



Carolina Piedmont Base of the USSVI presents the

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USSVI Creed

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

Things We Know, but Need to Pass-on to Gain Membership

Sometimes we take things for granted. I always tell members to pass-on our newsletter to potential new members. So let's take a few paragraphs to tell 'em who we really are:

Nearly 4,000 submariners have sacrificed their lives on the altar of American freedoms. It is the primary mission of USSVI to perpetuate their memory through memorials and "tolling the boats" memorial services. Per the USSVI Constitution Article III the Purpose/Creed consists of three sections:

Creed

Section 1: To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their 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.

Camaraderie

Section 2: In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, USSVI provides a way for all Submariners to gather for mutual benefit and enjoyment. The common heritage as Submariners is strengthened by camaraderie. USSVI supports a strong United States Submarine Force.

Perpetual remembrance

Section 3: The organization engages in various projects and deeds that bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have giv-

en the supreme sacrifice. USSVI also endeavors to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services United States submariners performed and how the sacrifices of lost shipmates made possible the freedom and lifestyle Americans enjoy today.



Lost Boats for July

"Sailors, rest your oars"



USS GRUNION (SS 216) July 30, 1942

USS S 28 (SS 133) July 4, 1944

USS ROBALO (SS 273) July 26, 1944

CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell



Hard to believe that it has been two months since I have had to write an article for our newsletter. We are now into a new era with our newsletter. Dale Moses has work requirements that forced him to take a back seat in all of his Subvet participation. But not to worry, we are moving forward (or maybe in some cases limping). We miss you Dale. However, Bob Schilke has volunteered to take over the newsletter and we have full faith that he will do a great job for us.

The annual Burnsville event went off just great. The Asheville Base did a wonderful job and now refuses to give it back to

us. That is fine, I am very proud of them. They really raised the standard on the ceremony conducted at the monument. If you missed that, you miss a really good one. You surely would not have thought you were in the mountains of North Carolina with that presentation.

Since the Asheville Base will not give it back to us (and I really would like them to continue anyway), we need to try to figure out something that we might do regarding something similar to this type of event. It was our major revenue producer for us in the past. I know that we have the folks that can come up with some good ideas and then we can sort them out. So please be thinking on that. Keep in mind timing is the most difficult part of this. One has to look at all that goes on

both nationally and within our state to pick a correct time. Not all that easy but I am sure we can figure it out. So if you have any ideas, just let me know.

Our National Election started on the 1st of June. As I type this, we have a few that have voted. We need a "whole bunch" more of you to vote. It is really easy. Just log in on the USSVI website and click on "Vote Nat Election" (a green button on the left almost at the top). It is your organization so please take the couple of minutes necessary to vote. I know I have provided you in more ways than one all the necessary backup information (if you read it or listened at the meeting) to make a sound decision.

We are going to try a first (and hopefully a last) at our June meeting. I will be missing

my first meeting since taking over as your Base Commander (and actually sometime before that as well). I have a wedding to attend that afternoon in Virginia just over the NC border. I had hoped for an early afternoon wedding, but no such luck, it is planned for 1600 so that became too difficult. Jack will finally have to live up to some of his duties as Vice Commander. Just be easy on him.

We have some upcoming parades that those that like to go can plan for. If you haven't participated in one, nothing like the present time to try one out. We have Troutman, NC coming on 28 June (day of the meeting) and Faith, NC on 4 July. Both are good parades. It just gets a little hot at sometimes, but plenty of water is taken along. And yes, I will go to the Troutman

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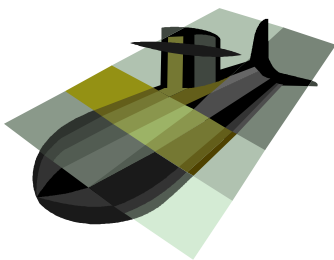
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XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries

parade prior to driving up to the wedding (wedding place is about an hour north of Troutman). These are always a fun time. We normally go someplace afterwards as a group and have lunch.

Now that the summer is here (just not officially as I write this) I ask that each of you be careful on any of the trips you will be taking. We need to keep each of you as members and hopefully, see you at our meetings when you are not on the road. I look forward to seeing all of you at a meeting in the near future.

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



I would like to Thank Bob Schilke for stepping up and taking over the huge task of publishing our Award Winning newsletter. The USS Asheville Base hosted our annual memorial service at Moonshine Mountain and what a great job they did. I strongly suggest that all that are able to attend to make plans for next years service, date will be published when we get it. We are in the middle of the national elections and I would like to have a 100% voter turnout, it only takes 1 minute for you to vote, if you need any help, please contact me. As the chairman of the base membership committee I would like to remind you that you do not have to wait until the end of the year to renew your dues both National as well as Base doing it early makes the job of our keeper of the coin, Raymond Zieverink's job a whole lot easier. Our base has maintained about the same number of members for the past couple of years and we need to grow, put on your recruiting cap and shake the bushes for fellow submariners. Mark your calendar for the 27th of

September, that is the day of our annual picnic here at the Jeffries Plantation, I am sure you will not be disappointed.

Hope to see all there Jack



Sailor vs. Marine

An old Sailor and an old Marine were sitting at the VFW arguing about who'd had the tougher career. "I did 30 years in the Corps," the Marine declared proudly, "and fought in three of my country's wars. Fresh out of boot camp, I hit the beach at Okinawa, clawed my way up the blood-soaked sand, and eventually took out an entire enemy machine gun nest with a single grenade. As a sergeant, I fought in Korea alongside General MacArthur. We pushed back the enemy inch by bloody inch, all the way up to the Chinese border, al-

ways under a barrage of artillery and small arms fire. Finally, as a Gunny Sergeant, I did three consecutive combat tours in Vietnam. We humped through the mud and razor grass for 14 hours a day, plagued by rain and mosquitoes, ducking under sniper fire all day, and mortar fire all night. In a firefight, we'd fire until our arms ached and our guns were empty, then we'd charge the enemy with bayonets!" "Ah," said the Sailor with a dismissive wave of his hand, "lucky bastard! All shore duty, huh?"

Comm Center— Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary

Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes

April 26th, 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 Shipmate Mike Hubbell

-Member Introductions

There were 20 members present.

-Special Presentations

Shipmate Jim Harris was presented with his 55 Year Holland Club Rocker by Base Commander Steve Bell.

Ma Bell shared with all hands the Volunteer Award she received during the Southeast Regional Convention held earlier in April. All members and SUBVETTES received a Volunteer's Survival Kit as a show of thanks to all the men and women of the Carolina-Piedmont Base for what they have done.

Steve Bell read the Letter of Appreciation from the Carolina Field of Honor. The letter recognizes the contribution made by the N.C. SUBVETS and the Carolina-Piedmont Base. The C.F.H. is located in the Traid Park at 9652 East Mountain St. Kernersville, NC.

-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

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ABOUT GROWING OLDER...

First ~Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.



Southeast Convention

From: James England

To: Southeast District

Sent: Friday, June 20, 2014 9:09 PM

Subject: South east District Convention

Gentlemen;

The official date for the 2015 South East District convention is April 20, 21, 22 and 23. That's right – 4 days of fun in the sun in beautiful Brevard County Florida and Snug Harbor Base is STOKED! We are in the last day of the down select for the venue. When we get that nailed down we will put out some advertising. But meanwhile please put out the word to the district members – save the 3rd week in April. If you're not in Florida on April 20 – you're missing out! Thanks.

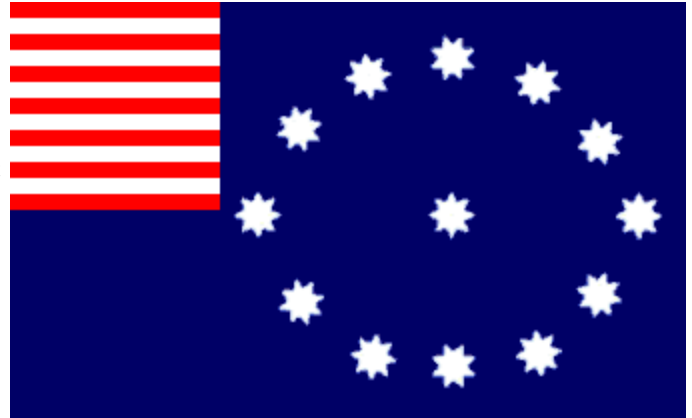
Jim England

Base Commander

Snug Harbor Base

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

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Need Supplies?

The Supply Shack- Jeff Nieberding

Carolina Piedmont Jackets are still available to order, several members have ordered theirs already. Just let the SK know and he'll fix you up with an order form.

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.



Chaplin's Corner

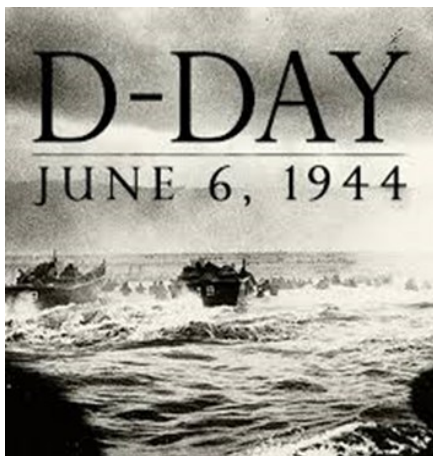


During World War II (1939-1945), the Battle of

Normandy,

which lasted from June 1944 to August 1944, resulted in the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control.

Codenamed Operation Overlord, the battle began on June 6, 1944, also known as D-Day, when some 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on five



beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history and required extensive planning. Prior to D-Day, the Allies conducted a large-scale deception campaign designed to mislead the Germans about the intended invasion target. By late August

1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and by the following spring the Allies had defeated the Germans. The Normandy landings have been called the beginning of the end of war in Europe.

The Normandy American Cemetery, overlooking Omaha Beach and the English Channel, was established on June 8, 1944, as the first U.S. cemetery in Europe during World War II. It holds the graves of more than 9,300 U.S. servicemen who died in the D-Day invasion or subsequent missions.

<http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/d-day>

Go to the following web site to see a graphic of D-Day.

<http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/d-day/infographics/d-day-by-the-numbers>

We have much for which to be thankful to all the men and women who fought against evil and won the victory.

Thanks to all our wonderful subvet family friends! After five grueling weeks Diana is home and doing well. We are grateful for the doctors and nurses of Park Ridge Hospital in Hendersonville, NC and the doctors and nurses at Gaston Memorial Hos-

pital where she received wonderful care.

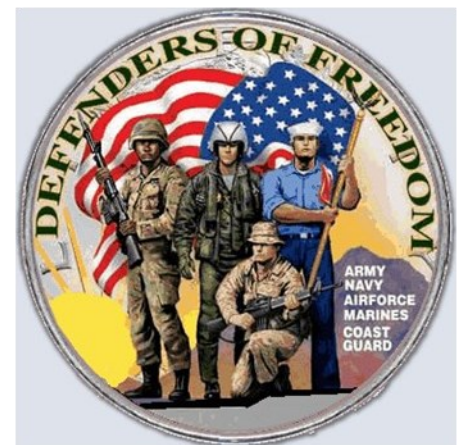
As followers of Christ we know the following Scripture to be true:

Romans 8:27 - Romans 8:28 NKJV

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 28And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

We don't always understand what is happening in our lives but knowing the One Who does makes all the difference.

Because of God's working Diana is able to do Peritoneal Dialysis at



home, at night while she sleeps ra-

ther than going to a clinic three days a week. For this we are grateful. On another note, we pray that Mike Toomey is doing well and others who have also had some health issues. I apologize that I have not been able to keep up with the needs of the base family during this time but you have all been in our prayers. God willing we will see you at the June meeting.

Jude 1:25 - Jude 1:25 NKJV

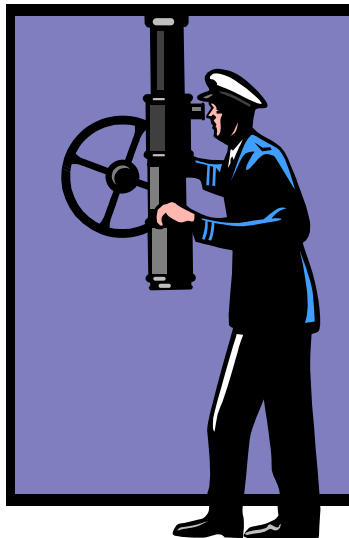
Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To God our Savior Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

Ray Fritz, Chaplain Carolina Piedmont Base, USSVI

National Chaplain USSVI

God bless you,
Chaplain Ray & Diana

Thank You Mahalo
Kiitos
Tack Toda
Grazie Thanks
Obrigado
Takk
Gracias Merci



New members Binnacle List:

Welcome Aboard

Diana Fritz,

And any others I am not aware
of

Happy Birthday to:

July

Carol Jeffries 7/06
Mary Bickford 7/09
Libby Reese 7/09
James Halbert 7/11
Anne Trexler 7/18
Clarence Jordan 7/19
Greg Crystal 7/24
Michael Hubbell 7/28



If your birthday was
missed, please notify
Jack or Dale or Robert

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Ju- ly

"Live in such a way that you
would not be ashamed to sell
your parrot to the town gos-
sip." - Will Rogers



Emma and Robert Howell -
7/15

And any others I might
be unaware of! Radi-
omen are supposed to
know these things....

SubVettes

Hey secret sisters hope all is well with you and yours. I will be going to the veterans hospital before our meeting to give our donations plus I got toothbrushes , tooth-paste, floss and mouth wash from my dentist. Take care and see you at the meeting. Love Sandra



Middle Eastern Couscous & Chicken Salad

Couscous is small beads of pasta from North Africa, where it is served like rice. Couscous can be "cooked" by steeping it in boiling water or broth for just 5 minutes.

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| •1/2 cup chicken broth | 1 small cucumber, peeled and diced |
| •2/3 cup couscous | 1 small red onion, finely chopped |
| •1/4 cup (not oil-packed) sun-dried tomatoes, cut into small bits | 1/4 cup mint sprigs, finely chopped |
| •2 cups coarsely shredded cooked chicken breast | 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar |
| •2 cups shredded Romaine lettuce | 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil |
| •1 large carrot, shredded | 1 teaspoon ground cumin |
| •1 cup minced flat-leaf parsley | 3/4 teaspoon salt |

In small saucepan, combine broth and 1/2 cup water. Cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Stir in couscous and sun-dried tomatoes; cover and let stand 5 minutes.

Spread couscous and tomato mixture on a jelly-roll pan and place in freezer for 2 minutes to chill slightly. Transfer to salad bowl.

Add chicken, lettuce, carrots, parsley, cucumber, red onion, mint, vinegar, oil, cumin, and salt; toss to mix.

Number of servings: 4

Piedmont Funnies Page

SUMBICH!

A filthy rich Florida man decided that he wanted to throw a party and invited all of his buddies and neighbors. He also invited Leroy, the only Redneck in the neighborhood. He held the party around the pool in the backyard of his mansion.

Leroy was having a good time drinking, dancing, eating shrimp, oysters and BBQ and flirting with all the women. At the height of the party, the host said, 'I have a 10 foot man-eating gator in my pool and I'll give a million dollars to anyone who has the nerve to jump in.' The words were barely out of his mouth when there was a loud splash. Everyone turned around and saw Leroy in the pool!

Leroy was fighting the gator and kicking its ass! Leroy was jabbing it in the eyes with his thumbs, throwing punches, head butts and choke holds, biting the gator on the tail and flipping it through the air like some kind of Judo Instructor.

The water was churning and splashing everywhere. Both Leroy and the gator were screaming

and raising hell. Finally Leroy strangled the gator and let it float to the top like a dime store goldfish. Leroy then slowly climbed out of the pool. Everybody was just staring at him in disbelief.

Finally the host says, 'Well, Leroy, I reckon I owe you a million dollars.'

'No, that's okay. I don't want it,' said Leroy.

The rich man said, 'Man, I have to give you something. You won the bet. How about half a million bucks then?'

No thanks, I don't want it,' answered Leroy.

The host said, 'Come on, I insist on giving you something. That was amazing. How about a new Porsche and a Rolex and some stock options?'

Again Leroy said no.

Confused, the rich man asked, 'Well, Leroy, then what do you want?'

Leroy said, 'I want the name of the sumbich who pushed me in the pool!'

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter.

They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years earlier. Because of hectic sched-

Watch those e-mail addresses!

ules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel schedules. So, the husband left Minnesota and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day. The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her email address, and without realizing his error, sent the e-mail. Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister who was called home to glory following a heart attack. The widow decided to check her e-mail expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted.

The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

To: My Loving Wife
Subject: I've Arrived
Date: October 16, 2005
I know you're surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send emails to your

loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in.

I've seen that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

P. S. Sure is freaking hot down here!!!!

Der Nordakota Cow

Ole is a farmer in Minnesota. He is in need of a new milk cow and hears about a nice one for sale over in Nordakota. (That would be *North Dakota* for you non-Scandahoovians out there).

He drives to Nordakota, finds the farm and looks at the cow. He reaches under to see if she gives milk. When he grabs the teat and pulls...the cow farts.

Ole is very surprised. He looks at the farmer who is selling the cow, then reaches under the cow to try again.

He grabs another teat, pulls, and the cow farts again. Milk does come out however, so after some discussion with the cow's owner, Ole de-

cides to buy the cow and takes it home.

When he gets back to Minnesota, he calls over his neighbor, Sven, and says, 'Hey, Sven, come look at dis ere new cow I yust bought. Pull her teat, and see vat happens.'

Sven reaches under, pulls the teat - and the cow farts.

Sven looks at Ole and says, 'You bought dis here cow in Nordakota, didn't yah?'

Ole is very surprised since he had not told Sven about his trip.

Ole replies, 'Yah, dats right. But how'd yah know?'

Sven says, 'My wife's from Nordakota'



Three friends married women from different parts of the country.

The first man married a woman from Alabama. He told her that she was to do the dishes and house cleaning. It took a couple of days, but on the third day, he came home to see a clean house and dishes washed and put away.

The second man married a woman from South Dakota. He gave his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes and the cooking. The first day he didn't see any results, but the next day he saw it was better. By the third day, he saw his house was clean, the dishes were done, and there was a huge dinner on the table.

The third man married a girl from Kansas..... I ordered her to keep the house cleaned, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed, and hot meals on the table for every meal. The first day I didn't see anything, the second day I didn't see anything but by the third day, some of the swelling had gone down and I could see a little out of my left eye, and my arm was healed enough that I could fix myself a sandwich and load the dishwasher. I still have some difficulty when I pee. I

think I'll recover okay.



A women writes - Why I'm Divorced...

Last week was my birthday and I didn't feel very well waking up on that morning. I went downstairs for breakfast hoping my husband would be pleasant and say, 'Happy Birthday!', and possibly have a small present for me.

As it turned out, he barely said good morning, let alone 'Happy Birthday.'

I thought.... Well, that's marriage for you, but the kids.... they will remember. My kids came bouncing down stairs to breakfast and didn't say a word. So when I left for the office, I felt pretty low and somewhat despondent.

As I walked into my office, my handsome Boss Rick, said, 'Good Morning, lady, and by the way Happy Birthday!'

It felt a little better that at least someone had remembered. I worked until one o'clock, when Rick knocked on my door and said, 'You know, It's such a beautiful day outside, and it is your Birthday, what do you say we go out to lunch, just you and me.

I said, 'Thanks, Rick, that's the greatest thing I've heard all day. Let's go!'

We went to lunch. But we didn't go where we normally would go. He chose instead a quiet bistro with a private table. We had two martinis each and I enjoyed the meal tremendously.

On the way back to the office, Rick said, 'You know, It's such a beautiful day. We don't need to go straight back to the office, Do We?'

I responded, 'I guess not. What do you have in mind?'

He said, 'Let's drop by my place; it's just around the corner.'

After arriving at his house, Rick turned to me and said, 'If you don't mind, I'm going to step into the bedroom for just a moment. I'll be right back.'

'Ok.' I nervously replied.

He went into the bedroom and, after a couple of minutes, he came out carrying a huge birthday cake. Followed by my husband my kids, and dozens of my friends and co-workers, all singing 'Happy Birthday'.

And I just sat there; on the couch. COMPLETELY NAKED.



The Meaning of the flag Draped Coffin

All Americans should be given this lesson. Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation and I think it's high time Americans get re-educated about this Nation's history. Pass it along and be proud of the country we live in, and even more proud of those who serve to protect our 'GOD-GIVEN' rights and freedoms.

I hope you take the time to read this ... To understand what the flag draped coffin really means ... Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers:

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day! The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in

honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic..

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered



into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to as the symbol of 'Liberty and Freedom.'

Meeting Dinners

Our dinners prior to our meetings are usually "pot-luck". Our ladies, who take pretty good care of us and support our efforts as well as their own projects, put together a great meal.

It is pot luck and everyone that attends the dinner should contribute something, whether home-made or store-bought.

The meal also is one of our main fund raisers. A six dollar donation is suggested for each person eating. From that six dollars, a dollar goes to the USSVI Scholarship Fund. The remainder is divided between the Base membership and the SubVettes membership.

All in all, the money is put to good use supporting the activities of both groups. The meals are always great and there are usually plenty for those who want seconds.

So please, if you are going to attend the meal, please bring something and please contribute to our causes. You're not going to get that great of deal at any restaurant. And you'll be supporting great causes.

Color Guard

Since we eat at 1730 and our Base meetings start at 1900, that leaves some time to visit. But I invite all of you to come out to the parking lot after the meal and do a little Color Guard practice. We try to stay in the shade as much as possible.

There is nothing difficult about what we are doing, it all comes back from Boot Camp and we try to keep it simple.

People are starting to get more involved and we even let members watch for free!

The ladies are invited also. You know, ladies, you could be the first SubVettes unit with a Color Guard. Something to think about, especially when the 2012 National Convention is really just a few hours drive for us next year.

So I invite the ladies to watch and get involved. The American Legion Riders Group that Colleen and I were members of in PA had ladies on our team. The public loved it.

As we get more interest and do more we'll talk about standard dress for the team(s).-MOE/SS

Parade Info

Shipmates!

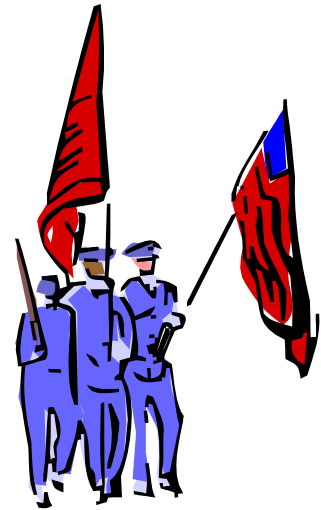
We have two parades just around the corner for us.

The first is on 28 June at around 0900. We are to muster at the Iredell County Fairgrounds in Troutman, NC for that parade.

Next one is the parade at Faith, NC on the 4th of July. We must arrive around 0800 at Lowe's just off I-85 in Salisbury, NC for this parade. This parade is a big one, lots of folks come to this one.

If you have not been to a parade recently, I recommend you pick one of these and come join us. They are enjoyable to participate in. And we normally go to some place afterwards for lunch as a group.

Steve Bell



Answer to the Flag

Trivia: This is the Easton Flag from Easton, Pennsylvania. The legend attached to it is that it was displayed on 8 July 1776 for the reading of the Declaration of Independence in Easton, Pa. There is no documentation for this. In reality it is in all likelihood the Company Color of Capt. Abraham Horn's Militia Co. from Easton raised during the War of 1812. The original survives at the Easton Public Library.

Deadline for the August issue will be the 15th. I am still getting the hang of this, So I need more time to catch up!

Base Minutes (Con't)

Emails sent to the membership. The motion carried.

-Reading/Approval of the Treasurers Report

Steve Bell gave the report for April 2014. The Motion was made to accept the report as read, the motion passed.

Current Balance	\$7,408.83
Kapss4Kidss	\$2,343.67
Memorial Restoration Fund	\$ 552.50
USSVI Scholarship Fund	\$ 66.00
General Base Funds Available	\$4,446.66

-Old Business

None

-New Business

-NC Subvets Ad for 2014 Convention

Jim Meyers of the NC Subvets requested that each Base donate \$21.90 for the purchase of an ad in this year's USSVI National Convention. The motion was made and seconded that the Base make a donation of \$21.90 for the ad. The motion carried.

-SK Report

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

-Good of the Order

-Burnsville Memorial Service

Steve Bell reminded all hands of the upcoming service at Burnsville on May 16th and 17th. All are reminded to get their registrations to the Ashville Base no later than May 2nd.

-National Election

Steve Bell reviewed the voting procedure on the USSVI web site and reminded all hands that voting begins on June 1st. Steve also noted that the Carolina-Piedmont Base had the 3rd highest percentage of participation during the last National Election. Steve also reminded that all hands read each of the biographies and the Amendments and vote how you feel.

-Carolina Field of Honor

Steve Bell remind all members of the upcoming dedication of the memorial on May 31st at 1900 hours. Additional information or changes will be sent out to all hands via e-mail.

-War on Terror Memorial

Steve Bell reminded all members that the War on Terror Memorial dedication will be on June 14th at 1000 hour in Holly Springs NC. Additional information or changes will be sent out to all hands via e-mail.

-Levine Children's Hospital Visit

Steve Bell reported that due to illness to both Jack Jeffries and himself the planned visit to the Levine Children's Hospital had to be canceled. Steve further reports that a new date for a visit will be set. Additional information will be sent out to all hands via e-mail.

-Submarine Lecture at Saluda Trails Middle School, Rock Hill

Steve Bell reported on the Base visit to Saluda Trails Middle School. 6 Base members were present for the lectures and the event was a great success. Steve further reported that plans are being made to attend the Veterans Day activities at Saluda Trails Middle School later this year.

-Massing of the Colors at Rock Hill High School

Shipmate Walt Sealy reminded all hands that the Carolina-Piedmont Color Guard will participate in this year's Massing of the Colors. The event will be on May 18th at 1500 hours. The Color Guard participants are reminded to muster at the high school by 1400 hours. Additional information or changes will be sent out to all hands via e-mail.

-USSVI Base Commander's Qual Card

Steve Bell reviewed the Base Commander's Qual program. He reminded all hands that this is a volunteer program. This program is intended to help anyone interested in how USSVI works to better understand the structure and procedure of our organization. He also showed the patch that would be earned upon successful completion of the qualification card.

-Troutman Independence Day Parade

Steve Bell report that the NC Subvets will be participating in this year's parade in Troutman, NC. The parade will be on Saturday June 28th. Those planning to participate should muster at the Troutman Fairgrounds at 0900 on the 28th.

-Piedmont Periscope

Shipmate Dale Moses has turned over the editorship of the Piedmont periscope to shipmate Bob Schilke. Steve Bell expressed his gratitude to Dale for the award winning work that he has done since starting the Base newsletter.

-Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be on June 28th at the VFW. Dinner at 1730 and meeting starts at 1900.

-Benediction

The benediction was given by Chaplin Ray Fritz.

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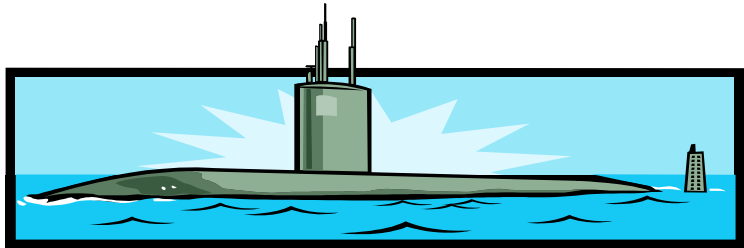
-Motion to Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made and passed.

Respectfully Submitted
by

Michael Hubbell

Base Secretary



High School Designers Tackle Albacore Park

High School designers tackle Albacore Park

fosters.com, June 15

PORTSMOUTH – Winners of the New Hampshire Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, AIANH, 2014 High School Design Competition presented their projects recently to the Board of Directors of the USS Albacore Museum in Portsmouth.

This year's project was to design a Submarine History Center for Albacore Park to provide for the continued display of the USS Albacore, to serve as a vessel to honor submarine history in New England, and to display their unique Naval artifacts. It was a purely theoretical design program developed by AIANH for New Hampshire students and with the permission of Albacore Park, however, the design and program requirements do not necessarily reflect the desires of Albacore Park.

Students who won awards in the competition presented their design solutions to the Albacore Museum directors on May 15.

They were: Ian Farr-Szep and Patrick Joseph from Con-Val High School (First Place, Overall); Tori Kort from Pinkerton Academy (Second place, Overall); Matt Demio from Pinkerton Academy (First Place, Graphic Presentation); and Tim Tamulonis from Milford High School (Special Citation for architectural thinking).

Rolfe Voltaire, instructor from Pinkerton Academy, discussed student Jacque Greazzo's project (Second Place, Model).

The presenters showed models and display boards and described their projects. The students were given specifications for their design, which included the following: Design a one-story structure of no pre-determined height, but

respectful of the surrounding environment and complementary to the buildings' function and design. Assume the existing Visitor's Center will be demolished. Include an entrance, information desk, submarine plaque wall, gift shop, staff office, exhibit space, the USS Albacore submarine display, a small theater, restrooms, utility closet, mechanical spaces, exhibit and display support rooms, and outdoors, a memorial garden and parking. Students were given specific building needs and a site plan.

Other winners in the program, who could not attend the presentation, were: Mason Westover, ConVal Regional High School (First Place, Graphic Presentation); Isaac Williamson, Milford High School (working with Tim Tamulonis); and Andrew Husson, Pinkerton Academy (working with Tori Kort).

Jurors for the program were Sheldon Pennoyer AIA, Shel-

don Pennoyer Architects, Concord; Bart Sapeta, Associate Professor, Keene State College Architecture Department; and Susan Phillips-Hungerford AIA, Susan Phillips-Hungerford Architect, Peterborough.

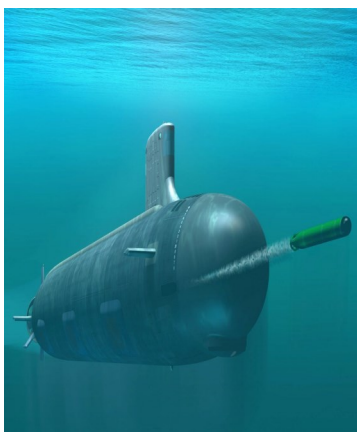
The AIANH High School Design Competition gives students a fun and challenging opportunity to develop their skills and to learn about the various aspects of architectural planning and design. The program increases awareness of the relationships between space, human scale and function; provides experience in recognizing the various challenges in planning and designing indoor and outdoor spaces for specific uses; exercises analytical abilities and creativity in solving problems; and gives experience in communicating planning and design ideas using scale drawings and models.

Sponsors of the 2014 AIANH High School Design Competi-

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tion are AIANH and the Keene State College Architecture Department. The program is supported in part by a grant from the NH Architecture Foundation. AIANH member volunteers in this program include Scott Vlasak AIA, Paul Bourbeau AIA, Dennis McNeal AIA, and Len Pagano AIA.

The 2014 AIANH High School Design Competition results are posted on the AIANH website: www.aianh.org/education/outreach/high-school-design. The program is open to all high schools in New Hampshire. The 2015 program will be available in the fall of 2014



India SSN not ready for sea

Contrary to Claims, Arihant Not Prepared For Sea Trials

N C Bipindra, The New Indian Express, June 18

NEW DELHI: Contrary to claims, India's first indigenous nuclear-powered submarine INS Arihant is still not ready for sea trials, a stage critical for testing the vessel's systems and weapons before it can be commissioned into the Navy.

Arihant's miniaturised nuclear reactor, built with Russian help, had gone critical in last August and since then the 6,000-tonne vessel has been put through a series of harbour acceptance trials, which could take a few more months, according to top navy sources here.

The vessel, powered by a 83-MW pressurised light-water reactor operated with enriched uranium fuel, was to sail out for sea trials earlier this year, but the Navy has not been able to take the vessel out, as more tests are being conducted to ensure foolproof sea trials of all systems on board, sources said.

The vessel going out to sea trials is critical for India to test its home-grown submarine-

launched ballistic missile with nuclear weapon capability. The DRDO has already developed and successfully tested from a submerged pontoon a missile code-named Bo5, but called in popular parlance as K-15, having a 750-km range.

Once Arihant goes for the sea trials and does a six-to-eight months of testing of systems, it will also get to fire the Bo5, 12 of which will be carried by the vessel. The DRDO has maintained that its missile is ready and is awaiting the Arihant to fire it and validate the nuclear triad.

The DRDO is keenly awaiting that moment, as it will successfully complete India's nuclear triad -- the capability to launch nuclear-capable ballistic missiles from surface, air and undersea platforms.

The nuclear triad is critical for the country for a credible deterrence against a nuclear attack, considering that it has a stated 'no first strike' nuke doctrine.

India currently operates Russian-origin nuclear-powered INS Chakra submarine, leased from Russia in 2012 for use by the Navy for 10 years for nearly `5,000 crore, primarily to gain experience in operating such a

platform, considering that it plans to have a fleet of at least five such indigenous vessels in its fleet in the immediate future.

India has maintained that its nuclear submarine fleet strength will be dictated by the maritime security dynamics of the Indian Ocean region and the extended neighborhood.



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NEWS-02: USSVI National & Region Elections are now Open

Submitted by: Tom Conlon -
Elections Master on
5/30/2014

The USSVI online voting booth is now open to all Regular members (US Submarine Qualified).

The Candidate's statements and the Various Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws are printed in The American Submariner. Please read them carefully and then vote for the candidate of your choice and vote to approve or reject the Proposed Amendments.

To vote online in the 2014 USSVI election, go to WWW.USSVI.ORG. When you get there, click on the green [VOTE NAT ELECTION] button (in the upper left corner). This will take you to the login page.

1. Enter your login name and password.

2. If you do NOT know your login info, CLICK the Red [GET PASSWORD] button and answer the questions there. (Last Name, First Name, Date of Birth, 3 digit hull number of your first qual boat)

This will, in turn, take you to the ballot page. When you get to the ballot page, make your choices accordingly and then cast your ballot.

The ballot is also printed in The American Submariner magazine. To vote using the paper ballot, remove the appropriate page from the magazine, mark your votes, include your name and Base on the ballot and send it to the Election Master at the address printed on the ballot. Make sure you include your name and Base, otherwise your vote will not count.

You can also download a copy of the ballot from the web site. Go to the USSVI web site, click on the green "Documents" button (lower left side) and then click on Elections. The ballot for the 2014 election will be available for you to download. Complete the ballot and send it to the Election Master.

A word to Base Commanders: you may print as many copies of the ballot as you require and bring them to

A word to Base Commanders: you may print as many copies of the ballot as you require and bring them to your Base meetings between now and when the election closes. Members may complete their ballots at the Base meeting. However, each member MUST complete HIS OWN ballot in his own hand. Members may assist other members, but each member must complete his own ballot.

Also, you may bring a computer to your Base meeting for the convenience of members to vote online during the meeting. However, as before, each member must log in himself and complete his own ballot.

As a reminder, the USSVI Constitution does not allow "proxy" voting. Proxy voting means that one member casts a ballot for another member. The election Master will reject such ballots.

Finally, the electronic voting booth will remain open until August 28, 2014. If you are mailing your ballot, it MUST arrive at the Election Master no later than August 28 as well. If you're mailing your ballot, make sure you mail it out early enough to reach the Election Master by that date.

Jerry "Patch" Paciorek

USSVI Tarheel Base COB / POC
Newsletter Editor, ALL CLEAR

Military Retirement System Update 03: (con't)

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Once again, the military retirement system is coming under the scrutiny of budgeters and deficit reduction task forces. This time the assault comes from various fronts – from outgoing Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and incoming Secretary Leon Panetta to Vice President Joe Biden. Earlier this year Gates stated, "Everything is on the table" for budget cuts. Panetta used the same line during his recent nomination hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee, urging more significant, program-specific changes rather than an across-the-board, salami-slice budget cutting approach. Tasked by President Obama with finding over \$400 billion dollars in savings over the next 10-12 years, Gates has become a bit more specific on where some of the savings may be achieved – specifically the military retirement system. Gates has criticized the "one-size-fits-all" 20-year retirement structure and has directed the Defense Science Board to establish a working group to develop alternative options. In his final hearing before the Senate Appropriations Committee last week, he not-

ed, "70-80% of the force does not stay until retirement but leave with nothing," endorsing an early vesting system.

Even more ominous, multiple media reports have indicated military retirement cutbacks could be in play in ongoing deficit-reduction talks between administration and congressional leaders, headed by Vice President Joe Biden. Most current proposals are based on recommendations of the 2009 10th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation (QRMC), which included:

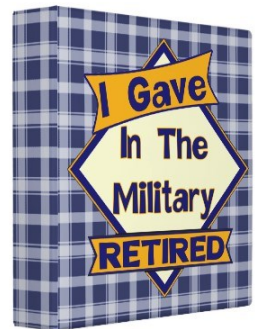
- Converting to a civilianized 401(k)-style system under which full retired pay wouldn't be paid until age 57-60
- Authorizing the services to make variable annual retirement contributions depending on changing retention and skill requirements
- Vesting retirement benefits after 10 years of service

The last major revision to the military retirement system was in 1986 when Congress passed the so-called REDUX system as part of an earlier budget-cutting drill. REDUX entailed far smaller cuts than the QRMC envisions. Under that plan, post-1986 en-

trants were to receive 40% of high-three-year average basic pay (vs. 50%) at 20 years of service. In contrast to the advocacy of current Defense leaders, then-Secretary Caspar Weinberger warned Congress that REDUX cuts would cause serious future readiness problems by undermining retention. He was proven right. A little over a decade later, Congress had to repeal REDUX when the Joint Chiefs of Staff complained it was hurting career retention. And that was in peacetime. Think what you will about the 20-year retirement system, the Military Officers Association of America believes it's the primary reason retention hasn't imploded over the last 10 years of unprecedented strains on career servicemembers and their families. The problem with proposals to cut overall military retirement costs while also implementing an expensive new 10-year vesting plan is that there's only one place for that money to come from – the pockets of those who stay for a full career.

If you tried to build a plan to slash career retention, it's hard to conceive a better way than taking lots of money

from people who serve a career in order to pay more to people who separate early. Imagine the impact if the QRMC proposals were in effect in today's wartime environment. A 10-year soldier facing a fourth or fifth combat deployment would have a choice between (a) taking the vested military retirement and leaving to pursue a civilian career or (b) having to serve decades longer (with who knows how many more deployments) before being eligible for military retired pay at age 57-60. What do you think would happen to retention then? Especially knowing the ser-



vices let very few people serve that long – but force nearly all out of uniform



Northern Fleet Gets New Nuclear Attack Submarine

Matthew Bodner, The St. Petersburg Times, June 18

Attack submarines have historically played an important role in the great game of undersea cat-and-mouse that the U.S. and Russia have engaged in since the dawn of the Cold War.

Russia's newest nuclear powered attack submarine joined the Northern Fleet on Tuesday, signaling an important milestone in the ongoing modernization of Russia's deteriorating Soviet-era fleet.

After the white and blue cross of the Russian Navy's flag was raised over the submarine's bow at a dockside ceremony celebrating the ship's induction into the fleet, Admiral Viktor Chirkov, the head of the Navy, praised the new vessel for its novel characteristics, such as the ability to launch cruise missiles vertically, its improved stealth capabilities, and its advanced command and control systems, ITAR-

Northern Fleet gets a new Boat!

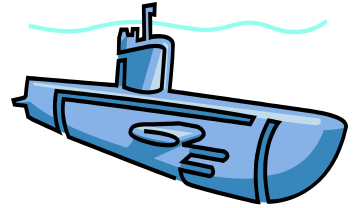
Tass reported Tuesday. Bearing the name of the city in which the submarine — the first of Russia's new-generation Yasen-class boats — was constructed, the Severodvinsk is the lead boat of its class. With three additional vessels slated to follow her, the Yasen-type submarines will phase out the older Soviet-era Akula and Alfa-class attack submarines.

Attack submarines have historically played the role of "hunter-killer" in the great game of undersea cat-and-mouse that the U.S. and Russia have engaged in since the dawn of the Cold War. In this role, one of their main functions is to shadow the other side's larger nuclear submarines — the so-called "boomers" that lurk silently in the ocean depths, waiting to launch a flurry of nuclear missiles at their enemy's homeland — and, if necessary, sink the missile carriers with impunity. The Yasen submarines are one facet of Russia's two-pronged submarine modernization drive begun under President Vladimir Putin. Russia also has been developing a new class of boomer, known as the Borei-class, which will phase out the behemoth, 175-meter Typhoon class

missile boats — the largest submarines ever built.

Two Borei-class submarines have already been completed and put to sea, and another two are being built. Russia's defense establishment hopes that together, the Yasen and Borei-class submarines will revive the Russian Navy as a player on the high seas, after it lost much of its naval might to neglect and decay during the turbulent 1990s.

But even in withered form, the remnants of the old Soviet Navy could never be written off — In Summer 2012, a Russian Akula-class submarine was able to infiltrate the Gulf of Mexico and patrol restricted U.S. waters for over a month without being detected by the U.S. Navy.





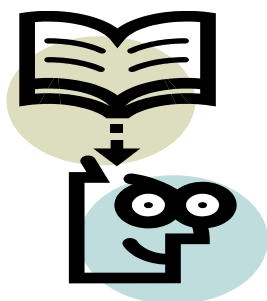
July Meeting is at
Ft. Mill VFW
Post 9138
July 26th
Meal at 1730
Meeting at 1900



Photo # NH 79737-B USS Grunion off Groton, Connecticut, 20 March 1942



We need your stories





Every Boat Sailor has stories. You can find one, clean it up and peck it into an e-mail and send it to rschilke66@gmail.com

It's too hot to work

outside, but you can talk a half-hour and type up a story.

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Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 July	2	3	4 Faith Pa- rade	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 VFW Break- fast 
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Carolina Pied- mont Base meet- ing 1730/1900
27	28	29	30	31	1 August	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 VFW Breakfast 
10	11	12	13	14	15	16

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

