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USSVI CREED AND PURPOSE

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.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

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Lost Submarines—Fourth Quarter

October

USS Seawolf (SS-197)

Lost on October 3, 1944 with the loss of 83 crew members and 17 U.S. Army personnel on her 15th war patrol when she was sunk just north of Moritai by USS Rowell, a Destroyer Escort (DE). In this tragic error, Rowell mistook Seawolf for a Japanese submarine that had just sunk another Destroyer. Seawolf ranks 7th for enemy ships sunk.



USS S-44 (SS-155)

Lost on October 7, 1943 with the loss of 56 men when it was sunk off Paramushiru, Kuriles. S-44 was on her 5th war patrol after attacking a target thought to be a merchant on the surface, S-44 found herself in a losing gun battle with a heavily armed Japanese destroyer. Two men were taken prisoner and survived the war.



USS Wahoo (SS-238)

Lost on October 11, 1943 with the loss of 80 men near La Perouse Strait. Under command of one of the great sub skippers of World War II, LCDR "Mush" Morton, Wahoo was on her 7th war patrol. Wahoo had won a Presidential Unit Citation and ranks 5th in the number of enemy ships sunk. She was sunk by combined air and surface attack.



USS Dorado (SS-248)

Lost on October 12, 1943 with the loss of 77 men when she was sunk in the western Atlantic near Cuba. Newly commissioned, she had departed New London and was en route to Panama. She may have been sunk by a U.S. patrol plane that received faulty instructions regarding bombing restriction areas.



USS Escolar (SS-294)

Lost on or after October 17, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. She was on her 1st war patrol and was lost



to a mine in the Yellow Sea.

USS Shark II (SS-314)

Lost on October 24, 1944 with the loss of 87 men when she was sunk in the Luzon Strait near Hainan. The second boat to carry this name during World War II, she was on her 3rd war patrol. Shark was sunk by escorts after attacking and sinking a lone freighter. Compounding the tragedy, it turned out that the freighter had 1800 U.S. POWs on board.



USS Darter (SS-227)

Lost on October 24, 1944 while on her 4th war patrol when she became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan and was then destroyed to prevent her falling into enemy hands intact. The entire crew was rescued by USS Dace. Winner of one Navy Unit Commendation, Darter had sunk a heavy cruiser and damaged another and went aground while attempting an "end around" on an enemy formation in hopes of getting in an attack on a battleship.



USS Tang (SS-306)

Lost on October 25, 1944 with the loss of 78 men in the Formosa Strait while on her 5th war patrol. Tang ranks 2nd in the number of ships sunk and 4th in tonnage, and had won two Presidential Unit Citations. During a daring night surface attack, Tang was lost to a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. Nine of the crew were taken prisoner, including CDR. O'Kane and five who had gained the surface from her final resting place 180 feet below. All survived the war, and CDR O'Kane was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



USS O-5 (SS-66)

Lost on October 29, 1923 with the loss of 3 men when rammed and sunk by SS Abagarez off the Panama Canal. Torpedoman's Mate 2d Class (SS) Henry Berault received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions.



November

USS Albacore (SS-218)

Lost on November 7, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her 11th war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.



USS Growler (SS-215)

Lost on November 8, 1944 with the loss of 86 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 11th war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy as a result of a depth charge attack.



USS Corvina (SS-226)

Lost on November 16, 1943 with the loss of 82 men on her 1st war patrol when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was lost to the torpedoes from a Japanese submarine.



USS Scamp (SS-277)

Lost on November 16, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay on her 8th war patrol. She may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate her and destroy her with depth charges.



USS Sculpin (SS-191)

Lost on November 19, 1943 with the loss of 43 men near Truk on her 9th war patrol. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. 41 men were taken prisoner; only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT Cromwell, aboard as a potential wolf pack commander, he rode the Sculpin down, and fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture.



For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

December

USS Capelin (SS-289)

Lost on or in the days prior to December 3, 1943 with the loss of 76 men on her 2nd war patrol, but her exact location in the Celebes Sea and cause of loss remain a mystery. She may have been lost to mines or an operational casualty.



USS Sealion (SS-195)

Lost on December 10, 1941 with the loss of 4 men. To prevent her from falling into enemy hands, she was scuttled in Manila Bay after incurring severe bomb damage during the initial Japanese attack.



USS F-1 / Carp (SS-20)

Lost on December 17, 1917 with the loss of 19 men when it was sunk after collision with the USS F-3 (Pickrell) (SS-22) off San Clemente, CA. 5 men survived the collision.



USS S-4 (SS-109)

Lost on December 17, 1927 with the loss of 40 and men when it was sunk after being rammed by USCG Paulding off Cape Cod near Provincetown, MA. Salvaged in 1928 and recommissioned. .



Additional information can be found on USSVI Website, just click on "Lost Boats"



from Engineerroom Upper Level

Hey Shipmates,

This will be the last issue of the “All Clear” with me as editor. The job is open as far as I know, so if you have some spare time. The keyword there is “spare”.

As many of you know, I still hold-down a 40 hour (plus) a week job. I also do a lot of work with the CPB Bilge Rats, the CPB Color Guard, the American Legion, and the USS Asheville Base’s MM entertainment “dude”. I have also started “Bilge Rat” Karaoke. So spare time for me is just minimal.

As the use of the internet and other media devices increases, it’s hard to find items that are not to out-of-date by the time the 3 month interval comes for the “All Clear”. I tried to make the newsletter to include all 7 NC Bases, but get no input from some and a lot from others.

You’ll still see me at various events, I’m not giving up on my Base, NC SubVets, or the AL, just trying to find me a little down-time.

Now, with that said; y’all better get some skits together to represent your Base at Moonshine Mountain in May. I’ve started to work on the show, have you? —Moe(SS)

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Your Sea Stories and
Input are always
WELCOME!!



Okay, well maybe a little.





Southeast Regional Director — Steve Bell

It is so hard to believe it is almost Christmas again. It was just here. Even so, I want to wish each and every one of you and your families a very Merry Christmas. I also hope that all have a Happy and a Good New Year.

As I write this time is running out on getting your National Dues paid. I looked at the numbers that have not paid their 2018 dues for the region and I was astonished by the number still remaining. I am hoping that many have paid and it just has not been turned in to National as yet. If you owe your dues, please get them in as soon as you can. We want all of you to have to listen to me again next year. I am sure all of you have seen the POC (USSVI Official Business) that went out a couple of weeks back regarding nominations for National Officers and Regional Directors for next year's election. As stated when I took this position last year, I will only do 2 years as the Regional Director so I will not be running for this position next year. If one of you want to have the same amount of fun as I have had, then submit your nomination for this position. I know of at least one name that has been submitted (and not from NC) so the position will not go empty.

The Awards Manual for 2018 will get approved next month by the National BOD and calls will come out around the 1st of February for award nominations. Time to start thinking about who you may want to nominate for a given award. Think about that and don't be afraid to submit your nominations. One surely will not receive an award if you do not submit it. And as some

have learned, if you don't succeed the first time, try again. It works at times.

Now for an update on our memorial in the mountains. The USS ASHEVILLE Base could not get any company that is willing to even look at this project. I have asked a major General Contractor in Charlotte for assistance. They have had no luck to date. So I am asking all of you for assistance. If you think you know a GC that might even be remotely interested, please talk to them and see if we can at least get a conversation going regarding getting our memorial fixed up. If you need to document that states what we want done, contact either Gene Ipox or myself. We can provide it to you via e-mail. We have gathered the \$18,000 that was the estimated cost of doing the project. I still have a couple of donors that might be willing to contribute a few bucks if we need more (just not sure if it will be enough should we find someone to do the job). This turned out to be a little more of a challenge than anticipated.

A scholarship fund has been established within the Charitable Foundation in memory of Joe Clark. Chuck Jensen did all the leg work on this and is very much appreciated. If awarded each year, it will go to someone from NC. If you decide to contribute to the CF for scholarships, please indicate it is for the Joe Clark Scholarship Fund. This way, this fund can continue past the initial amount of funding that Joe Clark had bequeathed to us for this purpose.

Again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. If you travel be extra careful. We want all of you around next year.

Steve Bell
SERD



**District Commander/Tarheel Base
David Campbell**

NOW HEAR THIS! NOW HEAR THIS!

No Report this Quarter

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**Meets 1st Saturday of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct,
at 10:00 hrs at the Am. Legion Hall—Cary**

December meeting is the Pearl Harbor Dinner-



**Tarheel Base Chaplain
Gene Rutter**

As we prepare for the Holiday season and experience a number of different and diverse feeling, we must not forget the reason for Christmas. A few prayers to help through this period.

“Lord Jesus, forgive me for being so grumpy as I trudge through the never ending tasks before me this holiday season. My to-do list seems to keep growing with shopping, church services, and gatherings with family and friends--and I’m running short of time!

Restore the joy of Christmas to my heart and help me to relax each day and make time for You, my one true Source of Joy, whose birth is the true meaning of all my activities.”

A few bible verses to remind us of Christmas, and the birth of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 9:6 - For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Matthew 1:18-25 -- 18. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

20. But while he thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy Wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23. Behold, a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

24. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto his wife:

25. And knew her not till she had brought forth her first born son: and he called his name JESUS.



NC SubVets

Carolina Piedmont Commander Rick Petitt



Well another year is almost over and 2018 is just around the corner. Quarter 4 is always one of my favorite times of year and there are so many things happening. It is very busy for all of us celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas with our family and friends.

One of the events that our USSVI Carolina Piedmont base have attended are our annual base picnic, held this year at Raymond and Linda Zieverink's home. We had a very good attendance and we had a special guest, Congressman Robert Pittenger. He represents North Carolina's 9th congressional district and is a big supporter of our military. He came just to thank us for our service and give his respects to our organization.

We had several of our base members attend the WWII memorial celebration in Kings Bay, Ga. Jack Jeffries, Steve and Ma Bell, Zeke and Gail Rybczyk, Dale and Colleen Moses, Mike Toomey, Jim and Marsha Goins, and myself represented our base. As always the food was great and the event very successful and inspiring. Sadly the number of WWII vets attending is decreasing.

We continue to do a lot of Eagle Scout presentations and the word is spreading so I expect we will be very busy in the future. This is an extremely rewarding program and does a lot to put the USSVI in the public eye. I recommend all bases put forth an effort to support this program.

November we held our Thanksgiving dinner for our meeting and Tom Hulme (Base Chaplain) and I provided deep fried

turkey. Everyone enjoys this Thanksgiving feast and this year was no exception. I think everyone went back for seconds and to the desert table, which was loaded with goodies.

Also in November, we moved our meeting time from 6:30 PM to 3 PM. The reason was so that our members could attend the meeting and get home before dark since many have difficulty driving after dusk. We will continue this for the next couple of months and see how it is received. November went well and I expect the December meeting will be fine. After the first of the year we will see if it is acceptable. One potential problem is with our younger members that have family activities with their kids on Saturdays. If this becomes a big issue we may shift back to

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Meets every 4th Saturday w/e of May at the VFW Post 9138, Ft. Mill, SC— Dinner at 1730 and meeting at 1900



6:30. Stay tuned.

Starting this month the Bilge Rat Productions are back on the road. Dale Moses has concocted another production, Hee Haw Revisited, and we will have a dress rehearsal at the Rock Hill American Legion in December. Then beginning in January we hit the road and put on our production to four lucky Assisted Living centers. These folks seem to love the shows and we have a blast doing them. I'm sure someone will film one and it will be available on ETV soon. Well maybe YouTube.

Finally. All of us at Carolina Piedmont are very saddened at the loss of 44 Argentine Submarine Sailors lost this past month when their submarine sank off the coast of South America. We are all very aware of how dangerous it is to serve on board naval warships and especially on our submarines and our hearts go out to the families left behind.
- Rick



USS Asheville Base Eugene "Pox" Ipx

From the Mountains to the Sea

During the first part of the 4th quarter base members came together at Mt. Mitchell High School the host of the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall "The Wall That Heals". Members participated in the Veterans Rendering Honors Formation, during the fellowship that followed other submariners introduced themselves and other Veteran Organizations in the area introduced themselves they showed interest in the information on the Moonshine Mt. "Lost Boat" Memorial and would like to be part in the care and services of the monument. The local American Legion requested the base members to drop by anytime for dinner and fellowship.

A military retirement coordinator requested the USS Asheville Base for "Color

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Guard” assistance; we wear only to happy to help. The retirement was for Army Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Amon with 35 years of service. You may ask how a submarine group got involved; the local high school JNROTC recommended us after finding out the local National Guard was being deployed and could not assist. This just shows those little things we do for our youth makes a great impression. We all wish LTC Amon the best in his new adventures.

The USS Asheville Base had the honor of conducting colors during the Marshall, NC City Veterans Day Services. Veterans of all the United States branches of services that participated in WWII, Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama, Persian Gulf, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, War on Terrorism, Afghanistan, Libyan, Syria, Yemen and active duty service members wear present. Base members also attended the services in the city of Weaverville, NC.

Once more we wear greeted with the best of wishes during the Asheville Holiday Parade in November. Members of the local Sea Cadets “Freedom Division” escorted the MK-14 Float handing out goodies to the little ones lining the streets. During the line up various people, those in the parade and those walking by requested to take photos of the float and its crew.

LTJG USN Miranda Schmidt, the daughter of Joe & Kitty Schmidt is at her first duty station, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan. She has reported she is working with Navy and Marines and having a great time with all the new challenges. Lance Corporal USMC Jarrett Ipox, the son of Gene & Annette Ipox, a recipient of a USSVI Scholarship, received a Bachelors of Science in International Affairs from East Tennessee State University and has applied for a commission.

Last but not least, if you find yourself in the Asheville area during a meeting time

(first Tuesday of the month) please drop by and brake bread with a shipmate.

Gene (Pox) Ipox



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No Report this Quarter

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No Report this Quarter



Old North State Base Commander Jerry Lee Emerson



This has been a banner year for the Old North State Base. We formed up in April, Received our Charter in June at a dinner with 24 members, wives and guests attending. and have increased our membership from the original seven (7) to thirteen (13). Had a fund raiser that solidified our treasury. We has a social for members, wives and guests in September and about 20 members, wives and guests attended. In November 3 members attended the Kings Bay Memorial service in Georgia. We held our election with the following members elected as base officers. Vince Sievert, Base Commander, Frans Van Baars, Vice Commander, Jerry Emerson, Treasure, Jack Murray Secretary. Dec, 4 Tarheel members and 6 Old North State members had breakfast and road the Torpedo Float In the Wilson Parade. On the same day the six members of The Old North State road the Torpedo float in the Bailey Parade. the Torpedo Float won the 1st. place blue ribbon. (See picture below.) after the parade we had dinner at the Bailey Café, where we started our process to become a base in March 2017. Seven members attended the Pearl Harbor dinner and our new officers were sworn in by Dick Kanning.

Best wishes and smooth seas and following wind to The Old North State Base, North Carolina SubVets and United States Submarine

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Meets every 2nd Saturday of each month at various location as indicated in agenda



Nat Greene Base Ray Moore



Danial Newcomer is our KAPS4 Kids Chairman and is looking for some organizations to visit. If you have any inputs to this program, please contact Daniel or Ray Moore.

The raffle for the model submarine USS Hake (SS-256) was won by Wayne Marshall of the Old North State Base. The model was donated to the St Mary's Museum

The Nat Greene Base continues to support Joshua's Angels of the Carolinas and the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal (VHVH) program. Nathanael Greene Base is supporting the Boat Sponsorship National Program by supporting the USS North Carolina (SSN777).

The Nathanael Greene Base held its July meeting at Memorial Park in Kernersville on July 7th. Wayne Hauser provided hamburgers, hotdogs and fixings with base members providing all other items. 41 members and spouses attended. All other bases were invited.

Nat Greene members participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Ashboro with the submarine float and the torpedo float. KAPS4 kids – Seven Nat Greene Members attended a meeting at Joshua's Angel's Center and gave nine children caps and certificates.

Nat Greene Base donated \$99 to the 50th Anniversary Memorial Service for the USS Scorpion. Holland Club – Don Barnhart was inducted into the club.

The results of the Base Officer election in November was: Ray Moore, Ed Galaviz and Chuck Jensen were re-elected, Al Zilinski was elected as Vice Commander.

We had several members attend Kings Bay this year including our WWII member – George Bass.

Dave Cantara of "Patriot Rovers" was our guest speaker at our November meeting. They train Golden Retrievers for special needs veterans.

Joe Clark went on Final Patrol and his estate donated \$5000 to a USSVI scholarship fund in Joe's name for NC USSVI bases members dependents.

Everyone can help with membership by talking with vets and wearing something submarine related.

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Meets a Am. Legion Post in Winston-Salem on the 1st Saturday of odd months.—1300 hours



From the
NATHANAEL GREENE Base Chaplain
Jim Schenk

Here is a riddle: "What does the poor have, the rich don't, and if you eat it, you'll die?"

Christmas is now upon us. I reflect upon childhood days as I notice home lighting displays, store over-crowding's, (which are accompanied by long walks from the parking lots), the cordial greetings, nods and smiles from strangers that are generally missing at other times of the year.

Sometimes this secular world forgets that the "reason for the season" is the celebration of the birth of our Savior, JESUS CHRIST. He came into this world to allow all mankind and easier path to the Father than was promised in the Old Testament. Read your Bible; (an acronym for "Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth"), and know the good news and promises for yourself. If your life is stressful, full of pain or disease, or you suffer in your heart for someone else, there is an answer for that in the Bible. How does one become saved, you ask? Go to Romans 10:9 for the formula, and have your sins forgiven and begin walking the right path. What can be more beautiful than the holy promise of "eternal life", where you will be with others who have gone before, knowing the LORD?

Our Holy Bible is written by over forty authors and took over six-thousand years to complete. There are over seven-thousands of GOD's unbroken promises in this greatest-of-all publications. Most people don't know that the book of Isaiah, composed over 2,300 years ago, was found completely intact and the prophecies therein have been spot on ever since. Our Holy Bible contains 66 books, 1,189 chapters, 31,200 verses and of all that, "yesterday" is only mentioned 9 times, but only once as it applies to us (Hebrews 13:8).

As you enjoy the approaching holiday season, please stop and consider what wonders surround us. Look around anywhere to see the Glory of the LORD. What a beautiful Earth we occupy and what wonders of life are thereupon. My life-long mantra has always been, "we are all here to Love one another and Help each other."

Communication is the basis of life.

Balance is the key to life.

Agreement is the power of life.

Exchange is the process of life.

Make these points part of your everyday living, and see things become much easier over the next few weeks and throughout 2018.

Oh, the answer to the riddle = NOTHING.



**HOW IT IS
DONE AT
RODEOS -
NO WORDS NEEDED .**



Happy Birthday Shipmates

Remember looking ahead!

Happy Birthday Shipmates.

If you name is not here and should be, please contact me or your Base Secretary. My records are only as good as I am supplied by the Base Secretary.

January Birthdays

James Lashbrook, Kenneth Stephens, Frank Jones, Perry Blake, Donald W. Eggleston, David L. Bergman, Jr., Charles Boynton, Charles L Cotter, Larry Gordon, Frederick Gunter Jr, William Hubbert, Raymond Moore, Michael E. Murphy, James R. Kinney, Joseph Goarck, John H. J. Cunningham, William W. Whelan, Thomas Beach, Robert Moore, Karl "Casey" Pond

February Birthdays

Ronald Lamon, Jim Goins, Jim Harris, Jean-Loup Combemale, James W. Harris, John Jeffries, Diederick E. Kanning, Robert H Werner, Gerard F. (Jerry) Leppart, William C. Abbruzzese, Diederick Kanning, James P. Davis, Harold C. Bazzle, Robert H. Werner, William B. Wood, Eugene Ipox, Eugene A. Peterman, Norman Richards, Milton Stark

March Birthdays

Darrell McKinley, Jr., Ronald Pervere, Gerald Sobulefsky, Howard Dachs, Mike Fuller, William L. Hickerson, Donald R Godfrey, Sr, Boyce G. Kline, William E Lewis, Jr, John E. Markiewicz, William Martinez, James R. Myers III, Russell Toy, Sylvan A. Walliser, III, Robert W. Govern, Donald L. Wells, Gene E. Rutter, George E. Roderick

Q: "Were any famous men born on your birthday?"

A: "No, only little babies."

Q: Why couldn't prehistoric man send birthday cards?

A: The stamps kept falling off the rocks!

Q: What is a meaning of a true friend?

A: One who remembers your birthday but not your age!

source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/holidayjokes/birthdayjokes.html>





Welcome
New
Members

It's
DUES
TIME

Albemarle Sound Base

None to Report

Coastal Carolina Base

None to Report

Carolina Piedmont Base

None to Report

Nat Greene Base

None to Report

Old North State Base

None to Report

Tarheel Base

None to Report

USS Asheville Base

None Reported

Please Pay
Your Dues
To support your
Base and the
USSVI

"Never miss a good change to shut up."

— Will Rogers



Asheville Adventures



Marshall, NC City Veterans Day Services



LTJG USN Miranda Schmidt, the daughter of Joe & Kitty Schmidt



Base members at the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall "The Wall That Heals"



Lance Corporal USMC Jarrett Ipox,
the son of Gene & Annette Ipox



Asheville Holiday Parade



TARHEEL TALES



This was taken after the luncheon in honor of the commanding officer of the USS South Carolina and four of his crew who made a visit to the triangle to help support recruiting for some money service with the three in ROTC unit. They also went to Wilmington and met with the coastal Carolina base members.



Getting ready for the NC State Fair Parade.

Base Election Results:

Dave Campbell—Cmdr.

James Davis—Vice Cmdr.

Willian Lowe—Secretary

**Thomas McFadden—
Treasurer**



More...TARHEEL TALES



At the commissioning of the USS Washington (SSN-787) in Norfolk, VA. Three Tarheel Base members are shown on the pier- Bill Lowe, Jerry Leppart, and Bob Govern. This picture was in an article in the Newport News newspaper on Sunday, 8 October- the day after the commissioning on 7 October 2017.



The Tarheel Base picnic on Saturday 10/7/2013. We had good weather, good food and all around good time! We missed those of you who did not attend! Wolfgang Friedrich entertained us with a challenging submarine trivia quiz while the ladies participated in a Corn Hole competition.





Wilson Parade Pics

Who do you know?

Pics by Bill Lowe



More Tarhell photss"



Left—Mrs. And Jerry Leppart

Bottom L—Rich Cimino the big grand prize winner

Bottom R—Donna and Gene Rutter

**Pearl Harbor Dinner –
December 9th**

Left—Mrs. And Jerry Leppart

Below—Nelson Gainey displays his win-
nings



Funnies

IMPORTANT LITERARY JOURNAL



"You misspelled 'constant criticism'."

She gasped...

Then, he spoke..."Iron this -- and then get me a beer."

A wife got so mad at her husband she packed his bags and told him to get the hell out. As he walked to the door she yelled, "And I hope you die a long, slow, and very painful death." He turned around and said, "So, you want me to stay?"

A plane passed through a severe storm. The turbulence was awful, and things went from bad to worse when one wing was struck by lightning.

One woman lost it completely. She stood up in the front of the plane and screamed, 'I'm too young to die,' she cried. Then she yelled, 'If I'm going to die, I want my last minutes on earth to be memorable! Is there anyone on this plane who can make me feel like a WOMAN?'

For a moment, there was silence. Everyone stared at the desperate woman in the front of the plane. Then the cowboy from Texas stood up in the rear of the plane. He was handsome, tall, well built, with dark brown hair and hazel eyes. Slowly, he started to walk up the aisle, unbuttoning his shirt as he went, one button at a time. No one moved. He removed his shirt. Muscles rippled across his chest.





2018 Southeast Regional Conference



Hosted by Hampton Roads Base, Tidewater, Virginia

Friday, 27-APRIL to Sunday, 29-APRIL-2018

Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center

5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-6515

Reserve your room directly with the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach - Norfolk Hotel (direct line): 757-499-4400 or follow this link [Holiday Inn Virginia Beach - Norfolk](#) (use group booking code: **SR8**) for reservations. Check-in time is 1600 hours.

The Conference hotel room rate is \$ 99.⁰⁰ plus 14% tax and \$2 fee (\$114.⁰⁰ all inclusive) per day.

The Hotel RESERVATION CUT-OFF date is 26-MARCH for the group booking room rate.

2018 Southeast Regional Conference Registration

Name (to be used on name badge): _____ USSVI Base: _____

Guest(s): _____ Relationship: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

eMail address: _____ phone: _____

Emergency contact: _____ phone: _____

Qualification boat: USS _____ Hull number: _____ Qualification year: _____

EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
2018 SER Conference registration for each USSVI member (add \$5.00 after 26-MARCH-2018).	\$ 40.00		
SER Conference registration for each guest	\$ 30.00		
Buffet Banquet Saturday per person (meal price includes soft drink, tax, and gratuity).	\$ 45.00		
Norfolk Premium Outlets Shopping Trip (Friday).	\$ 25.00		
Norfolk Premium Outlets Shopping Trip (Saturday).	\$ 25.00		
Tour of the Submarine Learning Facility and/or a Virginia Class SSN (subject to approvals by CSL & CSS-6)	No Charge		
Conference registration total:			

Visitor guides for Norfolk, and Virginia Beach will be provided in your WELCOME ABOARD packet.

NOTE: ATTENDANCE AT ANY CONFERENCE EVENT REQUIRES A PAID CONFERENCE REGISTRATION.

There will be NO Conference registration refunds after 12-APRIL-2018 other than for bona fide emergencies.

Payment may be made by check or money order, made payable to USSVI-HRB, and mailed with your registration form to:

Hampton Roads Base - USSVI
EMCS(SS) Craig S Werner, U.S.N. (Ret.)
222-5 Sandpiper Drive
Portsmouth, VA 23704-1543

Should you have any questions please contact Craig Werner: GrumpyOldSquid@gmail.com

THANK YOU and we look forward to welcoming you and seeing you at the Conference.



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Got Links or pictures you want to share with the NC SubVets? -

Send them to Moe at caropied_moe@twc.com

The next deadline for the **All Clear** will be
15 March

If you have a favorite “Boat” or Navy related Story please

Send your stories to Moe at Caropied_Moe@twc.com



On Eternal Patrol

...Sailor, rest your oar



John Marc Herina , TM3(SS)



.Qualified in submarines on the USS James Monroe (SSBN-622) in 1967 and was a TM3(SS) when he left the Navy.

John M. Herina

September 6, 1945 – August 7, 2017

John Marc Herina, 71, of Fairfield, died, Monday August 7, 2017 at Sentara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk, VA. Born in New Jersey, September 6, 1945, he was the son of the late John and Marie Pinnix Herina. He was married to the former Peggy Grant who survives.

John proudly served his country during the Vietnam conflict with the United States Navy. While on board of the USS James Monroe (SSBN 622). After his discharge from active duty he became president of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Hyde County Chapter, Hyde County American Legion Post#561 and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #272.

John never met a stranger, always willing to lend a helping hand especially to a fellow veteran. He was an avid hunter and a commercial fisherman for over twenty years. He enjoyed the outdoors and for over forty years he worked as a tug boat captain most recently with Kirby Corporation.



Donald J Whitehead , CS1(SS)



Don qualified in submarines on the USS Tiru (SS-416) in 1963. He also served on SSBN-636, SSBN635, SS-410, and SSN-678. Don was a CS1(SS) when he left the Navy.



On Eternal Patrol

...Sailor, rest your oar



Lamarr Albert Seader , CMDCM(SS)



Qualified in submarines on the USS Halfbeak (SS-352) in 1961 and was a CMDCM(SS) when he left the Navy.

Master Chief Quartermaster (SS) Lamarr Seader, USN(Ret) was born 21 June 1939, departing on Eternal Patrol 07 December 2017, just a month short of his 79 birthday. Lamarr did thirty-one years in the Navy. His first four years were in the surface Navy, reporting to his first submarine and qual boat, Halfbeak (SS 352), as an SM2, in 1960. Following boats included Entemedor (SS 340), Bang (SS 385), Francis Scott Key (SSBN 657), and James K Polk (SSBN 645). His last twelve years was as a Career Recruiter.



Albert Lawrence Ouzts , TM2(SS)



Albert Lawrence Ouzts qualified on USS Harder SS-568) in 1967. Albert also served about the USS Sennet (SS-405). Albert was born in 1941 and went on eternal patrol November 10, 2017. There were four (4) SubVets who tended the lines for Albert Laurence Ouzts, this past Saturday at Grace Lutheran Church in Raleigh. The family appreciated our showing. In attendance were Bob Govern, Jerry Leppart, Bill Lowe, and Gene Rutter.





LISTING OF WW II SUBMARINE VETERANS WHO PASSED
SINCE THE 2016 PEARL HARBOR DINNER.

Joseph Howard Clark, of Greensboro. Served on the USS Bream (SS 243), USS Pintado (SS 387) and USS Dragonet (SS 293), On Eternal Patrol at age 92....November 17th, 2016.

William (Bill) E Edwards of Cary. Served on the USS Sea Robin (SS 407) and USS Gato (SS 212). On Eternal Patrol at age 90....December 29th, 2016.

William Kemp Settle of Sanford. Served on the USS Corporal (SS 346). On Eternal Patrol at age 90....on January 27th, 2017.

Harold Dyson Rutter of Fort Mill SC. Served on the USS Ex-U2513 and USS Trumpet fish (SS 425). On Eternal Patrol at age 88.....February 12th, 2017.

George Walter Treusch of Asheville. Served on the USS Sub Relief Crew (SS 0) On Eternal Patrol at age 89....February 15th, 2017.

Roger Lee Shepherd of Wilmington. Served on the USS Brill (SS 330). On Eternal Patrol at age 89....February 20th, 2017.

William Dwight Ellinger of Gastonia. Served on the USS Angler (SS 240). On Eternal Patrol at age 92May 28th, 2017.

Joseph Early Morgan of Raleigh. Served on the USS Cochino (SS 345), USS Tusk (SS 426), USS Clamagore (SS343) and USS Threadfin (SS 410). On Eternal Patrol at age 88....June 25th, 2017.

Edward Ralph Lloyd of Virginia. Served on the USS S-16 (SS 128), USS S-38 (SS 143), USS Cabrillo (SS 288), USS Dace (SS 247), and USS Ray (SS-271). On Eternal Patrol at age 94....August 24th, 2017

John H Peterson, Sr. of Mt Olive. Served on the USS Tigrone (SS/SSR/AGSS 419), USS Threadfin (SS 410), USS Sablefish (SS 303), USS Halfbeak (SS 352) and USS Nautilus (SS 571). On Eternal Patrol at age 95....September 24th, 2017.

Carl Ledbetter Acree of Oak Island. Served on the USS Blower (SS 325). On Eternal Patrol at age 91....October 8th, 2017.





LISTING OF NORTH CAROLINA BASED SUBMARINE VETERANS
ON ETERNAL PATROL SINCE 2016 PEARL HARBOR

Henry M. Zimmerman, of Raleigh. Served on the USS Andrew Jackson (SSBN 619), Member of the Tarheel Base, On Eternal Patrol at age 72....December 21, 2016.

Donald Gene Duncan, of Charlotte. Served on the USS Sennet (SS 408), and USS Trutta (SS 421) Member of the Carolina Piedmont Base, On Eternal Patrol at age 80.... February 19, 2017.

Gary Vant Sikes, of Raleigh. Member of the Tarheel Base. Served on the USS Scamp (SS 588), USS Permit (SS 594) and USS Queen fish (SS 651) On Eternal Patrol at age 73.....March 31, 2017

Henry Bryant Hagwood, of Oxford. Member of the Tarheel Base. Served on the USS Sablefish (SS 303) and USS Sea Owl (SS 405). On Eternal Patrol at age 78June 21, 2017.

John J Norosky of Whiteville. Served on the USS Seadragon (SS 584) and USS Barb (SS 596). Member of both the Coastal Carolina and Tarheel Bases, On Eternal Patrol at age 78....June 23, 2017

Lamarr Seader, on December 7th, 2017. He was the past District Commander and served on the USS Entemedor, along with Chuck Jensen & Gene Rutter, although not at the same time.





LIST OF NC SUBVETS PASSING WITH NO ASSOCIATION

As read during the PEARL HARBOR DINNER 2017.

Robert Wayne Hare of Wilmington, on January 27, 2017, at age 62, went on Eternal Patrol.

Gary Dale Wilde of Marshall, on February 28, 2017, at age 57, went on Eternal Patrol.

Dennis J. Sommers of Charlotte, on March 1, 2017, at age 71, went on Eternal Patrol.

Arthur William Gottschalk of New Bern, on March 8, 2017, at age 87, went on Eternal Patrol.

Thomas Michael Keever of Raleigh, on March 11, 2017, at age 66, went on Eternal Patrol.

Thomas Allen Myatt of Clayton, on March 15, 2017, at age 77, went on Eternal Patrol.

Victor Julian Kelley of Durham, on March 18, 2017, at age 69, went on Eternal Patrol.

Douglas Turner Pate of Boiling Springs, on April 1, 2017, at age 67, went on Eternal Patrol.

Michael Jury Jasperse of Thomasville, on August 1, 2017, at age 63, went on Eternal Patrol.

Albert Laurence Ouzts of Knightdale, on November 10, 2017, at age 76, went on Eternal Patrol.

