



Carolina Piedmont Base of the USSVI presents the

Piedmont Periscope

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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:

Sections of the USSVI Creed

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 February

"Sailors, rest your oars"

USS SHARK (SS 174)
February 11, 1942

USS AMBERJACK (SS 219) February 16, 1943

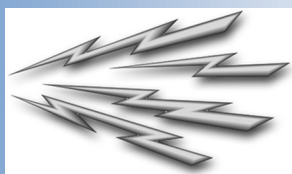
USS GRAYBACK (SS 208) February 27, 1944

USS TROUT (SS 202)
February 29, 1944

USS BARBEL (SS 316)
February 4, 1945



CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell



Nominations are now open for Base Officers for our next two years of leadership. I will be running the election (being the Election Master) and am now taking any "self nominations" or standard nominations. At our meeting this month I will be asking for "self nominations" first, then any standard nominations. We will go by office working from the bottom up. If you are interested, please let it be known.

If you are planning on attending the Regional Convention in Florida in April, it is time to get your hotel reservations and registrations done. The Snug Harbor Base that is hosting this event could sure use that information so that they can plan accordingly.

The same goes for the Burnsville Memorial Service this year. Time to get your registration in. The hotel reservation might be a little more challenging because the host hotel shuts down during the winter and reopens in April. They do come in and check their messages and will get back to you, but it may not be as fast as you are accustomed to.

It is also not too early to start planning appropriately if you are going to attend the National Convention in Pittsburgh. September is getting here fast and so if you are going, you might want to consider getting the necessary preparations done soon.

I will pick up cans to

assist in our donations to the USSVI Scholarship Program. I just ask that you bring in aluminum cans (crushed is the preferred state as I can get more in my truck that way) in a plastic bag. The back of my truck will be open so you can just put them there. I am NOT taking other metals, just the cans. This adds up over the year and along with the amount we get from our dinners, we can give a reasonable contribution to this wonderful cause. Remember, there are not too many gifts greater than the gift of education.

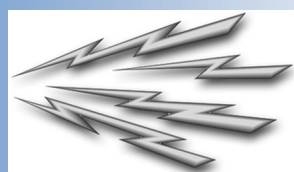
I look forward to seeing many of you at our next meeting.

Steve



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XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries

CAROLINA PIED-MONT ROCKS! At the January meeting I am proud to say that Jack Anulies and I were inducted into the Holland Club, those fifty years flew by for me. We had a total of five members going into the Holland Club, Jack Anulies, Jack Jeffries, Rudy Ogas, Ron Busila and Larry Lynch, Ron, Rudy Larry and I all qualified on the 636 together. The January meeting also saw that we had 3 New members, Jim Goins, Mike Fuller and Jim Reeves. We had a good record of members

re-uping their membership however we did have 6 that failed to get dues in on time, hopefully they will submit dues soon. To our North Carolina members a reminder that Submarine Veterans license plates are available at your local

DMV, the cost is \$10.00 per year. We now have a new "CAN GURU" (Steve Bell). so please bring your crushed cans to the meeting so they can be recycled, the proceeds from this is donated to the USSVI Charitable Foundation. Our annual gathering at Moonshine Mountain Memorial is fast approaching if at all possible please make an effort to attend, the dates are 15-16 May, I have sent out registration forms but if you need one please let me know. If I can be of any help to you, please let me know.

Jack



USSVI Scholarship Program

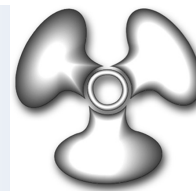
I am sure most of you are aware of the USSVI Scholarship Program. The details can be found on the USSVI website under the tab on the left labeled "Charitable Fund". Once there just click on "Scholarships" and there are a couple of more tabs on the left that you can get detailed information. A short synopsis is that the program is available for children/grandchildren/guardianship of those qualified submariners (USSVI members) that might be in need of a scholarship for the next school year (Fall 2015). The point of my e-mail is to remind those that may be interested that the application (available on the website) must be completed and turned in by 15 March 2015. That is really not that far off so if interested, you need to get started to get it completed and submitted by then. Of course you need to do your homework as well to be able to complete the application properly. I have been told the completing the application properly is the biggest issue. Maybe are denied because the application is not properly filled out. So if interested, please do your homework.

This is probably the best benefit for our members that we have. Education to the generations that follow us is one of the greatest gifts we can give them.

Steve Bell

Commander, District One, Southeast Region

Comm Center— Mike Hubbell,



January 24th Meeting Minutes

Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes

January 24th, 2015

-Call Meeting to Order

1900. 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 Joel Tuchfeld.

-Tolling of the Boats

The Tolling for March was presented by Ray Fritz and Rick Petitt.

-Member Introductions

There were 25 members present.

-Special Presentations

Jack Jeffries and Jack Anulies were inducted in to the Holland Club.

Dave Peck, John Wardean and Howard Dachs were awarded longevity pins for their 15 year membership in USSVI.

-Reading/Approval of the last meeting minutes

January Minutes Continued

The motion was made to accept the minutes for the November, 2014 meeting as posted in the Piedmont Periscope and E-mails sent to the membership. The motion carried. No formal meeting was held in December.

-Reading/Approval of the Treasurers Report

Raymond Zieverink gave the Treasurer's Report for January 2015. The Motion was made to accept the report as read, the motion passed.

Current Balance	\$6,915.57
Kapss4Kidss	\$1,899.37
Sailor of the Year (Escrow) 11/22/14	\$ 400.00
USSVI Scholarship Fund	\$ 0.00
General Base Funds Available	\$4,616.20

-Old Business

None

-New Business

None

-SK Report

Jeff Nieberding reported that he Base Challenge Coins, Patches and will take orders for anyone needing a vest.

-Good of the Order

-Dues Renewal

Steve Bell reminded all hands that Base and National dues must be paid no later than January 31st, 2015. Those members' who have not paid their due will be dropped for the National Roster. Dues should be paid to the Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink.

January Meeting Minutes Continued....

-Base Elections

Steve Bell report that as the out-going Base Commander he will be over seeing the Base Elections. All nominations for the elected Base Officer are now open. Nominations shall be closed at the March meeting. Voting will occur between the March meeting to just prior to the April meeting. Results will be announced at the April meeting with officers being installed at Burnsville in May. All members wishing to be nominated or desire to make a nomination should contact Steve Bell. Self Nominations were encouraged.

-Bilge Rats 2015

Steve Bell reviewed the history of the “halfway nite” style performances of the Bilge Rat Productions. A new show has been planned for 2015 and the first performance will at the Burnsville Memorial event. New members to the group, either as a regular or as a backup, were solicited. All members are encouraged to participate in the worthy and enjoyable base program.

-S.E. Regional Convention and Burnsville

Steve Bell reminded all members interested in attending this year’s S.E. Regional Convention in Cape Kennedy FL on April 20th. The Burnsville Memorial Service will be on May 15 and 16. All members planning on attending should get their registrations in soon.

-Save the USS Clamagore

Shipmate Jack Harden from the Charleston Base gave an up-date on the current efforts to save the USS Clamagore from being sunk as a reef. Currently the US Coast Guard will not allow the boat to be towed to sea in its current condition. It was reported that at this time the company intending to use the boat as a reef is unwilling to spend the funds necessary. If the current deadline (December 31, 2015) is not met, it might be possible to raise the funds needed to restore the boat and transfer it to a new location in the Charleston area. Jack will keep the membership advised of all future developments.

-A Special Thanks

Walt Sealy led the membership in a voice of thanks to Steve Bell for his many years of service to the Carolina-Piedmont Base as Base Commander.

-Piedmont Periscope

January Meeting Minutes Continued....

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

-Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be on February 28th 2014 at the VFW in Fort Mill. Pot luck dinner will be at 1730 with the meeting starting at 1900.

-Motion to Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made and passed.

-Benediction

The Benediction was given by Chaplin Ray Fritz.

Respectfully Submitted by

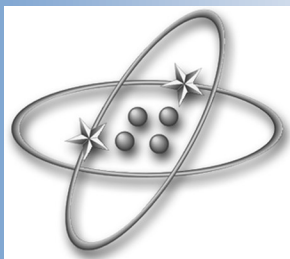
Michael Hubbell

Base Secretary





From The COB -Rick Petitt



From the COB.

Well except for the unpredictable weather, spring one day, winter the next, the new year is well on it way. We are planning for a new year of Bilge Rat Productions for our visits to area assisted living homes. No one knows what may come from the devious mind of the infamous Dale Moses. I will be registering for the USSVI Southeast Region conference in Cocoa and am really looking forward to the National USSVI convention in Pittsburg in September. Hopefully this will be a wonderful and exciting year. Base

elections come up in the next couple of months and they should be very interesting. Hope everyone is having a great year so far. See you at the meeting next month.

Rick Petitt



And from Uncle John's Great Big Bathroom reader:

Why Ask Why???

Why do psychics have to ask your name?

How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?

What happens if you get scared to death twice?

Did ancient doctors refer to IV's as fours?

If the #2 pencil is so popular, what is it still #2?

Why can't I set my laser printer on "stun?"

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

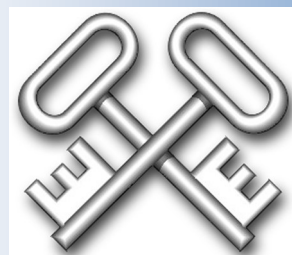
If white wine goes with fish, do white grapes go with sushi?

If the funeral procession is at night, do folks drive with their lights off?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

Need Supplies?



The Supply Shack-

Jeff Nieberding - SK

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



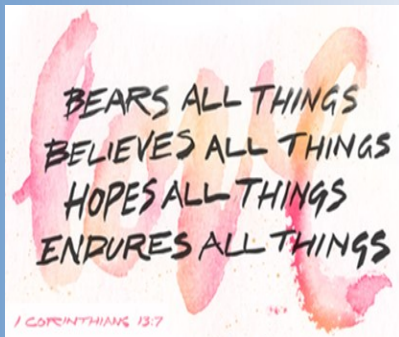
And another Bit of Uncle John's:

"HERE's MUD IN YOUR EYE"

Meaning: A toast for good luck

Origin: The expression is not a toast to another; it is a toast to yourself- because it means, "I hope I beat you" The Allusion is to a horse race. If the track is at all muddy, the rider of the loosing horse is very likely to get mud in his eye from the horse that is winning

Chaplin's Corner



When I turned 50 my children gave me a hat that said something like, "I may grow old, but I refuse to grow up!" There are days when I feel like that but the body says differently. How about you?

How many times as a child did I hear, "Act your age!" Well, I was but my mother meant to act her age. I didn't understand at the time.

The apostle Paul tells us

something similar... He writes...

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. ¹³And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:11-13 NKJV

I don't know why this subject came to mind but there is a time in our life when we need to grow up. We must stop talking like a child, understanding like a child, and thinking like a child. Note that there is a difference between being like a child (childlike faith) and being childish.

When (notice I said 'when' not 'if') a two year old is throwing a tantrum it can look pretty funny. Unfortunately, because it may appear funny, many par-

ents ignore it and only laugh. But if they would take a moment and consider that child doing the same thing as an adult it would no longer appear funny I have seen adult tantrums and they are not funny. Oh, they may not roll around on the floor and kick and scream but the effect is still the same as they bully their way through life. This undisciplined adult (child in an adult body) is not fun to be around when they are in one of their moods or when they want their way.

So what is the solution? Well, I am glad you asked. The apostle Paul gives us some insight. He says that when he became a man (grown up) he put away childish things. He no longer understood as a child does. He no longer thought as a child thinks. He put those things away. He says to take a long hard look in the mirror. We don't see things clearly. We don't know everything. But on that future day when we meet God face to face we will see ourselves as He sees us and know ourselves as He knows us and that may not be a pretty picture. The masks will be taken off and everything laid bare before the Lord.

Valentine's Day was yesterday. It's not biblical but it's a nice day



Chaplain Ray Lutz

Chaplin's Corner Continued

to tell your loved one that you love them. Paul tells us that there are three things that remain – Faith, Hope, and Love and Love is the greatest.

This reminds me of Jesus response to the young lawyer's question in Matthew.

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” 37 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 22:36-40 NKJV

As Submarine Veterans (our wife who was beside our side also served) we served our country in the United States Submarine service without reservation. Consider what a different world it would be if people obeyed these two simple yet profound commands. There would be no wars because others would

not covet what we have and we would not covet what they have. We would not live in fear because love casts out fear just as light casts out darkness.

But we don't live in such a world and until we do we need a strong military and strong leadership but more than that we need men and women with a strong faith in the living God of the Bible. Without God leading us we are doomed to failure. Many of our founding fathers understood this. They had put away childish things...

[W]e have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. . . . Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

(Source: John Adams, The Works of John Adams, Second President of the United States, Charles Francis Adams, editor (Boston: Little, Brown,

and Co. 1854), Vol. IX, p. 229, October 11, 1798.)

Chaplain Ray Fritz



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Bilge Rat Productions

Become a “Bilge Rat”!

The “Bilge Rats” as they have become to be known are look for new volunteers to join there group of “traveling performers”. These are the Base members and Subvettes who travel to the various Assisted Living Homes around the area and put-on a “Halfway Night Show” for the local residents.

If you can sing, play an instrument, or just lip-sync like and want to have a good time like the rest of us, then you need to join in the fun. It really is rewarding. This will start our fifth season. We do skits, sing-a-longs, anything to get the “old folk” to have a good time and bring some much needed smiles.

Rehearsal for our “Ned Sullivan Show”, an Ed Sullivan Show parody will start in late March or early April. If you and/or your spouse are interested, please contact Moe(SS) at 980-422-2749 in the late afternoon or early evenings. Or e-mail Moe(SS) at donutdad@att.net and he will return your call/e-mail.

Moe (SS)



Brothers:

This is to inform you that we now have a new can man: Steve Bell. Please bring your aluminum cans to the meeting. The money the base makes goes to our National Scholarship Fund.

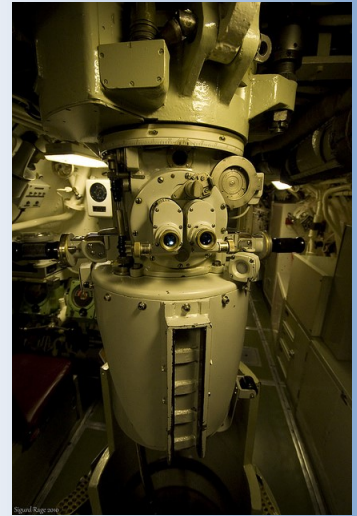
Thanks,

Jack

Para-viz Shots



Photos from January Events



Holland Club Inductee Ceremony



More Pictures from the Holland Club Ceremony



Inductees:

Jack Anulies FTB1(SS)

Jack Jeffries RM1(SS)

Larry Lynch MMCM(SS)

Rudy Ogas MM1(SS)

Ron Busila MMC(SS)

Jack Anulies and
Jack Jeffries



New members

Welcome Aboard!

Jim Goins, LT, qualified 1972 SS 522
 Mike Fuller QM2(SS) 1974 SSBN 601
 Jim Reeves EM2(SS) 1991 SSBN 655

Binnacle List:

Judy Hickerson	Tom Hulme
Hal & Dee Rutter	Robert Howell
Mike Toomey's son	
Diana Fitz	
Diane Carr	

Happy Birthday to:

February:

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

LT Jim Goins—Feb 11
 QM3 Jim Harris—Feb 26
 RM2 Jack Jeffries—Feb 13
 MS3 Dean McNeely—Feb 6
 EMCM Jerry Paciorek—Feb 13
 RM3 Hal Rutter—Feb 9
 CWO4 Jim Taylor—Feb 12



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Greg and Linda Crystal—Feb 5
 Gene and Mary Ann Johnston—Feb 1
 Tom and Janet Krpata—Feb 23
 Mike and Tatianna Ward—Feb 23
 Raymond and Linda Zieverink—Feb 24



And any others I might
 not be aware of! Radi-
 omen are supposed to
 know these things...

SubVettes Birthdays!



February Birthdays:

Monica Dachs—Feb 18

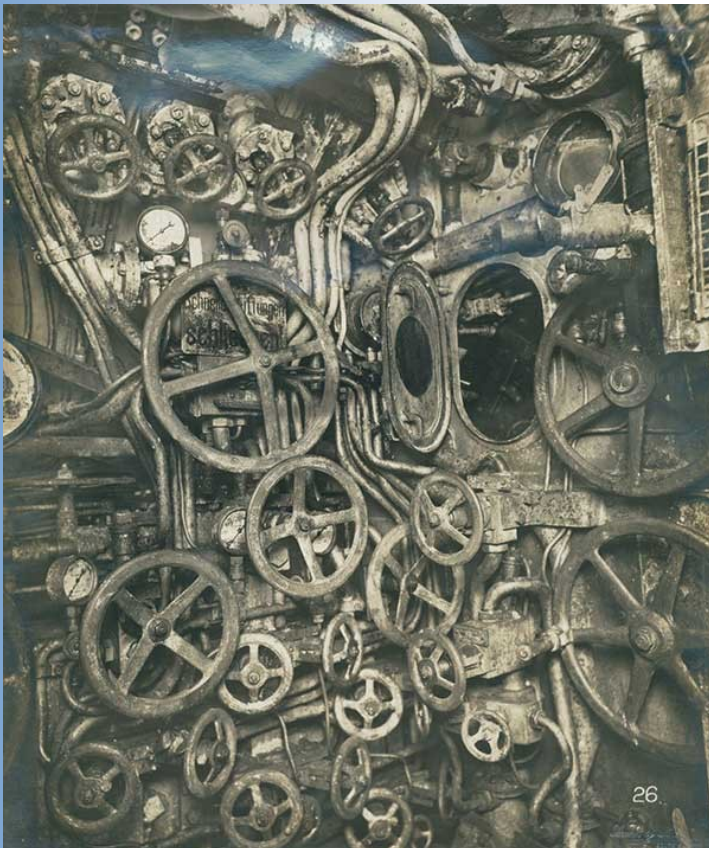
Janet Krpata— Feb 23

Sandr Myers—Feb 18

Cindy Pettit— Feb 17

Ruth Schek —Feb 9

Sandi Wardean—Feb 3



German Submarine UB-110 control room.

What Ma??? No label plates???? What the???? Sub School was never like this.....!!!!

Stuff that gives Submariners nightmares.....

Piedmont Funnies Page

Some Irish Humor:

> Paddy and Mick get a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose. They bag two. As Paddy and Mick start loading the plane for the return trip, the pilot says, "The plane can only take one of those."

The two lads object strongly. "Last year we shot two, and the pilot let us put them both on board; he had the same plane as yours."

Reluctantly, the pilot gives in and the two are loaded. However, even with full power, the little plane can't handle the load and down it goes and crashes in the middle of nowhere.

A few moments later, climbing out of the wreckage, Paddy asks Mick,

"Any idea where we are?"

"I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year," says Mick.

> Paddy & Mick find three grenades, so they take them to a police station.

Mick: "What if one explodes before we get there?"

Paddy: "We'll lie and say we only found two!"

> Paddy says to Mick, "Christmas is on a Friday this year"

Mick says "Let's hope it's not the 13th."

> Joe says to Paddy: "Close your curtains the next time you're having sex with your wife. The whole street was watching and laughing at you yesterday."

Paddy says: "Well the joke's on them because I wasn't even at home yesterday!"

> Mick walks into Paddy's barn and catches him dancing naked in front of a tractor.

Mick says, "Oh no, Paddy, what ya doing?"

Paddy says, "Well me and Mary haven't been getting it on in the bedroom lately & the therapist recommended I do something sexy to a tractor....."

> The Irish have solved their own fuel problems. They imported 50 million tons of sand from the Arabs and they're going to drill for their own oil.



Funnies Continued

> Paddy says to Mick, "I'm ready for a holiday, only this year I'm going to do it a bit different. 3 years ago I went to Spain and Mary got pregnant. 2 years ago I went to Italy and Mary got pregnant. Last year I went to Majorca and Mary got pregnant." Mick asks, "So what are you going to do this year?"

Paddy replies, "I'll take her with me!"



You're An EXTREME Redneck When...

1. You let your 14-year-old daughter smoke at the dinner table in front of her kids.
 2. The Blue Book value of your truck goes up and down depending on how much gas is in it.
 3. You've been married three times and still have the same in-laws.
 4. You think a woman who is out of your league bowls on a different night.
 5. You wonder how service stations keep their rest-rooms so clean.
 6. Someone in your family died right after saying, 'Hey, guys, watch this.'
 7. You think Dom Perignon is a Mafia leader.
 8. Your wife's hairdo was once ruined by a ceiling fan.
 9. Your junior prom offered day care.
 10. You think the last words of the Star-Spangled Banner are 'Gentlemen, start your engines.'
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SE Regional Conference Notes:

Shipmates,

The USSVI Snug Harbor base is sponsoring the SE Regional Conference here in Sunny Florida and we hope to see you there. The conference will be at the beautiful Radisson resort hotel in Cape Canaveral and will run from 20 April to 23 April (Monday – Thursday) ... the rooms are \$89 a night. We will have a Welcome to Florida get together the night of the 20th, a Men's and Ladies brunch on the 21st, a WWII and Holland club breakfast on the 22nd, and the SE Regional Conference dinner, ceremony and Tolling of the Boats the night of the 23rd of April.

We have lots of other stuff scheduled, including a trip to the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame, Kennedy Space Center, Deep Sea Fishing Trip, Two Casino Boat Rides, Visit to the Brevard Veterans Memorial Park and an Air Boat Ride. We also have a hospitality room so that we can get together and carouse.

Cocoa is also central to several attractions and is less than an hour from Disney and Universal parks. We'll send out a brochure in February with more details of the local attractions, restaurants and events.

The two contact persons for this event are Shawn D. Brown (Base Secretary) atsbrown1@cfl.rr.com or 321-639-8168 or Jim England (Base Commander) atmengland4@cfl.rr.com or 321-480-4914. If you call Shawn, please leave a message and we'll call you back as soon as we can.

The 2015 SE Conference Registration form is attached. If you're attending, please fill it out and send to Carl Griffin, USSVI Snug Harbor Base, 1198 Three Meadows Dr., Rockledge, FL 32955.

We'll be doing a drawing (raffle) for free night stays at the Radisson at the beginning of February and we intend, depending on how many folks are coming to the conference, to have at least one more drawing before the conference starts; so send in those registration forms so that you are included in the raffle.

We think that this will be a lot of fun, hope you will join us! See you at the conference shipmates,

V/R

Shawn D. Brown

ETCS(ss) NAVET, Navy Retired

SE Regional Conference Coordinator

Funnies Continued....

11. You lit a match in the bathroom and your house exploded right off its wheels.
12. The Halloween pumpkin on your porch has more teeth than your spouse.
13. You have to go outside to get something from the fridge.
14. One of your kids was born on a pool table.
15. You need one more hole punched in your card to get a freebie at the House of Tattoos.
16. You can't get married to your sweetheart because there's a law against it.
17. You think loading the dishwasher means getting your wife drunk.

And in closing....

Two good ol' boys in a Alabama trailer park were sitting around talking one afternoon over a cold beer after getting off work at the local Nissan plant.

After a while the 1st guy says to the 2nd, "If'n I was to sneak over to your trailer Saturday & make love to your wife while you was off huntin' and she got pregnant and had a baby, would that make us kin?"

The 2nd guy crooked his head sideways for a minute, scratched his head and squinted his eyes thinking real hard about the question. Finally, he says, "Well, I don't know about kin, but it would make us even!"

NOW ALL Y'ALL HAVE A GOOD DAY



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.

**Dead-line for the
March issue will be
the 15th. Thanks!**

RM2/SS

Australia Continued...

Australia Faces Pressure On Submarine Decision

Rob Taylor, Wall Street Journal, Jan 21

Japan's Soryu-Class Submarine Poses Potential Problems, Says Government-Backed Think Tank

CANBERRA, Australia – Australia's government came under fresh pressure Wednesday to reject Japanese submarines as the spearhead for a new undersea fleet, with one of the country's top security think-tanks urging consideration of a homegrown naval deterrent.

As newly appointed Defense Minister Kevin Andrews prepared to inspect government-owned shipbuilder ASC this week ahead of a decision on whether to hold a tender competition for a A\$25 billion fleet of new conventional submarines, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute said the possible acquisition of Japanese submarines by Australia raised significant challenges.

Japan's 4,000-ton Soryu-class submarine "appears to have less payload, endurance and mobility" than Australia's current Collins-class submarines, said the government-backed institute, which provides independent defense advice and to cabinet ministers and the military.

Australia's government is urgently looking to replace its aging fleet of six Collins-class submarines, which has been plagued by reliability and noise problems since its 1996 introduction. Submarines are at the heart of Australia's plans to beef up its military capabilities, driven by worries over Chinese muscle-flexing in territorial disputes with its neighbors.

The author of the ASPI report, former Australian submarine commander Peter Briggs, said Japan's Soryu would have to be extensively modified to suit Australian requirements, while Japan's inexperience as a weapons exporter could create obstacles.

"In Japan's case, accessing all the relevant technologies during the course of an overseas build of a complex vessel and understanding the design intent ... would be extraordinarily ambitious and inherently risky," Mr. Briggs said.

The Soryu gained an edge in the selection process after Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott last year signed an agreement to strengthen security and trade ties.

The Soryu is the world's largest diesel-electric submarine, jointly built by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. and Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd. , although Australia would seek to fit its boats with American-manufactured combat systems.

European companies from Japan, Sweden and France have urged Canberra to hold a limited competition to select a submarine design. The conservative government has said no decision has yet been made on whether to buy diesel-electric submarines offshore or build them at home, but a selection is likely this year with Mr. Abbott pushing for an early decision.

Nick Xenophon, an independent lawmaker in Australian upper house who supports choosing a locally built sub-





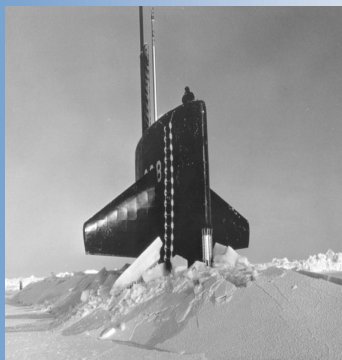
Past Base Commanders:



Glenn Harris- 2007 to 2009

Steve Bell- 2009 to Present

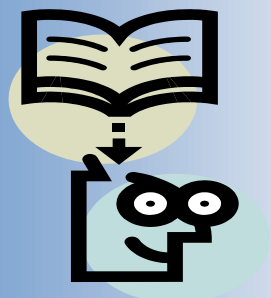
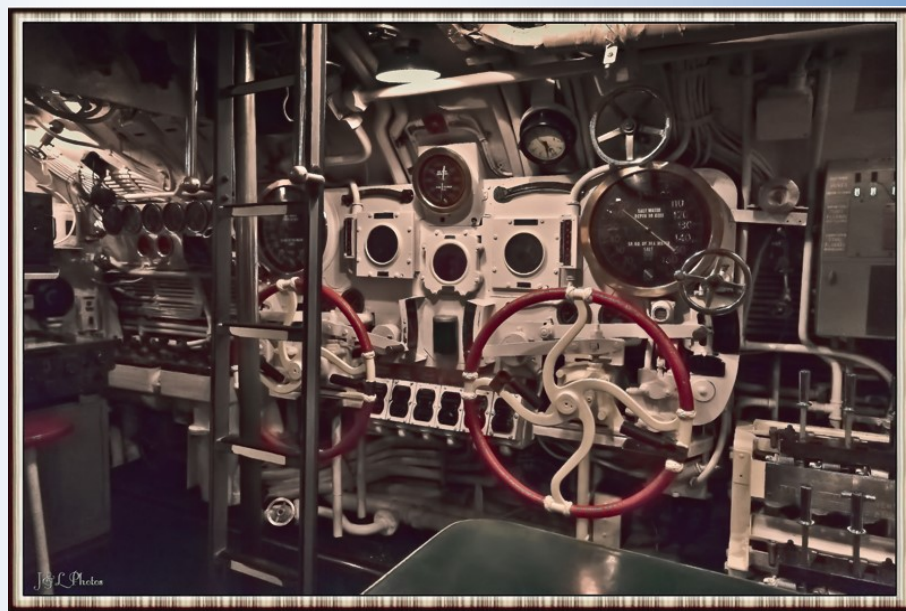




Next Meeting:

Subbase gathering on
February 28th, meal:
1730 and Meeting at
1900!

Fort Mill, SC, VFW Post



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has stories. You
can find one, clean
it up and peck it
into an e-mail and
send it to
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Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 February	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 VFW Post breakfast! Valentine's day
15	16 President's Day	17	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
22 Washington's Birthday	23 Lent Begins	24	25	26	27	28 Base Dinner- 5:30 pm Meeting 7:00pm
1 March	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21



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!



Holland Club



Our New 2015 Inductees:

Jack Anulies FTB1(SS)
Jack Jeffries RM1(SS)
Larry Lynch MMCM(SS)
Rudy Ogas MM1(SS)
Ron Busila MMC(SS)



This Page is dedicated to our Submarine Brothers who have been qualified more than 50 years in the United States Submarine force.

Current Members of the Holland Club at the Carolina Piedmont Base:

Al Allen - MMCM/SS
Jack Anulies FTB1(SS)
Steve Bell - RMCM/SS
Perry Blake - IC3/SS
Robert Boyd - RMCS/SS
Ron Busila MMC(SS)
Charles E. Cross - ICC/SS
Don Duncan - CDR
Donald W. Eggleston - ET3/SS
James Hanks - MM1/SS
Jim Harris - QM3/SS
Ron Hatley - ET1/SS
William F. Holzendorf - CWO4
Robert Howell - EM1/SS
Jack Jeffries RM1(SS)



Terry Jones - CSC/SS
Bill King - RM1/SS
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Larry Lynch - MMCM/SS
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Hal Rutter - RM3/SS
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Glen Synder - LCDR
Winborne Springs - SN/SS
Tom Tidd - CDR
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John Wallace - ETC/SS
John Wardean - CWO4
Al Westberry - SO2/SS
Herman Ziegler - EM3/SS