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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.

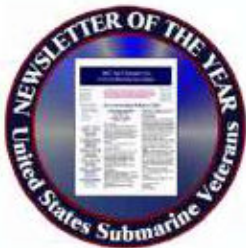
The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed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

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USS Caplin (SS-289)

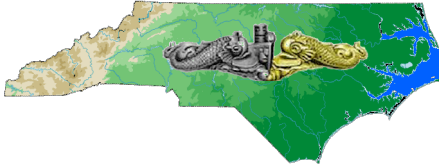
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USS Sculpin (SS-191)

USS Tang (SS-306)





North Carolina State Commander's Comments

I would like to encourage each and every base that has an event planned in their schedule to ensure that ALL North Carolina Bases are invited to attend. Any event large or small is worthy of an invitation which will increase the camaraderie of our North Carolina Subvets members.

For the first time North Carolina Subvets had an ad in the Souvenir Magazine at a National Convention. As I sent out in an E-mail stating how the ad will be paid for. The ad costs \$150.00 which The Tarheel Base has fronted the cost and I have requested that each base send a contribution for their share ($\$150.00 / 7 \text{ bases} = \21.43 per Base) suggest each base send a donation of \$20-\$25 to the Tarheel Base treasurer. As of this article, some of the NC Subvets bases have NOT submitted their donation, Please send in your donations as it is not right that the Tarheel base cover the cost for all NC Subvet Bases.

Another subject of expenses for All NC Subvet Bases is the annual cost of our membership to the NC Air Museum in Asheboro NC. The membership is \$125 per year. This Museum is where the NC Subvets Torpedo Float is on display. The Torpedo Float Belongs to all NC Subvet Bases and all bases should contribute their fair share ($\$125.00 / 7 \text{ bases} = \17.86 each) The float belongs to all of us, please contribute your share. Send contributions to Nathanael Green bay's Treasurer, Chuck Jensen. The "All Clear and North Carolina Subvets web site" that is being managed by Joe Peek is a great means of communication between our state bases, let's make use of these avenues of communication.

Other upcoming events are the Kings Bay memorial service in October, Pearl Harbor memorial service in December.

As always, I encourage all NC Subvets to continue to recruit new members, there are many Submariners in this State that do not know of our existence. We need more small local bases to start up. It's not that difficult to form a base.

I encourage all bases to utilize the All Clear to report your events

At the Moonshine mountain in May 2020 I would like someone to volunteer to replace me as the NC Subvets State Commander. Please see the NC Subvets Charter for requirements.

Jerry Emerson
North Carolina Subvets
State Commander



Up-coming Events - visit ncsubvets.org for more information

- Oct. 19 - NC Air Museum Fly-in Air Show
- Oct. 23 - NC State Fair Military Appreciation Day
- Nov. 11 - Black Mountain Veterans Day Parade
Asheboro Veterans Day Parade
- Nov. 23 - Asheville Holiday Christmas Parade
- Dec. 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner
- Dec. 14 - Wreaths Across America

North Carolina Bases & Officers

Albemarle Sound

Base Commander: Frank Jones III
Sr. Vice Commander: Ronald J. Pervere
Secretary: Matthew L. Cinkovich
Treasurer: Matthew L. Cinkovich

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Commander: Vince Sievert
Vice Commander: Joe Goarck
Secretary: Jack Murray
Treasurer: Dennis Cloutier

Carolina Piedmont

Base Commander: Richard Petit
Vice Commander: James F. Goins
Secretary: Tom Kelly
Treasurer: William Strand

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Base Commander: David Campbell
Vice Commander: Jim Davis
Secretary: Bill Lowe
Treasurer: Tom McFadden

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Base Commander: Scott L. Powell
Vice Commander: Kevin Kesterson
Secretary: William H. Underwood
Treasurer: Terry L. Kuhn

USS Asheville

Base Commander: Joseph R. Schmidt
Vice Commander Jerome B. Hoffart
Treasurer: Rich Cox
Secretary: James A. Secord

Nathanael Greene

Base Commander: Raymond Moore
Vice Commander: Al Zilinski
Secretary: Edward Galaviz
Treasurer: Chuck Jensen



2019 Robert Link Award

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At the September meeting of Old North State Base, Dennis R. Cloutier received the 2019 Robert Link Award. The award was presented by the South East Region District #1 Commander Dave Campbell.

Dennis, AKA "Phrog", took the helm regarding the engineering and design of Old North State Base's submarine float. Spending many tireless hours, he designed and manufactured the modules which, when assembled, created the $\frac{1}{12}$ scale model of a Sturgeon class fast attack nuclear submarine. Dennis also led the team of volunteers to complete the assembly and finishing of the float. This final phase, which required 2 days per week and a commute for Dennis of 3 hours round trip each time, took 5 weeks to complete.

Dennis's tireless efforts and drive for success kept the project on track until completion. His dedication is in keeping with the traditions of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) and North Carolina Submarine Veteran's (NCSubVets).



Nathanael Greene Base

Nathanael Greene Base's annual base picnic was held June 29th at the Triad Park located in Kernersville where the Carolina Field of Honor Memorial is located. Thirty-six members and guests enjoyed ham, fried chicken, baked beans and potato prepared by Larry Hauser, Members/spouses provided salads and desserts. We have a number of NC Subvets who have memorial pavers in the Navy Section of this memorial.



Larry Hauser Base Cook

Congratulations to Dale Patterson of Nathanael Greene Base he just received his 70 year longevity pin.

Bill Stirewalt also from Nat Greene, will get his pin this quarter.



Tarheel Color Guard

On Labor Day, September 2, 2019 the Taheel Base Color Guard presented colors at the Folds of Honor Celebration held at Hillandale Golf Club in Durham.

Color Guard members included: Wade Cooper, Tom McFadden, Jim Wallace and Rich Cimino

Folds of Honor is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization that provides educational scholarships to families of military servicemen and women who have fallen or been disabled while on active duty in the United States Armed Forces. ... Scholarships are awarded on a year-by-year basis and are valued up to \$5,000



Photos and article supplied by Tom McFadden

USS Asheville Base Report

We have had a busy summer here in the mountains. Our base picnic was on 27 July great food and a flag retirement ceremony with flags from 5 different counties. We sent one of our charter members on his eternal patrol. Doc Peterman is now on his final cruise. Rest your oars sailor we have the watch. We had a busy day on sep 7th at the Lost Boats Memorial. Fall trimming, cleanup and sealing the new deck. It looks really nice.



We are partaking on a new venture with our Honor Guard. We are starting an exhibition rifle drill team. First practice is Sep 20 we will see how it goes. Our base meets the first Tuesday of the month at Ryan's in Asheville. 1000 Brevard Road, if you are in the area come visit with us.



Tarheel Social Dinner #5

On Friday September 13 twenty-one Tarheel Base members and spouses gathered for the 5th Social Dinner. In a spirit of culinary adventure, diners enjoyed a contemporary Mexican dinner at Mez in Durham, NC. Everyone enjoyed great food, service and camaraderie.

Jim is planning a seafood restaurant for the 4th quarter.



Chaplain's Corner

Shipmates, while we hope your day and those of our tarheel base shipmates is far into the future, we must nevertheless be prepared.

Please copy this notice and place it with your will or important papers.

Inform your spouse, companion, relative or care giver of this information so that they can act in your behalf.

IMPORTANT!

In the case of my death, please immediately notify the U. S. Submarine Veterans inc. (USSVI) at 877-542-3483 or 360-337-2978, and give the person on duty the information regarding my death, funeral and burial arrangements, plus who they can contact for follow-up and support.

Please ask them to contact either the Tarheel Base Commander and/or Tarheel Base Chaplain (currently, Gene Rutter @ 919-847-0743, e-mail g3e5r3@aol.com).

There are other groups who should be contacted when a passing occurs. note this is not an extensive list, but is given as a starting point.

- Social Security Administration. ph 800-772-1213
- Veteran's Administration. ph 800-827-1000 (if decedent was in the military)
- Defense Finance and Accounting Service.ph 800-269-5170 (military service retiree receiving benefits).
- State Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Credit card and merchant card companies
- Banks, savings and loan associations, and credit unions.
- mortgage companies and lenders.
- financial planners and stockbrokers.
- pension providers.
- credit reporting agencies....
Experian ph 888-397-3742
Equifax ph 800-525-6285.
Transunion ph 800-680-7289.

When the good Lord created...

When the good Lord created a Submariner, it was almost 2300 on the sixth day. An angel appeared and said, *"You're having a lot of trouble with this one. What's wrong with the standard model?"*

And the Lord replied, *"Have you seen the specs on this order? It has to be able to think independently, yet be able to take orders; have the qualities of both a scientific mind and a compassionate heart; be able to mentor juniors and learn from seniors; run on black coffee; handle emergencies without a Damage Control Manual, respond competently to critical incidents, decipher cryptographic codes, understand pneumatics, hydraulics and sonar, have the patience of a saint and six pairs of hands, not to mention the strength of three its size."*

The angel shook its head slowly and said, *"Six pairs of hands - - No way!"*

And the Lord answered, *"Don't worry, we'll make other Submariners to help. Besides it's not the hands which are causing the problem. It's the heart. It must swell with pride when a Shipmate earns his Silver Dolphins - which above all else signifies the crew members trust it with their lives, sustain the incredible hardship of life at sea in a steel tube, beat on soundly when it's too tired to do so, and be strong enough to continue to carry on when it's given all it had."*

"Lord," said the angel touching the Lord's sleeve gently, *"Stop! It's almost midnight!"*

"I can't," said the Lord. *"I'm so close to creating something unique. Already I have one whose hands blend knowledge with skill to perform the most intricate procedures, yet are strong enough to patch a ruptured seawater pipe; whose ears can discern the sonar sounds of a myriad of ocean life, yet detect the slightest shift in ventilation; whose mind can practice the science of nuclear submarining, yet not lose sight of the art of teamwork; and whose eyes can peer through a periscope to identify a hull down ship, yet search within to embrace and personify honor, courage and commitment."*

The angel circled the model of the Submariner very slowly. *"It's too serious,"* the angel sighed.

"But tough," said the Lord excitedly. *"You cannot imagine what this Submariner can do or endure."*

"Can it feel?" asked the angel.

"Can it feel! It loves Ship, Shipmates and Country like no other!"

Finally the angel bent over and ran a finger across the Submariner's cheek. *"There's a leak," pronounced the angel. "I told you you're trying to put too much into this model."*

"That's not a leak," said the Lord. *"It's a tear."*

"What's it for?" asked the angel.

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, frustration and pride!"

"You're a genius!" exclaimed the angel.

The Lord looked pleased and replied, *"I didn't put it there."*

Filled with pride, the Lord continued, *"Great things are planned for this Submariner. It will be one of many and together they will lead a legacy of excellence like none has known before."*

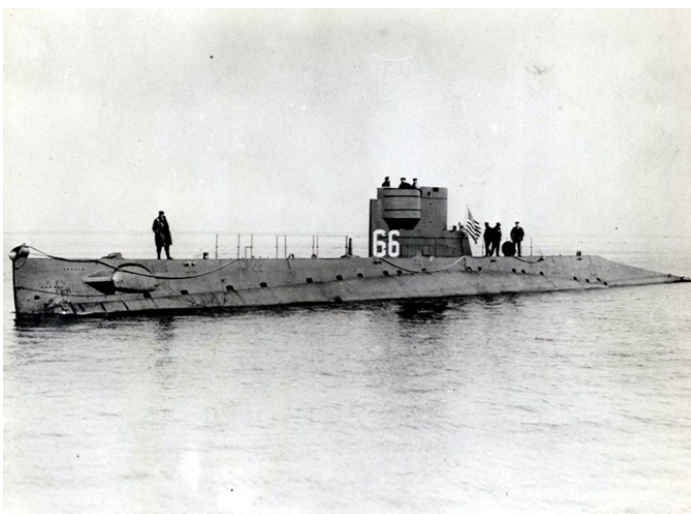
And with that the Lord rested. It was the seventh day.

CAPT Jane F. Vieira
Chaplain Corps, United States Navy

Lost Boats - 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 15 th 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 7 th 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 5 th 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 7 th war patrol. Wahoo had won a Presidential Unit Citation and ranks 5 th 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 3 rd 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 4 th war patrol when she became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Pala wan 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 5 th war patrol. Tang ranks 2 nd in the number of ships sunk and 4 th 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 Ababgarez off the Panama Canal. Torpedoman's Mate 2 nd Class (SS) Henry Berault received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions.



Photos provided by Chuck Jensen

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 11 th 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 1 st 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 (Pickerell) (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.