



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:

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 March

"Sailors, rest your oars"

USS F-4 (SS 21) March 25, 1915

USS H-1 (SS 28) March 12, 1920

USS PERCH (SS 176) March 3, 1942

USS GRAMPUS (SS 207)

March 5, 1943

USS TRITON (SS 201) March 15, 1943

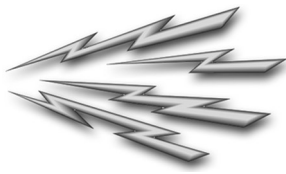
USS TULLIBEE (SS 284) March 26, 1944

USS KETE (SS 369) March 20, 1945

USS TRIGGER (SS 237) March 26, 1945



CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell



Once again, nominations are open until our meeting on March 28. At that time the nomination process will be closed. Self nominations are not only allowed, but are both encouraged and welcome.

The Regional meeting is just around the corner so if you plan on attending and have not made your hotel reservations or turned in your registration, now is

the time to do that. The members at the Snug Harbor Base are the host and it really looks like they are doing a great job of setting this all up.

I will be accepting cans at each meeting. We did not get any last meeting except for those that were obtained from usage at our meeting. I will have a bag for those in the future as well. Remember, this is for the USSVI Scholarship Fund. Only children and grand children of USSVI members (qualified in submarines) are eligible. This is a great cause. Also, if you have some children/grandchildren that are coming up on college, this is an excellent place for a scholarship for them. Time is running out for this year so if you are in the mode, you best hurry. Just remember, one of the greatest gifts we can give a child is an education.

Burnsville is also just around the corner. The USS Asheville Base has really been doing a good job at this. It is just a great weekend in the mountains and a wonderful ser-

vice. If you are planning on that event, it is time to get your reservations made and your registration in.

We have a couple of things that we hope to get accomplished prior to our departure as your Base Commander. I plan to get the library (yes, we actually have a library) from Paul and see if I can make a spreadsheet for each of you to look at and you can then just let me know and I will bring what you want to "borrow" to the next meeting (whatever meeting that is). It will just take me a little time once I get all the material.

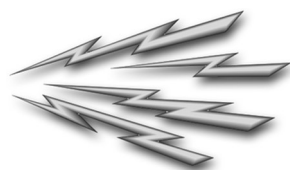
I look forward to seeing many of you at our next meeting.

Steve



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XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries

CAROLINA PIED-MONT ROCKS: we are pleased to have 6 new members this month and we always have room for more, we are all on the membership committee so beat the bushes and find those bubble heads. While conducting an Eagle Scout program, Steve Bell and Rick Petitt signed up a new member Dan Capron, Welcome to the base Dan. This month we had a NJROTC program at Sun Valley NJROTC, this is the unit we helped sponsor to go to Pearl Harbor and represent the state of North

Carolina at the annual ceremony on Dec 7th. They were selected to once again represent the state next year as well, the commander of the unit will attend our meeting the 28th to give a report on their trip, please make an effort to attend. Our base has once again been asked to present our colors at the Massing of the Colors ceremony at Rock Hill High School on 19 April. The program is about one hour in duration and all members are invited to attend. This is the year we have base elections and I hope everyone will cast a vote, our Election Master, Steve Bell will be sending more info regarding this.

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, Base Secretary

February 28th Meeting Minutes



-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 Calvin Reese.

-Tolling of the Boats

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

-Member Introductions

There were 35 members present and 2 guests where present.

-Special Presentations

George Birmingham was awarded his 5 year USSVI membership pin.

Jack Jeffries presented an Award Pennant to the Base. The pennant features a patch of every National USSVI Award that the Base has earned since its formation in May 2007. The Pennant is now a part of the Lost Boat Tapestry display.

-Reading/Approval of the last meeting minutes

The motion was made to accept the minutes for the January 2015 meeting as posted in the Piedmont Periscope and E-mails sent to the membership. The motion carried.

February Minutes Continued

-Reading/Approval of the Treasurers Report

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

Current Balance	\$6,798.57
Kapss4Kidss	\$1,899.37
Sailor of the Year	\$ 0.00
USSVI Scholarship Fund	\$ 47.00
General Base Funds Available	\$4,852.20

-Old Business

None

-New Business

-New Jersey South Memorial Project

Steve Bell reported that the NJ South Base has begun working on a perpetual memorial project. This project is dedicated to all Boats. The National USSVI Board has promised \$1,000.00 in matching funds. The motion was made to donate \$100.00 from the Base General Fund. The motion carried.

-SK Report

There was no SK report.

-Good of the Order

-Base Elections

Steve Bell reported on the progress of Nominations for Base Officers. All hands are reminded to contact Steve for any additional nominations. Current nominations are...

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Base Commander – Rick Pettit

Base Vice Commander – Jack Jeffries

Base Treasurer – Raymond Zieverink

Base Secretary – Tom Kelly

-Kaps4Kids

Jack Jeffries reported that the next K4K visit will be at Victory Junction on April 11th. Jack explained to our new members the purpose of the K4K program and how the various hospitals and the children benefit from our visits. Due to the limitation of member allowed to attend at these visits, a list was passed around for those shipmates who have yet to participate.

-Bilge Rats 2015

Steve Bell reported that this year's show is being finalized. The new show will be a "southernized" version of the Ed Sullivan Show, called Ned Sullivan. Steve and Raymond states that no matter what your talent level may be, you are encourage to join the troop. The first show will be performed during the Burnsville Memorial Weekend.

-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. This year's host hotel will be the Big Lynn Lodge. All members planning on attending should get their registrations in soon.

-Sailor of the Year

Steve Bell that the District raised another record amount in support for this year's SOY. As a result of the generosity of the bases, each runner-up will receive \$175.00. A hearty well done to the recipients and a thank you to all Base members.

-Piedmont Periscope

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

February Meeting Minutes Continued....

-Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be on March 28th, 2015 at the VFW in Fort Mill. Pot luck dinner will be at 1730 hrs. and the meeting will start at 1900 hrs.

-Motion to Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made and passed.

-Benediction

The Benediction was given by Chaplin Ray Fritz.

Respectfully Submitted by

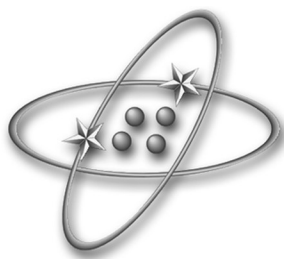
Michael Hubbell

Base Secretary





From The COB -Rick Petitt



From the COB

March is already here and we are on our way to spring. Jack and I participated last week in our Submarine Education program by spending the morning at Sun Valley High School in Monroe. We showed videos and talked about submarine life to nearly 80 high school students. Lots of thinks are coming up soon. I am looking forward to baseball season and attending some of the Knight's games. Maybe we can have a few events for us to participate in at the new ballpark. We also have a Victory Junction

trip coming up. There are a lot of things for us to be a part of this spring and summer and I look forward to having a lot of our USSVI members attending these events. We'll see you this month at the meeting.

Rick Petitt



And from Uncle John's Great Big Bathroom reader 12th addition:

Special Underwear!!!!

Safety first.

"A Vermont inventor has figured out a way to prevent senior citizens from breaking bones when they take a spill: Underwear air bags. Carl Clark, who also devised the first air bags for Lockheed Martin in the 1960's says his emergency underwear has a sensor that automatically inflates two cushions around the wearer's hips when it detects the person is starting to fall."

-Los Angeles Times

Larger than life.

"A Tokyo man made international news recently when his inflatable underpants accidentally went off in the subway. He had invented the special underwear to allay his phobia of drowning. The good news is, they worked, inflating over 30 times their normal size. They had to be stabbed with a pencil to stop them from crushing the other passengers."

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 need.



Special Underwear Continued..

-The Edge

Who needs a Mae West???????



Chaplin's Corner



On this date, 56 years ago, I had the privilege of standing on the ice at the North Pole from the deck of the USS Skate SSN-578. It was only 110 degrees colder +/- a couple of degrees colder than it will be here on the 17th!

Our prayer is that God will give divine protection to all our men and women in uniform around the world as they face an evil unlike any other since the Holocaust. These demons from the pits of hell hide behind face masks and find extreme pleasure in brutally and cruelly killing innocent men, women, and children who believe other than what they believe. We call them terrorist because their aim is to strike fear in the

hearts of men and women, boys and girls everywhere. Their ultimate goal is to bring the whole earth under their control. They are bullies and must be stopped!

However, we, as a nation must take great care. Pray for the President and Congress that they would seek God's help and wisdom for without God we will not succeed. I long for the day when the president of the United States or the Congress to call for a National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer.

Although this portion of Scripture from the Old Testament applies to the nation of Israel, the principles still apply to us today.

2 Chronicles 7:12-14 NKJV
Then the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. 13 When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, 14 if My people who

are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

This was a call to national repentance by the nation of Israel.

Today, this is a call to God's people, the Church, to repent and turn from their wicked ways!

During President Lincoln's time in office the Senate asked President Lincoln to proclaim just such a day:

Proclamation Appointing a National Fast Day

Washington, D.C.
March 30, 1863

Senator James Harlan of Iowa, whose daughter later married President Lincoln's son Robert, introduced this Resolution in the Senate on March 2, 1863. The Resolution asked President Lincoln to proclaim a national day of prayer and fasting. The Resolution was adopted on March 3, and signed by Lincoln on March 30, one month before the fast day was observed.

By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation.

Whereas, the Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the Supreme Authority and just Government of Almighty God, in all the affairs of men and of nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for National prayer



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and humiliation.

And whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

And, insomuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has

ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do, by this my proclamation, designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th. day of April, 1863, as a day of national humiliation, fasting and prayer. And I do hereby request all the People to abstain, on that day, from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious du-

ties proper to that solemn occasion.

All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the Divine teachings, that the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins, and the restoration of our now divided and suffering Country, to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty seventh.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln
William H. Seward, Secretary of State.

This proclamation was made, as you already know, during the Civil War between the states. In a call for national repentance perhaps we should use the word ISIS rather than Civil War as a reminder that we still need God in this time in history. We may wage the war with men,

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women and weapons but without His divine intervention we not in a good position to win.

Before closing, please remember those on the Binnacle List in your thoughts and prayers. I know Diana and I certainly appreciate them! God bless.

Grace and peace and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Chaplain Ray Fritz

Ray Fritz, Base Chaplain

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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 a reminder to 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. Just deposit in tied down plastic bags into the back of Steve's truck.

Thanks!

Jack

Para-viz Shots

Photos from February Events



*****New Members*****

From port to starboard:

Jay Andress

Pete Stevenson

Jim Goins

Jim Reeves

Jim Brady

(They didn't know it, but it's a mug shot.....Them pirates are a sneaky bunch!)



In Honor of our token skimmer (who will remain anonymous) guest.... Always keep an eye out, or you will not know until it's too late....



The latest addition to our table top traveling fleet: USS Cutlass SS-471



New members

CMDCM/SS Jay Andress SSBN 602

EM2/SS Pete Stevenson SSBN 634

LT Jim Goins SS 522

EM2/SS Jim Reeves SSBN 655

SN/SS Jim Brady SS 480

LCDR Dan Capron SSBN 640

Binnacle List:

Judy Hickerson

Robert Howell

Hal & Dee Rutter

Ma Bell

Mike Toomey's son

Cathy Davison

Diana Fitz

Diane Carr

Tom Hulme

Happy Birthday to:

March:

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

Howard Dachs - 14 Mar

Mike Fuller - 3 Mar

William Hickerson - 7 Mar

Robert Howell - 30 Mar

Rick Petitt - 5 Mar



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Calvin and Libby Reese - 31 Mar

John and Sandy Wardean - Mar 5



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

SubVettes March Birthdays!



Danielle Brown - 15 Mar

Judy Hickerson - 15 Mar

Ruth Murray - 15 Mar

Barbra Sealy - 24 Mar



From the school visit coordinator:

We have picked up two new schools to visit with our Submarine Life question and answers: Fort Mill High School and Nations Ford High school. Dates to follow in April. Both ROTC commanders are happy to have us visit their schools.

If you have not yet visited a school for a session, now is your chance. See Jack for a place.



Piedmont Funnies Page

Some Uncle Johns 12th addition:

Strange law suits:

THE PLAINTIFF: Janet R

THE DEFENDANT: Kay-Bee Toys at Valley View Mall, Roanoke, Virginia

THE LAWSUIT: She claimed that while shopping in the mall in 1996, she was hit by a truck-a toy truck. Apparently a customer, plying with a radio-controlled 4x4, bumped Robinson in the ankle. She sued for \$100,000, asking compensation for "pain, humiliation, aggravation and disability."

THE VERDICT: Suit dropped by the plaintiff

THE PLAINTIFF: Etta Stephens of Tampa, Florida

THE DEFENDANT: The Barnett Bank

THE LAWSUIT: In 1995 Stephens opened the envelope containing her monthly money market statement.. And found the account balance listed as zero, instead of \$20,000 as she expected. "Upon seeing this" says one report, "Stephens clutched her bosom and fell to the ground" with a heart attack. Officials at the bank said it was a mistake caused by a "printing error" and apologized. But Stephens still sued them for nearly killing her.

THE VERDICT: Unknown

THE PLAINTIFF: Katherine Balog, 60-year old Californian

THE DEFENDANT: Bill Clinton and the Democratic Party

THE LAWSUIT: In 1992 Balog filed suit "to recover damages for the trauma of Clinton's candidacy." She claimed she was suffering "serious emotional and mental stress" because Clinton, a "Communist sympathizer" and "draft dodger," was about to elected president.

THE VERDICT: Unknown....

THE PLAINTIFF: Bennie Casson

THE DEFENDANT: PT's Show Club, an Illinois strip joint

THE LAWSUIT: In 1997 a stripper named "Busty Heart" allegedly approached Casson during her act and "slammed" her 88 -inch bust (a reported 40 pounds per breast) into his head and neck. He sued for "emotional distress" and claimed an old neck injury had been aggravated by the attack!

THE VERDICT: No lawyer would take the case, so the judge had to dismiss it.

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THE PLAINTIFF: Debra Lee Benagh, 44 of Denver

THE DEFENDANT: Elitch Gardens, an amusement park

THE LAWSUIT: In 1997, according to Benagh's suit, she rode on the "Mind Eraser" roller coaster... and actually suffered memory loss. Benagh sued for negligence, contending that the park operators should have known of the ride's hazards.

THE VERDICT: Unknown



Sea Stories (Some True) by John Wardean

USS Aspro AGSS 309, Straight coupled diesel boat, non-Snorkel. San Diego Calif. 1961 Captain LCDR Calhoun, XO LCDR "Whiskey" Jack Lyman.

>The XO had been advanced to LCDR for about one week, Aspro was off San Diego doing weekly ops with sonar school DD's. Exercises had ended for the day and Aspro was cooling it on the surface in a very calm Pacific.

>CO in the conning tower asks the duty QM why the XO's new Gold Oak Leafs had not been baptized? Duty QM's answer was the XO was really tricky and the crew was yet to catch him topside. CO's comment to the crew in the conn, you had your chance he's mine now. CO too the control room, Have the XO report to the bridge. When "Whiskey" Jack gets to the bridge the CO tells him that he thinks number 2 main engine doesn't sound right would he take a look, whereas Jack walks back to the Cigarette Deck to have a look. CO quietly clears the bridge, orders all Stop, Dive the Boat make your death 50 feet, raise number one scope. CO's on number 1 scope laughing like hell for about 5 minutes before he orders the boat surfaced. "Whiskey" Jack was found on top of the shears, wet too the arm pits with his Rolex watch in his teeth, His Oak Leaf's properly baptized.

>"Whiskey" Jack Lyman was later to take command of the USS Archerfish, the Diesel boat with an all single crew and no home port, but that's the start of many more TRUE stories.

USS Aspro 1962 San Diego, Calif.

> This was a non-snorkel WW2 Diesel boat with Fairbanks engines. The engines in the forward engine room had the generators on the forward end and the throttles aft with the fresh water cooler, lube oil cooler, and fuel pumps aft of the engines. Our number 2 main engine had been out of commission for about a week with a leaking oil cooler.

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>Bob Dennis and I were sitting topside when the crane on the tender delivered a new oil cooler topside. It was a Friday afternoon between pay days and we didn't have much to do we decided to surprise our 1st Class and

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change the cooler to surprise him Monday morning. After removing the deck plates aft of the number 2 engine we had uncovered the oil cooler and the fresh water cooler, with their connecting spaghetti of 3 inch piping. Fortunately the oil cooler was on top of this arrangement. After removing connection pipes and mounting brackets we rigged the cooler through the water tight door to the after engine room and up the hatch topside. When we tried to rig the new cooler down the hatch we found out how tight this really was, as it hung up and would not go down. After some investigating we found that the nameplate on the cooler was held on by 4 brass rivets, with those removed the cooler went down ok. It was now dinner and movie time so we took the evening off.

>Saturday morning and back to work, rigging the cooler to the forward engine room and setting it in place. Now it was time to return the 3 inch pipes connecting it, Bob was the smallest of us and was down in amongst the piping as we bolted them up, we were almost finished when first call to chow was heard over the IMC. We decided to get something to eat and then finish, that was when we found that Bob was now installed with #2 main engine, (he could not get out and was trapped). But it was chow time so Dennis and I gave him a cigarette and promised to return after chow and get him out, I will not repeat what Bob thought of that, enough to say that he was not happy. After chow we did get him out and finished installing the cooler to make the 1st Class and the Chief happy.

Battery Charge:

>USS Aspro AGSS309 a WW2 Diesel boat Non Snorkel Portsmouth Boat

>George was a 1st class Engineman and leading Petty officer of the After Engine Room, George is a very experienced Diesel Boat Sailor and commonly known throughout the boat as "Sun Down", he would leave the boat at liberty call and return prior to sun down well-oiled and very happy, he also liked to ride bulls at local rodeo's.

>Summer 1961: Aspro is in port doing a battery charge using the After Engine Room, when doing this the Aft Engine Room Engine air induction is closed and air is drawn through the Forward Engine Room induction. This is due to the fact that the battery exhaust dumps into the Forward Engine Room.

> The Oiler for the battery charge is normally assigned to the Forward Engine Room and asks the Throttle Man if he can paint the deck in the Forward Engine room during the charge. (Decks in both engine rooms were steel plates covered with canvas matting which was painted green) This was routinely done and the Throttle Man gave his permission.

>In the process of painting the deck in the Forward Engine Room the Oiler got back to the Aft. End of the engine room and was working behind the water tight door between the engine Rooms, to get behind the door he took the door off of the latch that secures it open. The 2 1600 Horsepower Fairbanks Diesels consume 1300 SQ. FT of air per minute each. This air flow slammed the water tight door shut, now the diesels were consuming all of the air in the Aft Engine Room, Maneuvering Room and the After Torpedo Room. Aspro was a Non-Snorkel boat and did not have a HI Altitude/Low air pressure shutdown i.e. they would consume all or the air from the aft end of the boat.

>George (Sun Down) was in his bunk in the After Torpedo Room, he got up and at a dead run went

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through Maneuvering Room telling the watch to secure the batter charge and into the After Engine Room where the Throttle Man was pushing on the door to the Forward Engine Room and the Oiler was pulling from the Forward Engine Room. With the differential pressure there was no way that door was going to open. "Sun Down" immediately shutdown both diesels and



More Uncle John's Funnies Continued....

THE PLAINTIFF: Swee Ho, a Chinese merchant in Thailand

THE DEFENDANT: Pu Lin, a rival merchant

THE LAWSUIT: As reported by Gerald Sparrow, once a judge in Bangkok: "Pu Lin had stated sneeringly at a party that Swee Ho's new wife, Li Bua, was merely a decoration to show how rich her husband was. Swee Ho, he said, could no longer "please the ladies." Swee Ho sued his rival for slander in the British Consular Court, claiming that "Li Bua was his wife in every sense".

THE VERDICT: Swee Ho won....without a word of testimony. Swee Ho's lawyer "simply put the blushing Li Bua in the witness box. She was quite obviously pregnant"

IRONIC TWIST

The Ramses brand condom is named after the great Pharaoh Ramses II, who fathered over 160 children!!!!



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
April issue will be
the 15th. Thanks!

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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-



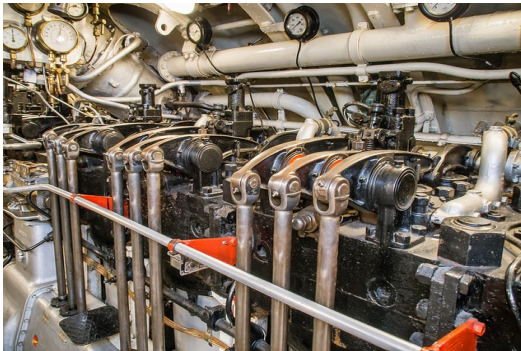


Past Base Commanders:



Glenn Harris- 2007 to 2009

Steve Bell- 2009 to Present

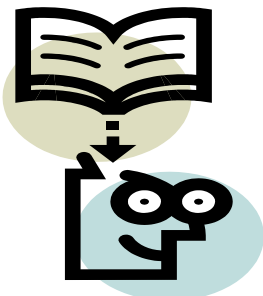
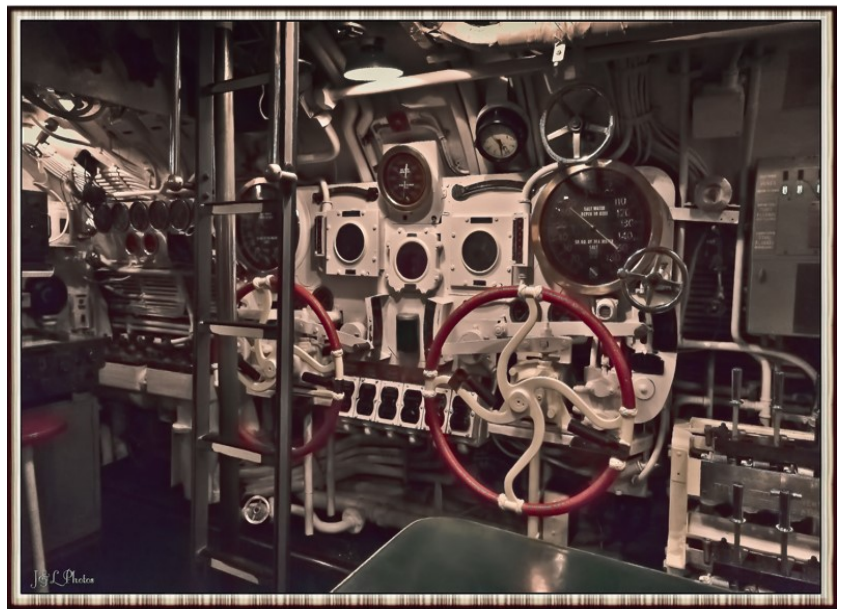




Next Meeting:

Subbase gathering on
April 25th, meal: 1730
and Meeting at 1900!







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find one, clean
it up and peck
it into an e-
mail and send
it to





Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 March	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 VFW Post breakfast! 
15 Piedmont Periscope Dead-line	16	17 St. Patrick's Day! 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Base Dinner- 5:30 pm Meeting 7:00pm
29 Palm Sunday 	30	31	1 April	2	3 Good Friday 	4 Passover 
5 Easter 	6	7	8	9	10	11 Victory Junction
12	13	14	15 Piedmont Periscope dead-line	16	17	18

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
Rudy Ogas - MM1/SS
Charles E. Cross - ICC/SS
Don Duncan - CDR
Donald W. Eggleston - ET3/SS
Ray Fritz - EM1/SS
James Hanks - MM1/SS
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Bill King - RM1/SS



Arnold Kirk - YN3/SS
Larry Lynch - MMCM/SS
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Glen Synder - LCDR
Winborne Springs - SN/SS
Tom Tidd - CDR
Michael J. Toomey, Jr. - CAPT
John Wallace - ETC/SS
John Wardean - CWO4
Al Westberry - SO2/SS
Herman Ziegler - EM3/SS