

Piedmont Periscope



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USS PICKEREL	(SS 177)	April 3, 1943
USS GRENADIER	(SS 210)	April 22, 1943
USS GUNGEON	(SS 211)	April 18, 1944
USS SNOOK	(SS 279)	April 8, 1945
USS THRESHER	(SSN 593)	April 10, 1963

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 April



"Sailors, rest your oars"

CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell



I must report to you that the Southeast Regional Convention held this last week in Cary, NC was a tremendous success.

The Tarheel Base did a really fine job with it. I am sure they are glad it is behind them but they can still be proud of what they did. If you get the opportunity to attend these things, you should take advantage of it. They are really a lot of fun.

Coming up near the end of May (and we will get the date, time, and exact location out to you once we know it) is the dedication to the War Memorial Park between Greensboro and Winston-Salem. This is the park that we purchased a

brick for earlier this year. Joe Clark tells me that it is really looking good there. Since most of you (if not all) are not going to Washington DC for the events there, maybe you can try to get this one on your calendar.

As I stated in an e-mail put out earlier, our District won the Regional Director's Award. I am the one that gets the privilege to receive these awards, but it is the people within all the bases that do the work. Our base was one of the contributors that the Director read off as the reasons for the Award this year. It even included things done by our Subvettes. We can be proud that we were a contributor for the District receiving this award. I thank each of you for your input.

Parade season is upon us

now. We will let you know when and where the parades are happening. I went from Cary, NC to Wilmington, NC Friday to participate in the Azalea Festival Parade hosting by the Coastal Carolina Base. We had what I would consider low attendance at this parade. Part of that is the lack of advertisement for the event but I again encourage each of you to try to get in at least one parade a year. My only warning about attending one is to be careful, they can be a little on the additive side. They are a real joy to participate in.

If you have not signed up for Burnsville, now is the time. The USS Asheville Base needs to close out registration for planning purposes the early part of May. We always have a good time up there so come on out

and have some fun with us. I am sure I will enjoy myself even more this year as I don't have the worries of the past with it.

I hope to see most of you at our April meeting. I would like to ask those that rarely, if ever, attend to try to attend at least one meeting a year.

Come see what we are really all about. I can promise you that you will like the meal, it is always good.

Take care and be safe. May God bless each of you.—Steve

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*I pledge allegiance to
the Flag of the United
States of America, and
to the Republic for
which it stands, one
Nation under God, in-
divisible, with liberty
and justice for all.*



When did this Flag fly
in Our Nation's History?
Find out on Page 11.
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- Spring is here (I hope) and we started April off with a presentation of the Submariner Story at the York Comprehensive High School. This event was presented by 5 base members, Walt Sealy, Bob Bunney, Bob Schilke, Paul Myers and Jack Jeffries. Group was split into three sessions. Bob Schilke brought his fleet of Submarine Models and it was well received by all. We have another Submariner Story presen-

tation scheduled for Saluda Trail Middle School on 22 April and there will be about 300 attendees split into three groups, hope to have volunteers for this presentations.

We should be getting ready for our annual outing at Moonshine Mountain Memorial and I know a good time will be had by all.

We still need to beat the bushes for more Submariners and I know each and every one can find one.

I'm looking forward to a dress rehearsal of our new Half Way Night skit that will be presented in modified form at Burnsville.

Our next base meeting is scheduled for 26 April.

May the Lord Bless and keep you safe until we meet again, Jack



Jack in the Hee Haw Cornfield with Cindy Pettit during a Bilge Rats practice session.

Machinery One — Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary



Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes

For March 22, 2014

-Call Meeting to Order

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

-Invocation

Base Chaplin Ray Fritz gave the Invocation.

-Pledge of Allegiance

Steve Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

-USSVI Creed

The USSVI Creed was recited by Base Commander Steve Bell.

-Tolling of the Boats

The Tolling for March was presented by Base Chaplin Ray Fritz and COB Rick Pettit.

-Member Introductions

There were 20 members present.

-Special Presentations

Shipmates Rick Pettit, Andy Miller, and Bob Bunny were awarded their USSVI 5 year membership pins by Base Commander Steve Bell.

Shipmate Stanley W. Shultz was inducted in to the Holland Club by Walt Sealy. Stanley qualified aboard the USS Alexander Hamilton SSBN 617 in 1964.

-Reading/Approval of the last meeting minutes

The motion was made to accept the minutes for the February, 2014 meeting as posted in the Piedmont Periscope and Emails sent to the membership. The motion carried.

-Reading/Approval of the Treasurers Report

Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink gave the report for February 2014. The Motion was made to accept the report as read, the motion passed.

Current Balance	\$6,856.65
Kapss4Kidss	\$2,323.67
Memorial Restoration Fund	\$ 552.50
USSVI Scholarship Fund	\$ 43.00
General Base Funds Available	\$3,937.65

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-Old Business

None

-New Business

District Commander Steve Bell requested that our district show their support for this year's National Convention by purchasing a full page ad in the USSVI 2014 Convention Program. The cost of this year's add will be \$350. The cost of the ad will be shared equally between all the Bases in our district. The motion was made to purchase the ad. The motion carried.

-SK Report

Members were reminded if they needed anything to see Jeff Nieberding.

-Good of the Order

-Sailor of the Year

Steve Bell reviewed the events for this year's awards, held in Norfolk VA. With the restructuring of the awards program by the Navy, there were 4 winners and 7 runners-up (one candidate eliminated after being selected for LDO). In previous years there was only 4 of each. In keeping with regulations, each runner-up was awarded \$150. The remainder of the monies collected was donated to the Chief's Fund to help offset the cost of putting on the award program.

-National Election

Steve Bell reviewed those running for National Offices. He also briefly reviewed all of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws to be on the ballot this year. He asked that you read each of the biographies and the Amendments and vote how you feel, not by name recognition or just because the BOD approved the Amendments.

-Regional Convention

Steve Bell remind all members of the upcoming Regional Convention. Those interested in attending but have not yet made their reservations should contact Butterbean (Tarheel Base Commander) as soon as possible.

-Burnsville Memorial Service

Steve Bell reminded all members that the Burnsville Memorial Service will be held on May 16th and 17th. Members can download registration forms at the USS Asheville Base website, <http://www.ussashevillebase.com>. The cutoff date for reservations will be May 2nd. The host hotel will be the Skyline Village Inn in Little Switzerland, NC.

-BSA Eagle Scout Presentation

Chaplin Ray Fritz reported on last month's Eagle Scout Presentation. In addition to presenting the scout with a special award from the Base, Chaplin Ray Fritz also present to the family a Book of Remembrance. The grandfather, who passed away in the 1980's, had served aboard 4 submarines.

-Base Commander's Qual Card

Steve Bell explained a program from the USSVI Board of Directors. The purpose of the qual card is to better prepare those considering the office of Base Commander of their local Base. Even those not desiring the position of Base Commander are encouraged to complete the qual card. Those who complete the qual card will

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receive a “Base Commander Certified” patch. This program is strictly voluntary.

-Victory Junction Camp Visit

Shipmate Jim Shank reported on the latest visit to Victory Junction. There were 38 campers and their families during this visit. Jim encourage any who would like to attend to contact Jack Jeffries. A fall visit to Victory Junction is being planned.

-Levine Children's Hospital

Shipmate Jack Jeffries reports that there will be a visit to the Levine Children's Hospital on Thursday April 17th a 1:30 PM. This visit will be held in the Hospital's Atrium. Up to 10 members can attend, further details will be emailed out to all by Jack.

-Saluda Trails Middle School Visit

Jack Jeffries reported that we will be conducting Submarine Classes to the entire 7th grade at Saluda Middle School in Rock Hill, SC on 22 April 2014. We will be conducting 3 classes of 90 minutes each to approximately 100 students during each session, starting at 0900. Bob Schilke will bring his Model Submarine Fleet. Any who wants to attend please let Jack know. Also, any submarine memorabilia would be appreciated.

-Massing of the Colors in Rock Hill

Base Commander Steve Bell reminded the membership that there will be the Annual Massing of the Colors at the Rock Hill High School in Rock Hill, SC on Sunday May 18th. The ceremony will start at 3:00 PM. Those wishing to attend should muster at the high school at 1:45 PM. Shipmate Rick Pettit has indicated that he will be bringing the equipment from Burnsville. Jack Jeffries will be sending out reminders by email.

-Piedmont Periscope Dead Line

Shipmate Dale Moses reminded all members that submissions for the next issue of the Piedmont Periscope are due by April 17th.

-Benediction

The benediction was given by Chaplin Ray Fritz.

-Motion to Adjourn

The motion was made and passed.

Respectfully Submitted by

Michael Hubbell, Base Secretary

Last Issue for the Moe(SS)

Well, it's been a great ride, but it's time for we to turn-over the watch over to Robert Schilke. I knew I was going to get busy at work this year, so I'm transferring many of my Base duties off on to other shipmates. I'll be there via e-mail for questions and support. Heck, I may even be able to supply a article every now and then.

The Periscope will be in good hands, but it will always need your input to keep it a Carolina publication. Your stories are what your fellow shipmates want to read about because it happened to someone they know. So keep them coming. Everyone has them; write them down!

As far as the Bilge Rats, I'll be with them when I'm home on the weekends, they will just have to do the show scheduling and take the lead without me. I'll have more time to think and write next years show while I'm in PA working.

Colleen and I were planning on attending the National Convention this year, but now those plans our out. She was looking forward to SF and seeing the Pacific

Ocean as she has never been to California before. I told her I'd make it up to her in December with a trip to St. Thomas or St. Croix. She forgot all about SF real fast and said we could see all our SubVet friends next year in Pittsburgh.

Anyway, at my age it's great to be needed. The young engineers have the education, but not the experience. I don't have any formal engineer training, but have a Senior Reactor Operator Certification and a degree in business. It's the SRO that carries the weight and says that I have the experience. It's challenging work and I work good people, one being fellow Base member and "Bilge Rat", Jim George.

We have a job to do that needs to be done. It disrupts our normal life a little. Have we done jobs that paid less and demanded more? Yes, just like you, we all have. Maybe that's why we do it and complain very little about it now.

Please continue supporting the Periscope. Write your stories down and send them to Robert. Thank you for a great run, Moe(SS)

From the COB - Rick Petitt



This past Friday and Saturday was an exciting and interesting weekend. Cindy and I represented the USSVI and the Stars for our Troops program at a USO event in Charlotte. Charlotte Country Day School's boys Lacrosse team wanted to create a project to give back to our active duty military so an event was created by the USO and sponsored by Bank of America to make personal care travel kits to give to troops both here in the states and to send to those deployed in Afghanistan. Since Cindy is a BofA associate and she was introducing the Stars for Our Troops project to Bank of America, she was invited to the event. Together we spent Friday afternoon at Charlotte Country Day

School helping these young men create personal care packages for the USO to distribute to the troops. We continued the event Saturday morning with the Lacrosse team, BofA executives and USO personnel at the Charlotte Air National Guard to complete the packing of 1,000 kits each with a Star and a Thank You note signed by the Subvettes. We proudly represented the USSVI and make no doubt, the USO and BofA Military Services Affinity Group, know we exist. We are hopeful that these events will open doors that will allow us to work together in the future to better serve our military and our community and to get the Stars into the hands of both our veterans and active military.

"Good leadership consists of showing average people how to do the work of superior people."
- John D. Rockefeller

**Got a story
For the Periscope?**

Sent it to Robert

At rschilke66@gmail.com

Chaplain's Corner - Ray Fritz, National Chaplain



Diana is doing much better. Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, and even food! We really appreciated everything you did. A physical therapist is coming in twice a week now to help her with her balance. Her visit to the hospital by ambulance was because of the pain medication (Oxycodone) she was taking following surgery. It really knocked her out!

NOTE: I understand oxycodone is sold 'on the street' but don't understand why anyone would take it for **FUN!**

As I write this I am thinking of that day (April 10, 1963) when

we received word that the USS Thresher SSN-593 had been lost. It was a sad day for all hands. I knew or had met many of the men who were lost having been an instructor at the S1C Nuclear Power Training Unit in Windsor Locks, CT where they passed through for training.



Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:2b



To the follower of Christ, Calvary and Easter (The Resurrection) are the most significant events of history (**His**-Story). Without the resurrection, Christmas has no meaning. Jesus could have used any word to indicate where those who trust Him for salvation would spend eternity. He chose the word 'place'.

We used to live in a 'place' in Western New York. It was on top of a hill and it had an address. If I mailed a letter to myself the person who delivered the mail knew where to deliver it.

When Jesus said He was preparing a place for us, He was telling us that when we die, we are going to a precise place. But it's not only a place; He says it is a mansion.

When a Christian dies he or she goes immediately into the presence of Christ... to that mansion... to that place prepared for them where they will spend eternity.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸We are confident,

yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

We are simply changing addresses. If the post office could deliver mail to heaven all we would have to do is fill out a change of address form and we would get mail.

Where is your eternal address? The Bible says that each one of us will spend eternity in one of two places... Heaven or Hell... There are those who deny the existence of hell but Jesus actually spoke more about hell than He did about heaven. REASON? He didn't want anyone to go there.

2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

You can obtain a change of address, for your eternal destiny, by simply placing your faith and trust in the finished work of Christ on Calvary, repenting of your sin, surrendering your life to His control, and following Him. I would be glad to speak with you at your convenience.

A Book Review by Jim George (EM1/SS)

George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring That Saved The American Revolution

By Brian Kilmeade and Don Yeager

Always a fan of military and American history, I was eager to start in on this story about the conflict in which our great nation was born. How was it that a tiny band of upstart rebels was able to outlast the premier military force of its day?

Many of these questions are answered in this book. Concurrent with the release of this book was the TV drama *TURN* which, in typical Hollywood fashion, retells the story to fit their own agenda. The character names are the same and they spied for the Continental army, but similarities end there. The *Secret Six* details George Washington's efforts to re-establish a link with the recently lost principal city of our newly declared republic.

Having been driven out by an army that made broad use of Tory sympathizers and spies (New York was a largely pro-British city), Washington's desperation to even the playing field led to an ill-timed adventure by the relatively unskilled

Nathan Hale, whose own career lasted only one week.

Washington then set about using a trusted aide, young Major Benjamin Tallmadge of the Connecticut Dragoons (cavalry) to set up a network of spies.

Tallmadge first enlisted Abraham Woodhull, a Long Island bachelor farmer, who often travelled to the city to sell his goods and buy supplies for his neighbors. This gave Washington a set of roving eyes along the New York coast.

However, Woodhull was not a city-man or cultured enough to get in with the social scene frequented by Tories and British officers. Plus, he needed a man to get his intelligence to Connecticut. For this task Woodhull recruited Caleb Brewster, a cagey long-shoreman who had made a career of running British pickets to deliver messages and contraband from New England into Long Island.

After several close calls with British sentries, an exhausted Woodhull, made contact with a downtown NYC merchant named Robert Townsend. Townsend was a reserved Quaker whose meek disposition

allowed him to be overlooked on the street. The fact that he owned a general store frequented by the British gave Washington a perfect inside man. Townsend agreed on one condition, that no one, not even Washington, was to know his true identity. He was to be known only as Samuel Culper, Jr. (Woodhull became Culper Sr.).

As Woodhull risked capture by his regular treks into the city, bringing suspicion on himself, Townsend brought in another courier, Austin Roe. Roe owned a tavern in Brooklyn, so his frequent trips over the ferry wouldn't draw undue attention. Roe would dead-drop his parcels in a hole in the woods behind Woodhull's farm. The two never met.

Townsend also found employment as a cub-reporter for a New York pro-Tory newspaper owned by the well-known British citizen James Rivington. This gave Culper Jr. the perfect opportunity to roam around NY asking questions of British officers who were only too happy to get their names in the paper (and Culpers' dispatches as well). The real coup turned out that Rivington, himself, had begun to harbor resent-

ment against the crown and also became an active agent. Finally, Rivington recruited a young socialite woman known only as agent 355. Together they found out anything and everything of value that Washington wished to know.

Among their greatest and most dangerous triumphs was uncovering plot by a British spy to recruit one General Benedict Arnold who sought to sell fort West Point and General Washington to the British for money.

The true stories found in this book are far more riveting than the fictional account on TV, all the more because they are accurate accounts. The amazing tale of this ring of spies who intentionally did not want to know each other's true identity is still used by the CIA today as a primer in covert activities. They pioneered the use of invisible ink, ciphers, assumed identities, dead drops and compartmentalization, all while serving to allow Washington to eventually wear the British down and defeat them at Yorktown.

I heartily recommend this book for a great couple of weeks' worth of reading.

Holland Club Member in the Spotlight— Bill King



I recently got a chance to interview Holland Club Member Bill King. Bill is a veteran of three major wars; World War II, Korea, and Viet Nam. I served with others in the American Legion in KS and MO that had the same service. Like Bill, they too, did not finish high school, but enlisted as soon as they were seventeen to serve our Great Nation. In Bill's case, he "un-officially" was not quite seventeen, said he was and turned seventeen while in boot camp. Bill grew up in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It was 1946 and Congress had not yet officially declared the war era over and Bill and a high school buddy still wanted to join the Marines. They went down to the recruiter's office, but the Marine Sergeant was at lunch. However, the Navy Chief was not and they found themselves in the Navy. His buddy ended with the Marines as a Corpsman, and after boot camp in Bainbridge, Bill was a RM on

the USS Wisconsin. Bill soon found himself on Admiral Flecher's Staff as he finished his "kiddie-cruise" of two years. Bill said he got out and became a "Soda Jerk" for a while, but that was not the life for him, all the "kid stuff". Soon Bill re-enlisted in 1948 and was assigned to the USS Cabot CVL-28 to bring it out of mothballs in "Philly" and take it to Pensacola to train pilots. Bill said "...talk about asbestos exposure, we were ripping that stuff out all over the place..." After that Bill was assigned to the USS Wyandot AKA-92 and was involved with Operation Deep Freeze I" here is a brief paragraph I found on the web on that operation: AKA-92 USS Wyandot -In the spring of 1955, *Wyandot* joined Task Force 43 for "Operation Deep Freeze I" in the Antarctic. After a brief yard availability, the ship loaded supplies and equipment at Davisville, Rhode Island, and shifted to Norfolk, from whence she departed on 14 November. Sailing via the Panama Canal and Lyttelton, New Zealand, *Wyandot* arrived at

McMurdo Sound, Antarctica, on 27 December. While in those cold southern latitudes, she served as the flagship for Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, officer-in-charge of the Antarctic programs. After the Wyandot, Bill was assigned to an "Airdale" squadron out of Jacksonville to hunt submarines. This is when he thought they needed RMs on submarines and decided to put in for submarines and got them. He went to sub-school and was assigned to the USS Pomodon SS-486 where he qualified in 1959. Bill also served on USS Robert E. Lee (SSBN601); USS George Washington (SSBN598) (2 patrols); shore duty Orlando; USS Bang (SS385); USS Tigrone (SS419); USS Diablo (AGSS479); USS Nathaniel Greene (SSBN636) 2 patrols; and USS James Madison (SSBN627). Some of these were short term squadron assignments and some were crew assignments, but Bill had very little actual shore time. I asked Bill his reason for making a career out of the Navy and his answer was that: "Loved the Navy and wanted the career opportunity."

After the Navy, Bill worked for United Airlines first as a storekeeper, then as ramp service. He worked his way up to Ramp Service Supervisor in charge of loading the luggage and parking the planes at the gate and doing all the servicing with exception of the actual maintenance. Bill worked 27 years for United Airlines in the San Francisco Airport before retiring. Now Bill lives in Pensacola, FL with first wife Marge of 60 years. They were separated while he was in the Navy, but are back together. A story Bill tried to explain, but I'm not going to even try to re-create. Just call Bill, his number is in the roster, he'll tell you the story. Bill, I wished I could have told every story you told me, but I could not type that fast and listen too. And I don't think I'd have that much room in the Periscope. You surely have some stories to tell spanning three wars, and surface, airdale, and submarine Navies. Thank you for finally finding the "right" service and thank you for all your service.



Bilge Rats ready for Burnsville debut.—

The Bilge Rats are ready after a great practice on the first Saturday of April. Top—Anna Turchfeld gets a hit from the fence from “Grandpa Steve Bell”. Bottom—the “Gals” Anna, Missy,

Cindy, and Linda; perform “Rumors”. Middle—Narrator Mike Runkle and Stage Manager Ray Z discuss the opening of the show.

This is going to be the best one yet!!



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 United States of America Flag 1908-1912
In 1908, one star was added, representing Oklahoma, bringing the total number of stars to 46. There were thirteen stripes representing the thirteen original colonies. During the years that this flag flew, Robert Peary planted the American flag at North Pole, the Boy Scouts of America were started, the first Indianapolis 500 was held, the RMS Titanic sunk, and Theodore Roosevelt was wounded while campaigning for the Bull Moose Party.

**April
Meeting**

April 26th

**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

Diana Fritz, Dee Rutter, Barbara Sealy

April

Janice Holm 4/01

Jolanda Lynch 4/02

Linda Zieverink, Paul Simerly 4/09

Donna Blassingham 4/11

Linda Crystal 4/14

George Birmingham 4/21

Emma Howell, Susan Kelly 4/22

James Schenk 4/24

Liz Harris 4/25

Dee Rutter 4/30

Happy Birthday



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

April

Mary and Robert Bickford - 4/21

Judy and William Hickerson - 4/23

Karen and Michael Toomey - 4/24

“Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip”- Will Rogers



SubVettes—President Sandra Myers

Hello Sassy Sisters,
I hope all is well
with you and yours.
We have several on
our sick list the ones
I can say right off are
Barbara Sealy, Dee
Rutter, and Diana
Fritz. If there
should be someone I
forgot please forgive
me and I ask for

prayers for them
and their families.
Our food for the
next meeting din-
ner will be another
usual of "this and
that." Don't forget
our recruiters and
your secret sisters.
I ask that you
please think of ser-
vice projects we
can do that's free or

doesn't cost much.
We need to start
watching our treas-
ury as we don't have
much income and do
not want to spend
everything. I am a
firm believer to have
some in our kitty at
all times.
Take care and I will
see you at our April



meeting at the usual
place.
May God Bless you and
yours and the USA.—
Love to all, Sandra

Seafood Risotto

Ingredients

2 cups fat-free, less-sodium chicken broth
1 (8-ounce) bottle clam juice
2 teaspoons butter
1/4 cup chopped shallots
1/2 cup uncooked Arborio rice
1/8 teaspoon saffron threads, crushed
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1/2 cup grape tomatoes, halved
4 ounces medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
4 ounces bay scallops
2 tablespoons whipping cream
Chopped fresh parsley (optional)

Preparation

1. Bring broth and clam juice to a simmer in a medium saucepan (do not boil). Keep warm over low heat.
2. Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add shallots to pan; cook 2 minutes or until tender, stirring frequently. Add rice and saffron to pan; cook 30 seconds, stirring constantly. Add lemon juice to pan; cook 15 seconds, stirring constantly. Stir in 1/2 cup hot broth mixture; cook 2 minutes or until the liquid is nearly absorbed, stirring constantly. Add remaining broth mixture, 1/2 cup at a time, stirring constantly until each portion of broth is absorbed before adding the next (about 18 minutes total).
3. Stir in tomatoes; cook for 1 minute. Stir in shrimp and scallops; cook for 4 minutes or until shrimp and scallops are done, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat; stir in cream. Sprinkle with parsley, if desired.

From Cooling Light



VETERANS NEWS

by the RAQ Bulletin

USS Miami (SSN-775) Update 01 ► Deactivation Ceremony

The Navy said farewell 28 MAR to the submarine Miami, whose service was cut short when a shipyard employee trying to get out of work set it on fire. The somber deactivation ceremony at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard marked the end of the sub's nearly 24 years of active service. Rear Adm. Ken Perry, commander of the submarine Group Two in Groton, Conn., where the sub was based, acknowledged the seriousness of the event, but told the crowd they were there to celebrate the submarine and its crew's achievements. "This is a tribute. This is a celebration of the ship's performance and the superb contributions to the nation's defense and this is how we're going to treat it. So I expect to see some smiles out there," he said. Cmdr. Rolf Spelk-

Your Veteran News From the RAQ Bulletin

er, the sub's current commander, said he came to Portsmouth thinking his assignment was to prepare the ship for service. He said he and crew members are disappointed that instead, their duty was to help inactivate the vessel. "They are no doubt disappointed and saddened that they can't take her out to sea," Spelker said.

Perry praised the ship's performance over more than a dozen deployments that included clandestine undersea warfare missions and back-to-back deployments in which it fired cruise missiles in Iraq and in Serbia, cementing its reputation and nickname as "Big Gun." It should have had about 10 years of service left. After the fire, the Navy originally intended to repair the Miami with a goal of returning it to service in 2015. But it decided to scrap the submarine after estimated repair costs grew substantially above a \$450 million estimate. Instead, shipyard workers will remove fuel from the nuclear reactor and take it to a repository in Idaho. They will make enough repairs so that the submarine can be towed to Puget Sound

Naval Shipyard in Washington state, where it will be cut up for scrap. The estimated cost of the inactivation is \$54 million.

It was a bitter loss because of the way the submarine was damaged, at the hands of a shipyard worker who set a fire to the vessel in May 2012 while the submarine was undergoing a 20-month overhaul. Seeking an excuse to leave work early, Casey James Fury set fire to a box of rags on a bunk, and the blaze quickly spread throughout the forward compartments of the Los Angeles-class submarine. Fury pleaded guilty and is serving a sentence of more than 17 years in federal prison. It took 12 hours and the efforts of more than 100 firefighters to save the vessel. The fire severely damaged living quarters, the command and control center and a torpedo room, but it did not reach the nuclear propulsion components at the rear of the sub. Seven people were hurt dousing the fire, the Navy said. The Navy launched a series of investigations after the fire that led to recommendations, including installation of

temporary automatic fire detection systems while submarines are in dry dock. [Source: Associated Press | Robert F. Bukaty | 28 Mar 2014 ++]

Pearl Harbor Remains ► Relatives Want Them Identified

Bethany Glenn never met her grandfather, John C. England, a 20-year-old Navy ensign from Alhambra who perished in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. But 73 years after that day of infamy, Glenn has made it her mission to recover the remains of England, who rescued men in the battleship Oklahoma's radio room before he fell.

Glenn and the families of 20 other sailors killed at Pearl Harbor say their loved ones are buried as "unknowns" not far from where they died on Dec. 7, 1941. They want the military to exhume the remains and identify them through DNA testing so they can be brought home to be buried alongside their families. A plot awaits England by his parents' graves in Colorado, Glenn said, noting that it had been purchased by her great-grandmother. "She never gave up hope

that someday they might find something of him," said Glenn, 45, who lives in Washington state near the Oregon border. The Navy says it doesn't want to disturb the sanctity of the graves. But a bipartisan group of U.S. senators has taken up the families' cause. The dispute grows out of the efforts of Ray Emory, a sleuthing 92-year-old Pearl Harbor survivor who learned what had happened to seamen buried after the attack that brought the United States into World War II.

Emory discovered that the remains of 27 sailors on the Oklahoma had been identified in 1949, through dental records, when they were being processed for burial in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, better known as the Punchbowl, in Hawaii. But an anthropologist working with the military declined to sign off on the identification. "They didn't have all the pieces of every person," said Lisa Ridge, an Indiana teacher working to recover the remains of her grandfather. She said the military at the time did not want to turn over partial remains. As a result, the remains were buried as unknowns in

five caskets. "They never told the families that these people had been identified," said Tom Gray, a Connecticut man seeking to recover the remains of his cousin. He said Edwin Hopkins, a 19-year-old fireman first class aboard the Oklahoma, "deserves better than a commingled grave marked 'unknown' 4,000 miles away from his family." In 2003, Emory persuaded the military's Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command to exhume one casket. DNA tests identified five sailors and the remains were turned over to their families. The families of 21 other sailors — one family could not be located — are now trying to persuade the military to do the same for their loved ones. At least seven of the sailors lived in California.

The Oklahoma, which capsized soon after it was hit by multiple torpedoes, suffered 429 deaths, second only to the battleship Arizona's 1,177. The Defense Department lists 388 of the Oklahoma crew members as unaccounted for. Bob Valley, 81, of Escanaba, Mich., whose 19-year-old brother, Lowell, was killed aboard the Oklahoma, has worked to track down relatives of the 21. Some families didn't want to be bothered. One family told him: "Leave him where he is.

Don't disturb him," Valley said. But most of the families are eager to recover the remains, even if they never knew their relative. "I'd like to see him brought home," said Ken Schultz, 58, of the uncle he was named after, Kenneth Jayne. Jayne would be buried alongside family members in Patchogue on Long Island, where a VFW post bears the sailor's name. Families said proper burials would help them achieve closure. Ridge used to dream that her grandfather, Paul Nash, a 26-year-old fire controlman first class aboard the Oklahoma, was wandering the streets of Hawaii suffering from amnesia. "I'd look at pictures from Hawaii and wonder if that guy right there on the street could be my grandfather who assumed another identity because he didn't know who he was," she said. Ridge, like other family members, said she would take any remains of her grandfather she could. "You give me a single tooth, I'm happy," she said.

Glenn learned through Valley in 2008 that her grandfather was among the sailors interred in one of four still-buried caskets. "It was unbelievable, really," she said. During the attack on

Pearl Harbor, Ensign England rushed to the radio room three times to save men. On his fourth rescue attempt, he didn't come out. The slender and good-looking England died four days short of his 21st birthday, leaving behind a month-old daughter — Glenn's mother. Two Navy ships were named after him, including one commissioned in 1963 in Long Beach. Alhambra High School, where England was senior class president in 1938, presents the J.C. England Award to recognize a graduating senior who has "excelled in character, integrity and benevolent service."

Fifteen senators recently wrote Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, a former Senate colleague, urging him to approve the exhumations. "Given that many of these 21 sailors were Navy firefighters who died heroically trying to put out the fire on their ship on that horrific day, the least we can do is give them a final resting place of their families' choosing to honor their bravery," said Sen. Christopher S. Murphy (D-CT) a leader in the effort. The Navy prefers keeping the Oklahoma casualties at Punchbowl so they may "rest in dig-

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nity," said Lt. Cmdr. Sarah Flaherty, a Navy spokeswoman. A large number of unknowns would remain unaccounted for, given the state of the remains, Flaherty added. Still, she noted, the Department of Veterans Affairs, which oversees Punchbowl, and the Army, which has authority over unknown remains of World War II service members interred in national cemeteries, would have final say over the disinterment. The Pentagon's chief spokesman, Rear Adm. John Kirby, said the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office is leading a working group to determine the feasibility of disinterring and identifying remains associated with the Oklahoma Harbor victims in the casket that held the five now-identified sailors. "They don't feel like it's right to open up any more until they identify those," she said. But she considers that a stalling tactic.

"The Navy's position is that they are home," Schultz said. "But to us, that's not being home if they're not with their loved ones." [Source: Los Angeles Times | Richard Simon | 25 Mar 2014 ++]

[Military Funeral Disorderly Conduct Update 23](#)

► [Fred Phelps Dead](#)

According to Nathan Phelps, the son of the founder of the Westboro Baptist Church, his father was "on the edge of death" and a few days later his daughter reported he had died on 20 MAR. Fred Phelps Sr. became famous for organizing picket lines of brightly-colored signs carrying hateful messages against tolerance during the funerals of military personnel and famous figures. His actions led to at least two federal and several state laws restricting protests during military funerals. In a statement on his Facebook page, Nathan Phelps, who has been estranged from his father for 30 years, said the senior Phelps was dying in hospice care in Topeka, Kan., and that he had been excommunicated from his own church in August of 2013. "I'm not sure how I feel about this. Terribly ironic that his devotion to his god

ends this way. Destroyed by the monster he made," Nathan Phelps wrote. "I feel sad for all the hurt he's caused so many," he continued. "I feel sad for those who will lose the grandfather and father they loved. And I'm bitterly angry that my family is blocking the family members who left from seeing him, and saying their good-byes." A spokesman for the Westboro Baptist Church said 16 MAR that the elder Phelps, 84, was being cared for in a facility in Shawnee County, Kan. Spokesman Steve Drain declined to identify the facility or to characterize Phelps' condition. "I can tell you that Fred Phelps is having some health problems," Drain said. "He's an old man, and old people get health problems." Drain declined comment on whether Fred Phelps had been voted out of the church. Just last week, a federal judge upheld a Missouri law requiring protesters to stay at least a football-field length away from funeral sites, beginning an hour before they start until an hour after the services end. The ruling by U.S. District Judge Fernando Gaitan Jr. caps a nearly eight-year legal fight over Missouri's funeral protest restrictions that were prompted after members of a Kansas church opposed to homosexuality protested

at the funeral of a Missouri soldier who had been killed in Iraq. Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster said the law is now in effect. "No parent who has lost a child should be confronted by the hate and intolerance of strangers, and today's ruling means parents and other loved ones will have a protective boundary from protesters," Koster said 11 MAR in a written statement. To view a CBS News Video interview with a banished daughter from the church go to <http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/banished-from-extreme-church/>.

[Source: Stars & Stripes | Los Angeles Times | Alan Zarembo | 16 Mar 2014 ++]

[Malaysia Airlines MH370 Scam ► How It works](#)

Scammers are preying on your curiosity surrounding Malaysia Airlines MH370, the flight that mysteriously disappeared 8 MAR. Viral Facebook posts with fake videos of the "found" plane, many of which claim the flight's passengers have been saved and are alive, are potentially infected with malware. Malware, short for malicious software, is software used to dis-

rupt computer operation, gather sensitive information, or gain access to private computer systems. It can appear in the form of code, scripts, active content, and other software. 'Malware' is a general term used to refer to a variety of forms of hostile or intrusive software. Malware includes computer viruses, ransomware, worms, trojan horses, rootkits, keyloggers, dialers, spyware, adware, malicious BHOs, rogue security software, and other malicious programs; the majority of active malware threats are usually worms or trojans rather than viruses. The posts look like legitimate videos and use attention-grabbing phrases like "shocking video" to reel viewers in. The plane is still missing, and these scams are an example of the sad reality that many fraudsters live to capitalize on tragedy. The links lead to imitation news sites where visitors are asked to share the videos to Facebook before viewing them, and scam surveys appear if the visitors follow the links, according to Chris Boyd, a malware intelligence analyst for Malwarebytes. "Anything involving a potential disaster is big money for the scammers, as there's a split between clickers with a penchant

for salacious content and those who simply want to know if a relative is OK, or if there's any more news on a breaking disaster," Boyd said. Users who fill out the surveys share personal information that the scammers will sell to third-party marketers, so these tactics can be quite profitable. "There have also been cases of survey networks serving up malware files, so these scams are never quite as straightforward as they seem," Boyd told the website. People crave new information in the wake of a disaster or global event, like this one, but the Internet is a bad place to let your guard down: If you're not thinking about what you're clicking on or sharing, you may be inviting malware onto your computer, which could compromise any sensitive information you store on it. That can lead to identity theft, which can be time-consuming and costly to recover from. If you're worried about your identity becoming compromised through malware or another scam, you may want to monitor your credit. You can check your credit scores for free every month using one of the credit score services such as the online Credit Report Card. Any unexpected change in your scores could signal identity theft, and you

should pull copies of your credit reports to confirm. [Source: MoneyTalksNews article 19 Mar 2014 ++]
[VA Fraud, Waste & Abuse ► Reported 15 thru 31 Mar 2014 Philadelphia PA –](#)
 Richard M. Gordon, 65, was sentenced today to 30 months in prison for conversion of government property. Gordon implemented a scheme to steal from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) by using another veteran's identity to obtain unauthorized healthcare benefits and to receive a VA non-service connected disability pension. For over seven and a half years, defendant Gordon continuously defrauded the VA, and ultimately converted more than \$178,000 in government healthcare benefits and pension payments that he knew he was not entitled to receive. Gordon, who reported that he is the founder and director of Veterans Support Group of America, was convicted of conversion of government property after pleading guilty in July 2013. In addition to the prison term, Judge Eduardo C. Robreno also ordered the defendant to serve 3

years of supervised release, and to pay full restitution of \$178,607.20. "Mr. Gordon went to great lengths to not only defraud the Department of Veterans Affairs, but to avoid detection," said Jeffrey G. Hughes, Special Agent in Charge of Northeast Field Office of the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs. "The VA Office of Inspector General is committed to bringing Mr. Gordon and other individuals, who take valuable resources away from deserving veterans and their families, to justice. We would like to extend our gratitude to the Department of State, Department of Homeland Security-Immigration and Customs Enforcement (DHS-ICE), and the Dutch International Police for their assistance with this investigation." [Source: DoJ | Press Release | 7 Feb 2014 ++]



Lost Boat — USS GUNGEON SS-211



USS *Gudgeon* (SS-211), a *Tambor*-class submarine, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the gudgeon. Her keel was laid down by the Mare Island Navy Yard. She was launched on 25 January 1941, sponsored by Mrs. William S. Pye, and commissioned on 21 April 1941 with Lieutenant Commander Elton W. "Joe" Grenfell in command.

After shakedown along the California coast, *Gudgeon* sailed north on 28 August, heading for Alaska via Seattle, Washington. On her northern jaunt the new submarine inspected Sitka, Kodiak, and Dutch Harbor for suitability as naval bases. Continuing to Hawaii, she moored at the Pearl Harbor submarine base 10 October. Training exercises and local operations filled *Gudgeon*'s time for the next two months. During the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December she was at Lahaina Roads on special exercises, but returned to base immediately.

First war patrol - On 11 December, *Gudgeon* (commanded by Elton W. "Joe" Grenfell) departed Pearl Harbor on the first American submarine war patrol of World War II. Her commanding officer was provided with explicit written orders to carry out unrestricted submarine warfare. *Gudgeon* made her first contact on a target in Japanese Home Waters 31 December. When she returned 50 days later, *Gudgeon* had contributed two more impressive "firsts" to the Pacific submarine fleet. She was the first American submarine to patrol along the Japanese coast itself, as her area took her off Kyūshū in the home islands. On 27 January 1942, *en route* home, *Gudgeon* became the first United States Navy submarine to sink an enemy warship in World War II. *Gudgeon* fired three torpedoes, and *I-73* was destroyed; though *Gudgeon* claimed only damage, the loss was confirmed by HYPO.

Second and Third War Patrols - On her second war patrol, 22 February to 15 April 1942 *Gudgeon* scored two kills,

first sinking an unknown freighter maru on 26 March and then dispatching the 6526-ton *Nissho Maru* on 27 March in the East China Sea southeast of Kumun Island. She then checked into dry-dock for overhaul, but undocked three weeks early and readied for sea in a remarkable 40 hours to participate in the momentous Battle of Midway. Departing Pearl Harbor on 18 May, *Gudgeon* took station off Midway Island as part of the submarine screen which encircled the two giant fleets clashing there. Although she had a ringside seat for the action, which saw Japan handed its first naval defeat in 350 years, *Gudgeon* was prevented from offensive action by the confusion of battle and the possibility of mistaken identity. She returned to Pearl Harbor on 14 June.

Fourth War Patrol - Departing for her fourth patrol 11 July, *Gudgeon* sank the 4853-ton transport *Naniwa Maru* in a night submerged attack off Truk on 3 August, her only kill of the patrol. In her other attack of the fourth patrol USS *Gudgeon* carried

out an aggressive attack on a four-ship convoy 17 August, torpedoing and damaging the Japanese tankers *Shinkoku Maru* and *Nichiei Maru* northwest of Truk before the patrol ended at Fremantle, Australia, on 2 September.

Fifth and Sixth War Patrols - Now a part of the Southwestern Pacific submarine forces, *Gudgeon* sank the 6783-ton *Choko Maru* west-northwest of Rabaul on 21 October during her fifth war patrol, 8 October to 1 December, and carried out a daring attack on a seven ship convoy on 11 November, torpedoing several ships but sinking none. The submarine's sixth war patrol, from 27 December 1942 to 18 February 1943, was unsuccessful terms of ships sunk, but she carried out two special missions. On 14 January 1943 *Gudgeon* successfully landed six men on Catmon Point, Negros Island, Western Visayas, Philippines, to carry out the vital guerrilla resistance movement there. Returning from her patrol area, *Gudgeon* was diverted to Timor Island on 9 February, and the following day rescued 28 men—

Australian, English, Portuguese, and Filipino—for passage to Fremantle. Seventh and eighth war patrols - *Gudgeon*'s seventh war patrol, from 13 March into April 1943, netted her two more Japanese ships before she ran out of torpedoes and had to return to Australia. On 22 March she sank the 5434-ton transport *Meigen Maru* as well as seriously damaging two other ships in the Java Sea convoy some 30 miles north of Surabaya, Java, Netherlands East Indies. Five days later *Gudgeon* took on 9987-ton tanker *Tōhō Maru* in a night surface attack in the Makassar Strait punctuated by bursts of gunfire as the Japanese ships spotted and fired on the submarine. It took five torpedoes to sink *Toko Maru*, and most of *Gudgeon*'s crew enjoyed the rare treat of watching her slide into the depths. Another attack later the same day damaged the 1192-ton tanker *Kyoei Maru*.

On her eighth war patrol, conducted as she sailed from Australia to Pearl Harbor on 15 April to 25 May 1943, *Gudgeon* chalked up three more kills. Her first came 28 April as she sank *Kamakura Maru*, a former

ocean liner, southwest of Naso Point, Panay, Philippines. The 17,526-ton transport was the largest Japanese transport, and one of the largest enemy ships sunk by an American submarine. Special operations interrupted *Gudgeon*'s patrol as she landed six trained guerrilla fighters and three tons of equipment for the guerrilla movement on Panay on 30 April. After sinking the 500-ton trawler *Naku Maru* with her deck guns west of Panay 4 May, *Gudgeon* battle-surfaced again that same day and left a coastal steamer burning and settling. Eight days later, on 12 May, she torpedoed and sank the 5861-ton freighter *Sumatra Maru* off Bulusan, Luzon, Philippines. Returning to Pearl Harbor, the veteran submarine was sent to San Francisco, California, for badly needed overhaul, her first since commissioning two years earlier.

Ninth and Tenth War Patrol - A refreshed sub and crew departed Pearl Harbor for their ninth war patrol 1 September 1943 in the Mariana Islands area. Before returning to Midway Island on 6 October with all torpedoes expended, *Gudgeon* had sunk the 3158-ton *Taian Maru*, torpedoed and

damaged the 3266-ton auxiliary gunboat *Santo Maru* north of Saipan, as well as seriously damaging several other ships. Heading along the China coast for her tenth war patrol, from 31 October to 11 December, *Gudgeon* chalked up two more marus. Early in the morning of 23 November she spotted a convoy of four ships in the East China Sea some 70 miles north of Shusan Island and closed for attack. *Gudgeon* fired a spread of six torpedoes with gratifying results. The 870-ton frigate *Wakamiya*, hit by one torpedo, broke in two, sinking almost immediately. The two tankers in the convoy, the 5106-ton *Ichijo Maru* and the 8469-ton *Goyo Maru*, were also hit but managed to escape. *Gudgeon* closed in to finish off the 6783-ton troop transport *Nekka Maru*. Eleventh War Patrol - *Gudgeon*'s 11th war patrol saw a few successful sinkings of Japanese vessels, the first on 11 February. Before this sinking the submarine had a spell of bad luck where, on 2 February 1944, she had sighted a damaged aircraft carrier with two escorts. *Gudgeon* had closed for attack, but the escorts spotted her and attacked. A down-the-

throat shot with four torpedoes temporarily discouraged the destroyers and allowed *Gudgeon* to seek deep water and safety, but when she surfaced the Japanese men-of-war were gone. Later in the same patrol *Gudgeon* was forced to try another down-the-throat shot at an enemy escort, but no hits. Success came only on 11 February. This date saw her torpedoing and sinking the already damaged (by Chinese air attack) 3091-ton merchant *Satsuma Maru* off Wenchow, China. On 17 February *Gudgeon* sank a Japanese sampan with gunfire in the East China Sea, another sampan being damaged in the attack. She returned to Pearl Harbor on 5 March 1944.

Loss - *Gudgeon* sailed for her 12th war patrol on 4 April 1944. The submarine stopped off for fuel at Johnston Island on 7 April, and was never seen or heard from again. On 7 June 1944, *Gudgeon* was officially declared overdue and presumed lost. Uboat.net claims *Gudgeon* was sunk 18 April 1944 at a known location by the Japanese southeast of Iwo Jima. Some sources say the submarine was more likely to have sunk by attack near Maug Is-

USS Gudgeon (con't)

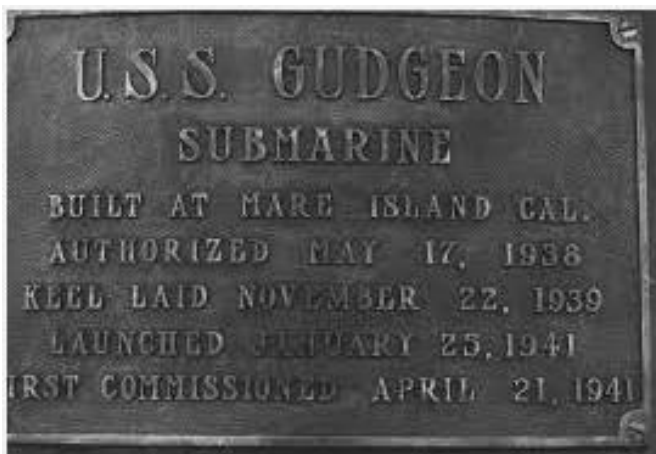
lands.

For more detailed and original information about Gudgeon's likely sinking on 18 April 1944, see *Find 'Em Chase 'Em Sink 'Em: The Mysterious Loss of the WW II Submarine USS Gudgeon*.

During her three-year career, *Gudgeon* scored 14 confirmed kills of a total of well over 71,372 tons sunk, placing her 15th on the honor roll of American submarines. For her first seven war patrols *Gudgeon* received the Presidential Unit Citation. She earned 11 battle stars for World War II service.



Last Meeting Pictures



A picture is worth a 1000 words, but I'll be short.

Top—Shipmates Andy Miller, Rick Petitt, and Bob Bunney are presented their 5-year membership pins by Cmdr. Steve Bell.

Bottom—Shipmate Stan Schulz is inducted into the Holland Club after have been “Qualified in Submarines” for 50 years by Holland Club Co-ordinator Walt Sealy and Cmdr. Steve Bell. Congratulations Stan!

Photos by Tom Kelly

Carolina Piedmont Constitution and USSVI Bylaws

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Carolina Piedmont Constitution

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. GENERAL

A. Members who have been discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States of America must have been discharged under honorable conditions. Proof of qualification and honorable service must be provided to the Base Secretary.

B. This Constitution and Bylaws shall bind all members of the Base.

C. A member is considered "in good standing" if both National and Base dues have been paid for the current year.

D. Dues are due and payable effective the last day of December each year. Beginning on Jan 1st a non-renewed member is considered in arrears. Members shall have through 31 January to bring their status up to date. After the above listed dates, members who have not become current in status will be dropped from the rolls of the Base and the National organization.

Section 2. REGULAR MEMBERS

Regular membership is restricted to U.S. personnel who have been designated "Qualified in Submarines" by the U.S. Navy.

Submarine Relief Crew Members of U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII, prior to September, 1993 may transfer to this Base.

Members of U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII who were regular members of USSV prior to September, 1993 may transfer to this base.

Section 3. CHARTER MEMBERS

Those members who were accepted for membership prior to 5/17/2007 will hereafter be considered Charter Members of this Base.

Section 4. LIFE MEMBERS

While USSVI has provision for National Life Membership, the Base has no provision for Base Life Membership.

Section 5. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

A. Qualification for Associate Membership is as defined in the National Constitution of the United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated.

B. Associate members may vote on Base matters but may only hold Secretary and/or Treasurer of the Base or any appointed office.

C. Sponsorship for Associate Members will be strictly adhered to as defined in the National Constitution of the United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated.

USSVI Bylaws (continued from March)

ARTICLE VI -- COMMITTEES (con't)

Section 6. MEMORIALS AND CEREMONIES COMMITTEE

A. The Memorials and Ceremonies Committee shall be a Standing Committee whose projects are funded through contributions to the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation.

B. An administrative budget may be funded through an annual budget request to the Nat'l Senior Vice-Commander for inclusion in the USSVI national budget.

C. The Memorials and Ceremonies Committee will be chaired by a member nominated by the National Commander and confirmed by the Board. The Committee will consist of the USSVCF Memorials and Ceremonies Fund Manager and other members as the USSVI Chairman shall nominate and the Board confirms.

D. The Memorials and Ceremonies Committee shall also maintain and keep updated the Memorials and Ceremonies Handbook, sending timely updates to the Board of Directors for approval prior to distribution.

E. The Committee Chair shall annually submit a report of its operations to the National Secretary for inclusion in the committee reports no later than 30 days prior to the pending National Convention.

F. The duties of the Committee shall include, but not be limited to:

G. Receive requests from Bases, Districts, Regions, and at times the National Organization. Such Requests shall be based on established and published guidelines that support the purpose of the organization. Such guidelines shall be drawn up by the committee and shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

H. Included in such requests will be the name of a proposed Project Manager, stating his qualifications for being such. The Project manager will represent the group sending in the request and will be responsible for overseeing the project to completion; keeping the committee apprised of the progress in a timely fashion.

I. The Committee will assist the Project Manager, as necessary, in the planning, fund raising, scheduling, and conduct of the Memorial Project.

J. The Committee will render assistance as requested and needed to ensure that bases and individuals are aware of and use properly the assistance included in the Handbook for any and all Ceremonies that are listed.

Of course you can always obtain the full copy of the USSVI Constitution and Bylaws on-line at www.ussvi.org

Piedmont Funnies Page

"For better digestion I drink beer, in the case of appetite loss I drink white wine, in the case of low blood pressure I drink red wine, in the case of high blood pressure I drink scotch, and when I have a cold I drink schnapps."

"When do you drink water?"

"I've never been that sick!"

A 54 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital.

While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God she asked "Is my time up?"

God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way

home, she was killed by an ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?"

God replied: "I didn't recognize you."

The Admiral was confined to the military hospital for treatment of a minor malady.

For almost a week he made a complete nuisance of himself, irritating both staff and the other patients, demanding attention and expecting his every order to be followed immediately.

He was in a six-man ward rather than a private room, his meals were too cold or not served to suit his taste, the light needed to be adjusted to his demands, the nighttime activities interfered with his rest... and on, and on.

One afternoon an orderly entered the room. "Time to take your temperature, Admiral."

After growling at the orderly, the Admiral opened his mouth to accept the thermometer.

cept the thermometer.

"Sorry, Admiral, but for this test we need your temperature from the other end."

A whole new barrage of verbal abuse followed, but the orderly was insistent that a rectal temperature was what the test called for.

The Admiral at last rolled over, bared his rear, and allowed the orderly to proceed. The orderly then told the Admiral, "Stay exactly like that and don't move. I'll be back in five minutes to check up on you" and withdrew.

An hour later, the head nurse entered the room, saw the Admiral with his bare rear in the air and gasped, "What's going on here?"

"Haven't you ever seen someone having their temperature taken?" the Admiral barked.

"Yes I have, Admiral, but with a daffodil?"

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer

asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought. He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands, and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now – in her 80's – a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

"I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

A chicken farmer went to the local bar, sat down next to a woman and ordered a glass of champagne.

The woman said, *How strange, I also just ordered a glass of champagne."*

What a coincidence"said the farmer, who added. *It is a special day for me...I'm celebrating."*

It is a special day for me too. I am also celebrating"said the woman.

What a coincidence"said the farmer.

While they toasted, the man asked. *What are you celebrating?*

My husband and I have been trying to have a child for years, and today my gynecologist told me that I was pregnant."

*What a coincidence,"*said the man. *"I'm a chicken farmer and for years all my hens were infertile, but now they are all set to lay fertilized eggs."*

This is awesome"said the woman. *What did you do for your chickens to become fertile?"*

*I used a different rooster,"*the farmer said.

The woman smiled and said. *What a coincidence."*

The wife came home early and found her husband in their bedroom making love to a very attractive young woman. And she was upset. 'You are a disrespectful pig!' she cried. 'How dare you do this to me - a faithful wife, the mother of your children! I'm leaving you. I want a divorce right away!' And the husband replied, 'Hang on just a minute love, so at least I can tell you what happened.' 'Go ahead,' she sobbed, 'but they'll be the last words you'll say to me!' And the husband began --

'Well, I was getting into the car to drive home, and this young lady here asked me for a lift. She looked so down and out and defenseless that I took pity on her and let her into the car. I noticed that she was very thin, not well dressed and very dirty. She told me that she hadn't eaten for three days. So, in my compassion, I brought her home and warmed up the enchiladas I made for you last night, the ones you wouldn't eat because you're afraid you'll put on weight. The poor thing devoured them in moments. Since she needed a good clean-up, I suggested a shower, and while she was doing

that, I noticed her clothes were dirty and full of holes, so I threw them away. Then, as she needed clothes, I gave her the designer jeans that you have had for a few years, but don't wear because you say they are too tight. I also gave her the underwear that was your anniversary present, which you don't wear because I don't have good taste. I found the sexy blouse my sister gave you for Christmas that you don't wear just to annoy her, and I also donated those boots you bought at the expensive boutique and don't wear because someone at work has a pair the same.' The husband took a quick breath and continued - 'She was so grateful for my understanding and help that as I walked her to the door, she turned to me with tears in her eyes and said, " Do you have anything else that your wife doesn't use"?'

Two guys, one old, one young, are pushing their carts around Wal-Mart when they collide. The old guy says to the young guy, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going."

The young guy says, "That's OK, it's a coincidence.

I'm looking for my wife, too...

I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate."

The old guy says, "Well, maybe I can help you find her...

what does she look like?"

The young guy says, "Well, she is 27 yrs. old, tall,

with red hair, blue eyes, is buxom...wearing no bra, long legs, and is wearing short shorts.

What does your wife look like?"

To which the old guy says, "Doesn't matter, --- let's look for yours."

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me!

I want people to now why I look this way.

I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper... it's worse when you forget to pull it down.



Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 13 	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 SubVets Meeting 1730 Dinner 1900 Meeting
27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 	12	13	14	15	16 Moonshine Mt Memorial (Burnsville)	17 —>>>>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31 War Memorial Park Dedication

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! -

