



Carolina Piedmont Base of the USSVI presents the

# Piedmont Periscope

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January 2017

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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 December "Sailors, rest your oars"

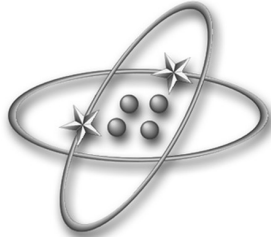
USS F-1 (SS 20) December 17, 1917

USS S-4 (SS 109) December 17, 1927

USS SEALION (SS 195)  
December 10, 1941



## CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt



Hard to believe but it is 2017 already. We all are probably wondering where the time has gone. We are starting a new Bilge Rat Production this month for 5 performances and have Hornets Colors to present Wednesday, January 25, as well as a Checkers Hockey game on Friday February 10. The SE Regional Conference in Kissimmee, Fla is in May

as well as Burnsville so we all need to put those on our calendars.

Next month we have our officer elections so anyone who wants to run for an office, Base Commander, Vice Commander, Treasurer, Secretary, needs to be prepared to put their name in the running for nomination and election. Again it is hard to believe I have been Base Commander for 2 years and have not yet been impeached. (Can you impeach a Base Commander????)

As always we need our members to stand up and volunteer for our various service programs. Submarine Ed classes, Color Guard, Bilge Rats, Flag Etiquette Education, Kaps 4 Kids etc. We really need more of our members to get involved. If you have your own service related project you want to participate in, please speak up and

lead the charge. We have had some of our members participate in Veterans related activities and other endeavors such as Autism Speaks fundraisers. Carolina Piedmont Base is setting an example of how other Veterans organizations should support their communities. Lets continue the legacy.

NOTE: !!!! The February meeting will be move up a week to February 18 NOT February 25 as previously scheduled. Please make a note on your calendar.

Rick Petitt



“Keep on fight’n!

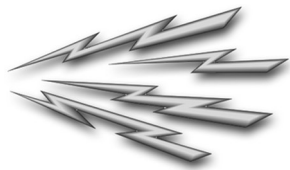
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him ASAP. The Color Guard is scheduled to present the Colors at the Hornets Game the 25th of this month. Hope to see you at the meeting scheduled for 28 January

Jack



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



This month has been pretty quiet except for Steve who had an Eagle Scout presentation for 3 new Eagle Scouts in Gastonia, Rick and I had a school presentation of the Submariner story at Nations Ford MCROTC for about 50 students, If you would like to participate in these presentations, please let me know. The dues situation is finally over, we have a few that still has not sent in their dues for the new year but I have sent messages to those members explaining the situation, if you still have not sent dues to Raymond Zieverink, please get it to



## Comm Center — Tom Kelly, Base Secretary

### December 2016 Meeting Minutes



#### 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

Carolina Piedmont base Chaplain Tom Hulme gave us the 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 Mike Toomey.

#### TOLLING OF THE BOATS

The Tolling of the boats for December was presented by Tom Hulme and Mike Hubbell.

#### MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

There were 20 members present at this month's meeting.

#### READING/APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES

The November 2016 meeting minutes were posted in the December 2016 edition of the Piedmont Periscope. A motion was made to accept the November minutes as posted; no discussion and the motion passed.

#### READING/APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink presented the treasurer's report thru December 17th, 2016.

A motion was made to accept the December treasurer's report as presented; no discussion and the motion passed.

Category	Balances as of 12/17/2016	Last Reported Balances
Kapss-4-kidss Fund	\$1,210.50	\$1,439.50
Moonshine Mtn Memorial Fund	\$920.00	\$500.00
NC Air Museum	\$92.00	N/A
Scholarship Fund	\$461.00	\$425.00
General Base Fund	\$5,187.21	\$5,154.10
<b>Total Balances</b>	<b>\$ 7,870.71</b>	<b>\$ 7,518.60</b>

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### **Holland Club Fund**

Our base received a memo from National regarding the current condition of the National Holland Club Fund; the memo reported the fund which is used for purchasing patches, certificates and other items related to members being recognized



## December Minutes Continued

as qualified in submarines for 50 years is currently depleted of funds.

Protocol is that each local USSVI base across the country is to contribute \$1 per member per year for each person who is a member of the Holland Club at their base; the memo indicated that some bases are not making contributions to this fund. The current depletion of the fund is being exasperated by the fact that the number of members entering the Holland Club is increasing significantly due to the aging of members countrywide.

We were reminded that our base currently has 45 persons who are Holland Club members and our base actually contributes \$2 per member per year to the national Holland Club fund. No changes were made regarding our Holland Club contribution.

### **Sailor of the Year Fund**

On the flip side of the national fund conversation, our base was notified that the Sailor of the Year (SOY) fund is currently experiencing an excess of funds in this account. Our base typically contributes \$400 per year to the SOY fund.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that Carolina Piedmont Base will reduce our contribution to the SOY fund to \$250 per year.

### **SK REPORT**

Our base storekeeper Jeff Nieberding reported he still has a few remaining 2017 USSVI calendars left for purchase. Calendars are \$8 each. This year's theme is "Historical Classes of Boats."

Jeff also is available for ordering patches, vests, challenge coins, etc.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

#### **Subvettes Organization Update**

Glenna Hubbell, currently acting a President of the National USSVI Subvettes, reported to the base membership that a vote was taken with all participating member ladies of the Subvettes to determine the path forward for this organization. Glenna reported that the vote came back that USSVI Subvettes will continue as an organization but will be directed individually by each local base who has a Subvettes group.

The funds currently residing in the National Treasury for the Subvettes will be used to both set-up a yearly scholarship in the name of the Subvettes (until the funds are depleted) and will also be used to have a plaque made in honor of the USSVI Subvettes to be placed at a memorial site out in Phoenix Arizona.

#### **Bilge Rats Funding – Executive Board Approval**

Between last month's meeting and tonight's meeting Dale Moses contacted the board that there was a need for upgrading the sound equipment for use at Bilge Rat productions. Moe was reminded that the base had a standing commitment that \$100 per year would be made available to the Bilge Rats from the base's General Fund.

Money had not been distributed from the General Fund since that commitment was made. Our base's executive board voted collectively that \$300 would be made available to Moe to upgrade the production's sound equipment.

The purchase of the new sound equipment totaled \$279.89.

Next Bilge Rats production will be on Saturday Jan. 28th; same day as our next base meeting.

### **Dues**

Reminder: Last call to pay dues for 2017. If dues are not paid by mid-January to National those effected members will be dropped from membership rolls.

#### **Updates – Eagle Scouts, Color Guard Events, Sub Education Programs**

Dale Moses notified us our color guard will be presenting colors at the Wednesday, February 25th Charlotte Hornet's basketball game at Spectrum Arena (formerly Time-Warner Arena).

Moe also reported he has the date of February 10th reserved for us to meet again at a Checker's hockey

## **December Meeting Minutes Continued**

game at Bojangle's Arena. Tickets are \$16 per person and 12 people have currently signed up; we need at least 8 more persons to be recognized as a special group and for our name to appear on the arena's scoreboard.

### **Update: Burnsville Moonshine Mountain Memorial Restoration Fund**

Steve Bell reported that almost 13,000 dollars has been raised to date for the drainage improvement project needed at Moonshine Mountain submarine memorial.

**Raymond Zieverink** reported that our base has just surpassed the \$1000 individual-contribution mark needed to match the challenge presented by Ray Fritz at our October meeting.

### **OPEN IMC**

USS Charlotte - Rick reminded us our base currently sponsors the submarine USS Charlotte (SSN-766) which is stationed on the west coast. We understand Charlotte Fire Department is also in contact with this submarine. We are seeking to find out if any person stationed onboard submarine Charlotte resides in the Charlotte area and if so we would like to make arrangements to have them join us at one of our future base meetings.

Jim Schenk reported he attended a breakfast sponsored by Richard Childress Racing at Richard's Coffee Shop in Mooresville and he discovered one of Childress' employees was a former submariner and Jim was able to get him signed-up as a new NC Subvet's member.

### **PIEDMONT PERISCOPE**

All hands are reminded that any news items they want included or considered for the next issue of the Piedmont Periscope newsletter that all submissions need to be sent to Robert Schilke no later than the 15th of each month.

### **NEXT BASE MEETING**

The first base meeting for 2017 will be held on Saturday January 28th at the Fort Mill VFW.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1945 hours; the motion passed.

### **BENEDICTION**

Tonight's Benediction was given by Base Chaplain Tom Hulme.

### **RAFFLE RESULTS**

Tonight's raffle was won by Missy!

### **Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:**

**Tom Kelly**

**Base Secretary**



**From The COB—Joel Sparnon MM2(SS)**



Welcome to the January Piedmont Periscope, I have always been a fan of this time of year. Though I am not a big fan of the New Year's resolution, I have always tried to work on a philosophy of constant improvement. The New Year does give us the opportunity or excuse to make improvements. Weather those changes are improve your diet or volunteer more, or clean out the garage. So let's take advantage of the new year and get more involved in the base activities, maybe try something you haven't done before like attend one of our base fun activities (Hockey game, baseball game, come to more meeting) or participate in our community service programs (Bilge Rats, caps

for kids, Victory Junction camp. Or reach out and visit one of our dwindling WW2 guys or other older members that would appreciate telling you some sea stories and maybe listening to some of yours. Or simply decide to make your favorite dish to pass and bring it to the meeting.

Let's get involved, and wear your Subvets stuff out in town as much as possible, I have lost count of how many brothers of the Phin I run into just out in town running errands with my Subvets stuff on, always recruiting.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting. Happy New Year and stay safe

And Remember Recruit, Recruit, Recruit new members

Joel Sparnon MM2/SS A-Gang  
Base COB



Mark your calendar! February 10th at 7:15 PM is the game chosen for this year's CPB at the Charlotte Checker's Game. The Checkers will host the Stockton Heat from California. We will sit again in the Attack Zone which are the \$16.09 per seat tickets. Each one attending will receive a Charlotte Checker Ball Cap. Now I have 20 tickets on hold, the minimum for a group, let's go beyond that. Last year we had 44 or 46 tickets sold. These go on my account, so I may be "hounding" until the game. Contact me at 980-422-2749 or email CPBase\_Events@twc.com. See you at the game and hopefully sooner at a meeting. – Moe(SS)



## Chaplain's Corner, Tom Hulme



Happy New Year to one and all! I Pray that everyone had a Christmas and New Year Day full of family time, fellowship and giving thanks to God for His continuous provision, mercy and grace!

As we start a new year.....every year, we look back and reflect on the things that have happened in our lives, the good times, the challenges and the difficulties.....each and every one of us have all of these going on in our lives all the time.....most times we tend to get caught up in the challenges and difficulties and lose sight of the Blessings. That's why we need to always be mindful of looking back at the difficulties of the past, you know, the ones you didn't think you could get through, the pain, grief and hardship that at the time almost numbs you.....and you rack your brain trying to figure out, how are we going to get through

this??!! Then in the reflection, you recognize that you got through it, and the Blessings came about, that you realize through the passing of the difficulty and hardship can only be explained in one way.....because of Gods mercy, grace, provision and LOVE!

Jesus explains to us through the "Beatitudes", in His Sermon On the Mount, He said:

- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed are those who hunger and  
thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.
- 7 Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of  
God.
- 10 Blessed are those who are perse-  
cuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 "Blessed are you when people in-  
sult you, persecute you and falsely  
say all kinds of evil against you be-  
cause of me. Matthew 5:3-11 NIV

This is further demonstrated to us by James as he gives specific and direct instructions from God as to how we are supposed to challenge, control and spiritually grow ourselves in our walk with God;

- 12 Blessed is the one who perseveres  
under trial because, having stood the  
test, that person will receive the  
crown of life that the Lord has prom-  
ised to those who love him. James  
1:12 NIV

We are all so Blessed that we must constantly reflect on the Blessings and always be willing to share with all others in need how we as believers benefit from Gods Blessings by our "Faith"!

Hope to see you all at this month's meeting!

Be well and God Bless!

Tom L. Hulme

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## Bilge Rat Productions

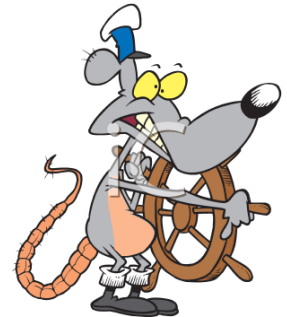
Become a “Rat”! The “Bilge Rats”, as legend has come to call them (ha), are looking for new volunteers to join there group of “traveling performers”. The Bilge Rats comb the area to find various Assisted Living Homes that will let them perform and demonstrate their spectacular talents (ha, again; or ha-ha?) They put-on a “Halfway Night Show” for the local residents. The Bilge Rat are made-up of Sub-Vettes and Base members (many with low

standards, ha-ha-ha). So if you can sing, play an instrument, or just lip-sync like and want to have a good time like the rest of the “Bilge Rats’, then you need to join us. Really it is a rewarding experience. This will start our sixth season. We do skits, sing-alongs, anything to get the “old folk” to have a good time and bring some much needed smiles.

Our current show is “The Carolina Piedmont Weather Channel”, with crazy characters and song about the weather. The season has started, but we can surely fit

you in, as we always need substitutes, set-up crew, and help of any kind (believe me, we do need help) If you and/or your spouse are interested, please contact Moe(SS) at 980-422-2749 in the late afternoon or early evenings. Or e-mail Moe(SS) at donutdad@att.net and he will return your call/e-mail.

Moe  
(SS)



## 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.



## Para-viz Shots



**Photos from  
Recent Events:**



Christmas Dinner and Meeting

“The Sailors”

“The Brides”



# New members

# Binnacle List:

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

George Davis Qualified 1972 on board the Robert E. Lee, lives in Charlotte.

- Judy Hickerson
- Hal & Dee Rutter
- Tom Hulme
- Robert Howell
- Gail Rybcyzk
- Monica Dachs

## Happy Birthday to:

### February:

- Jim Goins—Feb 11
- Jim Harris—Feb 26
- Jack Jeffries—Feb 13
- Jerry Paciorek—Feb 13
- Hal Rutter—Feb 9
- Jim Taylor—Feb 12



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

- Greg & Linda Crystal—Feb 5
- Gene & Mary Ann Johnston—Feb 1
- Tom & Janet Krpata—Feb 23
- Carl & Ruri Wooten—Feb 14
- Raymond & Linda Zieverink—Feb 24



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## **Submarine USS Topeka visits Japan**

Tim Hrenchir, Topeka Capital Journal, January 18 (Undersea Warfare News, Jan 22)

The nuclear-powered Navy attack submarine USS Topeka arrived Tuesday to visit Yokosuka, Japan, as part of an Indo-Asia-Pacific patrol it's conducting.

The USS Topeka, commissioned in 1989, has appeared in the second movie from the "Transformers" series and also on the TV series, "24." It also drew media attention by straddling the international dateline at the beginning of Jan. 1, 2000.

The submarine reported this week in a news release that its Japan visit strengthens the already positive alliance between the U.S. and Japan through the crew's interaction with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, and also demonstrates the Navy's commitment to regional stability and maritime security in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

"I believe that healthy relationships between the United States Navy and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force contribute to peace, security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region," Cmdr. Steven Tarr III, USS Topeka commanding officer, said in the release. "Through port visits such as this we fortify our bond and introduce many of our young sailors to our allies and their unique culture."

The submarine's crew has been working hard on its current deployment and the port visit to Yokosuka will allow "some much deserved rest for them all," said Master Chief Electronics Technician (Navigation) Matthew Schecter, chief of the boat.

This week's news release said the USS Topeka, which measures more than 300 feet long and weighs more than 6,000 tons when submerged, is one of the stealthiest submarines in the world and can operate at depths greater than 800 feet and at speeds exceeding 25 nautical miles per hour.

The submarine can support a multitude of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance



### **Today In Undersea Warfare History:**

1943 | USS Swordfish (SS-193), during her 7th war patrol, sank the 4,122 ton cargo ship Myoho Maru.

1985 | USS Augusta (SSN-710) was commissioned with CDR. Thomas W. Turner in command.





Ladies,

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

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



### USSVI 2015 SCHOLARSHIP

#### WINNERS

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

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



### From the school visit coordinator:

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.



Latest Fleet Addition:  
L. Mendel Rivers  
SSN 686



# Piedmont Funnies Page

## **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.

## **"McGuiver's Bomb"**

by Randall White

This story is as true as it gets - it almost cost me my crow and earned me the nickname McGuiver....

As a member of the commissioning crew of the USS Maryland SSBN 738...

We were so blessed with all the initial inspections in one patrol. As such we also had several riders onboard such as Group Ten Staff and Group Ten himself.

Well we were making preps for an NTPI and were in the middle of a drill involving an exploded bomb. I was on watch in the torpedo room when two new seamen came in to do a search of the area for suspicious objects.

They looked confused and asked me what were they supposed to be looking for so being the inventive second class petty officer I was, I made a crude drill prop (bomb) using two flashlights, wire and a watch.

The two seamen thought it was cool looking and as I turned to get the snips to break it apart they took it out of the torpedo room to show others. But as they got to the top of the ladder and realized their mistake, they promptly disposed of the device in the outboards. Someone on the next level up saw them hide the device and called away another bomb.

To say the least, we played hell with egg on our faces but the Captain and Group Ten saw the humor in what happened so we did our little pucker and moved on a little smarter .

## **"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

Thanks to all base Members who make this happen!



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

Thanks!

RM2(SS)

**Our Meeting Dinner  
is our primary fund  
raiser for the base!!!**



Our dinner prior to our meeting is usually “pot-luck”. So bring something to contribute to the dinner if you attend. Our ladies, who take really good care of us and support our efforts, as well as their own projects, organize a great meal for all. There is always plenty for seconds!

The dinner is one of our main fund raisers. A **\$7.00 donation** is suggested for each person dining. From that donation, **\$1.00** goes to the USSVI Scholarship Fund. **\$1.00** goes to the Ft Mill VFW Post, (they charge us no rent) **\$2.50** goes to base treasury and **\$2.50** goes to the Ladies Subvette’s treasury.

So, all in all, the money is put to good use supporting the activities of the base as well as the VFW Post.

Again, if you are going to attend the meal, please bring something and please contribute to our causes. Thank-you!

If you don’t attend the meal and you are coming to the meeting anyway, please participate in the 3 way drawing at the meeting. This is another fund raiser for the base. 1/3 goes to the VFW post, 1/3 to the base and 1/3 to the winner! \$5.00 buys 6 tickets!

Thank-you!

See you there!





## Base Commanders

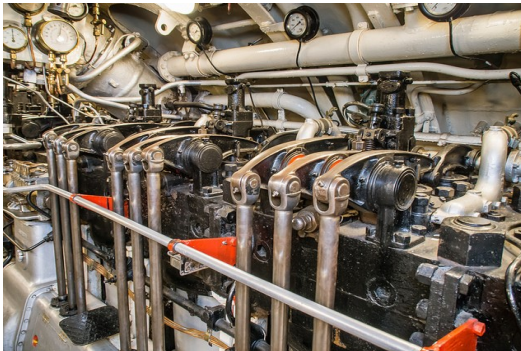


**Glenn Harris- 2007 to 2009**

**Steve Bell- 2009 to 2015**



**Rick Pettitt- 2015 to Present**





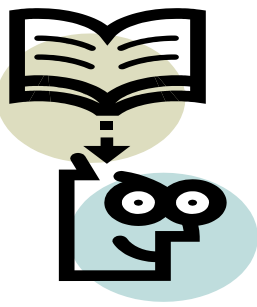
## Next Meeting:

Base gathering on  
January 28 VFW post.  
Meal at 1730, meeting  
at 1900



Eagle Scout presentation that was conducted Saturday, 14 Jan, 2017 at Lutheran Chapel Church, Gastonia, NC.





Pictured from left to right, Joseph Woodring, Steve Bell, Hunter Angstadt.



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



Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 January	23	24	25	26	27	28 Base meeting VFW 
29	30	31	1 February	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 VFW Breakfast 
12 Lincoln's Birthday 	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16	17	18 Meeting AT VFW Post, Fort Mill 
19	20 President's Day 	21	22	23 Washing- ton's Birthday 	24	25
26	27 Lent Be- gins 	28	1 March Ash Wednes- day 	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 VFW Breakfast 

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**

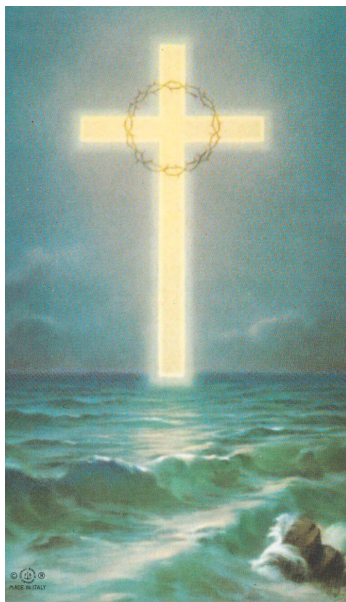
RM1(SS) Bill King - Qual Boat: SS-486 1959

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

## New Holland Club Members this year:



**Jay Andress** CDMC(SS) Qualified on USS Abraham Lincoln  
**Clarence Jordan** EM1(SS) Qualified on USS Skipjack,  
**John Rupertus** FTG2(SS) Qualified USS Atule,  
**Paul Simerly** LCDR Qualified on USS Nathanael Greene,  
**Joel Tuchfeld** IC2(SS) Qualified on USS George Washington



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

## Current Members of the Holland Club at the Carolina Piedmont Base:

Al Allen - MMCM(SS)  
 Jack Anulies FTB1(SS)  
 Steve Bell - RMCM(SS)  
 Perry Blake - IC3(SS)  
 Robert Boyd - RMCS(SS)  
 Ron Busila—MMC(SS)  
 Rudy Ogas - MM1(SS)  
 Charles E. Cross - ICC(SS)  
 Howard Dachs— IC2(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)  
 Tom Tidd - CDR(SS)  
 Michael J. Toomey, Jr. - CAPT(SS)  
 John Wallace - ETC(SS)  
 John Wardean - CWO4(SS)  
 Al Westberry - SO2(SS)  
 Herman Ziegler - EM3(SS)

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Jim Harris - 803-802-2793