



Carolina Piedmont Base of the USSVI presents the

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USSVI Creed

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 given 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 September

"Sailors, rest your oars"

USS S-5 (SS 110)

September 1, 1920

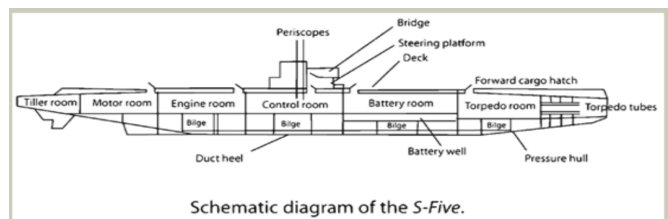
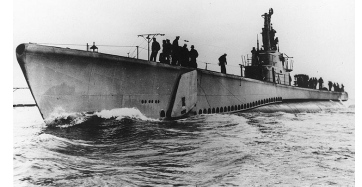
USS S-51 (SS 162)

September 25, 1925

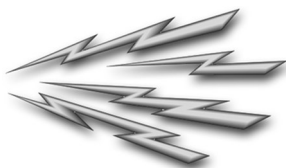
USS GRAYLING (SS 209) *September 9, 1943*

USS CISCO (SS 290) *September 28, 1943*

Photo R. N81 78774 USS Lagarto underway, circa later 1944



CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell



Summer is almost over now. We sure have had a comfortable summer for this part of the country. I am sure there is a price for that somewhere (bad winter???).

I must remind all those that will owe national and base dues for 2015 that it is now time to start thinking about getting it in to our Base Treasurer. It makes it a lot easier on those of us that have to handle it if you get it in sooner rather than later. Here is an idea for some of you and that is to pay multi-

ple years, especially if become a Life Member is too costly for you. Both National and Base have three and five year deals. And you can even save a couple of bucks. National dues for a year are \$20 and our Base dues are \$10. If you submit for the 3-year deal, National dues are \$55 and our Base dues are \$27.50. If you go for the 5-year plan, National dues are \$90 and Base dues are \$45. That saves you some money and makes it easier overall. Just something for you to think about.

By the time you get this newsletter, our National election will all but be over. But there should still be a couple of days left. If you have not voted, please do. Our voting levels are way down, especially compared to our past record. It is your organization and you should play a part in those that will be managing the overall organization.

Speaking of elections, our base will be having elec-

tions next year for our officers. I know it is a little early, but it is time for folks to start thinking about that. I WILL be stepping down as your Base Commander. I had originally planned on doing only four years but somehow got tricked into doing six. That is more than enough. Other officers may also be stepping down, but that I am just not 100% sure of at this time. It is time for others to step up and take on some of these positions. None of them are really super difficult to handle. They are what you make of them. I am sure there are a lot of folks within our base that can (or could have) done a better job than I have done. And the only way the organization continues on is to have folks step up. Also, there is nothing wrong with having competition for a given position. Just because someone wants to run for one does not mean you cannot run for that same position (I just ask not to get ugly with the politics of such competition). So start

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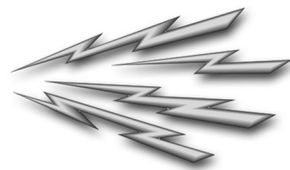
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thinking about standing up and running for one of these offices. And in some way, one could give a good argument that getting “fresh blood” into these positions is good and healthy for the organization. That does not mean that those of us that are stepping down are leaving, we will still be there to support those that are willing to stand up and take a position. We are one base and some of us just need a rest. Oh yeah, I also plan on stepping down from being District Commander next year as well. Not sure who the next one will be as there are some prerequisites for that position.

Now for some really important information. Next month (September) is our annual picnic at Jack's place. As I have said before and will say again, if you can only make one meeting a year, this should be the one. The food is always GREAT, meetings really don't take much time (just the introductions do), and you will also get to see the 2014 version of the Bilge Rats (Hee-Haw this year). Some mark your calendar (27 September) and plan on coming out for that one. I don't know

of anyone that has went away disappointed from that meeting.

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



XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries

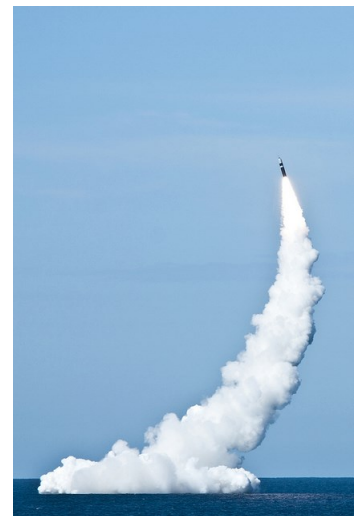
This is a brief summary of what we have been doing for the last couple of weeks. Last Tuesday evening we spent at our K4K presentation at Victory Junction with Bob and Kathie Bunney. Richard

Petty visited with us and signed some kops for us, these are special kops, he signed them in blue, we only have five of them, more on that later. We were scheduled to go to Jeff Gordon Childrens Hospital Tuesday but had to cancel due to other commitments we will be rescheduling soon. We have 2 special events coming up the first is Camp Corral at Greensboro NC on Thursday 15 August and Bilge Rat production at Terrace Ridge assistant living in Gastonia NC. We are still way short of our goal for members that voted in the National election, don't really know the problem and I want to thank you that voted. This election is vital to our district and region, please contact me if you need help. On the membership side, we are now accepting dues for the 2015 year, base dues remains at \$10 and National at \$20, contact our Treasurer Raymond Zieverink to make payment arrangements. Don't forget to mark your September calendar for the 23rd, that is the day of our annual picnic here at our home. This has been a hit every year so plan on attending. Please have a safe rest of the summer.



Los Angeles Class Flight 1688

God Bless you all jack



SSBN Missile launch

Comm Center— Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary



Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes

July 26th, 2014

-Call Meeting to Order

1700 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.

-Tolling of the Boats

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

-USSVI Creed

The USSVI Creed was recited by Shipmate Robert Schilke.

-Member Introductions

There were 15 members and 1 guest present.

-Special Presentations

Shipmate Rick Pettit passed a Book of remembrance to be signed by all members present. This book is for the family of a co-worker and close friend Larry Bennett. A WWII Navy veteran.

-Reading/Approval of the last meeting minutes

Minutes Continued

The motion was made to accept the minutes for the June, 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 Treasurer's Report for July 2014. The Motion was made to accept the report as read, the motion passed.

Current Balance	\$6,877.29
Kapss4Kidss	\$2,184.67
USSVI Scholarship Fund	\$ 116.00
General Base Funds Available	\$4,276.62

-Old Business

None

-New Business

-C&B Amendment

Steve Bell briefed members present on the proposed changes to the Base Constitution and By-laws. Steve stated the intent of these changes is to eliminate a couple of administrative issues that might arise. All members will e-mailed a copy of the proposed Amendments. Members are asked to review the proposed changes to the C&B. A vote will be held during the August meeting. Members must be present to vote.

-Sun Valley NROTC

Jack Jeffries reported that the Sun Valley NJROTC has been selected to represent North Carolina at this year's Pearl Harbor Day in Hawaii. Jack further reported that these young people need financial help to attend the event. Raymond Zieverink made the proposal to make a Base donation of \$500.00. The motion was seconded and carried. Steve Bell directed Raymond Zieverink to cut a check from base funds for the NROTC on behalf of the CBP.

Minutes Continued

Post meeting note: Jack has talked to the Commander of the NJROTC unit and the check will be presented at our September picnic.

-SK Report

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

-Good of the Order

-National Elections

Steve Bell reminded all hands that voting for the National Elections is still open. The base currently has less the 50% of the membership voted at the time of the meeting. Voting will close on August 27th, 2014

-Dues Renewal

Steve Bell reminded all hands that Base and National dues are coming up.

-Bilge Rat Productions

Raymond Zieverink reported on today's performance in Concord, NC. All hands are invited to participate in the show when they can.

-Old Soldiers Parade (Newton NC, 8/21/2014)

Steve Bell reminded all hands that the NC Subvets will again be participating in the Old Soldiers Parade. The parade starts at 1600 in Newton, NC. Further details will be forwarded by E-mail.

-Kaps-4-Kids

Jack Jeffries reported that there will be a visit to Victory Junction on August 5th. Further there will be a visit to the Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital on August 12th, 2014 at 3PM. Those interested in attending should contact Jack. A Halloween visit is in the planning stage for the Levine Children's Hospital. Dates and details will be E-mailed by Jack.

-Purple Heart

Shipmate Bob Bunny reported of a fund raising effort for a Purple Heart Memorial at the Glencarin Garden in Rock Hill, SC. Bob place a basket out for those wishing to make a donation. Bob also sold Violas as part of the National Purple Heart Association's national fund raiser.

-Piedmont Periscope

Robert Schilke reminded all hands that submissions for the newsletter needs to be sent to him not later than August 15th.

-Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be on August 23rd, 2014 at 1900 at the VFW.

-Benediction

The benediction was given by Chaplin Ray Fritz.

-Motion to Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made and passed.

Respectfully Submitted by

Michael Hubbell

Base Secretary



*Who remembers getting
wet!???*



From The COB - Rick Pettit

The COB is in the Goat Locker in a very big game of spades with his fellow shipmates.....He will return with a message next month!

He very much appreciates all your prayers on the passing of his friend.

Thank-you all very much.. RM2/SS....



Agenda for 08/23/2014

- Call meeting to Order
- Invocation

Meeting Agenda Contin...

- Pledge of Allegiance
- USSVI Creed
- Tolling of the Boats
- Member Introduction
- Reading/Approval of last meeting minutes
- Reading/Approval of Treasurer's Report
- Old Business
 - C&B Amendment (vote)
- New Business
 - Annual Picnic (Food and Porta-Jon)
- SK Report
- Good of the Order
 - National Election
 - Dues Renewal
 - Bilge Rat Report
 - K4K (Levine, VJ, Jeff Gordon) (Jack/Bob Bunney)
 - Guest Speaker

Next Meeting 9/27/14 (Picnic at Jack's)

Benediction

Motion to Adjourn



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



Where, oh, where has this year gone! It's that time of the year when kids, teens, and young adults are headed back to school and college and older folks from the North are headed South..

DIANA - A brief update: As I write this, she is back on peritoneal dialysis after being taken off it by another doctor when she was in the hospital. We pray that this will return her to feeling as well as she did prior to going to the hospital. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers.

55 Years Ago

Fifty-five years ago Diana was preparing for our Wedding (I was at sea). Since I was at sea, she didn't know what date to put on the invitations and had to handwrite it in when I was finally able to tell her when I would be home. As a fast attack sub,

the Skate had been in and out all year and this latest patrol was one of its longest. It was the Cold War and we were doing what submariners normally did... watch and track the enemy.

We were in waters North of Russia tracking Russian ships and submarines. One day, while watching a movie in the crew's mess we suddenly rolled to starboard causing dishes to go flying off the tables and someone grabbing the movie projector. When we leveled off the skipper, CAPT James Calvert, over the IMC, calmly told us the Russian submarine we were tracking suddenly dived and hit us broadside and we were pulling out of the operational area to survey the damage.

When we surfaced we found a gaping hole in the sail but no other damage. The skipper of the Russian sub probably thought they had hit an underwater log and continued on their way. We pulled back into the area of operation to complete the patrol.

Some of you probably had

close encounters like that as well. At any rate, we completed the patrol and headed for New London.

Diana and I were married a few days later on Aug. 22, 1959.

Actually, I could not figure out which ones to check, perhaps all of them except the PMS one!

It has been difficult to get Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, and Sympathy cards out to you over the past few months and I sincerely apologize.

Because of our situation, I will be stepping down as National Chaplain in September and work to get back on track as your Chaplain, which is a privilege and a blessing. I do so reluctantly because the position of National Chaplain of USSVI has been very satisfying, especially when I am able to connect by phone with a survivor or receive word back that I have been of help to someone whose loved one left on Eternal Patrol. I fell behind in May and am gradually catching up with the Eternal Patrol reports so as to turn over the materials, etc. when the next Chaplain assumes the position.

Although I have not corresponded very well recently, those of you who are going through difficult situations, health and otherwise, have been and are in our prayers. Paul and Sandra, please accept our sincere sympathy at the passing of your brother Richard Boone.

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 NKJV

One last note: I have probably missed something important for this month so, if I have, forgive me.

To our beloved base family:

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39 NKJV

*Ray Fritz, Chaplain Carolina Piedmont Base, USSVI
National Chaplain USSVI*





Para-viz Shots

**Photos from the
meeting and Din-
ner**



(Left to Right)

Store Keeper- Jeff Nieberding
Base Treasurer- Ray Zieverink
Editor- Robert Schilke
CO—Steve Bell
XO- Jack Jeffries



(Left to Right)

Guest : Carl Waterman (Bonefish base)
De Rutter
Hal Rutter
COB- Rick Pettit

Photos from the meeting and Dinner Contin.



Bob Bunney
Kathi Bunney
Store Keeper- Jeff Nieberding
Base Treasurer- Ray Zieverink
Linda Zieverink



CO - Steve Bell
Glenna Hubbell
Ma Bell
Base Secretary- Mike Hubbell



Left to Right
Paul Myers
Sandra Myers
Lady J.
Paul Trexler
XO- Jack Jeffries



(Left to Right)
Store Keeper- Jeff Nieberding
Base Treasurer -Ray Zieverink
CO- Steve Bell

New members Binnacle List!

Welcome Aboard

None that I know of, But keep
pinging...!

Gaby - Friend of Tom and Susan Kelly

Michael Toomey—Son of Mike Toomey

Tom Hulme

Diana Fritz

Happy Birthday to:

September

Al Allen - Sept 27

Robert Gill - Sept 29

Arnold Kirk - Sept 22

Dale Moses—Sept 8

Steven Rodgers—Sept 8

Mike Toomey—Sept 28

John Wardean—Sept 9



If your birthday was
missed, please notify
Jack or the editor!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

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

**Ron and Pat Buslia -
Sept 4th**
**Tom and Pamela Hol-
land—Sept 26th**
**Paul and Sandra My-
ers—Sept 10th**
**Glen and Janet
Snyder—Sept 7th**



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

SubVettes

Hello Sassy Sisters!

Hope all is well with you and yours. I want to say thank you for cards, calls and prayers from the loss of my brother Richard Boone he was ready to meet his maker and I am so thankful for that. Please do not forget your secret sisters and recruiters in a joint effort with our chaplain the wonderful Ray Fritz and his connections we have been giving candy bars to the recruits and they are so grateful. Our meal will be our usual

"this and that." We will finish up our basket discussion on the baskets for our September meeting at the Jeffries "Ponderosa." Please take care and see you soon. Much love Sandra May God Bless you and yours May God Bless you the USA.



Baked Chicken & Orzo with Feta

Serve this tomato-topped baked chicken and pasta dish with a crisp lettuce and cucumber salad dressed with fresh lemon juice and mint vinaigrette.

You'll Need:

10 ounces orzo pasta

2 cups canned tomatoes, chopped with their juices

1 can (8 ounces) no-salt-added tomato sauce

1 tablespoon honey

1 teaspoon grated lemon zest

1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/4 cup chopped fresh mint

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 1-1/4 pounds total)

2 ounces crumbled feta cheese

Directions: In large pot of boiling water, cook pasta according to package directions; drain. Meanwhile, in medium bowl, combine tomatoes, tomato sauce, honey, lemon zest, salt, and pepper. Stir in mint. Place drained orzo in 11- x 7-inch glass baking dish and spoon 2 cups of sauce on top. Preheat oven to 375°F. Place chicken on top of orzo mixture and spoon remaining sauce over chicken. Cover and bake 25 minutes. Uncover, sprinkle on feta and bake 10 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through, feta has melted, and dish is piping hot.

Number of Servings: 4

Piedmont Funnies Page

35 years of Marriage!

After 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife came for counseling. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured.

Finally, after allowing this for a

sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched - with a raised eyebrow. The woman shut up and quietly sat down as though in a daze.

The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least 3

times a week. Can you do this?"

"Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I fish."



Funnies Continued

Football is back! Yeah!

Ohio State head football coach Urban Meyer on one of his players: "He doesn't know the meaning of the word fear. In fact, I just saw his grades and he doesn't know the meaning of a lot of words."

Why do Tennessee fans wear orange? So they can dress that way for the game on Saturday, go hunting on Sunday, and pick up trash on Monday.

What does the average Alabama player get on his SAT? Drool.

How many Ohio State freshmen football players does it take to change a light bulb? None. That's a sophomore course.

How did the Georgia football player die from drinking milk? The cow fell on him.

Two West Virginia football players were walking in the woods. One of them said, "Look, a dead bird." The other looked up in the sky and said, "Where?"

A Notre Dame football player was almost killed yesterday in a tragic horseback-riding accident. He fell from a horse and was nearly trampled to death. Luckily, the manager of the Wal-Mart came out and unplugged the horse.

If three Florida State football players are in the same car, who is driving? The police officer.

How can you tell if an Auburn football player has a girlfriend? There's tobacco juice on both sides of the pickup truck.

What do you get when you put 32 Arkansas cheerleaders in one room? A full set of teeth.

University of Michigan Coach Brady Hoke is only going to dress half of his players for the game this week; the other half will have to dress themselves.

How is the Indiana football team like an opossum? They play dead at home and get killed on the road.

Why did the Texas linebacker steal a police car? He saw "911" on the side and thought it was a Porsche.

How do you get a former Illinois football player off your porch? Pay him for the pizza.



Despite Delays, New U.S. Navy Sub Headed For On-Time Delivery **North Dakota is First Block 3 Virginia-Class Boat** *Defense News, Aug 11*



WASHINGTON – The building program of the U.S. Navy's Virginia-class submarines has an outstanding reputation, both for keeping to cost and for on-time delivery. There's even a modest competition between the two shipyards that build the subs to see who can shave off more time of the contractual delivery date.

Bets are off, however, for the North Dakota, the 11th and newest unit of the class. The submarine is the first of the Block III version, with the most significant design changes to date – that led to delays that were acknowledged in the spring. The Navy hoped to continue the march of early deliveries and begin the sub's first round of sea trials in mid-April, but it was apparent more time was needed to resolve a number of problems.

The North Dakota finally pushed off Aug. 3 from the General Dynamics Electric Boat yard in Groton, Connecticut, and successfully ran two days of Alpha trials. After one night in port, the boat left again on Aug. 6 to carry out Bravo trials. With no major issues encountered so far, the program expects to complete Navy acceptance trials in the latter half of August, all in time to make the contract delivery date of Aug. 31.

"It was pretty much a two-month delay to uphold our high standard of quality," Capt. Dave Goggins, program manager for the Virginia-class submarines at the Naval Sea Systems Command, said in an Aug. 8 interview.

"We needed to do additional design work on the submarine's bow," Goggins said, and

address material issues with certain "vendor-assembled and delivered components."

About 20 percent of the submarine was redesigned for the Block III variant, much of it focused on a major redesign of the bow. Gone are 12 individual Tomahawk cruise-missile launch tubes, replaced by two large Virginia Payload Tubes (VPT) able to hold not only T-hawks, but also a variety of other weapons, sensors and vehicles. Also, a new Large Aperture Bow array is installed in place of the spherical acoustic array previously fitted.

Goggins declined to name the vendor, citing an ongoing investigation, but he detailed some of the problem areas.

"We had 63 components delivered by a vendor that are critical to the operation of the submarine," he said. "Stern planes, rudder rams, retractable bow plane cylinders, hydraulic components, high-pressure manifolds – these are key systems for the submarines."

As a result, the North Dakota went back into dry dock on April 21. More testing was needed after the sub was re-floated on June 18.

But the extra time seems to have paid off.

"The submarine performed superbly" on Alpha trials, Goggins said. Tests included submerging for the first time, carrying out a series of high-speed runs, and testing the propulsion plant.

The Bravo trials – incomplete as he talked – "are reported to be doing very well," with tests of the combat systems, ship control and auxiliary systems, and of the photonics masts.

Despite the additional work and delays, Goggins declared the

submarine would be delivered "within budget," with a construction span of 66 months.

That compares with 63 months for the Minnesota, the previous, Block II submarine – a group which had an average construction period of 74 months. The difference between the North Dakota and Minnesota, Goggins noted, "is mainly due to this vendor quality issue."

The schedule will pick up again with the next submarine, the John Warner.

"There was no impact to schedule on the John Warner due to this vendor quality issue at all," Goggins said. The sub is on track for a March 2015 delivery, he said, corresponding to a 60-month construction period. The John Warner's contract delivery date is Aug. 31, 2015.

Goggins praised shipbuilders Electric Boat and Huntington Ingalls Newport News Shipbuilding for their efforts on the program.

"It's a great team arrangement with EB and Newport News," he said. "Each yard had people in the other yard," and lessons learned from the experience with the North Dakota already have been fed into subsequent boats.

The shipyards split work on the submarines on a 50-50 share basis. Each yard builds specific sections – Newport News builds the bow section for each sub – and they alternate in assembling and completing the boats. So, while EB will deliver the North Dakota, Newport News will complete the John Warner.

Virginia Class SSN Continued...

Goggins also noted that the post-delivery schedule for Block III submarines will be significantly different than earlier Virginia-class subs. After delivery, about 25 months of additional work and testing was needed for those submarines before they were turned over to the fleet to begin deployment workups. A key element in that time span was the need to dry dock the ships and carry out modernization work during a post-shakedown availability (PSA).

But “for Block 3 and out, the plan is 12 months or less,” Goggins said.

“The post-completion modernization work is basically being done up front now,” he said. “The PSA will be waterborne” – no dry docking necessary – “more like a traditional PSA.”

The Navy plans to build eight Block III submarines, all funded with monies approved from 2009 to 2013.

Ten Block IV boats are planned, to be funded from 2014 through 2018, with design changes that focus on a reduc-

tion in operating and support costs.

The proposed Block V boats could feature the most radical design change yet, with a hull extension fitted amidships to carry four more VPT tubes. A decision on that configuration has yet to be made.

Meanwhile, preparations are continuing for the North Dakota’s commissioning ceremony in Groton on Oct. 25.



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 wants 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.

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



Connecticut Native Assumes Command of Groton-based Submarine

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By Lt. Timothy Hawkins, Submarine Group 2 Public Affairs

GROTON, Conn. (NNS) -- Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Springfield (SSN 761) welcomed a new commander July 18 during a change of command ceremony aboard the historic ship Nautilus in Groton, Conn.

Cmdr. Daniel Lombardo, who was born and raised in Danbury, Conn., relieved Cmdr. Christian Williams as Springfield's commanding officer during the time-honored ceremony attended by crew members, other Navy personnel, and invited guests.

Rear Adm. Ken Perry, commander, Submarine Group 2, was the keynote speaker.

"Today's ceremony is to witness the transfer of authority for the crew, from one skipper who has expertly borne the mantle of command to another who is fully qualified as his relief," Perry said.

Williams, a Georgia native, assumed command in January 2012 and led Springfield on a successful six-month deployment last year. Perry highlighted Springfield's exceptional performance at sea in

his remarks.

"Under Williams' leadership Springfield has delivered," he said. "Springfield's readiness at sea was second to none."

Springfield earned a 100-percent mission readiness grade in 2013 while operating in the Middle East, a feat that hadn't been achieved in the U.S. Central Command region since 2010.

Perry also lauded Williams for the crew's performance under his command during multiple inspections and certifications.

"Chris Williams' leadership is evident in the ship's high morale, high retention and positive results on every major ship inspection," said Perry. "His contagious zeal, professionalism and dedication to the mission carried over to Sailors throughout the ship."

Though Williams was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of many accomplishments, he gave crew members the credit. "I'm so proud of you," he told crew members.

Williams' next assignment is in Washington, D.C. He is scheduled to serve on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Lombardo reports to Groton after having left the Washington area where he served on the staff for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"I could not be more proud and excited to be taking command of such a fine ship," he said. After graduating from Danbury

Note from the XO:

The family of Richard Boone wants to Thank everyone for their love and prayers. Info for Funeral can be found at Blevinscares.com, please pray for traveling safety for Paul and Sandra for their return trip. The family request no flowers. Jack



USS Alaska SSBN



USS Ohio SSGN

Connecticut Native Continued

High School in 1993, Lombardo attended the U.S. Naval Academy. He graduated from the academy in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He later earned a master's in engineering management from Old Dominion University.

Lombardo has experience on both attack submarines and ballistic-missile submarines. He has served aboard USS Florida (SSBN 728), USS Tucson (SSN 770), and as executive officer aboard USS Alaska (SSBN 732).

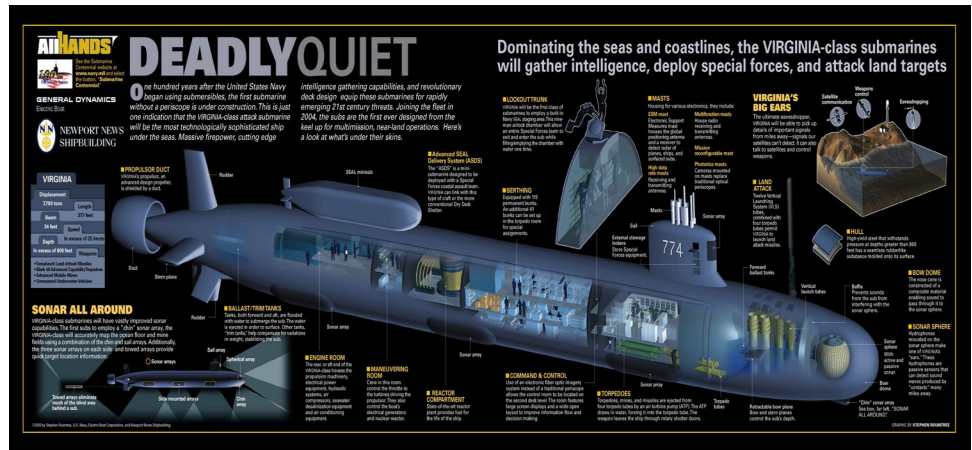
In addition to his most recent job, Lombardo's assignments ashore have included tours at both the Office of Naval Intelligence and Anti-Submarine Forces Western Atlantic.

Lombardo told crew members he looks forward to maintaining Springfield's legacy of success.

"I'm truly humbled to be your commanding officer," he said. "I am confident that we will continue to execute the mission with excellence as a team."

USS Springfield was commissioned Jan. 9, 1993. It is named for cities in both Illinois and Massachusetts.

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MK 37 Torpedo



Past Base Commanders:

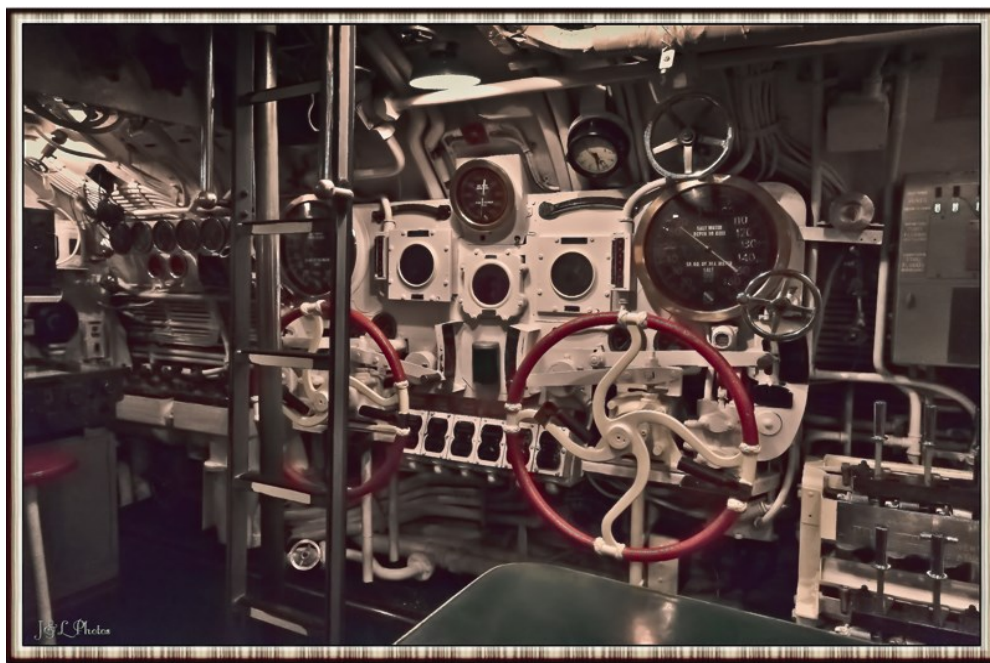
Glenn Haris 2007-2009

Steve Bell-2009 to Present



Next Meeting:

September 27th
Meeting and
Picnic at Jack's



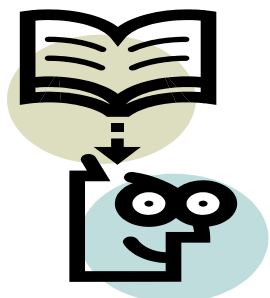
We need your stories

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.

We won't even care if it true or

not. —RM2/SS Type...





Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 August	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Newton Parade	22	23 Carolina Piedmont Base Meeting 1730/1900
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 National Convention	1 September National Convention	2 National Convention	3 National Convention	4 National Convention	5 National Convention	6 National Convention
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 VFW Breakfast 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Carolina Piedmont Base Meeting and Picnic at Jack's place!

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!

