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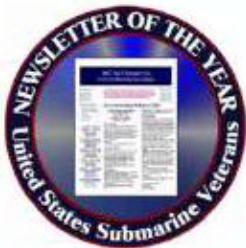
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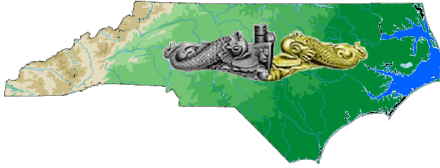
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## Up-coming Events - visit [ncsubvets.org](http://ncsubvets.org) for more information

- Jan. 21 Tarheel Dinner Social
- Mar. 14 St. Patrick's Day Parade - Raleigh
- Mar. 15 St. Patrick's Day Parade - Kill Devil Hills
- May 15 -17 Moonshine Mountain Memorial and Armed Forces Day



## **“NOW HEAR THIS” TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER / DISTRICT ONE COMMANDER**

First, to all my shipmates in the Tarheel State, I hope you all had Merry Christmas and of course and Happy New Year, or at least the start of one. Which brings us to the point of these comments. A new year a new start, a fresh view of our organization from the base to the National. How have we been doing, what is our POD, so to speak and our POA to meet these goals. Of course the question pinging in your heads right now is what are our goals. Let's review:

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Well nothing has changed, our goals; "purpose" is the same. The question each year, each meeting or each regional or national conference is; how do we get there, "how do we serve the purpose". Reviewing the events I participated in and observed as Base Commander or District Commanders and reading about them in the news letters and other communications, all serve the purpose. So how are we doing? What do the metrics say? Are we recruiting members, and retaining members in sufficient numbers to grow or at least maintain our membership.

Reviewing our activities, we are serving the purpose, but the membership level metric, big picture does not appear to be supported. When I joined in 2009, I had no knowledge of USSVI, an organization that began in 1964, the year I enlisted. This last week, as Eagle Scout Chair I was tasked with supporting an Eagle Court of Honor. When I reviewed the application, I noticed that the father was a retired submariner. When contact was made, he informed me he had no knowledge of USSVI's existence and only found out through a member of the Troop's leadership. So since 2009 and 2019, it would appear public knowledge of our existence has some gaps. What do we do about it? Is there anything we can do about it? WELL, I do not have an answer that will solve the problem described above. Except to follow the comments of Steve Bell, NJVC and previous Regional, District, and Base Commander. He basically said keep doing what we are doing.

Keep pushing to get public visibility with parades, static displays, participation in local civic events especially those that involve national celebrations and veterans programs, schools education, etc. For example, Tarheel and Old North State Bases participated in a Christmas Parade in Fuquay Varina for the first time and with a new float produced by the Old North State Base, the smallest in

the District and only three years since since commissioning-we were well received by a large crowd. In June I will be giving a presentation on the history of submarine disasters, rescue and salvage operations at the Maritime Museum in Wilmington NC. Participation with Color Guards has also expanded our visibility, especially with Duke University, and the crowds at Durham Bull stadium and Mudcat baseball games here in Raleigh. Asheville and Carolina Piedmont also have active Color Guards. Other venues include Jim Kinney's classes at Duke University continuing education program that also provides detailed information to the public on the history of submarines and submarine operations, with help from three Tarheel Base members to date. This is just a surface scratch in identifying our activities, and yet we had retired submariner living in Clayton with no knowledge of USSVI. In addition for the last three years the Tarheel Base has established a visibility foot print at the NC State Fair, participating in the armed forces day parade and this year we had a static display with the ONS Bases new submarine float, a 1/12 scale 637 Class Submarine, as if sitting in the drydock, with a screw that turns and a periscope that can be lowered and raised. We received a great deal of traffic with public interest in the force and our boats.

The district health, if measured in membership could be said to be stable, and that is because one base, Hampton Roads is located in Norfolk VA which is a target rich environment which has grown a great deal in the time I have been District Commander which has kept our numbers about even. ONS Base is a stand out which had 7 members when established and now musters 19 with a very active base. There are submariners in our base areas, obviously. But how many, and how do we get them to join us. Well here are some thoughts. In 1987 we had 22 SSBNs, and 90 SSNs with the Tridents were coming into service and the Poseidon Boats decommissioning. Consider two crews for the 22 SSBNs, with the 90 SSN single crews, three prototypes, sub school, training commands etc. Today we have 18 OHIO Class boats and our SSN force is decreasing at 3-4 per year and will be at 41 by 2015 and then start increasing with a goal of 60 VIRGINIA Class. Our total active submarine manpower levels have decreased over the 20 some years since I retired. How does this impact our pool of submarine qualified veterans available for possible memberships? I could not say, but I feel it does have an affect unless we are located, like Hampton Roads Base, near a submarine base. So as Steve says, keep doing what you are doing.

Upcoming events, for Tarheel Base; Saint Patricks Day Parade and support in May for the Moonshine Mount memorial. There is no Regional Conference presently scheduled, as we voted to go to a two year cycle with the next conference taking place in Biloxi MS I believe. Please check your base news letters for other upcoming events. Also remember we are all recruiters for new members, so when you come across a submariner, get his name and e-mail address or any other contact information. Give him base contact information. Base leadership should also make contact, to show our interest and comrade ship. And remember talk up the force and the importance of their contribution to the submarine force and our freedom.

I wish you all successful up coming year, and BRAVO ZULU to all bases for your outstanding performance in 2019.

s/ Dave Campbell CDR USN (ret)

TARHEEL Base Commander /SER District 1 Commander





## North Carolina State Commander's Comments

### Shipmates:

I wish to remind the base commanders that there are two financial obligations items that have to be resolved. Some bases have submitted and others have not. Please submit your share of the cost of the National Convention AD, to Tarheel Base treasurer, and the cost of the membership in The NC Air Museum In Asheboro NC to the Nathanael Green Base treasurer.

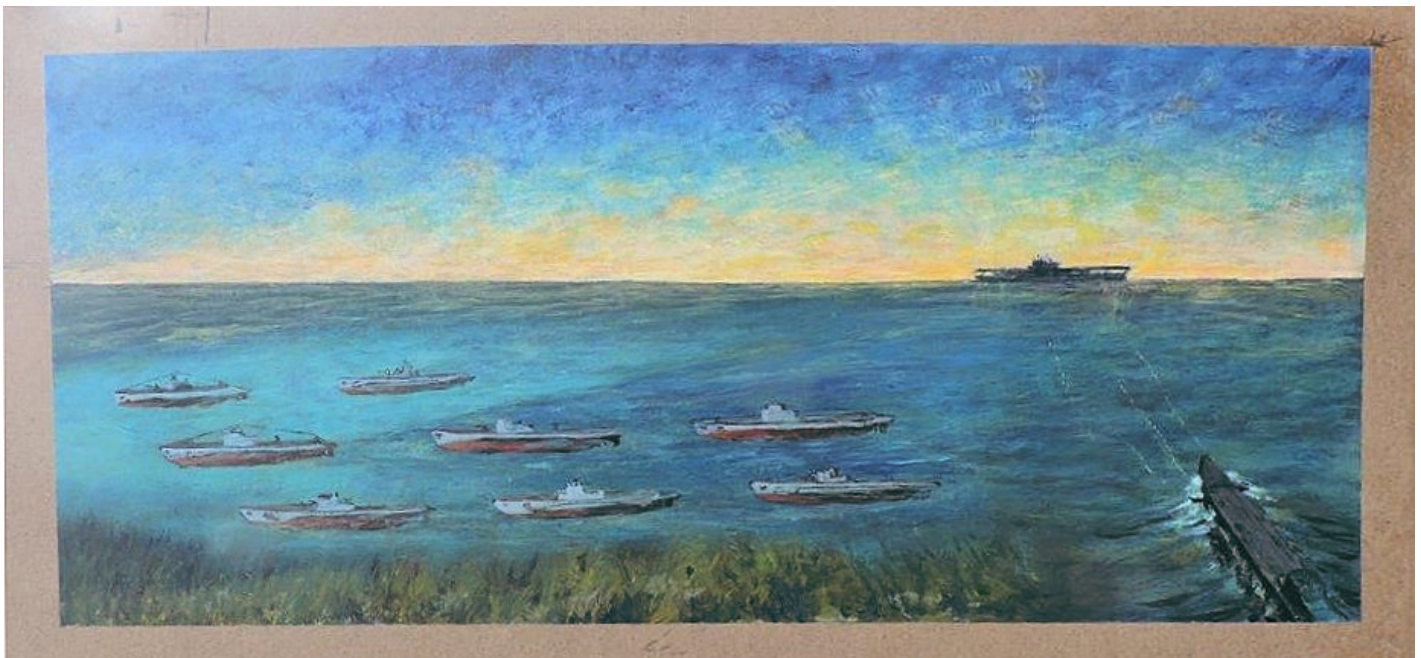
A new financial obligation for NC Subvets is the Moonshine Mountain retaining wall covering. An approximately 20' x 8' banner is being made to cover the retaining wall. A rendition of the banner is attached. This is going to cost about \$500 to \$700 for the banner, hanging material, and other miscellaneous cost. The Tarheel base, Old North State base and Nathanael base have made donations. Request that all bases make a donation as the Moonshine Mountain memorial is a NC Subvets project. Please send your donations to the Tarheel Base treasurer and mark as for the Moonshine Mountain Banner.

As always, I encourage All NC bases to utilize the All Clear Newsletter and Web site to announce your bases events and projects.

I am requesting some one relieve me as NC Subvets Commander as I have not been able to accomplish some of the things that I wanted to during my tour.

Jerry Emerson

North Carolina Submarine Veterans State Commander



## North Carolina Bases & Officers

### Albemarle Sound

Commander: Frank Jones IIISr.      Vice Commander: Ronald J. Pervere      Secretary: Matthew L. Cinkovich  
Treasurer: Matthew L. Cinkovich

### Carolina Piedmont

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

### Coastal Carolina

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

### Nathanael Greene

Base Commander: Al Zilinski      Vice Commander: Frank K. Gardner      Secretary: Edward Galaviz  
Treasurer: Chuck Jensen

### Old North State

Commander: Vince Sievert      Vice Commander: Joe Goarck      Secretary: John E. Murray  
Treasurer: Dennis Cloutier

### Tarheel

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

### USS Asheville

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



## Wreaths Across America - December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Seven Tarheel Subvets and one spouse joined 50 - 60 volunteers in laying wreaths at the graves of 150 veterans interred at the Hillcrest Cemetery. Joining us in representing the Navy was a retired admiral who is also a neighbor of Vice-Commander James Davis.

From Base Commander Dave: We had seven sub vets from the TARHEEL BASE muster and support. Bravo Zulu and thank you for those of you that were able to attend this year on such short notice.

Now that the base has gotten its feet wet so to speak let's look at getting a bigger crew together next year and maybe supporting the Raleigh national Cemetery which has over 5000 veterans graves.





# Parades

## Fuquay-Varina Holiday Parade - December 8<sup>th</sup> 2019

We had 8 Tarheel and Old North State sub vets participate in our first outing in the Fuquay-Varina Holiday Parade. Braving cool, cloudy weather, adults and children of all ages enjoyed the new Old North State float. Kid's eyes would get big when Chief of the Watch Tony Van Schaick would sound the Diving Alarm. A good time was had by all! Pictured L-R Tony Van Schaick, Jim Davis, Dave Campbell, Bill Lowe, Joe Peek, Vince Sievert, Tom McFadden, and Will Iwaniuk





### Wilson Holiday Parade - November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Eight sub vets from Old North State participated in the Wilson Holiday Parade. Pictured includes Will Iwaniuk, Vince Sievert, Frans Van Baars, Jerry Emerson and Joe Goarck.



### Asheboro Veterans Day Parade - November 11th, 2019

From Chuck Jensen: We had 12 NC Subvets participating in this year's parade, 8 from the Nat Greene Base and 4 from the Tarheel Base. A large number of parade spectators were lined up along the parade route as in past years. We have been participating in this parade since in the early 2000's and this parade has always had good support from the local residents.







## Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner - December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 over 65 Submarine Veterans, wives and guests attended the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner at the North Carolina State University Club. After the Tarheel Base and District Commander David Campbell welcomed all in attendance Base Chaplain Gene Rutter gave the invocation. Special awards were presented to Bob Govern as Master Submariner and Harold William Dixon Jr (Butterbean) for Lifetime Service.

Then we heard from National Junior Vice Commander Steven Bell who then swore in base officers for 2020 in attendance. North Carolina State Commander Jerry Emerson unveiled the painting by Old North State sub vet Frans Van Baars to be used as the design for a 20' x 8' banner to cover the Moonshine Mountain Memorial. Our guest speaker CAPT Andrew Hertel - Commanding Officer, North Carolina Piedmont Consortium NROTC covered many areas of concern our members had such as new construction, women on submarines and how well the fleet was meeting mission demands.









## NC State Fair Military Appreciation Day - October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

On a near perfect fall day NC Submarine Veterans from Old North and Tarheel Bases participated in a morning parade and greeting fair goers. Our new location and the USS Bass float brought more non-base Sub Vets into our booth. Old North State's Frans Van Baars answered lots of questions as he worked on his painting for the Moonshine Memorial in Burnsville.





## Fly-In Air Show Asheboro, North Carolina - October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

It was a cool day for watching these vintage planes do landings, takeoffs and fly-bys but that did not dampen the enthusiasm of the people that came for the show. The star of the show was probably the P-51C Mustang with the Merlin engine upgrade. Fly-bys were limited to 250 mph and only a couple of planes could reach that speed. The original P-51C could reach 430 mph! Sub Vets from Nathanael Greene Base: Chuck Jensen, Charlie Cross (and his son Jeff), and Dale Patterson





## Tarheel Base Picnic and Meeting - October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

On Saturday, October 5 a record 36 shipmates and wives gathered for the 3rd annual Tarheel Base Meeting and Picnic at the Dogwood Shelter at Lake Crabtree Park in Morrisville, NC.

The attendees enjoyed the camaraderie and lunch catered by Smithfield's Chicken and Barbecue.



## **Chaplain's Report**

### **2019 PASSING OF SUBVETS ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA**

There are seven submarine base locations across the State of North Carolina, where fellowship and commoraderie is enjoyed by the members.

These bases stretch from the mountains to the sea, with over 400 members. the first base, the Tarheel Base, was established over twenty years ago.

Submariners are a unique group comprising only 7-8 percent of all naval personnel,(p) but, we are also an aging group, and this calendar year we had 18 submarine veterans across the state of North Carolina go on their eternal patrol.

Eleven had no base or national affiliation, the remaining seven belonged to a North Carolina base and had national affiliation. some of you here most likely knew these brothers.

Gerald R. Stott.....	February 19
Fred Forst.....	MARCH 23
Arran Lee Bray.....	APRIL 7
William C. King (CP & Nat Green Base) ....	APRIL 13
David C. Holm (CP & Tarheel Base).....	APRIL 18
Charles M Fletcher (Coastal Carolina).....	MAY 01
Eugene H Peterman (USS Asheville Base)..	JUNE 30
Charles Thomas Lawson.....	JULY 14
Earl DeWispelaere.....	JULY 17
Arthur Patrick White.....	JULY 18
Anton C Holstrom, Jr (CP BASE).....	JULY 29
Renaud Joseph Lebonville (Tarheel)..	AUGUST 11
Howard Gene Blanton.....	AUGUST 17
Maxwell W. Goodman.....	SEPT 02
Albert E. Holliday.....	Oct 09
John Thomas Page.....	OCT 10
William Lee Hickerson Jr. (CP BASE)... ..	OCT 15
Robert Fulton Bozart.....	NOV 06



## By Base:

### Carolina Piedmont Base

William King, David Holm, Anthon C Holstrom, Jr, and William Lee Hickerson;

### Coastal Carolina Base

Charles Fletcher

### Tarheel Base

Renaud Joseph Lebonville

### USS Asheville Base

Eugene Peterman

For all of these brother submarine veterans who are now on eternal patrol, we honored them by attending the services where possible, preparing a remembrance book, speaking to the families, and expressing our condolences. the families were most appreciative of our attendance.

## Lost Boats 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter



<b>USS Scorpion (SS-278)</b>	Lost sometime after January 5, 1944 with the loss of 76 men while on her 4th war patrol in the Yellow Sea off China due to unknown causes. It is assumed she was sunk by a mine.
<b>USS Argonaut (SS-166) (A-1) Pictured</b>	Lost on January 10, 1943 with the loss of 102 men while on her 3rd war patrol southwest of New Britain. While attacking a convoy, she torpedoed a Japanese destroyer who along with two other destroyers depth charged her. As she tried to surface, the destroyers sunk her by gun fire.
<b>USS Swordfish (SS-193)</b>	Lost on January 12, 1945 with the loss of 89 men while on her 13th war patrol by a possible Japanese surface attack or mine somewhere near Okinawa.

<b>USS S-36 (SS-141)</b>	Lost on January 20, 1942 while on her 2nd war patrol when she ran aground on the Taka Bangkok Reef in the Makassar Strait, east of Borneo and radioed for help. The entire crew was rescued by a Dutch launch boat after she was scuttled.
<b>USS S-26 (SS-131)</b>	Lost on January 24, 1942 with the loss of 46 men while on her 2nd war patrol in the Gulf of Panama, 14 miles west of San Jose Light. She was rammed by the USS Sturdy (PC-460) and sunk within seconds. The CO, XO and one lookout on the bridge were the only survivors.
<b>USS Barbel (SS-316)</b>	Lost on February 4, 1945 with the loss of 81 men while on her 4th war patrol during a Japanese air attack near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage.
<b>USS Shark I (SS-174)</b>	Lost on February 11, 1942 with the loss of 59 men on her 1st war patrol after receiving orders to proceed to Makassar Strait via the north coast of Celebes. Shark was the 1st US submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific.
<b>USS Amberjack (SS-219)</b>	Lost on February 16, 1943 with the loss of 72 men while on her 3rd war patrol when she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane and surface craft off Rabaul in the Solomon Sea.
<b>USS Grayback (SS-208)</b>	Lost on February 26, 1944 with the loss of 80 men while on her 10th war patrol when she was attacked by Japanese air and surface craft off Okinawa.
<b>USS Trout (SS-202)</b>	Lost on February 29, 1944 with the loss of 81 men on her 11th war patrol during a Japanese surface attack southeast of Okinawa in the Philippine Sea.
<b>USS Perch (SS-176)</b>	Lost on March 3, 1942 with no immediate loss of life while on her 1st war patrol. After two severe depth chargings in less than 200 feet of water by three Japanese destroyers, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 59 men taken prisoner, 6 men died as POWs, and 53 survived the war. Her wreckage has been located off the coast of Java.
<b>USS Grampus (SS-207)</b>	Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 71 men while on her 6th war patrol. She was lost after engaging two Japanese Destroyers in Vella Gulf near the Solomon Islands
<b>USS H-1 (SS-28)</b>	Lost on March 12, 1920 with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to shore after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. Vestal (AR-4) pulled her off the rocks on the morning of March 24th, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water.
<b>USS Triton (SS-201)</b>	Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men while on her 6th war patrol when she was sunk during a fight with three Japanese destroyers north of the Admiralty Islands, which are north of New Guinea.
<b>USS Kete (SS-369)</b>	Lost on March 20, 1945 with the loss of 87 men at the end of her 2nd war patrol between Okinawa and Midway, cause unknown. May have been sunk by a Japanese submarine that was subsequently lost.
<b>USS F-4 (SS-23)</b>	Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men after she foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu. Acid corrosion in the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. F-4 was the first commissioned U.S. submarine to be lost at sea. She was raised in August 1915.
<b>USS Tullibee (SS-284)</b>	Lost on March 26, 1944 with the loss of 79 men while on her 4th war patrol. It's believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes north of Palau. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.
<b>USS Trigger (SS-237)</b>	Lost on March 28, 1945 with the loss of 89 men while on her 12th war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft in the East China Sea.

