly in Our Nation's History? Find out on Page 9. Did you know that no US Flag has ever been retired? All are still "legal" Flags to fly and represent our Country.



### **XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries**

**CAROLINA PIED-MONT ROCKS:** This month there has not been a lot of action to report. We have a tentative date for our visit to Victory Junction that is scheduled for 15 March. Jim Schenk and Ruth Worth will be going along to help with the presentation of KAPS and certificates. There will be about 42 campers in attendance. We have no new members for the month of February but some new

members slated to come on board this month. We have been holding at about 95 members for the last couple of years and have been doing great on retention BUT we would like to have new members come on board. Our treasurer, Raymond Zieverink, has submitted the names of a few potential members that he has run into while wearing his dolphin cap. You never know where a potential member will be. Thanks Raymond.

We have a visit to Levine Children's Hospital scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>. More on that as I receive firm data. Anyone interested in attending please

let me know. Bob Schilke will be showing the complete fleet of his model submarines, he has shown them at our February meeting and has added a few more since then, this should be a valuable addition to our school presentations.

Speak of school presentations, I am waiting for a firm date for our presentation at the Saluda Trail Middle School in Rock Hill SC and will be looking for volunteers for this event.

I hope all of you are getting ready for our annual visit to Burnsville this year, we will be presenting a mini version of our new halfway skit for part

of the entertainment as well as a session with our KARIOKE KING Al Westberry.

I am hoping to see you all at our next base meeting scheduled for 22nd of March. - Jack



## Machinery One — Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary



### Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes

For February 22, 2014

**1900-**Meeting called to order by Commander Steve Bell

Invocation given by Chaplain Ray Fritz

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commander Steve Bell

Tolling of the Boats conducted by Chaplain Ray Fritz and Bob Bunney

Member Introduction, 21 members present

**Special presentations-** 55 years Qualified rocker presented to Ray Fritz.. “ATTABOY” Certificates and patches presented to Ray Fritz and Colleen Moses.

Reading of Treasures report given by Treasurer Raymond Zieverink,:

Funds on hand \$7,268.65:

K4K-\$2,490.67,

Memorial Restoration Fund-\$552.50,

Scholarship Fund-\$23.00,

General Base Funds \$4,202.65

Approved and seconded as read.

**Old Business-**none.

**New Business-** Steve Bell read the plans for the construction and dedication of a WWII Lost Boats memorial on the Chicago waterfront by the Chicago base, funds needed for this Project about \$250,000, if not enough funds obtained, Chicago base to refund all donations.

Members present voted to donate \$100.00 for this project. Seconded. Motion passed.

Steve explained The Carolina Field of Honor Project to be constructed in the Triad area This project is to honor all branches of the military. Funds for this project is being raised through the sale of bricks, base members voted to purchase one for \$225.00. Seconded. Motion passed.

Members present discussed the status of VFW where we meet, we voted to help them financially by splitting the funds raised in our 50/50 into thirds, one third to base one third to VFW and one third to winner. Seconded. Motion passed.

**Good of the order-** Members informed of next Victory Junction visit 15 March, Jim and Ruth Ann Schenk to attend.

Jack explained to members the loss of 5 members this year.

Dale updated the membership on the progress of the Hee Haw skit we will be presenting this year, first showing will be given at the Burnsville gathering.

Steve informed the members that Dale Moses will be stepping down as editor of the Piedmont Periscope. Bob Schilke has volunteered to replace him. Clarence Jordan is donating the program needed for the production of the magazine. Exact turnover date is to be determined.

Benediction given by Chaplain Ray Fritz

**2020-** Motion to adjourn, seconded.



## Chaplain's Corner - Ray Fritz, National Chaplain



*Christ be with me, Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,*

*Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort me, Christ above me,*

*Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me,*

*Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

**FROM THE BREAST-PLATE OF SAINT PATRICK**

... For the Joy of the Lord is your strength.

*Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your*

*strength."* **Nehemiah 8:10 NKJV**

Unbelievers have difficulty with these words of Jesus:

*"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."* **2 Corinthians 12:9 NKJV** and from the Apostle Paul:

*Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.* **2 Corinthians 12:10 NKJV**

God's strength is made perfect in weakness, otherwise, it would not be God's strength, nor would He get the glory. That is why God, in the Old Testament, could order the leaders of Israel to reduce the size of their armies. He could announce in advance the time and place of conflict and which side was going to win. God wanted the faith of man to be placed in Him and not in human military might or physical strength. God wants us to be broken in spirit so that He can make us strong in the broken places of life.

Militarily the world is armed to the teeth! But,

in reality, with all the military might that we have we are not really secure if our trust is not in God. Don't misunderstand... We need a strong military but if God is not with us all the strength of the world will not keep us secure. Listen to God's word to Isaiah: *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.*<sup>29</sup> *He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.*

*<sup>30</sup>Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, <sup>31</sup>but those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.* **Isaiah 40:28-31 NKJV**

This is the kind of strength God is prepared to give us, in our daily lives, if we will only ask Him for it.



**Figure 1 USS Skate SSN-578 Near the North Pole, March 1959**

On another note, March has a special significance for me. In late February 1959, 55 years ago, the USS Skate SSN-578 pulled away from State Pier in New London, CT and headed for the Polar Icecap. As a Fireman Electrician's Mate out of "A" School, I had been aboard the Skate since August of 1958. In early March we were well under the icecap headed for the North Pole. The boat's crew was in high spirits since most of them had been under the icecap during the summer of 1958 along with the USS Nautilus SSN-571. The Skate made a 35 day journey under the icecap before returning to New London, CT to signs and music playing "We're Sitting on Top of the World".

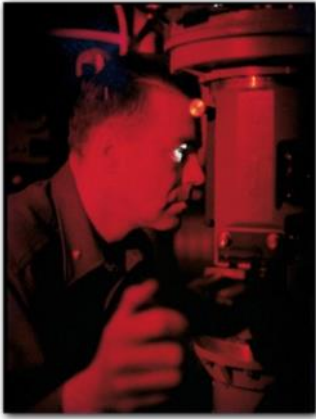


Figure 2 Captain Calvert at the Periscope

On March 17, 1959 at 1054Z Skate broke through the ice at the North Pole and we stepped foot on the ice at the North Pole, from the deck of a submarine for the first time in history.



Figure 3 Sir Hubert Wilkins

While surfaced at the Pole Captain Calvert held a candlelight ceremony and scattered the ashes of Sir Hubert

Wilkins, an arctic explorer, over the ice. We traveled about 3,500 miles and surfaced through the ice 15 times before returning to New London – 55 years ago, this month!



Figure 4 Skate pulling into State Pier

*May joy and peace surround you,*

*Contentment latch your door,*

*And happiness be with you now*

*And bless you ever more.*

*Ray Fritz, Chaplain Carolina Piedmont Base, USSVI*

*National Chaplain USSVI*

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## From the COB - Rick Petitt



Happy March everyone. So what's there to be happy about in March? Well other than the birthdays of several of our GREAT Subvet and Subvettes, mine included, not much. The Superbowl is history, the Olympics are over, the Oscars, done. Basketball is the only thing going on and March Madness begins in about 2 weeks. We do have the St Paddy's day parade in Raleigh this month. If you don't like basketball, like me, you are probably looking for

spring with warm weather, cherry trees in bloom, sunny days. April 11 is opening day for the Charlotte Knights. Perhaps we could get together to celebrate the new Knight's facility. But for now we will have to put up with cold and rainy days. Hang in there guys. Winter is almost over and I for one am looking forward to a great year with all my USSVI friends.

**"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."** — Mae West

Rick Petitt, COB

**Got a  
Story  
For the  
Periscope?  
Sent it to  
Moe(SS)  
at  
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## MOE(SS) attends a Requin Base Meeting

I've got to do this issue of the Periscope from the "road" while working up here in Cranberry, PA for Westinghouse. While up here, I saw that my old Base was holding their meeting and I decided to attend.

When I left, I was the Base Commander, but I only filled 4 months of my office prior to transferring down to Charlotte with Westinghouse. I turned-over to Huey Dietrick who really "took the horse by reins".

Huey has increased the membership to about where ours is now to about 175 members. Huey is also the District Commander.

The Base is working

hard on organizing for the 2015 National Convention. Part of that is finding local sponsors and "seed money to sponsor all the events. The biggest problem seems to be manpower. They may lack a little less in member spirit than we do, but the ones that have it have a lot.

But with the USS Requin as a centerpiece this should be a great event. Pittsburgh has a lot to offer and the weather should be nice that time of the year.

Huey asked me to talk about the Carolina Piedmont activities. I was more than glad to "brag a little" on our great Base.

I talked about our Bilge

Rat Productions quite a bit, since I believe that is unique to the USSVI. That lead me to our ladies and the SubVettes. I encouraged their ladies to organize and form a SubVettes Chapter. The eyes "rolled". You can't force ladies to do anything, it has to be their idea. But with the 2015 Convention upcoming, I told them now is the time to do it. They are doing the work anyway, get some National credit for it.

I also explained all the good our Ladies do for our Troops and the support they give our Base. How they outfitted our Color Guard and are a major part of Bilge Rat Productions, etc. Lets

face it, we do a lot of the good we do because we are still trying to impress our wives. They make us better men. Thank you Ladies!

It was great to see my old shipmates at the Requin Base. That's one thing about the USSVI, you always meet new "shipmates" at every event you go to. I know Colleen and I plan on attending the 2015 NC in Pittsburgh and seeing old friends. Should be a good one.— Moe(SS)





## Holland Club Member in the Spotlight— Terry Jones



This month's Holland Club Member in the Spotlight is Terry Jones, CSC (SS). Terry lives in Hobbs, New Mexico with his bride of 51 years, Carroll. Hobbs, New Mexico, you ask, how'd he get to be a member of the Carolina Piedmont Base? Well that would be through some fine recruiting by Jack Jeffries, a former shipmate of Terry's. See all you have to do is ask.

Now, let's talk about Terry. Terry was born and raised in Portales, NM. He said he basically graduated, got his diploma, and walked across the stage to the Navy recruiter. Terry was just 17, too young to go into training to be an engineer on the railroad, something that he really wanted. So he thought that he'd do some time in the Navy, get some training, get out, then pursue a career with the railroad. This was in 1960. Carroll's father retired from the Santa Fe Railroad with 36 years.

Terry attended boot camp training in San Diego and after that was assigned Electrician's Mate "A" School also in San Diego. While in EM "A" School, they were asking for volunteers for submarines. Terry had built several submarine models, including the Nautilus, as a kid and thought it was "pretty neat" reading about these things going under the ice and coming up at the North Pole. So he volunteered and got assigned to submarines.

He was assigned to the USS Bluegill SS-242 as an electrician striker. The problem was they had too many electricians and not enough cooks. So again, Terry volunteered to become a cook and learned to be a baker. Terry qualified on the Bluegill in 1961. They also sent Terry to Commissary "B" School (there was no "A" School for Commissary at the time).

During this time at school in San Diego, from May to August, 1962, Terry met Carroll (yes with two "l's") and they were married in August. Carroll is from Clovis, NM and intro-

duced by Terry's aunt who was in the hospital in Clovis (Terry had come home on leave to see her) she worked at the Montgomery Wards.

Carroll loved being a Navy wife and travelling across the Country. Their son was born while Terry was on the USS Wahoo SS-565, and the couple were stationed in Hawaii. And after Hawaii, Terry put-in for east coast "boomers" and got them. Terry was on the commissioning crew of the USS Sam Rayburn SSBN-635; then on the USS John C. Calhoun SSBN-630. While in Charleston, S.C. their daughter Tammy was born. After the duty on the Calhoun, it was back to Santa Fe, New Mexico for Recruiting Duty. And then to Newport News to catch the tail-end of USS Nathaniel Green's, SSBN-636 yard period, then off to home port in good ol' Groton.

Terry retired after doing 20 years. This was mainly due to his son and daughter were in high school and Terry and Carroll wanted them to have a good chance of attending a state university and thought that New Mexico would be "the place". It ended-up that

one of them went to school in Dallas, Texas and the other in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Both Terry and Carroll knowing what they know now, would have stayed longer in the Navy. Currently their daughter lives in Dallas and their son in Bemidji, Minnesota.

After the Navy, Terry worked for the Post Office for ten years. Carroll and Terry then started a monogram service making custom monogram designs. The business was really good until 1999 when the "oil patch" went down and the town went "dead". Next Terry went to work the New Mexico Department of Veteran Services. There Terry helped Veterans on State and Federal levels. Terry said he had a very successful tour with State of NM, helping over 2500 veterans get their benefits; even assisting Vets with PTSD.

Now fully retired, Carroll and Terry are full-time travelers. They have a "big RV" (35') and a "little RV (16' scamp). The big one is the base camp and the little the "week-ender".

Thanks Terry (and



Caroll) for your service to this great Country and to the Submarine Service. You didn't get to drive the engine down the tracks, but you kept many boat sailors on track with the meals you served. We all griped about the "chow", but we all know it was the best in the Navy.



Normally I'd have filler to go in here, but I'm doing this issue from the "road" while working in PA and all my "filler" is on my home computer.

I figured that's a better excuse than the dog ate my homework!

Sorry, I thought I had brought enough with me and I expected our regular column writers to be a little "longer-winded" this month. But I am on the road and we'll just have to have a little white-space. But, you know you can fix that by sending in your stories. That way, me and the next editor, Robert, won't have to keep typing away to fill-up this space.—Moe(SS)

**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.

**Answer to the Flag Trivia:**

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

**March Meeting**

**March 22th**

**Carry-in Dinner**

**At 1730**

**Meeting at 1900**

**At VFW Post**

**9138 in**

**Ft Mill, SC**

**Come on out**

**And join us**

**See what you**

**Been missing**

# New members

**Still Looking....**

**Have you asked anyone?**

**Everyone is on the membership committee!**

# Binnacle List

Dee and Hal Rutter

Bob Boyd

Jim Schenk

Douise Jordan

## March

Rick Petitt 3/05

William Hickerson 3/07

Howard Dachs 3/14

Judy Hickerson 3/15

Ruth Murray 3/15

Barbara Sealy 3/24

Robert Howell 3/30

# Happy Birthday



“There ought to be one day—just one—when there is open season on senators.”- Will Rogers

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

## March

Sandi and John Wardean - 3/5

Libby and Calvin Reese - 3/31



## SubVettes—President Sandra Myers

Hey Sassy Sisters, CAROLINA see you soon.  
 sorry we have SSN 777, what Love to all,  
 been out of touch a great bunch of Sandra  
 Paul and I are still ladies.  
 traveling will be To my  
 home soon knowledge the  
 though. We hope meal will be our  
 to be at March usual "this and  
 meeting. We met that." May God  
 two wives from Bless you and  
 the USS NORTH yours hope to



### Cannoli Pudding with Strawberry Sauce

This inventive dessert takes the best part of the Italian pastry cannoli--the filling--and omits the deep-fried outer shell. Here a chocolate chip- and pistachio-flecked ricotta pudding is served topped with a fresh strawberry-orange sauce.

#### Pudding:

- 1/2 cup plain nonfat yogurt, stirred smooth
- 1 cup nonfat cottage cheese
- 1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
- 1/3 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons grated orange zest
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 ounce miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 ounce shelled pistachios, coarsely chopped

#### Strawberry Sauce

- 2-1/2 cups strawberries
- 3 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar

1. Make the pudding: Line a small strainer with cheesecloth or white paper towel and suspend over a small bowl. Spoon yogurt into strainer and let drain for 15 minutes. Discard whey and set thickened yogurt aside.
2. In food processor, combine cottage cheese, ricotta, confectioners' sugar, orange zest, and vanilla, and process to an almost smooth puree (do not process for too long, or mixture will break down).
3. Add thickened yogurt, chocolate chips, and pistachios to processor and pulse until just combined.
4. Divide pudding among six dessert dishes, cover and chill until pudding is set, at least two hours.
5. For the strawberry sauce: Shortly before serving, place 1-1/2 cups of strawberries in food processor or blender. Add orange juice and granulated sugar, and process to a smooth puree. Slice remaining berries and stir into sauce.
6. Serve pudding topped with sauce.



## VETERANS NEWS by the RAQ Bulletin

### VAMC Columbia SC Update 02 ► New More Scathing VAOIG Report

The management of the Dorn VA Medical Center did a lousy job of keeping its operating rooms staffed and reacting to infection problems, according to a report from the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General. The report, issued 6 FEB, comes less than a year after an even more scathing report on backlogs in the gastroenterology program at Dorn that led to several cancer-related deaths. The latest report doesn't link problems to any deaths, but it does note that Dorn ranked 127th out of 128 VA hospital facilities in the country in health care-associated infections at one point in

## Your Veteran News From the RAQ Bulletin

2013. Regional VA officials and current leaders at Dorn responded to the 19-page report with a 10-page list of steps that had been taken to reduce the problems. The Dorn response agrees that the problems once existed but contends they have been solved or are on the way to being solved.

U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson said he is confident Dorn is headed in the right direction with the name of new chief of staff Dr. Bernard DeKoning this week, but he hates that the quality of hospital management and care reached such depths in 2012 and 2013. "It makes you angry," Wilson said. "This is supposed to be world-class service for people who make it possible for us to enjoy our freedom."

The report confirmed what many hospital patients and employees had told Wilson in recent years. The congressman said he remains especially concerned about the staffing shortages among surgeons and nurses.

"It's going to take ex-

traordinary focus" to complete a transformation of the Dorn facility, Wilson said. The most important step could be hiring a new director for the facility.

Dorn has had five directors, three associate directors and eight chiefs of medicine in the past three years, many of them on temporary assignment. The Southeast office of VA hospitals said it has identified a top candidate for the Dorn director's job and is awaiting approval for the hiring. The VA started looking into the facility after a detailed, confidential complaint filed by an employee.

But when the Inspector General's office contacted the employee whose name was on the complaint, the individual denied submitting the complaint. The employee surmised a former coworker initiated the complaint under the employee's name. The report notes that it was difficult to investigate some of the complaints without more details from the informant. Based on vis-

its to Dorn in the first half of 2013, the Inspector General's report substantiated several of the original complaints:

- General and vascular surgery chief residents kept hard-copy logbooks that included protected patient information. Dorn has since stopped that violation of security procedures, according to the report.
- Surgery clinics were understaffed, forcing physicians to monitor and record vital signs and clean rooms between patients. Also, the two full-time nurse anesthetists, one full-time anesthesiologist and one part-time anesthesiologist positions were vacant in early 2013.
- Operating room scheduling practices were rife with "communication deficits and dysfunctional surgical processes that contributed to surgical case delays." Some patients weren't properly informed when they were put on or taken off surgical calendars, and surgeries scheduled for late in the day were postponed at the last minute to prevent staff working overtime.

- Infection control efforts were "fragmented and inconsistent, surveillance activities were superficial, and corrective actions were rarely discussed, implemented or completed." Despite having one of the worst records on infection in the country, Dorn leaders often responded to committee reports on the problem by writing: "continue to monitor."

- Some surgical equipment used multiple times wasn't pre-cleaned after use. The pre-cleaning is just one step in the process, but not performing that step makes each of the remaining steps less effective at preventing infection, according to the report.

- Surgeries often were delayed due to a lack of back-up surgical instruments, and surgical mesh devices weren't in stock. Those problems were related to purchase problems that have been remedied, according to the report.

Dorn has had trouble providing the proper oversight for the surgical residency affiliation it has with the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and Palmetto Health. Of the three staff general surgeons who were sup-

posed to monitor the residents, one was on extended sick leave, one retired and one resigned early in 2013. The residents temporarily were reassigned to Palmetto Health until new general surgeons were hired. Also, during one visit, the Inspector General called the listed on-call surgeon for the emergency department, who said he was unaware he was on-call that night.

Dorn didn't always provide peer-review reports on deaths in the facility that met criteria for such reviews. "Therefore, we may never know the harm caused by the deficiencies the inspector general identified," said Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs committee. "This isn't a money problem. It's management problem, and this report should serve as a wake-up call to VA leaders at all levels to do whatever it takes to assemble a competent and stable team" at Dorn [Source: South Carolina's The State | Joey Holleman | 6 Feb 2013 ++]

### **VA Reform ► VA Management Accountability Act of 2014**

Two Florida Republicans teamed up on 11 FEB to launch an effort to reform

the federal Veterans Affairs Department. U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) and U.S. Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL), the chairman of the U.S. House Veterans Affairs Committee, introduced the VA Management Accountability Act of 2014 (S.2013 & H.R.4031). The legislation would give VA secretaries the ability to fire or demote senior executive service VA department officials based on performance. As of fiscal year 2012, there were 448 SES officials in the department. Rubio and Miller pointed toward the recent deaths of 31 veterans at VA facilities, which could have been prevented, and the lack of accountability VA officials faced in the aftermath as to why this bill was needed.

"Widespread lack of accountability and a mounting disability benefits backlog has left many of our veterans without proper care, even resulting in the tragic and preventable deaths of at least 31 veterans,"

Rubio said on Tuesday. "The least we can do in return for our veterans'

courageous service and sacrifice is ensure that they receive the quality care and treatment they deserve. This bill equips VA leaders with the tools needed to address and correct the problems at hand. Giving the VA secretary complete authority to manage executives based on their performance discourages career employees from evading appropriate punishments and helps restore the public's faith in the organization." Miller said, "This legislation would give VA leaders a tool to address a problem that continues to get worse by the day. VA's widespread and systemic lack of accountability is exacerbating all of its most pressing problems, including the department's stubborn disability benefits backlog and a mounting toll of at least 31 recent preventable veteran deaths at VA medical centers across the country,"

The Panhandle congressman insisted most VA employees were doing their jobs and helping America's veterans. "While the vast majority

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of VA's more than 300,000 employees and executives are dedicated and hard-working, the department's well-documented reluctance to ensure its leaders are held accountable for mistakes is tarnishing the reputation of the organization and may actually be encouraging more veteran suffering instead of preventing it," Miller said. "With all the problems VA hospitals and regional offices have recently had and new issues continually arising, we need to give the VA secretary the authority he needs to fix things. That's what my bill would do." Rubio's and Miller's legislation has won the backing of AMVETS (American Veterans), Concerned Veterans for America, and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of Ameri-

ca. [Source: Sunshine State News | Kevin Derby | 12 Feb 2014 ++]

### One Ring Phone Scam

#### ► How it Works

Consumers in several states report receiving calls on their mobile phones in which an unknown caller hangs up after one ring. When the cell owner returns the call, they are billed \$19.95 for the international call fee. They may hear music, then advertising while they are unknowingly connected to a caller-paid toll service or chat line located outside the country. At \$9 per minute, these calls can add up quickly.

The Caribbean area codes that appear on the caller ID often have been reported to be from the Dominican Republic (809), Jamaica (876), British Virgin Islands (284), Grenada (473) and Dominica (767).

The practice of third parties placing unauthorized charges on wireless accounts is called "cramming." If you have fallen for this scam, be

sure to alert your cell phone carrier immediately and keep an eye on you cell phone bill. The earlier you document the fraud, the better your chances of having some or all of the charges removed. To protect yourself from unauthorized charges on your cellphone bill, BBB offers the following tips:

**When in doubt, don't pick up or call back.** If you don't recognize an out-of-state telephone number on your caller ID, ignore it.

**Understand your mobile bill.** Be sure to keep track of what services you pay for, that way you will be able to determine if any charges are unauthorized.

**Keep a close eye on monthly statements.** Anyone can become a victim of bill cramming. Monitoring your bill is the best way to determine whether or not you've been affected. The sooner you spot any unexpected charges, the sooner you can stop them.

**Add restrictions to your account.** Contact your service provider to see if you can restrict third-party billing on your ac-

count.

**Inform other users on your mobile phone plan.** It's important to let other friends and family members on your cellphone plan know about this scam, and to ignore phone numbers they do not recognize.

For more about scams visit BBB Scam Stopper at <http://www.bbb.org/council/bbb-scam-stopper> and <http://austin.bbb.org>. [Source: MoneyTalk-News 5 Feb 2014 ++]

### VA Cemeteries Update

#### 11 ► Best in Customer Satisfaction for 5<sup>th</sup> Year

For the fifth consecutive time, the Department of Veterans Affairs' National Cemetery Administration (NCA) has bested the nation's top corporations and other federal agencies in a prestigious, independent survey of customer satisfaction. "Once again, this survey shows that employees at VA's 131 national cemeteries are committed to providing world-class customer service for our Nation's Veterans and their families," said Sec-



retary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "It is an honor to care for our Nation's heroes in perpetuity, and we use the highest of standards of compassion and professionalism to ensure we commemorate their service to our nation." The American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) is the only national, cross-industry measure of satisfaction with the quality of goods and services available in the United States. Beginning in 1999, the federal government selected ACSI to measure citizen satisfaction. Information on ACSI can be found at <http://www.theacsi.org/the-american-customer-satisfaction-index#homelogo>

Citing the NCA's record-setting ACSI results, the independent Federal Consulting Group noted the satisfaction scores as the "highest to date for any organization in the public or private sector." The driving factors for continued customer satisfaction include cemetery service and customer service. More than 100 federal agencies have used the ACSI to gauge consumer satisfaction with more than 200 services and programs. The Index was

founded at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business and the survey is produced by ACSI, LLC. For 2013, NCA achieved a customer satisfaction index of 96, the highest ACSI score in either the private or public sector in the history of the ACSI. The score is nearly 28 points above the 68 point average for federal government agencies.

NCA participates in the ACSI every three years, previously in 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010. This is the fifth time NCA participated and the fifth consecutive time NCA received the top rating of participating organizations. The ACSI survey polled the next-of-kin or other people who had arranged for the interment of a loved one in a VA national cemetery six months to one year prior to the survey commencement. Surveys were sent to 2,500 people, 494 responded, a high response rate for a mail survey. Using methodologies developed at the National Quality Research Center of the University of Michigan Business School, NCA received ratings in the categories of "customer

service" and "user trust" of 96 out of a possible 100 points, indicating respondents are exceptionally pleased with their experience at national cemeteries and willing to recommend their services to others.

Veterans with a discharge issued under conditions other than dishonorable, their spouses and eligible dependent children can be buried in a VA national cemetery. Also eligible are military personnel who die on active duty, their spouses and eligible dependents. Other burial benefits available for all eligible Veterans, regardless of whether they are buried in a national cemetery or a private cemetery, include a burial flag, a Presidential Memorial Certificate and a government headstone or marker. Families of eligible Veterans may also order a memorial headstone or marker when remains are not available for interment. In the midst of the largest expansion since the Civil War, VA operates 131 national cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico and 33 soldiers'

lots and monument sites. More than 4 million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict, are buried in VA's cemeteries on more than 20,000 acres of land. Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from national cemetery offices, from the Internet at [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov) or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 800-827-1000. To make burial arrangements at the time of need at any VA national cemetery, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117. [Source: VA News Release 10 Feb 2013 ++]

**Deadline for the  
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**April 17th.**

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**USS *Kete* (SS-369)**, a *Balao*-class submarine, was the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for the kete, the four-eye butterflyfish. Her keel was laid down by Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. She was launched on 9 April 1944 sponsored by Mrs. E. S. Hutchinson, and commissioned on 31 July with Commander R. L. Rutter in command. Departing Manitowoc 20 August, *Kete* sailed via New Orleans, Louisiana, to Panama. Arriving 5 September, she trained with SubRon3 until 28 September; then the new submarine sailed to Pearl Harbor, arriving 15 October, and steamed westward on 31 October for her first war patrol. She topped off her fuel at Midway Island on 4 November and reached her assigned patrol area in the East China Sea on 15 November in company with *Sea Lion* (SS-315). Harassed by heavy weather and nonfunctioning bow planes, she sailed 19 No-

vember for Saipan, where she arrived 24 November. She departed Saipan with *Kraken* (SS-370) on 24 December and resumed her war patrol north of Okinawa four days later. Despite prolonged periods of heavy weather, she made lifeguard patrols off the central Ryukyu Islands from 1 January to 27 January 1945 searching for American fliers downed during air strikes on the Ryukyu Islands. After gathering vital weather data, she sailed to Guam and arrived 30 January for refit.

With Lieutenant Commander Edward Ackerman in command, *Kete* cleared Guam on 1 March for her second war patrol. Assigned to waters surrounding the Nansei Shoto Chain, she resumed lifeguard duty and gathered weather data for the forthcoming invasion of Okinawa. While patrolling west of Tokara Retto on the night of 9 March and 10 March, she surprised an enemy convoy and torpedoed three marus totaling 6881 tons. During the night of 14 March, she attacked a cable-laying ship.

With only three torpe-

does remaining, she was ordered to depart the area 20 March, refuel at Midway Island, and proceed to Pearl Harbor for refit. *Kete* acknowledged these orders 19 March; and, while steaming eastward the following day, she sent in a weather report from a position south of Colnett Strait. She was neither seen nor heard from again. She was scheduled to arrive Midway by 31 March; when repeated attempts to contact her by radio failed she was reported as presumed lost on 16 April. Circumstances surrounding her loss remain a mystery. The cause could have been an operational malfunction, a mine explosion, or enemy action.

*Kete* received one battle star for World War II service.

**USS *Grampus* (SS-207)**, a *Tambor*-class submarine, was the sixth ship of the United States Navy to be named for a member of the dolphin family (Delphinidae): *Grampus griseus*, also known as Risso's dolphin. Her keel was laid down by the Electric Boat Company of Groton,

Connecticut. She was launched on 23 December 1940 (sponsored by Mrs. Clark H. Woodward) and commissioned on 23 May 1941 at New London, Connecticut, with Lieutenant Commander Edward S. Hutchinson in command. *Grampus* received three battle stars for World War II service. Her first, fourth, and fifth war patrols were designated successful.

Operational history Pacific - After shakedown in Long Island Sound, *Grampus* sailed to the Caribbean Sea with *Grayback* (SS-208) on 8 September to conduct a modified war patrol, returning to New London, Connecticut, on 28 September. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor found *Grampus* undergoing post-shakedown overhaul at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, but soon ready for war on 22 December, she sailed for the Pacific, reaching Pearl Harbor on 1 February 1942, via the Panama Canal and Mare Island.

On her first war patrol, from 8 February to 4 April 1942, *Grampus* sank an 8636-ton tanker, the only kill of her short career, and reconnoi-

tered Kwajalein and Wotje atolls, later the scene of bloody but successful landings. *Grampus*' second and third patrols were marred by a heavy number of anti-submarine patrol craft off Truk Lagoon and poor visibility as heavy rains haunted her path along the Luzon and Mindoro coasts. Both patrols terminated at Fremantle, Australia. Taking aboard four coast watchers, *Grampus* sailed on 2 October 1942 for her fourth war patrol. Despite the presence of Japanese destroyers, she landed the coast watchers on Vella Lavella and Choiseul islands while conducting her patrol. This patrol, during the height of the Guadalcanal campaign, took *Grampus* into waters teeming with Japanese men-of-war. She sighted a total of four enemy cruisers and 79 destroyers in five different convoys. Although she conducted a series of aggressive attacks on the Japanese ships, receiving 104 depth charges for her work, *Grampus* was not credited with sinking any ships. On 18 October 1942 *Grampus* even scored a direct hit on the *Yura*, but the torpedo failed to explode. She returned to Australia on

23 November. *Grampus* fifth war patrol, from 14 December 1942 to 19 January 1943, took her across access lanes frequented by Japanese submarines and other ships. Air and water patrol in this area was extremely heavy and although she conducted several daring attacks on the 41 contacts she sighted, *Grampus* again was denied a kill. Sinking - In company with *Grayback*, *Grampus* departed Brisbane on 11 February 1943, for her sixth war patrol from which she failed to return; the manner of her loss still remains a mystery. Japanese seaplanes reported sinking a submarine on 18 February in *Grampus*' patrol area, but *Grayback* reported seeing *Grampus* in that same area 4 March. On 5 March 1943, the Japanese destroyers *Minegumo* and *Murasame* conducted an attack preceding the Battle of Blackett Strait, near Kolombangara island. A heavy oil slick was sighted there the following day, indicating that *Grampus* may have been lost there in a night attack or gun battle against the destroyers. The Japanese destroyers had by then already been sunk in a night action with U.S. cruisers and destroyers.

When repeated attempts failed to contact *Grampus*, the submarine was declared missing and presumed lost with all hands. Her name was struck from the Naval Vessel Register on 21 June 1943. Source—Wikipedia.com

**Below**—USS Kete  
SS-369

**Bottom**—USS Grampus  
SS—207  
“Sailors, rest your oars”





## New Piedmont Periscope Editor

We have found a ... "volunteer"...to take over the job of the editor of the Piedmont Periscope. Shipmate Robert Schilke did learn Never Again Volunteer Yourself just like some of us did not so he will take over the duties of the editor for the Piedmont Periscope. Now, he may have some new ideas and you may see some format changes and such. Don't complain, or you may get the job next!

We need fresh ideas and I'm sure Robert has some. And I'm sure he will need your input, so continue to support him as you have me over the past almost 4 years. It's your input that have made the PP an award winning publication. I'll be there, just an e-mail or a phone call away. I'm just busy at work and want to dedicate more time to Bilge Rat Productions as it has really become successful.

I also need to re-jump start the Flag Etiquette program, and the Color Guard. Maybe someday when I retire, I'll have time to be a Base Officer. I was at the Requin Base, but this Base has just too much going

on for me to pursue that at this time. I'll have to say, of the 4 Bases that I have belonged, this is the most active and has the most members and Sub-Vettes involved, but you know what? More of you could be involved and find out that it's not work you are missing, it's FUN.

Well I got off the subject of the Newsletter.

Please, write down your stories. It's history. Pass it down to your kids and grandkids in writing. Have it published in the Piedmont Periscope, save at copy for them. If you can't type, have your spouse or a friend type it for you.

Again, Thanks Robert for stepping-up and relieving me. And a Thanks to Clarence Jordan for supplying the needed software to the Base for Robert to write and publish the Newsletter. I had the software, but it was licensed to me and I could not transfer due to me receiving it via work. Clarence had a copy that was licensed to him and is able to transfer to Robert.

Robert and I will "parallel" the watch in April and complete the turn-over before summer. Thanks, Moe(SS)

## Last Meeting Pictures



Top—Ray Fritz receives an "ATTA BOY" award from Base Commander Steve Bell for his work as Base Chaplain.

Middle—Colleen Moses receives an "ATTA BOY" award for her work with Bilge Rat Productions.

Bottom—Robert Schilke shows the display of Boat models he build and donated to the Base for display at the various Base Classroom Education setups that members conduct throughout

## Carolina Piedmont Constitution and USSVI Bylaws

We ended with the USSVI Constitution last month.  
We now pick-up with the Base Constitution.

### Carolina Piedmont Constitution

#### ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be THE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC., CAROLINA PIEDMONT BASE

Section 1. For the purpose of this Constitution the term “Base” shall be synonymous with “The United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., Carolina Piedmont Base”.

#### ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

##### Section 1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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 to the United States of America and its Constitution.

##### Section 2. CREED

The Statement of Purpose for the Base shall be known as the Base’s Creed.

#### ARTICLE III - POLICY

The Base shall adopt no policy in conflict with the laws of the United States Government.

#### ARTICLE IV – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Base shall commence on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December in each year.

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### USSVI Bylaws (continued from February)

#### ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

##### Section 4. WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A. The Ways and Means Committee shall be a Standing Committee.

B. The Ways and Means Committee shall be chaired by the National Senior Vice-Commander and shall have as regular members the National Junior Vice-

Commander, the National Treasurer, and other members, deemed necessary by the National Commander, and approved by the Board of Directors. An administrative budget may be funded through an annual budget for this committee, to be set by the National Senior Vice-Commander. The Committee Chairman shall annually submit a report of the operations of the committee to the National Secretary for inclusion in the committee reports; such report is to be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the pending National Convention.

C. The duties of the Ways and Means Committee shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Prepare and submit an annual USSVI budget to the Board of Directors.
- b. Monitor performance of operating units against the approved budget throughout the year.
- c. Prepare recommendations to the Board of Directors on items of expenditure not within the approved budget.

##### Section 5. LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

A. The Long Range Planning Committee shall be a Standing Committee.

B. The Long Range Planning Committee shall be chaired by a member appointed by the National Board of Directors and shall have as regular members other members deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. An administrative budget may be funded through an annual budget request to the National Senior Vice-Commander for inclusion in the USSVI National Budget. The Committee Chairman shall annually submit a report of the operations of the inclusion in the committee reports; such report is to be submitted no later than 30 days prior to committee to the National Secretary for the pending National Convention.

C. The duties of the Long Range Planning Committee will include, but not be limited to, conducting studies as requested by the Board of Directors to further the fraternal purpose and creed of the organization.

D. Written reports and recommendations of the committee will be made to the Board of Directors prior to the physical meetings of the Board or upon their request.

# Piedmont Funnies Page

A midget from Texas was experiencing constant pain in his crotch area. The midget went to the doctor and told him about his problem. The doctor told him to drop his pants and he would have a look. The midget dropped his pants. The doctor stood him up onto the examining table, and started to examine him. The doctor put one finger under his left testicle and told the midget to turn his head and cough, the usual method to check for a hernia.

"Hmm..." mumbled the doctor, and as he put his finger under the right testicle, he asked the midget to cough again.

"Aha!" said the doctor, and reached for his surgical scissors. Snip-snip-snip-snip on the right side... then snip-snip-snip-snip on the left side. The midget was so scared he was afraid to look, but noted with amazement that the snipping did not hurt.

The doctor then told the midget to walk around the examining room to see if his testicles still hurt. The midget was absolutely delighted as he walked around and

discovered his testicles were no longer aching.

The doctor said, "How does that feel now?"

The midget replied, "Perfect Doc, and I didn't even feel it. What did you do?"

The doctor replied "I cut two inches off the top of your cowboy boots."

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A man and a woman were having a quiet, romantic dinner in a fine restaurant. They were gazing lovingly at each other and holding hands. The waitress, taking another order at a table a few steps away, suddenly noticed the man slowly sliding down his chair and under the table but the woman stared straight ahead.

The waitress watched as the man slid all the way down his chair and out of sight under the table. Still, the woman stared straight ahead. The waitress, thinking this behavior a bit risqué and that it might offend other diners, went over to the table and, tactfully, began by saying to the woman "Pardon me, ma'am, but I think your husband just slid under

the table."

The woman calmly looked up at her and said, "No, he didn't. He just walked in the door."

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A young cowboy sitting in a saloon one Saturday night recognized an elderly man standing at the bar who, in his day, had been the fastest gun in the West.

The cowboy took a place next to the old-timer, bought him a drink and told him of his great ambition to be a great shot... 'Could you give me some tips?' he asked.

The old man said, 'Well, for one thing, you're wearing your gun too high - tie the holster a little lower down on your leg.'

'Will that make me a better gunfighter?'

'Sure will '

The young man did as he was told, stood up, whipped out his .44 and shot the bow tie off the piano player.

'That's terrific!' said the cowboy. 'Got any more tips?'

'Yep,' said the old man. 'Cut a notch out of your

holster where the hammer hits it - that'll give you a smoother draw'

'Will that make me a better gunfighter?' asked the young man.

'You bet it will,' said the old-timer.

The young man took out his knife, cut the notch, stood up, drew his gun in a blur, and then shot a cufflink off the piano player.

'Wow!' exclaimed the cowboy, 'I'm learnin' somethin' here. Got any more tips?'

The old man pointed to a large can in a corner of the saloon. 'See that axle grease over there? Coat your gun with it.'

The young man smeared some of the grease on the barrel of his gun.

'No,' said the old-timer, 'I mean smear it all over the gun, handle and all.'

'Will that make me a better gunfighter?' asked the young man...

'No,' said the old-timer, 'but when Wyatt Earp gets done playing the piano, he's gonna shove that gun up your butt, and it won't hurt as much.'



A Pastor goes to the dentist for a set of false teeth. The first Sunday after he gets his new teeth, he talks for only eight minutes. The second Sunday, he talks for only ten minutes. The following Sunday, he talks for 2 hours and 48 minutes.

The congregation had to mob him to get him down from the pulpit and they asked him what happened.

The Pastor explains the first Sunday his gums hurt so bad he couldn't talk for more than 8 minutes. The second Sunday his gums hurt too much to talk for more than 10 minutes.

But, the third Sunday, he put his wife's teeth in by mistake and he couldn't shut up... Come-on I know you're smiling!

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After a meeting several days ago, I couldn't find my keys. I quickly gave myself a personal "TSA Pat Down." They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My wife has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. She's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I

looked around the parking lot, I realized she was right.

The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all to my wife:

"I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard her voice.

"Are you kidding me?" she barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent.

Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

She retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your car!"

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The man told his doctor he wasn't able to do all the things around the house that he used to do. When the examination was complete, he said.

"Now, Doc, I can take it. Tell me in plain English what's wrong with me."

"Well, in plain English," the doctor replied, "You're just a plain old lazy fart."

"Thank You." said the man. "Now give me the medical term, so I can tell my wife!"

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An Arab walks into a bar and is about to order a drink when he sees a guy close by wearing a Jewish cap, a prayer shawl, tzitzis and traditional locks of hair. He doesn't have to be an Einstein to know that this guy is Jewish.

So, he shouts over to the bartender so loudly that everyone can hear, "Drinks for everyone in here, bartender, but not for that Jew over there."

Soon after the drinks have been handed out, the Jew gives him a big smile, waves at him, then says, "Thank you!" in an equally loud voice.

This infuriates the Arab. He once again loudly orders drinks for everyone except the Jew.

As before, this does not seem to bother the Jewish guy. He continues to smile, and again yells, "Thank you!"

The Arab asks the bartender, "What's the hell is the matter with that Jew? I've ordered two rounds of

drinks for everyone in the bar but him, and all the silly bugger does is smile and thank me. Is he nuts?"

Nope," replies the bartender. "He owns the place."

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Some old Rodney Dangerfield lines:

Last night my wife met me at the front door. She was wearing a sexy negligee. The only trouble was, she was coming home.

A girl phoned me and said, 'Come on over there's nobody home.' I went over. Nobody was home!

A hooker once told me she had a headache.

I was making love to this girl and she started crying I said, 'Are you going to hate yourself in the morning?' She said, 'No, I hate myself now.'

I knew a girl so ugly... they use her in prisons to cure sex offenders.

My wife is such a bad cook, if we leave dental floss in the kitchen the roaches hang themselves.

The other day I came home and a guy was jogging, naked. I asked him, 'Why?' He said, 'Because you came home early.'

My wife is such a bad cook, in my house we pray after the meal.



## Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>16</b> St. Paddy's Day Parade —Nags Head, NC	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> PP dead- line for March is- sue	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> SubVets Meeting 1730 Dinner 1900 Meeting
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Apr 1	2	3	4	5
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> SE Re- gional Conven- tion— Cary, NC	8 —>	9 —>	10 —>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Azalea Festi- val Parade — Wilmington, NC
<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	May 1	2	3

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

