



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 April

"Sailors, rest your oars"

USS PICKEREL (SS 177)

April 3, 1943

USS GRENADIER (SS 210) April 22, 1943

USS GUNGEON (SS 211) April 18, 1944

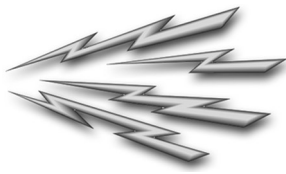
USS SNOOK (SS 279)

April 8, 1945

USS THRESHER (SSN 593) April 10, 1963



CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell



This is my last letter input to the Piedmont Periscope as your Base Commander. Somebody else gets the privilege of writing the Commander's input now. I must say that it has been an enjoyable six years that I have had at this position. It was my honor and privilege to serve you. I am sure I could have done more and better, but for a base that will be eight years old next month, we have sure come a long ways. I will never say we are the best base within USSVI,

but I will say we are definitely in the tops. I want to thank you folks, both men and women, for all of your support and efforts that you have put out over the last six years to get us in the position we are. We have done well. You can be proud of your base, I know I am.

Now if you think this old cowboy is riding off into the sunset, you have another think coming. I will still be there to do some of the same things I have been doing. I plan to give the new Base Commander as much support as I can and to help him in any way he desires. And there are other things that I will get involved with or continue to be involved with.

As we write this article, we are planning our trip to Florida for the Regional Convention, the wonderful weekend in the mountains (Burnsville Memorial Service) and the National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA in September. I hope that many of you are making some of the same plans.

As most of you know, I will also be giving up my position as District Commander at the convention in September. Right now there is only one person willing to stand up and take that job. The election process should be out

very shortly (if not out by the time this newsletter is distributed) and I ask each of you to participate in that election as well.

Even though I am giving up all of my elected positions for now, I am not just going to sit back. I just need a break and to re-evaluate things for myself. There is a reasonable possibility that you will be seeing me in elected positions in the future, just not sure what they are (is the trash man an elected position?).

Again, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and participation over the last six years. Without each of you, our base would not have accomplished what it has. I am sure that some might say I did not do anything, well, that is my statement and you cannot take that from me. You folks did all the work, I just tried to keep you in line is all. Thanks you so much for a good six years.

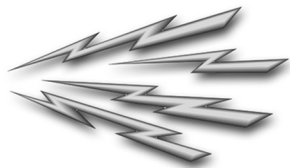
Steve Bell

Past Commander, Carolina Piedmont Base (well, almost past)



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XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries

CAROLINA PIED-MONT ROCKS: 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



Leyne Childeran's Hospital



Jack and Homer gettin it on!



Comm Center— Mike Hubbell, Base Secretary

March 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.

March 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...

March Meeting Minutes Continued....

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.

March 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

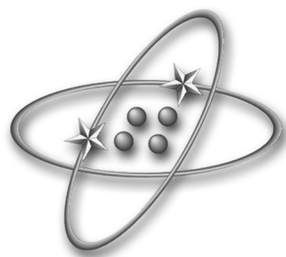
Michael Hubbell

Base Secretary





From The COB -Rick Petitt



FROM THE COB

Well the base elections are almost complete and unless someone falls from the sky to run for base commander, then I may be the one. If so then this is one of my last submissions to the Piedmont Periscope as the COB. It also means that we need someone in the base to take up that position. If anyone is interested, please contact me. It is a good position and it doesn't take a lot of your time. The COB rings the bell at the Tolling of The Boats portion of our monthly meeting and I have always felt humbled to do this to hon-

or our brave Submarine heroes that gave their life for us. Unfortunately I won't be at the May meeting in Burnsville. But I will certainly be thinking of all of you that weekend, while I endure the week in Aruba. Otherwise I will see all of you at the April 25 meeting.

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

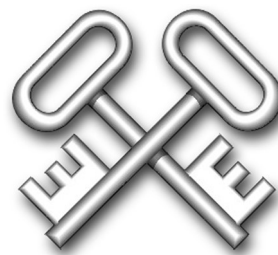
– Ralph Waldo Emerson



A Note from Nations Ford High School, Fort Mill SC visit:

Jack, Paul and I went to our first visit of Nations Ford ROTC program. Wow! We're we impressed. Col Sean Mulcahy (ret) and his program resides in a separate building built specifically for ROTC. They are nationally ranked in air rifle shooting with an indoor range against other ROTC programs. They are also rank 7th over all in nationwide ROTC programs. We saw the awards. We wound up not bringing our table top fleet as we were under the impression that as usual, we would be in a closet of a classroom. Boy were we wrong!

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.



Next year we plan to stand for an entire day teaching classes. Please come next time! Lots of room!

RM2/SS



Chaplin's Corner



By the time you read this Easter and Passover 2015 will be history. We pray you had a wonderful Easter and for our Jewish friends, a memorable Passover Celebration. Perhaps you saw (we didn't) the blood moon and total lunar eclipse this morning. It was the 3rd of 4 total eclipses in the 18 month long tetrad series. The next one will be Sept. 28, 2015.

A brief note about Diana... She saw her cardiologist and nephrologist and will see her endocrinologist this week. Heart is good, kidneys... not so good. She has another lab tomorrow and we will see how the kidneys are doing now. Her peritoneal dialysis treatment has been increased to 9.5 hours and 12,500 ml total. I think because her kidneys have not been cleaning well she has been quite weak but she is looking forward to getting away for a couple of days at Myrtle Beach if

possible. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers on our behalf. We thank God for you all and miss you when we are unable to participate in other activities.

As I think back on my childhood I see an America today that is far different from the America in which I, and many of you, had the privilege of growing up. Our society now seems hell-bent on a path of self-imposed destruction from within. Common sense (true wisdom) has been banished from the public square and replaced with political correctness so that even many of those, who profess to speak for God, no longer boldly speak the truth. And those who shout the mantra of tolerance are often some of the most intolerant, especially if you stand opposed to their way of thinking. They will call you names like gun toting, Bible thumping hater or bigot or racist or worse. I have a Bible and I have several guns! But I am not a bigot, a racist, or a hater! Of course, this class warfare behavior is not new (Socialism thrives on class warfare) but it certainly appears to be so much more in your face today.

Our Founding Fathers under-

stood the need for a moral and ethical people very well...

"Neither the wisest constitution nor the wisest laws will secure the liberty and happiness of a people whose manners are universally corrupt. He therefore is the truest friend to the liberty of his country who tries most to promote its virtue, and who ... will not suffer a man to be chosen into any office of power and trust who is not a wise and virtuous man." - Samuel Adams (Signer of the Declaration of Independence)

We are rapidly becoming and will become a nation of fools (Fool meaning a person who does not believe God, or in God, or lives as if God didn't exist) if we do not change our behavior.

Benjamin Rush – signed the Declaration of Independence and attended the Continental Congress. He served as Surgeon General in the Continental army.

"I lament that we waste so much time and money in punishing crimes and take so little pains to prevent them... we neglect the only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government; that is, the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by means of the Bible; for this Divine Book, above all others, constitutes the soul of republicanism." "By withholding the knowledge of [the Scriptures] from children, we deprive ourselves of the best means of



Chaplin's Corner Continued

awakening moral sensibility in their minds." [Letter written (1790's) in Defense of the Bible in all schools in America]

And the God of the Bible understands the need for moral, ethical, and wise behavior if a society is to thrive and survive.

Proverbs 1:20-33 NKJV Lady Wisdom

Wisdom calls aloud outside; she raises her voice in the open squares. 21She cries out in the chief concourses, at the openings of the gates in the city she speaks her words: 22“How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge. 23Turn at my rebuke (About face!); Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. 24Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded, 25Because you disdained all my counsel, and would have none of my rebuke, 26I also will laugh at your calamity;

I will mock when your terror comes, 27When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you.

28“Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. 29Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, 30They would

have none of my counsel and despised my every rebuke. 31Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies. 32For the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; 33But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil.”

In the public square (and on TV, Internet, Smartphones, and other media) our language and images are becoming more vulgar and crude. I have heard more filth spewing forth from the mouths of little children than I ever encountered in the U.S. Navy! (My mother would have washed my mouth out with soap – today that might land you in the hands of social services!). How very sad indeed because we have lost all sense of common sense.

In addition, the Judeo-Christian principles on which this nation was founded are under attack from every quarter and the Christian community in America appears to be happy to just sit silently by. Pastors and Priests, including myself, need to become more vocal in resisting such evil. Where is the Salt and Light that Jesus said His followers were to be?

BUT!!! Not all is lost, at least not yet. Easter speaks of new life! Jesus said...

John 10:7-10 NKJV Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8All who ever came before Me are thieves and rob-

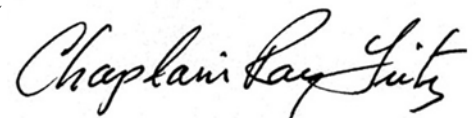
bers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

We the People, especially Christians and Jews, must turn our hearts toward the God of the Bible, repent of our personal and national sins, and ask God to forgive us and heal our land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 NKJV 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.

“Power always thinks... that it is doing God's service when it is violating all his laws.” - John Adams

Jude 1:25 NKJV Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.



Ray Fritz, Base Chaplain

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Carolina Piedmont Base at the Charlotte Knights!!!

Base outing for the Charlotte Knights baseball game is on May 25th at 7

PM! Seats are \$16.00 per person and the need to respond to Dale Moses (Moe) by April 24th at

donutdad@att.net or at 704-248-7610. We currently have 18 signed up, we need two more for our discount!

The Carolina Piedmont Base Color Guard will be presenting the Colors prior to the Game.

See Ya There!

Moe(SS)

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 Recent Events:



Eagle Scout Presentation!!!!

Eagle Scout presentation conducted at Wesley Chapel, NC . Steve Bell and Jack Jeffries presenting USSVI Eagle Scout Certificate and badge to Eagle Scout Kevin Winslow.



Victory Junction!

Pictured from left Steve Bell, Calvin Reese, Libby Reese and Jack Jeffries

We were proud to make this, the 17th visit to Victory Junction on April 11th, 2015.



Nations Ford High School Marine JROTC building

Carolina Piedmont Color Guard at Massing of The Colors, Rock Hill, High School



New members

5 prospective new members for next meeting.

“Have you recruited your new members for the base yet?”

Binnacle List:

Judy Hickerson

Hal & Dee Rutter

Mike Toomey's son

Diana Fitz

Diane Carr

Tom Hulme

Robert Howell

Ma Bell

Cathy Davison

Happy Birthday to:

April:

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

George Birmingham—21 April

James Schenk—24 April

Paul Simerly—9 April

Tom Tidd—28 April



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Bob and Mary Bickford—21 April

William and Judy Hickerson—23 April

Tom and Melinda Hulme—16 April

Tom and Amelia Tidd—7 April

Mike and Karen Toomey—24 April



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

SubVettes March Birthdays!



Connie Birmingham—April 24

Linda Crystal—April 14

Liz Harris—April 25

Susan Kelly—April 22

Dee Rutter—April 30

Linda Zieverink—April 9



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

Sea Stories!!!!!!

Some of these stories may be true.

USS Alexander Hamilton SSBN617 (1964 or 65)

As M division supply parts Petty Officer I had access to 1 quart cans of 190 proof alcohol used to clean all of our electronic stuff, which amounted to half a dozen salinity cells. Prior to patrol I would request 3 quarts of 190 of which we really needed about to $\frac{1}{2}$ quart. During stores loading 4 quart jars of Maraschino Cherries would find their way to the engine room where half of their juice would be replaced with 190, and stored in a warm out of the way place.

Fast forward, on patrol after evening meal and myself and two of my friends are in the engine room shaft alley on the work bench enjoying a Cherry Coke when around the reduction gears who should appear but the M Division Officer. As he approaches and says that he likes cherries could he have one. By now I'm sure that I'll be busted, however after eating his cherry the officer says nice cherries don't eat too many. WOW.

Fast forward again mid watch (0000 0400) New Year's Eve, I'm the Engine room Supervisor (ERS) and the M division officer is the Engineering Officer of the Watch (EOW). About one hour into the watch over the engineering announcing system comes the call for ERS to Manervig. On arrival the M Division Officer asks if I have any more Cherries? I had to admit that I had a fair supply remaining, where he direct me to give each watch stander no more than 2 Cherries to celebrate New Years. The M Division Officer (LT I Wish I could remember his name) made great points with me and all the men on watch that New Years eve.

USS Alexander Hamilton SSBN 617 (1964 or 65)

Lower Level Operations Compartment, which contained Crews Berthing, Crews Lounge, and two Heads (Bathrooms), and the Snake Pit, where the controls for blowing the Sanitary Tank were located. This procedure was normally done during the Mid Watch (0000 0400).

On Patrol, Mid Watch (0000 0400). Auxiliary Man on watch in the Snake Pit blowing Sanitary tank with signs on the Head doors saying Blowing Sanitary Do Not Enter. SK 1 appears and requests permission from the Auxiliary Man to use the Head (It's an Emergency) who replies OK but don't flush. Ten minutes later SK 1 to Auxiliary Man, are you done blowing Sanitary? Reply YES. The SK 1 opens the valve to flush the toilet and is greeted by a column of water and waste. Auxiliary Man to SK1 I haven't finished vent-

Funnies Continued

ing. SK1 to Auxiliary Man, I'll Kill You, You SOB.

This story was all over the boat before Breakfast. Boomer Sailors have a very strange sense of humor.



More 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.

>

>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 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 mount-

Sea Stories Continued

ing 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 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

Sea Stories Continued

door was going to open. "Sun Down" immediately shutdown both diesels and calmly went back to his bunk. There is no drought that his quick actions saved everyone in the aft section of the boat, but other day in

to him it just another day in SUBMARINES.



Where did they go?

They were famous throughout the Navy. The Gut in Barcelona; East Main Street in Norfolk; Flatbush Ave in Brooklyn; (Fulton & Lafayette), The Combat Zone in Boston; The Pike in Long Beach; Market Street in San Francisco; Bank Street in New London; Broadway Street in San Diego; Hotel (s**t) Street in Honolulu; The Honcho in Yokosuka, China Town and Sakuragi-cho in Yokohama; Wanchai in Hong Kong; Buggis Street in Singapore; Magsaysay in Olongapo; and all the other places where fleet sailors congregated.

People ask, "Where did they go?"

Well shipmate, they didn't go anywhere. You are asking the wrong question. You should ask, "Where did all the fleet sailors go?"

Long ago, on payday night and in the nights following, these streets were a paradise to the North American Blue Jacket. A person could look down the street and see neon signs advertising beer and bars and a sea of white hats bobbing up and down as sailors made their way from bar to bar. At liberty call these became a shopping center for intoxicating beverages and sex.

And in some places a PO2 could get that new First Class crow sewn on or that old Third Class crow sewn back on. No need for crows these days. It is all collar and hat devices. Hell, I don't see much need for dress canvas these days. The only time I see it worn is when a ship is leaving or returning from a deployment.

With all the straight sailors and females, the gays and lesbians and "don't knows" aboard these days, I figure sailors are shopping for sex closer to home.

The smoking lamp is cold and probably over the side or being saved for recycling or Mary Soo (forget her, CumShaw is Fraud,



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
May issue will be the
15th. Thanks!**

RM2/SS

Waste, Abuse and misappropriation of government property. I'll tell a story about the consequences of CumShaw some time). Instead of trading useless gear to Mary Soo for painting the ship, the Navy now recycles and lets a multi-thousand dollar contract to get the job done.

Smoking is now frowned upon. Surface ships limit smoking to a tiny, uncomfortable topside space. My shipmates in the Bubble Head world can no longer smoke anyplace aboard the boat. Municipalities and states have also jumped on the bandwagon and banned smoking in bars and restaurants..

Drive past any bar or lounge and you will see a group standing on the corner smoking and no, they cannot bring their drinks outside. It is against the law to drink in public. Drinkers are now pariahs in our modern Navy.

The clubs are closed. They no longer exist or have been converted to MWR game rooms where the strongest drink available is a lousy Red Bull. Quarterdecks of ships, in addition to a podium, log books, long glass, and weapon are now equipped with a Breathalyzer and probably a watch stander to operate it.

Many commands are requiring that sailors refrain from drinking the day prior to a duty day.

Back in the day, a sailor ashore knew that his shipmates had his back. Whether in a confrontation with a sailor from another ship, marines, or Limeys, he knew his shipmates would stand with him.

Too much to drink? A shipmate would help you back aboard and even help you to your rack. You would do the same for him. These days, you are assigned a "Liberty Buddy." You are to stay together and, I guess, keep each other from drinking or smoking.

With the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell", I guess a dalliance with a "Rump Ranger" would be okay. But, before you go ashore, you have to formulate a "Liberty Plan" and get it approved by your Department/Division Liberty Coordinator. If during your liberty, you or your Liberty Buddy change your plan, you must contact your Liberty Coordinator and get the change approved.

I surmise that, "I'll be in the Barrio some place getting screwed." Would not be an acceptable liberty plan. Always worked for me!

They were more than streets and bars. First and foremost, they were the repositories of small bits and pieces of the history of America's forces afloat. They were the unofficial clubhouses of those of us who went to sea on old gray steel under the flag of the United States. They were places where a thirsty bluejacket could go and park his butt where sailors of earlier fleets had parked theirs.

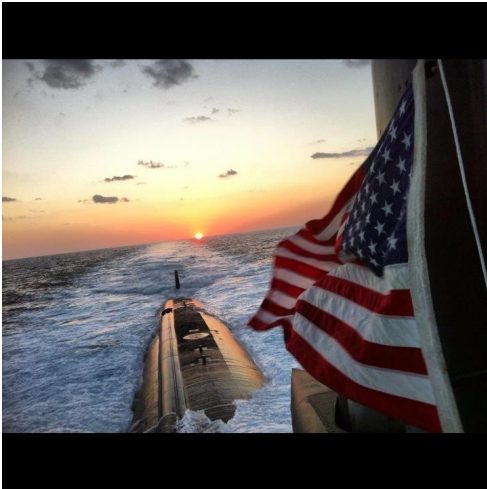
They were the poor man's Valhalla, where lads who plowed deep salt water could go and share fellowship and sea stories with fellow practitioners of the nautical arts... A place where well-intentioned exaggeration and bullshit-gilded flawed recollection were readily forgiven and accepted.

They were places where lonely strays could tie up alongside a warm feminine fanny on a cold night... For a few bucks, and sometimes love.

Where did the streets and the bars go you ask?

Where the hell did the real sailors go?



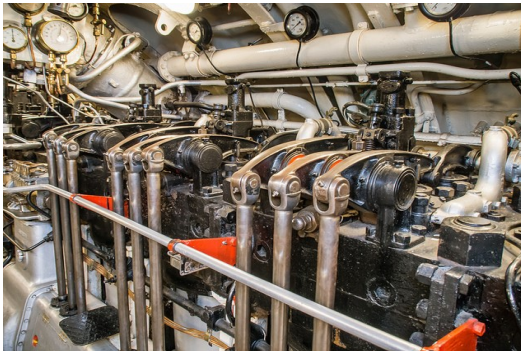


Past Base Commanders:



Glenn Harris- 2007 to 2009

Steve Bell- 2009 to Present

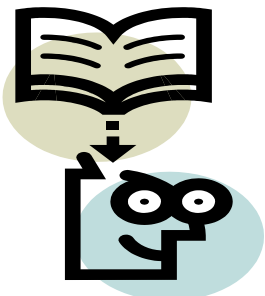
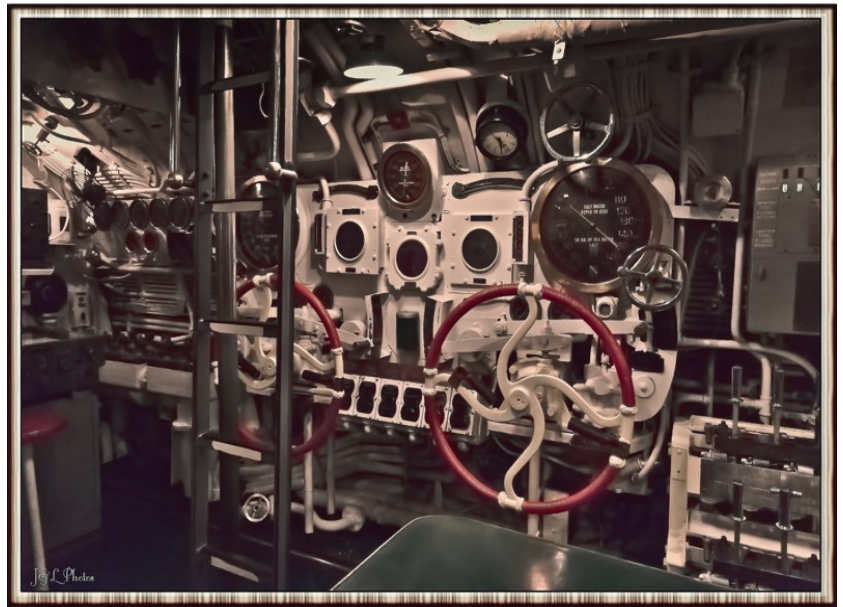




Next Meeting:

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

At Fort Mill, SC,
VFW Post



Every Boat
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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 April	2	3 Good Friday 	4 Eagle Scout Presentation Passover
5 Easter 	6	7	8	9	10	11 VFW Post breakfast!  Victory Junction
12 Piedmont Periscope Dead-line	13	14	15 NJROTC Presentation	16	17	18 Eagle Scout presentation
19 Massing of Colors—Rock Hill HS, SC	20 SE Region Convention	21 SE Region Convention	22 SE Region Convention Earth Day	23 SE Region Convention	24	25 Base Dinner- 5:30 pm Meeting 7:00pm 
26 Eagle Scout presentation	27	28	29	30	1 MAY	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 VFW Post Breakfast! 
10	11	12	13	14	15 Burnsville, NC	16 Burnsville, NC

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:

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Jack Anulies FTB1(SS)
Steve Bell - RMCM(SS)
Perry Blake - IC3(SS)
Robert Boyd - RMCS(SS)
Ron Busila—MMC(SS)
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Larry Lynch - MMCM(SS)
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