



Carolina Piedmont Base of the USSVI presents the

Piedmont Periscope

May/June 2016

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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 May/June "Sailors, rest your oars"

USS LAGARTO (SS 371)
May 3, 1945

USS SQUALUS (SS 192)
May 23, 1939

USS SCORPION (SSN 589)
May 27, 1968

USS RUNNER (SS 275)
May 28, 1943

USS STICKLEBACK (SS 415)
May 29, 1958

USS O-9 (SS 70)
June 19, 1941

USS S 27 (SS 132)
June 19, 1942

USS R 12 (SS 89)
June 12, 1943

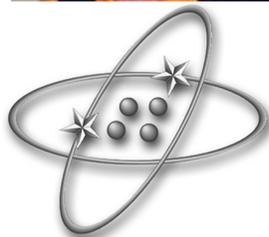
USS HERRING (SS 233)
June 1, 1944

USS GUDGEON (SS 211)
June 7, 1944

USS GOLET (SS 361)
June 14, 1944

USS BONEFISH (SS 223)
June 18, 1945

CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt



Commander's Stateroom May/June 2016

Wow. It seems like a very long time since we had our Ft Mill Subvet meeting. In the past 2 months we have had a lot of activities that our group have attended. A

couple of our folks attended the South East Regional meeting in Mobile, Ala. Jack and I hit the beach in Cocoa for a boat reunion. We also held our ROTC Submarine Education class at Ft Mill High School. This is a very impressive program and you wouldn't believe how big that campus is.

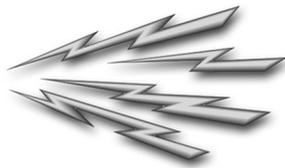
The big event was the annual Burnsville Memorial weekend. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed a beautiful weekend in the North Carolina Mountains. The memorial service was inspiring and went well. The rain bypassed the ceremony so we all left dry.

We presented colors at both the Hornets playoff games as well as the Knights baseball game on Memorial Day. We did good! Last week Jack, Steve, Carol, Ma and I did the Victory Junction Carnival and presented the Kaps-4-Kids hats and certificates. Spring and summer are so busy. I am sure that many of you were busy as well. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday June 25 for the meeting and catching up on everything

Rick Petitt

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**XO's Stateroom —
Vice Commander
Jack Jeffries**

Welcome to the warmth. I hope that everyone is settled in for the heat. If you read the CO notes, he covered a lot of the high points of the goings on since our last PP so I will try to add to that. We had a very good time in the mountains for our annual memorial service at the monument. The USS Asheville Base did a superb job of hosting the event and I would encourage all to make an attempt to attend the outing next year, trust me, you will not regret it. We attended Victory Junction again, This was our 21st visit

and like our first visit in 2009 we were joined by Richard Petty. If anyone is interested in going to the camp please let me know and I will add you to the list. The election of National officers begins on June 21st and I ask that each member read the election info I sent out and vote. Steve Bell is running unopposed for regional director and I want everyone to cast a vote for him to show our support for him, this is not an easy task that he volunteered for and an we as a base need to Thank Him for his dedication. Now that things have slowed down a bit it is a great time to renew your dues, just contact our keeper of the coins, Ray Zieverink and I am sure he will gladly accept your donations. Dale Moses, our lead for the Bilge Rats is readying a new skit for presentation this season, I am sure he will gladly welcome anyone to the cast, REALLY NO TALENT IS REQUIRED! Many of us can attest to that!, All enjoy putting on the production. Hope to see y'all at the next meeting on the 25th of June until we meet
Jack

An Editor's note:

Jack sent me his XO note a month before any of the events of this week had happened.

I am sure you are all aware at this time that Jack and Carol going through some very difficult family and medical issues. We ask you for your prayers for Jack and Carol that Our Lord Jesus would be with Jack and Carol through this difficult time. In your name Lord Jesus we pray.

Amen

Sparks forever, Jack!

BT AR!

RM2(SS)





From The COB—Joel Sparnon MM2(SS)

. This month I am going to take a break from my reviews of multiple Submarine veterans memorials that I visit during my travels. Mostly I have not seen any new ones lately. And with the heat we are expecting this summer I wanted to pass along some recommendations on staying hydrated.

As the summer heat comes along it is important to stay hydrated, here are some recommendations to stay hydrated.

Drink enough water to prevent thirst.

Monitor fluid loss by checking the color of your urine. It should be pale yellow and not dark yellow, too smelly or cloudy.

For short-duration (less than 60 minutes), low-to-moderate-intensity activity, water is a good choice to drink before, during and after exercise.

Chief of the Base

Any time you exercise in extreme heat or for more than one hour, supplement water with a sports drink that contains electrolytes (Gatorade / Power aid etc.) and 6 percent to 8 percent carbohydrates. This prevents "hyponatremia" (low blood sodium), which dilutes your blood and could also lead to serious impairment and death.

Begin exercise well-hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids the day before and within the hour before, during and after your exercise session.

Avoid alcohol the day before or the day of a long exercise bout, and avoid exercising with a hangover. Really don't drink alcohol on really hot days that you are going to physically exert yourself.

Eat at least five cups of fruits and vegetables per day for optimum health, as they all contain various levels of water and the all-important nutrient potassium. (bananas are high in Potassium)

You can also replace fluid and sodium losses with watery foods that contain salt and potassium, such as soup and vegetable juices.

For long hikes, when you'll need food, dried fruit and nut mixtures contain high amounts of potassium, sodium, protein, carbs and calories — though continue to

drink plenty of water.

Stay safe out there and I will see you all at the meeting, remember recruit, recruit, recruit new members

Joel Sparnon MM2/SS A-Gang Base COB



Comm Center — Tom Kelly, Base Secretary

April Meeting Minutes (No May Meeting)



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt called the meeting to order @ 1900 hrs. at the VFW Post located in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

INVOCATION

Base Chaplain Tom Hulme gave tonight’s Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All joined together in saying our nation’s Pledge of Allegiance.

USSVI CREED

The USSVI Creed was recited tonight by Robert Schilke.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS

The Tolling of the boats for April was presented by Tom Hulme and Robert Schilke.

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

There were 19 members present at this month’s meeting but we were also joined by a guest shipmate of Rick Petitt from over 40 years ago, Rob Getman who also qualified together with Rick in 1974 on the USS Tecumseh.

READING/APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES

The March 2016 meeting minutes were posted in the April 2016 edition of the Piedmont Periscope plus the minutes were also sent directly to the membership via email on April 8th. A motion was made to accept the March minutes as posted; the motion passed.

READING/APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT

Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink presented the treasurer’s report thru April 19th, 2016.

One minor correction was made to the previous month’s treasurer’s report by Raymond; that change is now reflected in this month’s balance.

A motion was made to accept the treasurer’s report thru April 16th 2016 as presented; the motion passed.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. His visit will be rescheduled to a future base meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

SK REPORT

Base Storekeeper Jeff Nieberding reported he’s available for whatever items members need to order; patches, challenge coins and calendars (new and old) are just some of the things Jeff can obtain.

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Category	Balances as of 4/16/2016	Last Reported Balances
Kapss-4-kidss Fund	\$ 1,010.27	\$ 1,010.27
Scholarship Fund	\$188.00	\$ 139.00
General Base Fund	\$6,049.75	\$ 5,719.75
Total Balances	\$ 7,248.02	\$ 6,869.02

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Burnsville

Rick reminded members that our next gathering will be at the Burnsville event and will take place at Moonshine Mountain near Burnsville NC the weekend of May 20 & 21. Members from all NC Subvet bases are invited to participate at what has become an annual tradition to honor the 52 lost boats.

Dale “Moe” Moses reported there are still openings for “halfway night” skits for doing Saturday night at Burnsville .

A trophy will be presented to the night’s entertainment winner.

Color Guard Activities (Dale Moses)

April 25th: Time Warner Arena – Charlotte Hornets NBA Playoff game

May 8th: Northwestern High School in Rock Hill for Massing of the Color Ceremony (1500 hrs)

May 30th: BB&T Stadium – Charlotte Knights baseball game (1900 hrs)

Moe gives a big thank you to Steve Bell for purchasing Color Guard Patches for our color guard.

Board of Directors Mid-Term Meeting Update (Steve Bell provided this update)

Steve traveled to Orlando Fla. to attend the USSVI Board of Directors (BOD) Mid-Term meeting as a candidate for the Southeast Regional Director position.

Topics Covered at the meeting (Quick Overview):

Insurance Update – Bases may be charged \$25 for covering USSVI insurance premiums

National has combined USSVI Constitution & By-Laws into By-Laws only; all bases will be expected to do the same.

Voting dates changed from 90 days down to 60 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting to conform wit the Corporation Laws of the State of Connecticut (that is where USSVI is incorporated).

Proposed Amendment Changes – Contact Steve for details

Progress is slow on replacing the existing USSVI website – original projection was February 2016, current projection now is September of 2016.

BOD has approved travel pay to and from the National Convention for all new incoming officers. This will cover only 4 days of the convention. Travel pay for all current officers will remain in place. This includes travel pay for the District Commander of the Year (DCOY) each year also.

The recent BOD Mid-Term Meeting was held in Orlando Florida at a superb facility (the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort). The 2017 National Convention will also be held there in Orlando (August 31 thru September 5).

Consideration is strongly being given to having the 2018 National Convention onboard a cruise ship out of Ft. Lauderdale.

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S E District Conference 2016 (April 20 thru 23 - Hosted by USSVI Mobile Bay Base)

A reminder was given to our folks planning to attend this conference next weekend.

S E District Conference 2017 (possibility of us hosting it)

Rick reports we are still looking into the possibility of hosting next years district conference.

We are actually waiting to see how this years 2016 conference goes before making a final determination.

JROTC Events

Walt Sealy reported he will be attending a NJROTC award ceremony at York Comprehensive High School in York, SC on April 21st at 1800. Walt acknowledges it is an honor to recognize students for the good things they accomplish.

Rick reported he and Jack Jefferies attended an JROTC event at Nations Ford High School and were able to present our submarine education program to the students.

A future JROTC event at Fort Mill High School is being planned for a visit to also present our submarine education program.

Eagle Scout Update

Walt Sealy reminded us to keep our ears open for any future Eagle Scout awards ceremonies so we may be able to participate to award the scout with an honorary submariner certificate and present them with the accompanying patch.

Andy Miller reiterated he's been in contact with a local troop to get the word out to other troops about our desired participation in any eagle scout presentation.

Memorial Service for a Nautilus Sailor

Lee Hickerson and Tom Kelly attended the memorial service for a former USS Nautilus sailor after Jack had been notified by "Patch" from the Tarheel Base who saw the obituary in the Charlotte Observer Newspaper. This person was not a member of any NC Subvets Base but we were still able to honor him at his family's memorial service in Charlotte.

This is a good reminder that if you read or hear about a former sub sailor's passing to let the base know so we may be able to send representatives and show our respects to their families. These former submariners do not have to be a member of any USSVI base for us to pay tribute.

Charlotte Knights Baseball Game

Moe stated there are 38 persons signed up for the Charlotte Knights baseball game on Monday May 30th at 7 PM at BB&T Stadium. Please contact Moe if interested in attending but you haven't signed up yet.

Jim Schenk's Book Still Available

Jim Schenk reminded us that copies of his first book titled "Covert Sailors – Submariner Sea Stories" is still available.

Jim also reported he's continuing to gather stories now for a second book which he hopes to finish in the not-too-distant future.

OPEN IMC

Items of interest briefly mentioned prior to adjourning tonight's meeting are listed below:

Shallow Depth Gauge Available:

Calvin Reese reported that a friend of his has possession of a shallow depth gauge from the USS Bonefish. Calvin stated his friend would like to see this go to a good home and he would be willing to donate it to be raffled off to raise money for

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our base.

Rick's former shipmate Rob Getman had some insights into his traveling experiences:

Rob had some interesting insights about how after he retired he sold his home, bought a RV and travels the country. Rob's Electronic Technicians' background helped him to convert his RV to be 100% functional on solar power only which allows him to park at places where no electrical hook-ups exist. Rob also described how he volunteers with a group called the NOMADs which is associated with the Methodist Church where they come in after FEMA has departed to help dislocated families rebuild their lives and their homes when disasters have struck.

PIEDMONT PERISCOPE

All hands are reminded that submissions for the base newsletter need to be sent to Robert Schilke no later than the 15th of each month.

NEXT BASE MEETING

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be held on Saturday, June 25th, 2016 at 1900 hrs. at the VFW in Fort Mill, SC. A pot-luck meal will precede the meeting starting at 1730.

Reminder to base personnel there will be no base meeting at the VFW in May as members will be attending the special NC Subvets service up at Burnsville.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2007 hours; the motion passed.

BENEDICTION

Prior to the tonight's benediction Base Chaplain Tom Hulme presented a word on how the base is continuing the tradition of presenting bibles to families of those submariners or immediate family members of submariners who have departed on eternal patrol. This traditions was wonderfully started by our former base chaplain Raymond Fritz.

Tom then had the special privilege of presenting a bible to his mother, Jean Hulme who was attending this evening's base meeting. Jean was presented with a bible honoring Tom's father Joseph "Joe" Hulme who served in the U.S. Air Force.

The Benediction followed this special presentation and was given by Chaplain Hulme.

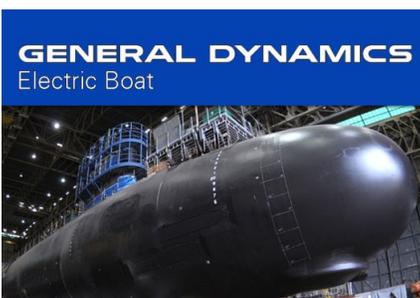
RAFFLE RESULTS

Tonight's raffle was won by none other than our base commander Rick Pettit.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Tom Kelly

Base Secretary



Chaplain's Corner, Tom Hulme



Time is relentless, it continues to rush by us and doesn't care how much we have to do and how little time to do it. And to paraphrase a statement made to me many times by many elders over the years, "The older you get the faster time goes", and now as age continues to creep up on us, we know first hand that is all too true!

We are born into this life and world with no knowledge or concept of time, we start out with only knowing that if we cry and make a fuss, someone will take care of our needs, but we don't understand this is the beginning of a trek that will ultimately teach us and reveal to us that, we need to learn how to take care of ourselves and that in the process we are one day closer to the end of our life here on earth and one day closer to where we will spend our eternal existence,

With very Prayerful purpose as we get older and hopefully wiser, we understand that our use of time, our actions and our thoughts words and deeds, will have an impact on our eternal destination. We are encouraged throughout the Bible to seek "Wisdom"!

12 "I wisdom dwell together with providence; I possess knowledge and discretion" 13 To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. 14 Counsel and sound judgement are mine; I have understanding and power." Proverbs 8:12-14 NIV

The last week of April we had a trip planned to Ohio to visit friends and relatives, three hours before we left I got a call that my Grandmother had just passed away, she was two months shy of 101 years of age. I know where she is and I Pray that I live a life as representative of walking with the Lord as she did, so that when that day comes I will see Grandma again. Three days after Grandma passed, one of my Uncles, Uncle Glenn passed after a short painful battle with two different types of cancer, I know Grandma and Grandpa were there to welcome Uncle Glenn home!

In our quest for wisdom and growing in fear of the Lord, we must use our time wisely, learn how to help ourselves so that we can help others. Jesus was a servant leader, and taught His disciples to be servants to one and all in teaching the Gospel to all they could reach, which is what we are to use our time on this earth for as well!

I have referred to this passage before and I will refer to it many times in the future, as I feel it is in fact the essence of the Scriptures; 8 He has showed you, O man, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8 NIV

So, Pray in earnest for all those you love and never miss a chance to tell them that you love them, because you never know if that will be the last time you can. Live your life to the fullest and, "Do unto others as you would have done to you!"

Pray for all our Base Members and Shipmates for all the issues we know they are facing.

Everyone going to Moonshine Mountain, have safe travels, good fellowship and build great memories!

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2016 Submarine Veterans Gulf Coast Christmas Party

2016 Submarine Veterans Gulf Coast Christmas party is on!!!

The party will be Thursday, Dec 8th through Saturday Dec 10th for the twelfth straight year at the Holiday Inn Resort at Panama City Beach, FL. Saturday morning memorial service, Saturday evening banquet with Santa Claus and gifts.

Room rates still only \$59.00 per night plus tax. Rates have not increased in 12 years.

Make your hotel reservations now and mail in your party registration form to Lamarr Seader at the address on the flyer.

Guarantee you won't have a better Christmas Party and you'll meet plenty of shipmates and old friends.

Lamarr A. Seader
District Cdr. ERS3

Next Meeting:

Base gathering on June 25th at VFW post. Meal at 1730, Meeting to follow



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 Calendars are also available with great Submarine pictures for each month.

USSVI vests can be ordered thru the SK as well. We can get 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.



NOW HEAR THIS!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
CAROLINA
PIEDMONT
BASE!**

**Our base is 9 years old on
19 May 2016.**



Smoke

by Mike Hemming

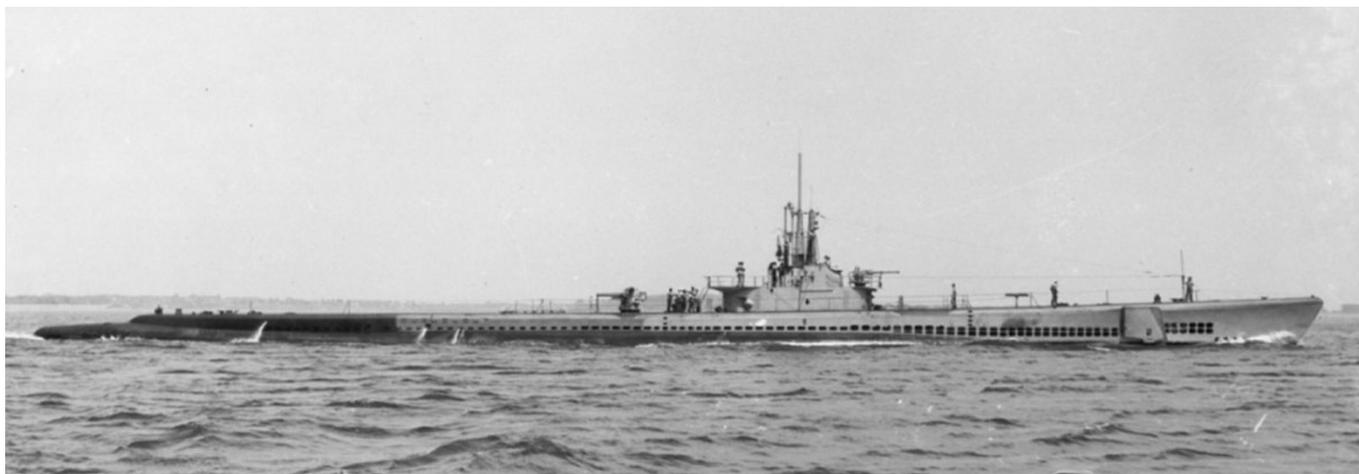
It's hard to believe for some but there is an aging group of men bound together by smoke. Not the smoke people ordinarily draw into their lungs for a buzz, legal or illegal, but stinky old diesel smoke made by burning hydrocarbons. It's burned in great big old noisy diesel engines designed for railroad locomotives and transplanted into a submarine, of all places.

This smoke binds them together with wispy chains stronger than the finest hardened steel. Men that sit around remembering shipmates and times good and bad, their memories brought to them on grey blue clouds. Clouds of it shot out over ports of the seven seas, on lighting off for going to sea. Underway and across those seas the smoke settles to an efficiency haze, but the diesel smoke smell follows them. The smoke and sounds that shut down when reaching homeport after many days alone at sea.

Today, these old timers travel many miles to see, hear and once more catch that wonderful reminder of their youth. With tears in the eyes of some they lean forward to breathe it in. They take photographs of diesel smoke clouds belching from exhaust pipes of museum piece subs. Back home they show them to others and post video clips on the internet. Others sit and wait for those clips to download over slow internet connections, just to see that smoke and hear the sound.

It is said that the sense of smell brings back the strongest memories. If so then we are lucky ones, because our smoke is strong and memorable. Along with our smoky chains we have those memories and neither can be removed from our hearts.

Many a submariner says, "One more time, just one more time". For some, that means to go out and make another dive, for others just to hear the roar and to smell that smoke. Me, I'd like to yank a throttle lever, feel the deck plates shudder under my feet, hear the sounds, smell the smoke and be with those that are bound together by these things.



Para-viz Shots



We were honored to be invited for the 21st time to visit with the campers at Victory Junction, Richard Petty stopped by to visit with us as he did in our first visit in 2009. Pictured with Richard are Carol Jeffries, (Lady J), Jack Jeffries, Richard, Ma Bell, Steve Bell and Rick Pettitt.



Steve Bell presented Honorary Submariner Certificate and Kap to Braylon Beam at a ceremony at their Church 1 May. Braylon's parents Jesse and Randi are also pictured.. Braylon 6 years old was honored with a true 1 day contract with the Carolina Panthers as a coach, this was facilitated by the Make-A-wish foundation and attended just about all Panthers games including the playoffs and the Super Bowl.

Color Guard for Presentation of Colors

Charlotte Hornets **Game Pics!**



New members

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

Binnacle List:

Judy Hickerson	Bill King
Hal & Dee Rutter	Rudy Ogas
Tom Hulme	John Brough
Robert Howell	Carol Jeffries
Jim Schenk	
Monica Dachs	

Happy Birthday to:

June/July:

Jim Brady—June 5
 Steve Constantini-June 10
 Don Duncan-June 28
 Roger Ellingwood-June 7
 Stephen George-June 11
 William F. Holzendorf-June 26
 Steve Kortheuer-June 10
 Tom Krpata-June 13
 Howard Nudi-June 11
 Rudy Olgas-June 16
 Matt Reiland-June 24



Otis Sealy-June 11
 Joel Sparnon-June 3
 Carl Wootten-June 7
 Jay Andress-July 4
 Greg Crystal-July 24
 Stretch Gollehon-July 22
 Tom Holland-July 25
 Michael Hubbell-July 25
 Clarence Jordan-July 19
 Tom Lee-July 16
 Al Westberry-July 9

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

June/July:

Andrew & Danielle Brown— June 26
 Michael & Glenna Hubbell-June 26
 Howard Nudi-June 11
 Rudy & Sheila Olgas-June 16
 Stan & Arnetta Shultz-June 19
 Winborne & Mary Springs-June 21



Jim & Liz Harris-July 14
 Eric & Danielle Hogan-July 6
 Robert & Emma Howell-July 15
 Clarence & Douise Jordan-July 22
 Arnold & Nancy Kirk-July 4
 Jim & Stacy Reeves-July 12

SubVettes Birthdays!



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



USSVI 2015 SCHOLARSHIP

WINNERS

June/July:

Melinda Hulme-June 10

Libby Reese—July 9

Carol Jeffries- July 6

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 hub-by/significant other is off meeting with the guys.

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:

See Jack for the schedule of School visits. We want you there with us!

If you have not yet visited a school for a session, now is your chance. Tell your sea stories and answer questions about your boat life.



Piedmont Funnies Page

Mid Watch Follies

by Chuck Ziemer, RM2(SS)

It was the final patrol of the USS James Madison (SSBN-627), out in the middle of no where on the Atlantic side, and things were slow. Standing watch as the Radio Operator with my Chief (RMC/SS Arrow, AKA Miltee) standing as the Radio Sup, he decided we needed to liven things up in Control. Especially with LT Cotton standing OOD. With part of our gear in a "loop back" mode, we could cause the "Red Phone" on the Conn to repeat stuff we said in a weird, LOUD synthesized voice, all the way from Radio. Really deep and garbled, but easily understandable. So right out of the movie "Real Genius", the following was heard on the Conn: "Mr. Cotton....this is GOD!" This was followed by several heated moments of Mr. Cotton searching for a hidden speaker somewhere around the Conn. (he opened every nook and crannie he could find). He didn't realize where the sound came from, and everyone knew it from listening in on the Open Mike (Control, Maneuvering, Nav Center, Sonar, & Radio). After about 10 straight minutes of laughing my butt off with Chief Arrow, we did it again. So this time you heard: "Mr. Cotton.....this is GOD! I want you to stop touching yourself!" Suddenly, you heard over the open mike, "Nav - Conn.... don EAB's for time!" I rolled on the deck, racked with uncontrollable laughter..... RM2/SS Chuck Ziemer USS James Madison (Gold)

"Water Bubble Barrier"

by Jody Olson

When I was a Second Class A-Ganger on the USS Drum (SSN 677) in the late 70's, we were out on weekly ops. I had the AOW and stopped into sonar to see what was happening. The Sonar Sup said "Watch this".

He turned off the input to the Cons sonar display and counted to 15 and then turned it back on. Sure enough, LT. Weaver, who had the OOD, called in "Sonar Con, My display went away and came back. What happened?"

The Sonar Sup answered back "Con Sonar, Water Bubble Barrier". After a slight hesitation the OOD answered "Sonar Con aye".

Everybody in sonar was rolling.

"Banana Boat"

by Ralph Mantela FTG2(SS)

While standing the IC Watch in the Control Room of the USS Grouper (AGSS214) in the mid 1960's I overheard the following conversation. The Captain ordered the Diving Officer to prepare to snorkel. When ordered, the COW passed the word "Rig the Boat for Snorkel" over the 1MC. A few minutes later Enginemen Chief Al Sharp requested an "up-bubble" (over the 7MC) so they could drain the main induction. The COW replied "Engine room, Conn you have a 5 degree up-bubble".

A few minutes later the Chief Sharp (again) requested an "UP-BUBBLE" so they could drain the main induction!

And again the COW replied "ENGINE ROOM, CONN... YOU HAVE A 5 DEGREE UP-BUBBLE! A few seconds later Al Sharp replied "Well Conn, EB must have sold the Navy a banana instead of a boat because we still have a 5 degree down-bubble back here in the engine room!"

Carolina Piedmont Base Awards

- 2009 Silver Anchor,**
- 2009 Golden Anchor,**
- 2011 Golden Anchor,**
- 2011 Newsletter of the Year,**
- 2011 Robert E. Link Award,**
- 2012, Newsletter of the Year,**
- 2013 Newsletter of the year,**
- 2013 National Newsletter of the Year,**
- 2013 Golden Anchor,**
- 2014 Meritorious,**
- 2014 Newsletter of the year,**
- 2014 National Newsletter of the Year**
- 2015 Golden Anchor,**
- 2015 Meritorious,**
- 2015 1st Runner up Newsletter Group 3**



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.

The deadline for the Periscope will be the 15th of next month. Thanks!

RM2(SS)



Base Commanders



Glenn Harris- 2007 to 2009

Steve Bell- 2009 to 2015

Rick Pettitt- 2015 to Present





Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 June	20	21	22	23	24	25 Meeting At VFW Post 
26	27	28	29	30	1 July	2
3	4 Independence Day!	5	6	7	8	9 VFW Post Breakfast 
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Meeting at VFW Post 
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1 August	2	3	4	5	6	7

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!



World War II Veterans



This Place of Honor is dedicated to our Carolina Piedmont Base Brothers who have served in WWII

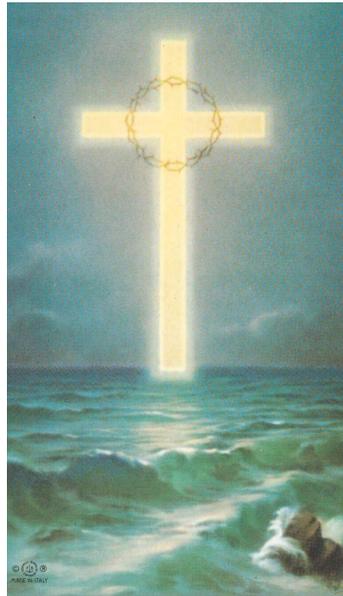
RM1(SS) Bill King - Qual Boat: SS-486 1959

RM3(SS) Hal Rutter - Qual Boat: U-2513 1946

TM3(SS) Don Haseley - Qual Boat: SS-244 1945



MEMORIAL



For our Carolina Piedmont Base Submariners who have left on their Eternal Patrol, taken gently into our Lords mighty everlasting embrace.



Heavenly Father: we pray to you for those on the perilous ocean that you will embrace them with your mighty protection and grant them success in all their rightful undertakings. Grant them in all hours of need to see that they have a God who remembers them, and grant them grace in the hour of danger to commit their souls into your hands. O Lord Jesus Christ, who can rebuke the storm and bring it to silence, and lay the roaring waves to rest, show them who call to you out of the deep that you hear their prayer and will save them. And finally bring us all home to your safe port where we can be with you to close of the age. Amen.

Rudolfo Hernandez— [MEDAL OF HONOR](#) CPL-MOH—Hope Mills, NC Passed away on 12/21/2013

Gary Lee Cruzan, LT—Hickory, NC, Passed away on 7/20/2010

Donald Morton, SN(SS) - Matthews, NC, Passed away on 9/22/2007

Everett Edward Erb Jr, TM2(SS) - Charlotte, NC, Passed away on 12/19/2013

Roger W. Fuller LCDR, Tega Cay, SC, Passed away on 12/13/2007

Holland Club

Carolina Piedmont Base

New 2016 Inductees:

John Dainotto - TM2(SS)

James Taylor - CWO4 (SS)



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

- 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)
- Howard Dachs— IC2(SS)
- John Dainotto - TM2(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)
- Don Hasley - QM3(SS)
- William F. Holzendorf - CWO4(SS)
- Robert Howell - EM1(SS)
- Dan Jackson - MM1(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)
- Stan Shultz— FTB2(SS)
- Glen Synder - LCDR
- Winborne Springs - SN(SS)
- James Taylor - CWO4 (SS)
- Tom Tidd - CDR(SS)
- Michael J. Toomey, Jr. - CAPT(SS)
- John Wallace - ETC(SS)
- John Wardean - CWO4(SS)
- Al Westberry - SO2(SS)
- Steve White - MMC(SS)
- Reb Wootten - LCDR
- Herman Ziegler - EM3(SS)