



Carolina Piedmont Base Dedicates this edition to Hal Rutter

Piedmont Periscope

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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.



USS SHARK (SS 174)

February 11, 1942

USS AMBERJACK (SS 219)

February 16, 1943

USS GRAYBACK (SS 208)

February 27, 1944

USS TROUT (SS 202)

February 29, 1944

USS BARBEL (SS 316)

February 4, 1945



CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Pettit



n't get very much press, but we are still honored that the organization trusts us to do a good job at one of their most important games.

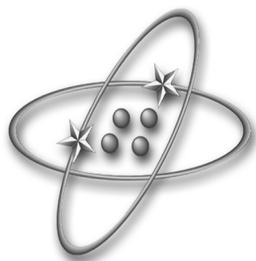
The first Bilge Rat performances went off without a hitch at The Laurals in Pineville. It may have been one of our best shows. Afterwards, the cast dined at Waldhorne German restaurant. One of our favorite places.

Hockey night was held just this past week and we had more than a dozen members and family members attend. Despite a few glitches with dinner, everyone had a great time and the Checkers did well. We need to do this activity again. If you were not there, plan on coming to the next one. It is a really fun family event.

Jack and I did a Submarine Education class this past

month at Sun Valley High School. There were three sessions and the kids were very attentive and asked lots of questions. All in all everything went well.

Rick Pettit



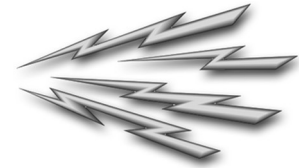
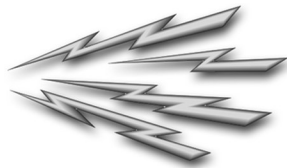
We are only in the second month of the year, but it has been a very eventful one so far. Our color guard team presented the colors at the Hornets vs Golden State last month. It was a sold out event and very exciting for us to do the honors. We did-

Next Meeting:

Base gathering on
March 25 VFW
post. Meal at
1730, meeting at
1900

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

Once again Rick and I were thinking alike as far as our entries go, he covered just about all I had to say, so lets talk about membership. This year our base has reduced to 98 due to non payment of either base or national dues or both. This is a perfect time to take care of 2018 dues and make mine and Raymonds job a little easier. We all should be about finding a submariner somewhere out there.

Jack



**Piedmont Peri-
scope Editor—
Robert Schilke**

**Periscope Editor's
Note:**

My families prayers are with the Rutter family in their loss. I had only known Hal for a short period of time. I instantly had very much respect for him. Anyone who gets his Dolphins on the deck of a captured U-Boat in WWII has got my respect. I am eternally grateful that he shook my hand in friendship as a fellow brother submariner and allowed me to buy him a drink.

Fair Winds Brother...

Comm Center — Tom Kelly, Base Secretary

January 2017 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 tonight's invocation.

Tom also gave us an update on Hal & Dee Rutter's health conditions and asked base members to continue to pray for comfort & peace for the Rutter's.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

USSVI CREED

The USSVI Creed was recited tonight by Jim Goins.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS

The Tolling of the boats for December was presented by Tom Hulme and Joel Sparnon.

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

There were 25 members present at this month's meeting and we had the pleasure of being joined tonight by our WWII and longest qualified Subvet member Don Haseley.

BASE AWARDS

The Attaboy Award was presented tonight to Joel Sparnon who serves as our current Base COB.

The following member longevity awards were also given out tonight:

5-year membership pin - Joel Sparnon

10-year membership pins – Lee Hickerson, Mike Hubbell & Jeff Nieberding

20-year membership pins – Steve Bell & Joel Tuchfeld

READING/APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES

The December 2016 base meeting minutes were posted in the January 2017 edition of the Piedmont Periscope. A motion was made to accept the January minutes as posted; no discussion and the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink reported an audit was performed this January 2017 on last year's checkbook and financial statements; the results were satisfactory with one minor exception of a single check payout without an accompanying receipt.

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Treasurer Raymond stated going forward there will be no future payments from the base treasury without an accompanying receipt except for the Base Storekeeper ordering items from the National Storekeeper.

Raymond also stated a base End-of-Year report was sent to the National Treasurer.

Finally, Raymond presented the base treasury report thru January 28th, 2017 and also reported the year-end balances of all base accounts; see table below for actual figures.

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

Category	Balances as of 1/28/2017	2016 Year End Balances
Kapss-4-kidss Fund	\$1,210.50	\$1,210.50
Moonshine Mtn Memorial Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
NC Air Museum	\$92.00	\$92.00
Scholarship Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Base Fund	\$5,126.21	\$5,289.21
Total Balances	\$ 6,428.71	\$ 6,591.71

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 has parking signs and challenge coins available plus he can order patches, vests, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Member Call List

Rick reported he wants to periodically contact base members who we haven't seen at meetings lately to remind them just before upcoming meetings.

Throughout the year, Rick will pass out a short call list to our folks to help contact members who we haven't seen in a while.

Also, Rick suggested if we know of any members who can't or don't like to drive in the dark that it would be great if we decide to pick them up for a base meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Base Officer Nominations

Rick reported it's time for nominations to be received again for base officer positions for those persons

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who will serve for the next two years.

Nominations can be received for any of the following positions:

Base Commander

Base Vice Commander

Base Treasurer

Base Secretary

The nominating period will close at the end of February's base meeting.

NC Aviation Museum Membership-Update

Rick reported we are still waiting for funds from some of the other NC Subvet bases to be received to pay for our patron membership to the NC Aviation Museum at Asheboro.

We are seeking membership at the Patron level in gratitude to the aviation museum who kindly allows us to store our torpedo and submarine floats at their facility.

Bilge Rats-Update

The 2017 season for Carolina Piedmont Bilge Rats productions (Season 6) has officially kicked off with a visit to the Laurel's in the Village at Pineville. There was a good crowd present, all had a good time and our group was also able to give out lots of Veteran's stars.

Looking ahead to Season 7 the Bilge Rat group will be performing Heehaw again and next season's show will be called: "Heehaw – Revisited."

Our next Bilge Rats show will be on Saturday Feb. 25th at the Crescent Heights Senior Living Center in Concord NC.

Hockey Game-Final Reminder

Dale Moses reminded us one last time he has the date of this coming February 10th reserved for us to meet at a Checker's hockey game at Bojangle's Arena. Tickets are \$16 per person.

Color Guard Events, Eagle Scouts, Sub Education Programs-Updates

Dale notified us our color guard will have the privilege of presenting the colors at the Charlotte Knight's BB&T ballpark in May for the Memorial Day weekend. The proposed date for this event is Saturday, May 27th.

The base color guard again presented the colors at a Charlotte Hornet's basketball game at Spectrum Arena. The game was against the Golden State Warriors and Stephen Curry and there were more than 19 thousand people in attendance at this game; which certainly was nice exposure for the United States Submarine Veterans organization.

Eagle Scout presentations are becoming one of our most favorite activities. Steve Bell has given 3 presentation's recently and Andy Miller has also given one. As the word gets out to the various troops about how we honor their achievements of becoming an Eagle Scout, we are getting more and more calls to participate in these special events.

Finally, Rick gave us a shout-out about becoming a participant at one of the Submarine Educa-

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tion presentations planned for this year at our area schools.

Moonshine Mountain-Updates

Dale gave us a shout-out about the Halfway Night festivities when we meet on the 19th & 20th of May at Moonshine Mountain. Dale asked for us to be thinking about any skits we might want to perform at this year's Moonshine Mountain Halfway Night.

We were also reminded to make our reservations early for this May event as hotel room availability is somewhat limited in this area of NC.

Steve reported we are just slightly less than 13 thousand dollars in monies collected for the Moonshine Mountain restoration effort. The total amount needed based on our first estimate is 18 thousand dollars. It is truly amazing how folks within our various NC Subvet bases have generated this amount of money in such a short period for this much-needed project.

Dues -Update

Rick said we'll get an update from Jack at our next meeting regarding our current base membership level. It appears based on dues not collected by year's end we'll be losing some names from our rolls.

Regarding our current membership levels at the Carolina Piedmont Base, Rick stated we have 49 members who are currently in the Holland Club; which is close to 50% of our entire base membership. We are all encouraged to keep spreading the word about USSVI to those submarine veterans we meet who haven't heard about our organization or haven't yet made that commitment to join USSVI.

Sea Stories Needed

Dale Moses, who is now the editor for the NC Subvets All Clear Newsletter, asked that we provide to him with any interesting sea stories we may know and would like to share with others in one of these quarterly publications.

OPEN IMC

2017 Southeast Regional Conference – Steve Bell reminded us about this year's conference in Orlando. We are staying at the same excellent resort where we stayed last year and the rates are still very good. To date, no tours are set up but being this is in the Orlando area there will be plenty to do aside from attending the conference.

Zeke reminded us again about efforts to name a state highway with an association to USSVI; this effort will take lots of legwork from a champion to lead this effort. Another suggestion also came up stating we could also sponsor one of the local highways as part of the Adopt-A-Highway campaign to clean up trash on the side of some stretch of road quarterly. This would be one way to get our name on a road sign and would likely be something we could accomplish much more quickly than officially having a road named for our organization.

Calvin Reese reminded us he was given a shallow-depth gauge from an old submarine and it was given to him as an item that could be raffled off to raise money for one of our bases. Calvin had the depth gauge in his car and brought it in at the end of tonight's meeting to be seen by those members present.

PIEDMONT PERISCOPE

All hands are reminded that any news items they want to be 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 next base meeting for 2017 will be held one week earlier than normal on the **THIRD** Saturday in February. We will meet on Feb. 18th at the Fort Mill VFW.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Tom Kelly

Base Secretary

Shipmates,

I have volunteered (what was that thing about volunteering?) to be your Base Election Master. My job is to remind that Base elections are coming-up in March of this year. That means that nominations must be in for the February meeting. It's February and we have one week less due to the February meeting has been moved-up one week, now on the 18th. This was do to the VFW needing to rent the room.

With that being said, nominations are open for the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Commander, and Commander. All other positions served at the pleasure of the Commander (i.e. appointed). You may nominate yourself or others. If you nominate someone, please talk to that person first to ensure they want and will accept the duties of the position.

If you have questions on the duties and responsibilities of the Base Officers, please refer to the USSVI site, the Carolina Piedmont Base Bylaws, or feel free to ask me or anyone of the existing Base Officers.\

Thanks, Moe

Ellis Dale Moses

American by Birth...Submariner by Choice

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From The COB—Joel Sparnon MM2(SS)



Hello! Carolina Piedmont Base, I hope that everyone is enjoying the crazy cycle of weather that is the Carolinas in the late winter. Mother Nature needs to get back on her meds.

We have talked about the possibility of adopting a highway (or better known as the highway clean-up project)

I am not sure if we ever put the requirement details out there, here is the program requirements off the NCDOT website, I am sure there is a similar information section from SCDOT

Adopt-A-Highway Program Details:

There is no fee associated with adopting a roadway.

There is a four year agreement between the NCDOT and the Adopt-A-Highway volunteer (s).

Adopted roadways have a minimum length of two miles.

The agreement requires a roadside litter cleanup four times a year or more often if needed.

Each participant in the Adopt -A-Highway group must view the safety video (on the Website we can work out a way to view as a group)

Cleanups involve both sides of the road within the adopted two-mile section of roadway.

A cleanup report is to be submitted after each cleanup.

Filled bags of trash will be picked up by the NCDOT when requested through the cleanup report.

Bags with items for recycling shall be taken to a local recycling center by the volunteer group.

Adopt a Highway groups can obtain safety vests, gloves, and bags at their NCDOT county maintenance office.

Adopt a Highway signs with a recognition panel will be installed, one at each end of the adopted roadway.

The process to Adopt -A -

Highway

Discuss the desired roadway with the NCDOT AAH coordinator in the county we would like to adopt a highway (Union, Mecklenburg, Iredell, Gaston or others?)

Complete the apply to adopt a highway online form (NCDOT website)

Complete a sign design form

Start cleaning up

Let's discuss it would be a good way to give back, get some fresh air and advertise the base.

Stay safe and I will see you at the meeting

And Remember Recruit, Recruit, Recruit new members

Joel Sparnon MM2/SS A-Gang



Chaplain's Message



Base Chaplain— Tom L. Hulme

How quickly things happen, one day you have time to visit with someone and a few weeks later, that person has passed away!

It's human nature that we more often than not, take things for granted, we don't realize how fragile everything is in our life. Time does not wait for us, time does not stop, time continues to pass and before you know it, your children have grown, loved

ones pass away, and the real agony of growing older one day slaps you in the face and says you can't do that anymore.....your old, you've aged and there is nothing you can do about it!

When we were in our late teens.....early twenties, we were all invincible, you could work all day and hit the beach, and then wake up and do it again tomorrow, without giving a thought to growing older the passing of time.....but it continues to happen and one day we recognize that based on our age we better start thinking about things we never thought we'd have to? Where do I want to be buried, what details do I want people to know about me when I check out?

We have reached the point of pondering our lives, reminiscing about those big

moments in life, youthful accomplishments, getting married, the birth of our children, all the life events that go along with raising a family, career path choices.....the passing of parents, aunts and uncles..... then the steady increase of people you went to school with.....no, time doesn't stop and it never will!

There is a saying that the dates of birth and death on your headstone are separated by a dash.....and your life is all about what you did with that dash! 15 "The day of the Lord is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head. OBAHDIA 14

Or as we say today, what goes around comes around! We will be remembered for our character or in some cases lack of character. We will be remembered for efforts to be humble and in helping

Chaplain 's Message Continued

others, allowing Gods love to be shown to others by our actions and in being a servant leader!

19 My dear brothers, take note of this; Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow in becoming angry, 20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. 21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror, 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law

that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it -----he will be blessed in what he does. James 1:19-25 NIV

So, as we go through life, we are encouraged to encourage others in how we live our life and how we do unto others in the glory of God.

May God Bless you, your family, your home and "Our Country"

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

Be well and God Bless!

Tom L. Hulme

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South East Region News - Steve Bell

2017 Southeast Regional Conference

Hosted by Sea Poacher Base, Bartow, FL

Thursday, May 11, 2017 to May 14, 2017

Park Inn by Radisson

3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34747

Reservations: (407) 396-1400 code: USSUB (Submarine Vets Conference)

Reserve your room directly with the Park Inn

Standard room rate is \$89 plus tax (\$ 100.57) Includes 2 breakfasts/paid room/day.

Room rates are valid May 8 thru May 17 RESERVATION CUT-OFF date is April 7

2017 Southeast Regional Conference Registration

Name (To be used on name badge) _____ USSVI Base _____

Spouse / Guest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State ____ Zip _____

e-mail: _____ phone: _____

Emergency contact: _____ phone: _____

Qual. boat: USS _____ Hull no. _____ Qual year: _____ Holland Club: Y / N

DATE	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
	2017 SER Conference Registration (per member) add \$5.00 after April 1, 2017	\$ 25.00		
	SER Conf. reg for spouses / guests	\$ 10.00		
5/12	Motor caravan to Submarine Memorial in Bartow, FL	free		
5/13	Buffet Banquet at 1800 in Royal Palm room B fee per person Price INCLUDES tax and gratuity	\$ 35.00		

Total \$ _____

We are NOT scheduling any tours / trips. The Park Inn has an large activity department.
The Saturday evening banquet is BUFFET STYLE.

Your TEE shirt size: S M L XL XXL (circle one)

Her TEE shirt size: S M L XL (circle one)

Please note: ATTENDANCE AT ANY USSVI SPONSORED EVENT REQUIRES PAID REGISTRATION WITH THE CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION POLICY: NO REFUNDS AFTER 20 APRIL, 2017

Payment by: check or money order

Pay and mail to:

George Parker.

140 Paradise Drive

Davenport, FL 33837-9590

Should you have any questions: contact George at gparker350@aol.com
THANK YOU and WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING and WELCOMING YOU

Bilge Rat Productions

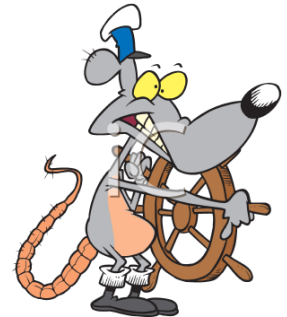
Become a “Rat”! The “Bilge Rats”, as legend has come to call them (ha), are looking for new volunteers to join there group of “traveling performers”. The Bilge Rats comb the area to find various Assisted Living Homes that will let them perform and demonstrate their spectacular talents (ha, again; or 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.

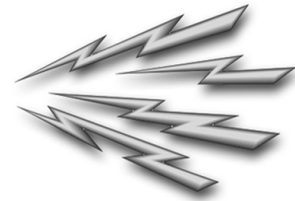
USSVI vests can be ordered thru the SK as well. We can get Patches!

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.



Hall Rutter - February 9, 1929 - February 12, 2017

RM3(SS) U-2513 - 1946



Hal and Dee Rutter

On a very sad note, we lost one of our most distinguished members this week. Hal Rutter passed away Sunday, February 12 after battling cancer for the past several months. Hal was a World War II veteran that qualified on a captured German U-boat and a wonderful person who was loved and respected by all. A few of our base members and wives had just gathered at his home for his 88th birthday the Thursday prior. We all wished him happy birthday and gave him and his wife Dee our love and support.

Hal has been one of my best friends ever since I joined Carolina Piedmont Base years ago. Like many, I loved and respected him and we will all dearly miss him, his wonderful smile and his singing old Frank Sinatra songs. Please give Dee your love and support during this most difficult time.

Service will be held at Palmetto Funeral Home in Ft Mill on February 28, Tuesday at 1pm.

“Fair winds and following seas my friend.”

Rick Petitt - Commander Carolina Piedmont Base

In Memory of Hal Rutter

As I sat down at my PC this week to read the obituary of my dear friend Hal Rutter, I wondered. How can you sum up 88 years of someone's life in 300 words? How can you put onto paper decades of life experiences and accomplishments; adventures and personal relationships? What could you possibly say in a few words that would tell the world who this person was and what he meant to his family, friends, shipmates and acquaintances?

The fact is, you can't. Hal was not famous. No autobiography or book will ever be written about him. You can't just sit in your easy chair next week and read about the extraordinary life of this wonderful person. The experiences he lived while on board a captured German U-Boat during World War II and his beloved US diesel boats are now gone forever. The things he saw during his 88 years were quite miraculous.

For example, the year he was born, 1929, was the great American Stock Market crash. It was the end of an era known as the roaring 20's. A German made airship called Graf Zeppelin made the first non-stop transit of the Pacific Ocean. The Dow Jones peaked at 381. There were no cell phones, personal computers or televisions. The very first Academy Awards was held that year. Ford Motor Company's most popular car was the Model A and it cost \$385. What a difference 88 years makes.

All we have from this day forward are our memories and our photographs of Hal and Dee. For those of us that were closest to him, we will always remember a man that we wanted to be around. He was fun. He was full of life. I loved his wonderful smile, that mischievous laugh and the twinkle in his eye. He loved his sashimi, raw oysters, escargot, and Pinot Noir and I, for one, loved sharing them with him. The joy on his face when we went out together will never leave my memory. He was outgoing and he loved to dance and hug the ladies. He loved his wife Dee and his children.

Hal was dedicated to his veterans groups; VFW, American Legion and of course his brothers in the USSVI Submarine organization and we were dedicated to him. He was very proud of his service. We were in awe of him and were all very proud to have known him. He will be dearly missed for many years to come. We have lost another great veteran from what is often called the “Greatest Generation”.

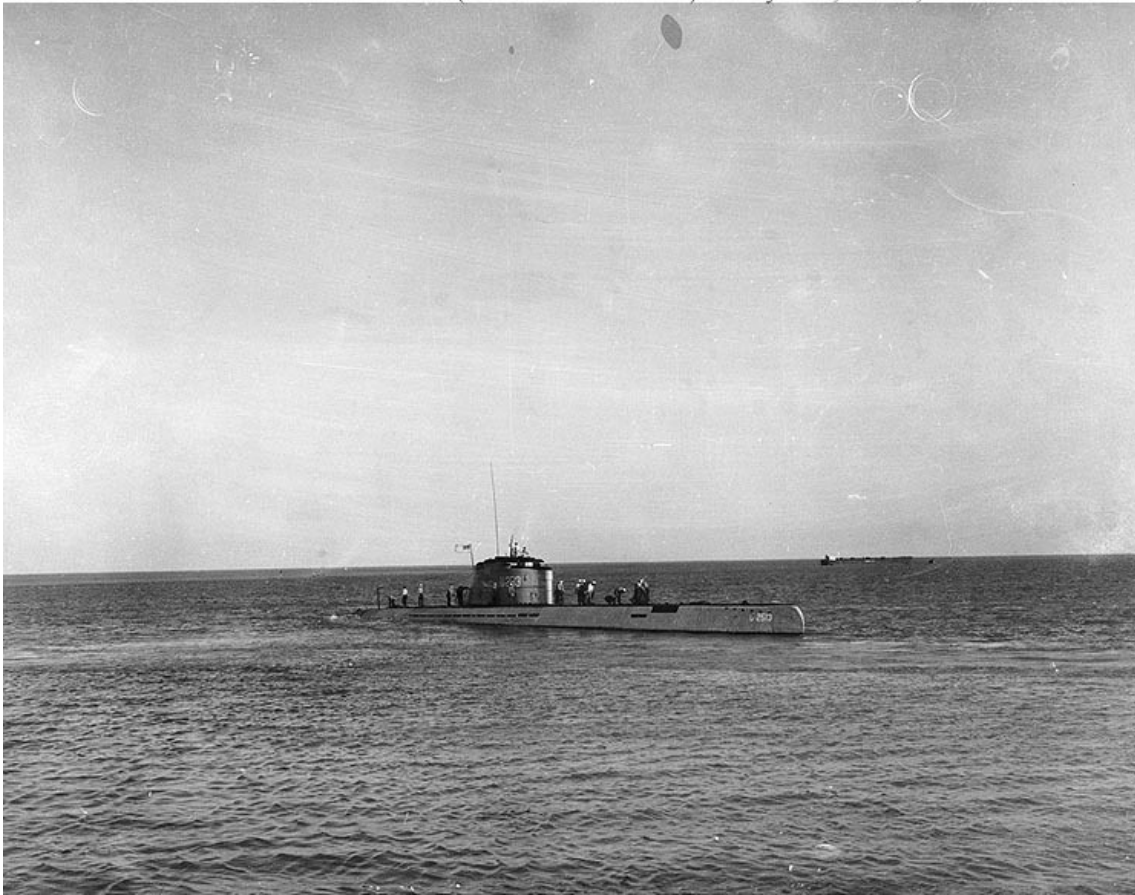
Hal always got up to dance and sing when the Frank Sinatra hit “My Way” was played. This was his trademark song. Until the day he left us, he did it his way. Good for you Hal. Frank would be proud. We will miss you! Until we see you again Sailor, smooth sailing.



U-boats at New London: U-2513, U-3008 & possibly U-505, circa 1945.

U-2513

Photo # 80-G-705562 USS U-2513 (former German U-boat) off Key West, Florida, October 1946



U-2513, off the Key West Naval Station, Florida, 30 October 1946.



President Harry S. Truman at a ceremony aboard U-2513 on 5 December 1947.

The submarines Sea Leopard (SS-483) and what looks to be the Requin (SS-481) are moored alongside as well as their unidentified tender.

Photo # NH 58138 Fleet Admiral C.W. Nimitz visits USS U-2513, 1946



View of the U-2513's sail, taken at an Atlantic Coast port on 5 November 1946, during a visit by Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, the Chief of Naval Operations. Nimitz is in the right center, with his back to a "whip" radio antenna. Vice Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, is in the center, just to the left of FAdm. Nimitz. Note the submarine's insignia, at left.

President Harry S. Truman (second from right, white hat) watches the exercises conducted by the Jack W. Wilke (DE-800) while on board submarine U-2513 on 21 November 1946. Also present is Chief Yeoman Charles Langelo (foreground, right), tasked with recording the events of President Truman's vacation trip to Key West, Florida. Others are unidentified. From the album *The President's Vacation Trip to Key West, 17-23 November 1946*.



New members

Binnacle List:

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

John Bosanek MM1(SS) Qualified 1961
SSBN 619

Judy Hickerson
Tom Hulme
Robert Howell
Gail Rybczyk
Monica Dachs
Dee Rutter

Happy Birthday to:

March:

Howard Dachs—March 14
William Hickerson—March 7
Robert Howell—March 30
Rick Petitt - March 5



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Calvin & Libby Reese—March 31
John & Sandi Wardean—March 5



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VIETNAM ACTION

Submarine Active in the Vietnam war zone Per SECNAV June 17, 2010

Aspro SSN-648	Greenfish SS-351	Seadragon SSN-584	Volador SS-490
Barb SSN-596	Greenlet SS-213	Seafox SS-402	Wahoo SS-565
Barbel SS-580	Guardfish SS-612	Segundo SS-398	
Blackfin SS-322	Gudgeon SS-567	Shark SSN-591	
Blueback SS581	Harder SS-568	Rock AGSS-274	
Bluegill AGSS/SSK-242	Medregal SS-480	Sabalo SS-302	
Bonefish SS-582	Menhaden SS-377	Salmon SS-573	
Bream AGSS-243	Perch SS-313	Sargo SS-583	
Bugara SS-331	Permit SSN-594	Scamp SSN-588	
Caiman SS-323	Razorback SS-394	Tecumseh SSBN-628	
Carbonero SS-337	Redfish SS-395	Tiru SS-416	
Catfish SS-339	Remora SS-487	Snook SSN-592	
Charr SS-328	Pickrel SS-524	Spinax SS-498	
Cusk SS-348	Plunger SSN-595	Sterlet SS-392	
Diodon SS-340	Pogy SS-647	Swordfish SSN-579	
Gurnard SS-662	Pomfret SS-301	Tang SS-563	
Haddock SS-621	Puffer SSN-652	Tautog SS-639	
Flasher SS-249	Queenfish SS-393	Trigger SS-564	
Grayback SS-574	Rasher SS-584	Tunny APSS-282	
	Sculpin SSN-590		

These Submarines earned the Vietnam Service Medal or Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for Vietnam Service 1962 to 1975. This list also includes any submarines that received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for the evacuation of Cambodia (operation EAGLE PULL), The evacuation of Vietnam (operation FREQUENT WIND), and the Mayaguez Operation.



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



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"Gentlemen, it is better to have died a small boy than to fumble the football"
- John Heisman

"I make my practices real hard because if a player is a quitter, I want him to quit in practice, not in a game."
- Bear Bryant / Alabama

"It isn't necessary to see a good tackle, you can hear it!"
- Knute Rockne / Notre Dame

"At Georgia Southern, we don't cheat. That costs money, and we don't have any."
- Erik Russell / Georgia Southern

"The man who complains about the way the ball bounces is likely to be the one who dropped it."
- Lou Holtz / Arkansas - Notre Dame

"When you win, nothing hurts."
- Joe Namath / Alabama

"A school without football is in danger of deteriorating into a medieval study hall."
- Frank Leahy / Notre Dame

"There's nothing that cleanses your soul like getting the shit kicked out of you."
- Woody Hayes / Ohio State

"I don't expect to win enough games to be put on NCAA probation. I just want to win enough to warrant an investigation."
- Bob Devaney / Nebraska

"In Alabama, an atheist is someone who doesn't believe in Bear Bryant."
- Wally Butts / Georgia

"I never graduated from Iowa. But I was only there for two terms - Truman's and Eisenhower's."
- Alex Karras / Iowa

"My advice to defensive players is to take the shortest route to the ball, and arrive in a bad humor."
- Bowden Wyatt / Tennessee

"I could have been a Rhodes Scholar except for my grades."
- Duffy Daugherty / Michigan State

"Always remember Goliath was a 40 point favorite over David."
- Shug Jordan / Auburn

"I asked Darrell Royal, the coach of the Texas Longhorns, why he didn't recruit me ."
He said, "Well, Walt, we took a look at you, and you weren't any good."
- Walt Garrison / Oklahoma State

Piedmont Funnies Page

"Son, you've got a good engine, but your hands aren't on the steering wheel."

- Bobby Bowden / Florida State

"Football is NOT a contact sport, it is a collision sport. Dancing IS a contact sport." - Duffy Daugherty / Michigan State

After USC lost 51-0 to Notre Dame, his post-game message to his team was, "All those who need showers, take them."

- John McKay / USC

"If lessons are learned in defeat, our team is getting a great education."

- Murray Warmath / Minnesota

"The only qualifications for a lineman are to be big and dumb. To be a back, you only have to be dumb."

- Knute Rockne / Notre Dame

"We live one day at a time and scratch where it itches."

- Darrell Royal / Texas

"We didn't tackle well today, but we made up for it by not blocking."

- John McKay / USC

"I've found that prayers work best when you have big players."

- Knute Rockne / Notre Dame

Ohio State 's Urban Meyer on one of his players: "He doesn't know the meaning of the word fear. In fact, I just saw his grades and he doesn't know the meaning of a lot of words."

Why do Auburn fans wear orange? So they can dress that way for the game on Saturday, go hunting on Sunday, and pick up trash on Monday.

What does the average Alabama player get on his SATs? Drool.

How many Michigan State freshmen football players does it take to change a light bulb?

None. That's a sophomore course

How did the Auburn football player die from drinking milk?

The cow fell on him.

Two Texas A&M football players were walking in the woods. One of them said, "Look, a dead bird." The other looked up in the sky and said, "Where?"

What do you say to a Florida State University football player dressed in a three-piece suit?

"Will the defendant please rise."

If three Rutgers football players are in the same car, who is driving?

The police officer.

How can you tell if a Clemson football player has a girlfriend?

There's tobacco juice on both sides of the pickup truck.



Base Commanders

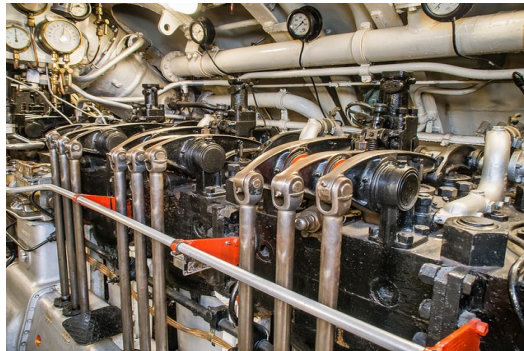


Glenn Harris- 2007 to 2009

Steve Bell- 2009 to 2015












Rick Pettitt- 2015 to Present





Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 February	20 President's Day 	21	22	23 Washington Birthday 	24	25 
26	27 Lent Begins 	28	1 March Ash Wednesday 	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 VFW Breakfast 
12 Day light Savings time Begins 	13	14	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day 	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Meeting at VFW Post, Fort Mill 
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 April
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 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

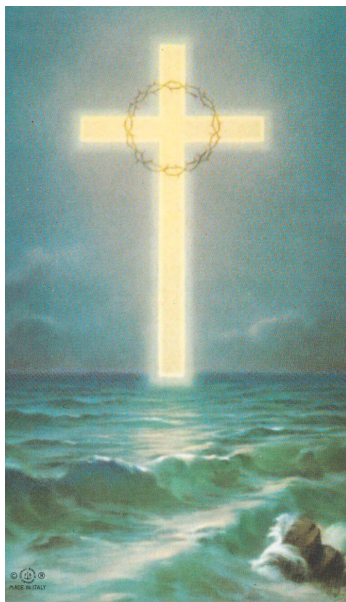
RM1(SS) Bill King - Qual Boat: SS-486 1959

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

Hal Rutter RM3(SS) - Fort Mill, SC, Passed away on 02/12/2017

Holland Club

New Hollard 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)
 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)

Hollard Club Coordinator:

Jim Harris - 803-802-2793