



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 July

"Sailors, rest your oars"

USS S 39 (SS 144)
August 16, 1942

USS POMPARO (SS 181)
August 29, 1943

USS FLIER (SS 250)
August 13, 1944

USS HARDER (SS 257)
August 24, 1944

USS BULLHEAD (SS 332)
August 6, 1945

USS COCHINO (SS 345)
August 26, 1949



CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt



The hot miserable days of July are here, but that doesn't slow down our Carolina Piedmont community activities. On Saturday, 7/11, the Bilge Rats put on an award winning production, at the Laurels in Pineville, to an enthusiastic crowd of elderly fans. We almost had crowd control problems when they started singing along, rocking in their

chairs and dancing in the aisles. It was really a good performance, and it is heart warming to know that we brought some joy to these wonderful people at the Laurels. This year we have several new members involved with the show. They fit right in and are doing a great job. I want to send a huge thank you and job well done to all of the members of the Bilge Rats productions. We are always in search of new talent, so sign up and join the fun.

Later this month, we will be visiting Victory Junction and doing our part to lighten up the lives of the children who are struggling with many difficult physical problems. If you have not ever been a part of this visit, you should contact us and get on the schedule for the next event. It is a humbling and rewarding experience.

Last month the Concord area American Legion scheduled a flag retirement ceremony. Prior to the ceremony, we were able to salvage 2,000 stars from the flags they were retiring. We represented our base at the ceremony, which was very impressive. While attending this ceremony, we were also searching for former Submariners for recruitment into our Carolina Piedmont Base. If you know of any military related events, don't hesitate to let our membership know so we can represent our base. We are all recruiters, and we want to grow our membership for the future.

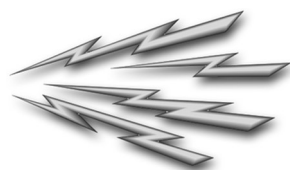
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XO's Stateroom — Vice Commander Jack Jeffries

Carolina Piedmont Rocks-
At the June meeting, the new Base Commander, Rick Petitt and the new Base Secretary, Tom Kelly were sworn into office by District Commander, Steve Bell, I am sure that they will do a fine job for our members. Commander Petitt also appointed an alternate Base Secretary, John Grough and an alternate Treasurer, Calvin Reese to fill in at meetings where needed. During the month of June, we also bid farewell to one of the Founders of the base, John Wardean and his wife Sandi. They relocated

to the Bremerton area where they have family. They will surely be missed. For the North Carolina members, there is a program in the State DMV that allows you to order a specialty plate, designating you as a Submarine Veteran. The cost is \$10.00 per year and can be obtained at the local DMV office. We have a visit coming this month to Victory Junction. Anna and Joel Tuchfeld are to attend. Our Eagle Scout lead, Steve Bell has an Eagle Scout presentation the 15th of this month at Rock Hill. If you know of any scout that is advancing to the Eagle Scout Court of Honor, please contact Steve. This is an important civic project that we conduct, and Steve is always open to having some other members participating in the ceremony. Let him know if you are interested in attending one of the programs. Hats off to the Bilge Rat crew on their opening show of the season. They tell me they are always looking for talent to join the group The base is proud to welcome John

Brough to our base. John retired as a YNC(SS), and he qualified on the John Adams in 1973 . He volunteered to fill the position of Alternate Base Secretary. Thank You, John. Just a reminder to mark your calendar for our annual gathering here at our place, the 26th of September. See you at our next base meeting, the 25th of July, meal served at 1730 with meeting to start at 1900.

Special note for the ladies, Paul and Sandra Myers have donated a free standing air conditioner for the ladies meeting room. A GREAT BIG THANKS FROM CONCERNED HUSBANDS.

Jack



Comm Center — Tom Kelly, Base Secretary

June 20th Meeting Minutes



Call Meeting to Order

1900 hrs. Outgoing Base Commander Steve Bell called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Base Chaplain Raymond Fritz gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Steve Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Presentations

As his last presentation as base commander, Steve Bell presented an Atta Boy Award to Robert Schilke for his initiatives and tireless efforts promoting the ideals and benevolence of the Carolina Piedmont Base and its programs. Robert willingly accepted the duties as Editor of the Carolina Piedmont Periscope monthly base publication, and Robert also has built numerous model submarines, which he displays at all base meetings and which he also brings and displays to students, teachers and others at many school functions ,where the base has been invited to participate. WELL DONE goes to Robert Schilke!

Swearing in Base Officers

Two new officers were sworn in at this meeting by outgoing Base Commander Steve Bell.

Rick Petitt was sworn in as the next Carolina Piedmont Base Commander, replacing outgoing commander Steve Bell (Steve has served as Base Commander from 2009 to 2015).

Tom Kelly was sworn in as Carolina Piedmont Base Secretary, replacing Mike Hubbell who served as Secretary from 2011 to 2015.

Two remaining officers were sworn in to their existing positions at the Burnsville meeting in May.

Jack Jeffries was sworn in, continuing as Carolina Piedmont Base Vice-Commander. (Jack is continuing to serve as base Vice-Commander since 2011).

Raymond Zieverink was sworn in, continuing as Carolina Piedmont Base Treasurer. (Raymond is continuing to serve as Treasurer since 2013).

USSVI Creed

The USSVI Creed was recited by Lee Hickerson.

Tolling of the Boats

The Tolling for June was presented by Ray Fritz and Joel Sparnon.

June Minutes Continued

Member Introductions

There were 23 members present, including 1 new member (John Brough), who was attending his first Carolina Piedmont base meeting. An interesting side note is that we had personnel present who qualified as far back as 1946 and as recently as 1994.

Reading/Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes

The motion was made to accept the minutes for the April 2015 meeting, which were both posted in the June edition of the Piedmont Periscope and were also distributed to the membership through direct emails. The motion carried.

Reading/Approval of the Treasurers Report

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

Category	June 2015 Balances	Last Reported Balances
Kapss4kidss Fund	\$ 1,949.37	\$ 1,949.37
Scholarship Fund	\$ 268.00	\$ 172.00
General Base Fund	\$ 5,334.20	\$ 5,114.20
Total Balances	\$ 7,551.57	\$ 7,235.57

Old Business

None

New Business

Trailer Maintenance Fund

Steve Bell reported that the NC Subvets trailer maintenance fund (which is managed by the Nat Greene Base) had recently been running in the 'red', but through some recent donations, was now carrying a small surplus of funds again. A proposal was presented that all NC Subvet Bases donate up to \$50, to provide a reasonable cushion of money to provide immediate maintenance/repairs to the float trailers when needed. After some discussion on what maintenance was necessary on the trailers and whether \$50 was enough for each base to donate, the motion was made to donate \$50.00 to the NC Subvet Trailer Fund from the Base General Fund. The motion carried.

Color Guard

Dale Moses put out a call that more volunteers were needed to support the bases' color guard activities.

June Meeting Minutes Continued

Dale also discussed the need to have a reserve number of color-guard uniform items on hand (e.g. white gloves, belts, shoulder cords, etc.) for when new volunteers participated in presentation activities. On the topic of uniform items, it was noted that Garrison-style hats will be worn and individually purchased by each new color-guard member, and that \$20 towards the purchase of their hat will be contributed by that person.

Dale proposed an amount of \$110.25 would be needed to order 5 sets of spare uniform items. After some discussion, a motion was made to provide Dale with \$110.25 to order a reserve inventory of color guard uniform items. The motion carried.

Dale also mentioned that in the future solid-black trousers will be the uniform pants for all color-guard presentations and that khaki-color trousers are no longer to be worn.

SK Report

Base Storekeeper Jeff Nieberding reminded members that patches and vests can be purchased through him, and that challenge coins and parking posters were still available for purchase from him.

Good of the Order

- New Non-elected officers

Rick Petitt reported that Joel Sparnon has been appointed as the new C.O.B (Chief of the Base).

Back-up Personnel for Specific Base Officers

Rick Petitt reported that personnel were approached to provide back-up to certain base positions, in the event the assigned officer could not attend or was not available. Rick announced that Calvin Reese had agreed to be back-up Base Treasurer for Raymond Zieverink, and newest member John Brough has agreed to be back-up Base Secretary for Tom Kelly. A discussion with Base Chaplain Ray Fritz was had, to determine who could substitute for Ray, when certain activities involving travel would be needed for items like visitation of the sick, presentation of a book of remembrance to departed loved ones and participation at funerals for members departed on Eternal Patrol. No names immediately came to mind, but this topic will continue to be pursued.

- Ideas for Future Base Meetings

Having Guest Speakers: Rick Petitt solicited ideas on what to include at future base meetings. Possibilities mentioned were having more guest speakers (e.g. a Navy Recruiter, a retired admiral or a person to give us an update in general, on what's happening in today's Navy).

Another idea mentioned was doing another CPR refresher demonstration.

- Future Base Events

June Meeting Minutes Continued

Rick Petitt reminded us about current and future opportunities for participating at functions to represent USSVI at places like Kaps-4-Kids events and Knights Baseball games. Rick also spoke about new ideas we could do as a base, just for time to spend together, like attending a hockey game or having a picnic together in a park. A reminder was given to compare possible dates for future base activities with the dates already established for specific USSVI events, so as not to conflict with those Regional or National events.

- Base Facebook Page

Rick mentioned the Carolina Piedmont Base has a Facebook site that has been relatively dormant in recent years. The page was originally set up by former Base Commander Glenn Harris and was administered by John McHugh. Joel Sparnon mentioned that he is an active Facebook person. Joel volunteered to breathe some life back into our bases' Facebook page.

- Burnsville NC

Jack Jeffries provided us with a rundown of the regional meeting at Burnsville from last month. Jack said this event at Burnsville was attended by USSVI National Commander Al Singleman Jr., and it was a great success once again. Eighty people were in attendance at the privately-built submarine memorial for WWII submariners, located on Moonshine Mountain. Jack also said the new hotel, where most people stayed, was also a great place to stay. The USS Asheville Base now maintains responsibility for the Burnsville Memorial.

- Awards Boards

Rick Petitt presented a very nice awards-display board which he built to show past awards won by the Carolina Piedmont Base. Rick mentioned he will be building a similar awards board for the multiple awards won by the production of the Piedmont Periscope base newsletter. It was also mentioned there is now a banner attached to the display of the 52 Boats Lost tapestry, which shows multiple patches received and associated with awards won by the base.

- Knights Ballgame

Rick Petitt reported the Carolina Piedmont Base Color Guard had the privilege of presenting the colors at the Memorial Day baseball game, which took place at the new BB&T ballpark home in Charlotte (home of the Charlotte Knights). The game that followed was attended by a number of base members.

- Triad Memorial

Steve Bell provided information on his visit to the Triad Memorial park, located between Greensboro and Winston-Salem NC. Steve mentioned there were a number of displays representing USSVI at the memorial site. Steve said this memorial park was very well done and that Joe Clark (a WWII submarine veteran and member of the Nat Greene Base) was a major contributor to the Triad Memorial and was the person behind getting much of the submarine remembrance items into the Trial Park displays.

- National Dues

Rick Petitt provided information that the cost of our USSVI National dues will be going up by an additional \$5 next year. This will bring the yearly cost of National Dues up to \$25 per year. The cost increase is primarily based on the increased costs of producing the hardcopy version of the American Submariner quarterly magazine. Jack Jeffries mentioned that he will be conducting a survey of base members, to see who would be interested in switching to the on-line version of the American Submariner only. With rising costs of production and postage, we are being encouraged to switch to the on-line version of the American Submariner for future editions.

- National Convention

Rick Petitt reminded us that this year's National USSVI Convention is being held in Pittsburgh PA, home to the USS Requin Base. The convention dates are September 7th thru 12th, and if attending and you haven't registered to attend yet, the time is running out for obtaining the reduced registration fee. Rick also mentioned there will be an opportunity to attend a Pittsburgh Pirates home game at PNC Park during that week.

- Bilge Rats

Rick Petitt mentioned to us the newest production from the Carolina-Piedmont Bilge Rats. The latest production called Ned Sullivan, (a "southernized" version of the Ed Sullivan Show) was performed at Burnsville. An additional practice session was held earlier this evening, and Rick did say that more volunteers are needed to participate in all aspects of the program.

- Parades

A reminder to all that parade season is upon us and more information will be put out to members once it is finalized, which events the base plans to participate in.

- Piedmont Periscope

Robert Schilke reminded all hands that submissions for the newsletter need to be sent to him no later than July 15th.

Next Base Meeting

- The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be on July 25th, 2015 at the VFW in Fort Mill. A pot-luck dinner will be served at 1730 hours, and the meeting will start at 1900 hours.

Motion to Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and passed.

Benediction

The Benediction was given by base Chaplain Raymond Fritz.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Tom Kelly

Base Secretary



Cold War Victory Medal

The Cold War Victory Medal is both an official medal of the National Guard and an unofficial military medal of the United States. It is awarded by the States of Louisiana and Texas, and in ribbon form only by the State of Alaska. In the medal's unofficial capacity, it can be purchased, but not worn in uniform. **It may be worn by any member of the United States military, or civilian employees of the federal government, who served in their positions honorably during the years of the Cold War, specifically September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991.**

Background and history

In accordance with section 1084 of the National Defense Authorization Act[1] for fiscal year 1998, Congress commended the members of the Armed Forces and civilian personnel, who contributed to what the US government sees as their own historic victory in the Cold War, and authorized and instructed the then-Secretary of Defense, William Cohen, to prepare a certificate recognizing the Cold War service of qualifying members of the Armed Forces and civilian personnel of the Department of Defense and other government agencies. The certificate became known as the Cold War Recognition Certificate available by request of the individual, by all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who honorably served the United States, anytime during the Cold War, which is defined as September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991.

In October 2001, Congress passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)[2] for fiscal year 2002, which is signed into law on December 28, 2001 by President George W. Bush. In the NDAA approved by both houses and signed into law by the president, was a Sense of the Congress resolution that the Secretary of Defense should consider authorizing the issuance of a Campaign medal, to be known as the Cold War Service Medal, to each person who while a member of the Armed Forces served satisfactorily on active duty during the Cold War. The then-Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, did not create such a medal.

The official US Navy web page states: "The Department of Defense will not be creating a Cold War Service medal" and that any commemorative medals made by private vendors are unauthorized on the military uniform.[3] At present the Cold War Victory Medal remains strictly commemorative and is unofficial other than for members of the Louisiana National Guard.

The Cold War Victory Medal is also referred to as the Cold War Commemorative Medal, Cold War Service Medal, or simply as the Cold War Medal. There are no devices or attachments authorized for the Cold War Victory Medal.

Various commemorative versions of the medal

The Cold War Victory Medal is also a civilian medal which may be privately purchased but is not distributed by the United States government. As such, the decoration is not presently authorized for wear on active duty military uniforms. However, the medal has been officially adopted by the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States and is thus frequently worn by U.S. military retirees, veterans and civilians on public holidays, parades and veterans functions. In this regard, the order of precedence of the Cold War Victory Medal is immediately after the lowest authorized U.S. award.

There are various versions of the medal privately struck by many different vendors. However, the only version which has been officially adopted by the Military Order of Foreign Wars has been the Cold War Victory Medal designed by Nadine Russell of the Institute of Heraldry. It has also been officially adopted by the American Cold War Veterans organization. The Germany Defense Veterans of America has also adopted and authorized this medal to all the members of the Germany Defense Veterans of America as this organization's wear of medals on the GDVA uniform.



From The COB—Joel Sparnon MM2(SS)



Recruitment – When I hear this word, I think of the MM1 that showed up to my second boat, after doing a tour as a recruiter (to be the LPO), and how rusty he was on all things boat related (and how much that was a cluster). I mention recruitment, because even though I am relatively new to the base, I see the importance to recruit, to insure we survive and thrive.

This month, I started a promotion on social media (around the Facebook Submarine sites) to get our base and the national information out there in front of Submariners, that may not be familiar with

the USSVI. (I am looking for further recruitment ideas).

Fairly regularly, while working or out and about with my family, I run into another Submariner, and normally they know nothing of USSVI. Just like a lot of you, I have had business cards made with the base information and my contact information on them, and I try when I hand out a card, to get the guys contact information (as Jack suggests), so we can follow up.

If you have suggestions on how to further get the knowledge that we exist out there, please let me know. My email is Sparonj@bellsouth.net. If you don't want to get your own cards, I will bring a box of mine to the meetings. Please take some and use them. Let's continue to grow.

Joel Sparnon



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.



Chaplin's Corner



Dear members, families, and friends
of the Carolina Piedmont Base,
USSVI,

The United States of America...
239 Years old!

I am amazed at how little I know
about the Founding Fathers, and I
am not alone. Were they perfect?

By no means! Were they all religious? No! But most believed in a supreme being, whom they referred to in various ways.

I was always told that Thomas Jefferson was a deist. A deist is a person who advocated natural religion, emphasizing morality, and in the 18th century, denying the interference of the Creator with the laws of the universe. In other words, they believed that God created all things and then sat back and was no longer concerned with or involved in His creation. But Jefferson's statements don't fit that description. For instance he said...

"God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the Gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever." – Thomas Jefferson

I don't know where you stand in regards to the recent decision by the Supreme Court on marriage

but they are not the SUPREME Court of God's creation. Also, marriage is not a political issue, although many are making it one. Marriage isn't even a human rights issue, although many are making it one. Marriage was ordained and described by God Himself.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

One day the Pharisees, the religious and political leaders of the day, came to Jesus to test him...

Matthew 19:3-6 The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" 4and He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 5and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Call it what you will, but when two men or two women or any other combination of created things come together other than a man and a woman, it is not marriage by God's definition.

The greatest letter on Christian doctrine is the letter to the Romans by the Apostle Paul. He sums up the end results of the



Chaplin's Corner Continued

downward progression of sin in a person's life and in a national life.

Romans 1:28-32 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

They lose all common sense and support those things which beforehand have been held as reprehensible. In my estimation, to redefine marriage by any other standard than that which God has ordained is the height of arrogance. Let me be clear, if people want a union other than that, that is their decision but please don't call it marriage.

I always appreciate your

comments, even if you don't agree, but on the issue of marriage, take it up with God. He has the final word.

A LAST WORD before closing: I would like to resign as your chaplain because of our current situation, but I don't want the base to be without one. At this time, it is very difficult for me to carry on some of the duties that I feel are necessary to be a good chaplain and some things are impossible, like attending funerals and parades. Pray that someone will step up to relieve me of the duty. Thank you and God bless.

Grace and peace,.

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Navy signs off on push to add sailors' names to

Vietnam wall

The Navy officially signed off on a decades-old effort to have the names of 74 sailors – including a Chautauqua County native – who died on the USS Frank E. Evans added to the black granite wall of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The Department of Defense still has to give its okay, according to a letter sent to Sen. Charles E. Schumer.

“While the Secretary of the Navy believes this case has merit ... the Department of Defense determined that this tragedy does not meet the standard for inscription,” wrote Russell Beland, deputy assistant secretary of the Navy.

Schumer has championed an effort by families of the 74, who include Terry Lee Henderson, who was from Westfield. The men died in a collision with an Australian ship on June 3, 1969, when the Evans was in the South China Sea participating in anti-submarine exercises with U.S. allies.

While 199 survived, 74 men died in the front of the ship, which sank quickly. Their names were not included on the wall, because the ship was 100 miles outside the official combat zone.

It is an irrelevant distinction, according to the families and the author of a book about seamen who died.

“That ship would never have been there had there not been a Vietnam War,” said Louise Esola, who wrote “American Boys.”

Henderson's younger brother Randy, who lives in Mayville, has arranged for an annual reunion of Evans survivors and descend-

Vietnam wall

ents, to be held in Buffalo in 2016.

Schumer is optimistic that the names will be added. "Now, our fight to have this injustice reversed will focus on the top brass at the Department of Defense, and rest assured we will do all in our power to persuade them to finally and appropriately honor these brave sailors for their sacrifice and service," he said in a statement.

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Bildge Rat Productions

Become a "Bilge Rat"!

The "Bilge Rats", as they have become to be known are looking for new volunteers to join there group of "traveling performers". These are the Base members and Subvettes who travel to the various Asisted 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 is now being held. 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 can man: Steve Bell. Please bring your crushed 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:



Pictures from the Last meeting!!!!



“I relieve you” “ I stand relieved”



Our new COB Joel!



A very happy relieved Commander!!!!



Rick takes over Command!

Buchanan's Bill to Replace DD-214 With Veterans ID Card Passes Senate Without Opposition

By Kevin Derby

June 23, 2015

Sunshine State News

On Monday June 22, The U.S. Senate amended and passed with unanimous consent a bill from a Florida congressman which ensures every veteran receives an ID card from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs without burdening taxpayers. The House passed the bill last month with 402 representatives backing it and no votes cast against it.

U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., introduced the Veterans ID Card Act earlier this year. Buchanan's bill would ensure all veterans receive ID cards from the VA instead of just those who served 20 years in the armed forces or are seeking medical treatment for service-related wounds.

In pushing his bill in recent months, Buchanan has noted veterans are forced to carry DD-214 paperwork, which contains sensitive information including Social Security numbers, and an ID card would be more convenient and would do a better job of keeping their personal information secure.

"A simple, standardized ID card will make life easier for our veterans and serve as a reminder that our brave service men and women deserve all the respect a grateful nation can offer," Buchanan said on Tuesday.

Buchanan insisted his bill was budget neutral since veterans who opted for the ID card would have a small fee which the VA secretary would examine every five years.

In the Senate, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., offered an amendment to Buchanan's bill ensuring all veterans would be eligible for the ID card, sending the bill back to the House. Buchanan's office expects the bill to sail through the House once again and be signed into law by President Barack Obama.

Congressional co-sponsors of the bill included U.S. Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., the chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee and U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown, D-Fla., the ranking Democrat on the committee. Other congressional representatives from Florida who co-sponsored the bill include Republican U.S. Reps. Ander Crenshaw, Ron DeSantis, Mario Diaz-Balart, David Jolly, Bill Posey, Dennis Ross and Ted Yoho, and Democratic U.S. Reps. Ted Deutch and Alcee Hastings. The bill has also won the backing of veterans groups including AMVETS and Veterans for Common Sense (VCS).

Anthony Hardie, the director of VCS, praised the bill on Tuesday, June 23.

"Veterans who have honorably served their country deserve to have a simple, straightforward way to prove their veteran status," Hardie said. "Veterans for Common Sense supports sensible legislation like Rep. Buchanan's Veterans ID Card Act."

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- See more at: http://www.sunshinestatenews.com/story/buchanans-bill-replace-dd-214-veterans-id-card-passes-senate-without-opposition?utm_source=Constant%20Contact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=News%20#sthash.hQS5iKyo.dpuf

New members

John Brough YNC(SS) qualified 1973 aboard
USS John Adams SSBN 620

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

Binnacle List:

Judy Hickerson	Robert Howell
Hal & Dee Rutter	Cathy Davison
Mike Toomey's son	Gail Rybczyk
Diana Fitz	Jim Schenk
Diane Carr	Monica Dachs
Tom Hulme	

Happy Birthday to:



July:

Jay Andress - 4 July
Greg Crystal - 24 July
W. “Stretch” Gollenhon - 22 July
Tom Holland - 25 July
Michael Hubbel - 28 July
Clarence Jordan - 19 July
Tom Lee - 16 July
Al Westberry - 9 July

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Jim and Liz Harris - 14 July
Robert and Emma Howell - 15 July
Clarence and Douise Jordan - 22 July
Arnold and Nancy Kirk - 4 July
Jim and Stacey Reeves - 12 July



SubVettes Birthdays!



Carol Jeffries - 6 July

Libby Reese - 9 July



Ladies,

SubVettes meet together at the same time as the guys at the VFW post. You have your own meeting room. So, please come and attend when your hubby/significant other is off meeting with the guys.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



USSVI 2015 SCHOLARSHIP

WINNERS

Robert "Robbie" Robertson Memorial Scholarship Award \$1000.00 William L. Hulme, Son of Shipmate, Tom Lee Hulme, Carolina Piedmont Base

USS Tunney Association Scholarship \$1000.00 Andrew Dunton, Son of Shipmate, Edward S. Dunton, Carolina Piedmont Base



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. Both ROTC commanders are happy to have us visit their schools. We have just visited Nations Ford HS, and we will be visiting Fort Mill HS later this year. We also have York Technical H.S. as well coming up. Dates to follow....

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



Piedmont Funnies Page

A few Random Thoughts!

I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People move out of the way much faster now!

You can tell a lot about a woman's mood just by her hands. If she is holding a gun, she's probably angry.

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone? That's common sense leaving your body.

I don't like making plans for the day because then the word "premeditated" gets thrown around in the courtroom.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to change calling the bathroom the John and renamed it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet...

Old age is coming at a really bad time! When I was a child I thought Nap Time was a punishment... now, as a grownup, it just feels like a small vacation!

The biggest lie I tell myself is...."I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it".

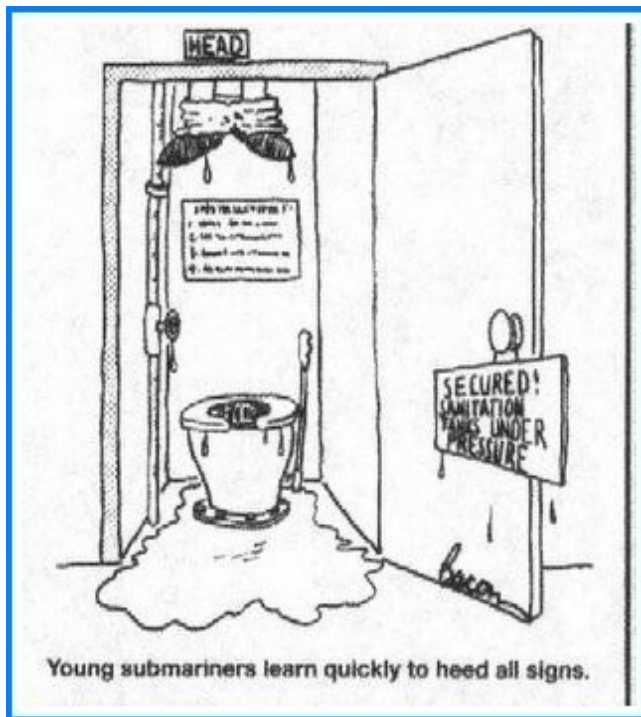
I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights". I'm just very wise.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age "getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

FunniesContinued



Meeting Dinners

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

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

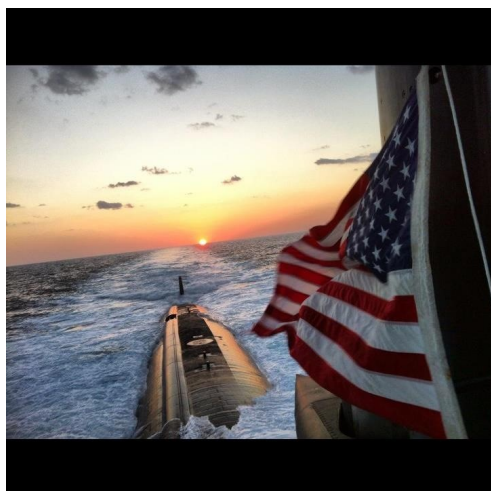
The meal also is one of our main fund raisers. A six dollar donation is suggested for each person eating. From that six dollars, a dollar goes to the USSVI Scholarship Fund. The remainder is divided between the Base membership and the SubVettes membership.

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

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

Deadline for the August issue will be the 15th. Thanks!

RM2(SS)



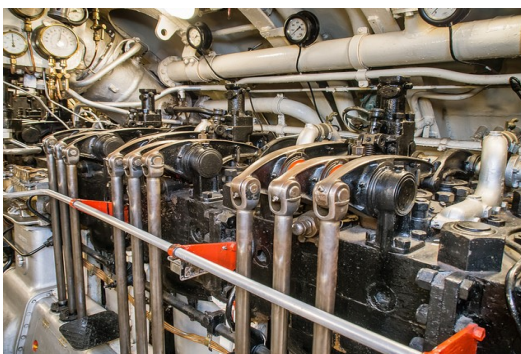
Base Commanders



Glenn Harris- 2007 to 2009

Steve Bell- 2009 to 2015

Rick Pettitt– 2015 to Present

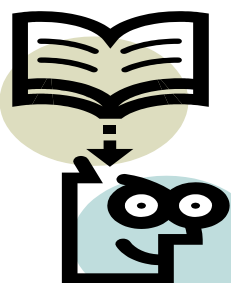
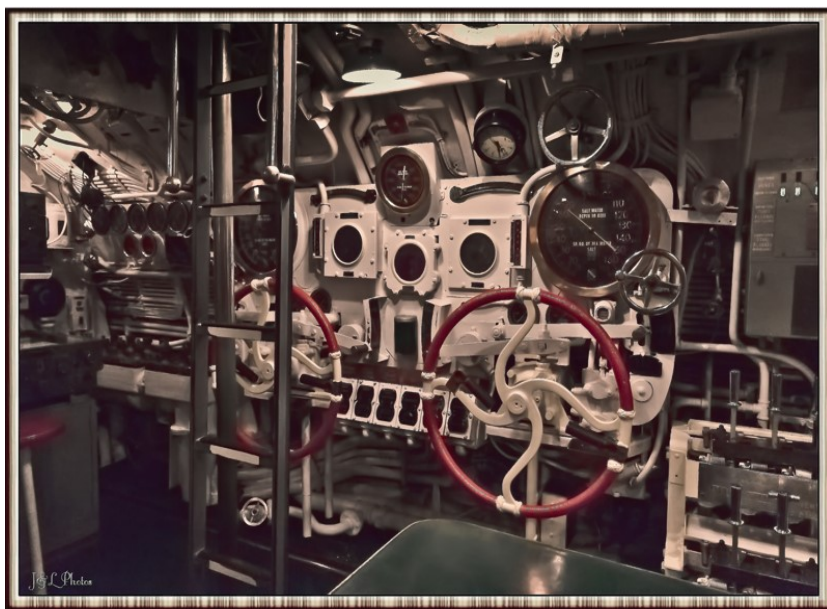




Next Meeting:

Base gathering on August 22nd, meal at 1730 and Meeting at 1900!

At Fort Mill, SC,
VFW Post





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





Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	20 July	21	22	23	24	25 Base Dinner- 5:30 pm Meeting 7:00pm 
26	27	28 Victory Junction	29	30	31	1 August
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 VFW Post breakfast! Bidge Rats Pro- ductions
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Base Dinner- 5:30 pm Meeting 7:00pm 
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1 September	2	3	4	5

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)
Bill Quailes 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)
Rudy Ogas - MM1(SS)
Charles E. Cross - ICC(SS)
Don Duncan - CDR(SS)
Donald W. Eggleston - ET3(SS)
Ray Fritz - EM1(SS)
James Hanks - MM1(SS)
Jim Harris - QM3(SS)
Ron Hatley - ET1(SS)
William F. Holzendorf - CWO4(SS)
Robert Howell - EM1(SS)
Jack Jeffries - RM1(SS)
Gene Johnston - QMC(SS)
Terry Jones - CSC(SS)



Bill King - RM1(SS)
Arnold Kirk - YN3(SS)
Larry Lynch - MMCM(SS)
Bill Quailes MMC(SS)
David Peck Jr. - MTC(SS)
Hal Rutter - RM3(SS)
Otis W. Sealy - RMC(SS)
Glen Synder - LCDR
Winborne Springs - SN(SS)
Tom Tidd - CDR(SS)
Michael J. Toomey, Jr. - CAPT(SS)
John Wallace - ETC(SS)
John Wardean - CWO4(SS)
Al Westberry - SO2(SS)
Herman Ziegler - EM3(SS)