



Carolina Piedmont Base of the USSVI presents the

Piedmont Periscope

June 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 Ameri-



Lost Boats for May/June "Sailors, rest your oars"

USS LAGARTO (SS 371)
May 3, 1945

USS SQUALUS (SS 192)
May 23, 1939

USS SCORPION (SSN 589)
May 27, 1968

USS RUNNER (SS 275)
May 28, 1943

USS STICKLEBACK (SS 415)
May 29, 1958

USS O-9 (SS 70) June 19, 1941

USS S 27 (SS 132) June 19, 1942

USS R 12 (SS 89) June 12, 1943

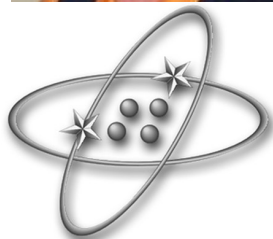
USS HERRING (SS 233)
June 1, 1944

USS GUDGEON (SS 211)
June 7, 1944

USS GOLET (SS 361) June 14, 1944

USS BONEFISH (SS 223)
June 18, 1945

CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Pettit



Commander's Stateroom

June 2017

It has been two months since our last base meeting, but we have had several events across the state. Last month many of our USSVI members met at Burnsville to enjoy the

beautiful mountains and pay our respects to our WWII sailors lost on board US Submarines. Although I was not there, I hear that everyone had a great time and the Moonshine Mountain ceremony went well. I have seen the You Tube videos of the Halfway-Night presentations and it looked like it may have been one of our better shows.

Memorial Day weekend had many of our members attending the Charlotte Knights baseball game and once again presenting the colors before the game. Our color guard is doing a great job of putting our USSVI organization into the public view. It is a very rewarding experience to present our flag and honor our country in these highly visible events and being able to attend a basketball game or a Charlotte Knights game is a great perk.

This month I will be unable to attend the June meeting as I will be in Chicago on another little vacation. If you are counting that is two vacations in a row. I am excited to go to the Science and Industry Museum to tour the U505 German U-Boat. This will be the highlight of my trip and I will send photos and updates on the tour when I return.

Until July, stay cool and I hope to see many of you at another event soon. Have a good meeting. I'm sure Jack will do well and hopefully I will still have my position when I come home.

Rick Pettit



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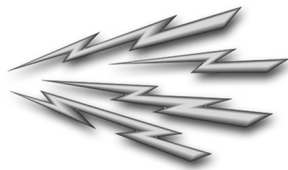
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won the cruddy sock award with the performance of Jim Goins THANKS JIM. I want to remind all that the meeting time has changes from 1900 to 1830, meal to be served at 1730. Hope to see all at the meeting.



Stay Safe,



jack



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



Welcome to the summer season. I would like to thank all that attended the memorial weekend in Burnsville, the Asheville base did a super job of getting the memorial ready for Saturdays presentation. The attendance was fine, we even had John and Sandi Wardean coming from Washington state and Ron and Patti Busila from Virginia attending. The Big Lynn Lodge we stayed at was super. Dale Moses put on a hellava super night of entertainment, never heard one complaint, BZ to you Mo. Proud to say that the Carolina Piedmont base



Chief of the Base



From The COB—Joel Sparnon MM2(SS)



Note from the Editor,

The COB is now traveling for his civilian job and will return next time with short note...

RM2(SS)



Why RV's are a perfect fit for a Submariner!

1. You have to connect to a/c shore power when you arrive at your camp site!
2. If there is no a/c shore power, You have to throw the main RV breaker buss to DC power for lighting and power off your stand-by battery. You will have to rig for reduced electrical!
3. If you have a stand-by generator, you need to power that up and connect it to the main A/C buss to run appliances and shift busses to the generator.
4. You have to connect the sans #1 tank pipe fitting to the shore discharge fitting to pump the poopy.
5. If there is no Sans #1 shore fitting to pump the poopy, you have to have a potable Sans #2 tank on wheels (otherwise known as a camel) to pull it to a discharge fitting at the campground!
6. You have to connect RF coax to the shore cable TV fitting for crews mess television.
7. If there is no cable TV fitting on shore, then you have to raise the TV antenna mast and tune for the best stations you can find for crews mess.
8. You also have to connect to shore potable water with the potable water hose and line up for shore potable water.
9. If no potable water is available, You have to ensure your RV potable water tank is full before you arrive and align your valves so that you run on internal water.

10. Every day at your location, you need to check your tank level indicators to ensure that your sans tanks have room in the for use and your potable water is at a good level.
11. Also every day that you are on DC power you need to check battery levels in case you need a charge.
12. Taking a shower in an RV is just like the lower level head shower. It is a big as closet. If you are on your internal potable water tank, submarine showers are in effect!
13. Failing to properly open or shut a sans valve leads to a very nasty smelly mess and could result in fines!
14. Upon connection to your tow vehicle, Port an star-board braking and running lights must be energized.

Conclusion: For a submariner, an RV is good therapy, without the diving/surfacing part!!! Who knew RV's were like submarines!



Chaplain's Corner, Tom Hulme



Well, I understand a goodtime was had by all at the “Moonshine Mountain Meeting/Retreat”, I told Melinda we will (good Lord willing) make it for next year’s trek! We were able to make it to the Knights Baseball Saturday May 27th game and watch our Piedmont Base Color Guard present colors for game opening. The Color Guard was sharp, the singing rendition of “Our National Anthem” was well presented, we had a great time and look forward to the next outing! (Even though Melinda said I need to behave myself and act like a Chap-

lain, I told her that I acted like a Submariner filing a Chaplain’s billet!! LOL) It was a great time!

That pre-log is a perfect Segway into my thoughts from this morning’s Bible read; “No one is Righteous” The Apostle Paul, expands on this in Romans 3:9- 3:20 NIV

9 What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. 10 As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one; 11 there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. 12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.”[a] 13 “Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit.”[b] “The poison of vipers is on their lips.”[c] 14 “Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.”[d] 15 “Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 ruin and misery mark their ways, 17 and the way of peace

they do not know.”[e] 18 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”[f]

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. Romans 3:9-3:20 NIV

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!

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Mark your calendars!!!

I received a message from our contact with the North Carolina State Fair. She said they will be getting applications out in the next week or two and we are invited again this year. The Fair is October 12-22 and the military day is typically Wednesday(10/18).

We will be bringing our tent and banner and hopefully will have some memorabilia to present. Participation is requested from all bases, not just Tarheel.

More details will follow as they become available!

Thank you,

Tom McFadden

USSVI Tarheel Base Treasurer

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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.

New members

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

John Schons - RM1(SS) qualified on SSBN 655 in 1971

Chad Gordon - MM1(SS) qualified 2000 on SSN 773

Binnacle List:

Judy Hickerson

Rudy Olgas

Tom Hulme

Robert Howell

Gail Rybcyzk

Monica Dachs

Dee Rutter

Happy Birthday to:

June/July

Jay Andress- 4 July

Jim Brady- 5 June

Greg Crystal- 24 July

Don Duncan- 28 June

Rodger Ellingwood- 7 June

Stephen George- 11 June

William “Stretch” Gollehon-22 July

Tom Holland- 25 July

William Holzendorf-26 June

Michael Hubbell-28 July

Clarence Jordan- 19 July



Tom Krpata- 13 June

Tom Lee- 16 July

Roland Miller- 27 June

Howard Nudi- 11 June

Rudy Olgas- 16 June

Matthew Reiland- 24 June

Otis Sealy- 11 June

Joel Sparnon- 3 June

Al Westberry- 9 July

Carl “reb” Wooten- 7 June

Stephen White- 21 July

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

June/July:

Andrew & Danielle Brown- 26 June

Robert & Emma Howell- 15 July

Michael & Glenna Hubbell- 26 June

Clarence & Douise Jordan- 19 July

Arnold & Nancy Kirk- 4 July

Rudy & Sheila Olgas- 16 June



Jim & Stacy Reeves- 12 July

Stan & Arnetta Schultz- 19 June

CW & Christie Senn- 29 June

Winborne & Mary Springs- 21 June

SubVettes Birthdays!



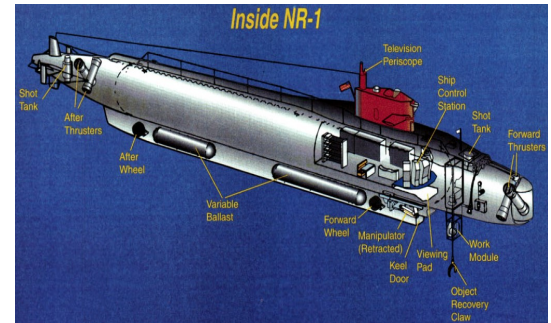
Melinda Hulme-10 June

Carol Jeffries- 6 July

Libby Reese- July 9

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 hub-by/significant other is off meeting with the guys.



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.



Piedmont Funnies Page



'Running shoes?'

"now hold your breath and carefully remove the lump of plutonium by the detonator..."



Top 10 Things NOT to say in front of an ORSE Team...

by the Crew of the USS JEFFERSON CITY (SSN-759) (Sent by Kendell Hoyer)

"It's been that way since I reported aboard."

"Look, why don't you listen to someone who actually stands the watch."

"That valve isn't leaking much... you should have seen it last week."

"Once we dive, the hull presses the pipes together and the leak will stop."

"Don't worry, we just put aluminum foil bits in the lube oil sample to test the new guys."

"Those gauges were just calibrated last week so I guess the sticker must have just fallen off... it's probably on the deck somewhere."

"That's NOT metal particulate... it's just the way the oil catches the fluorescent lights."

"Well, that's not what the skipper says."

"That alarm? We get it all the time... it's nothing."

"I dare you to fail me."

(From ORSE '98)

Shark Watch!

by Jimmy Howell, USS Tecumseh, 1984-88

During a swim call off Eleuthra island, the guys inflated a couple of surgical gloves to bat around while swimming. One of these "ballooned gloves" got away from them and drifted about 100-150 yards away from the boat.

The CO who was on the bridge at the time asked the "shark watch" if he thought he could hit the balloon.

With no warning to the swimmers, the watch popped off 5-6 rounds with his M14.

The old saying "Like a Deer in the Headlights" was never better illustrated than by those guys peering at the gunman.

Doghouse Overboard

by Virgil Reed RMCM(SS) Ret.

It was about 1961 and I was an RM2(SS) on below decks watch on USS Cobbler SS344 which was tied up at DES-SUB piers in Norfolk, Va. It was winter time, a cold and rainy night, with strong gusts of wind at times.

About 10:30 p.m., the topside watch called down on the intercom and asked if I could get someone to relieve him while he changed clothes, as he was soaking wet. A relief was provided, and then the full story unfolded.

The topside watch was inside the little doghouse, which was provided on deck to house the sentry during inclement weather and still provide good visibility, when a strong gust of wind took the doghouse, the topside watch still inside, and blew it over the side. Not a person on board or on the pier witnessed the incident and the sentry was a very lucky person to have been able to exit the doghouse in the water, and climb back aboard, especially so, since he had on heavy foul weather clothing.

I cannot remember the persons name that was the topside watch at the time but if he reads this, I'm sure it will bring back memories.

The XO's Missing Door

by Michael G. Price, MMC(SS), SSBN-623B

I have to admit I cannot take credit for this. Circa 1978 SSBN-623B Nathan Hale. Somewhere in the North Atlantic.

Midget decided it would be a really cool idea to steal the XO's stateroom door. It was about 7 weeks into the patrol and we were getting pretty bored. Field day was going to start in about an hour and the XO had gone to radio to review the traffic. Midget knew his pattern. He would be there about 30 minutes.

Accompanied by two other "A gang" accomplices, the deed was done. They carried the door right through the control room and aft into the missile house. Everybody on the boat including the CO (I suspect) knew where the door was. Just not the XO.

For the next several weeks the XO did very personal field day inspections. The door was never found. We turned it over to the gold crew when they came aboard and on our next patrol it was safely returned.

XO, if you read this stuff, it was hidden outboard of the missile house berthing. You know, behind the nuke lab. Game set and match.

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**



Meeting Dinners

Our dinners prior to our meetings are usually “pot-luck”. Our ladies, who take really good care of us and support our efforts as well as their own projects, put together a great meal.

It is pot luck, and everyone that attends the dinner should contribute something, whether home-made or store-bought.

The meal also is one of our main fund raisers. A seven dollar donation is suggested for each person eating. From that seven dollars, a dollar goes to the USSVI Scholarship Fund. The remainder is divided between the Base membership and the SubVettes membership.

All in all, the money is put to good use supporting the activities of both groups. The meals are always great, and there are usually plenty for those who wants seconds.

So please, if you are going to attend the meal, please bring something and please contribute to our causes. You’re not going to get that great of deal at any restaurant. And you’ll be supporting great causes.

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

RM2(SS)



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
18 June Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24 Dinner & Base meeting VFW post 
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 July
2	3	4 Independence Day, VFW Party at Fort Mill 	5	6	7	8 VFW Breakfast 
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Dinner & Base meeting VFW Post 
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1 August Victory Junction visit	2	3	4	5

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

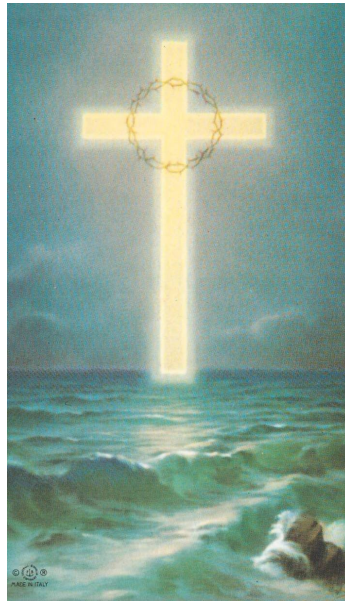
RM1(SS) Bill King - Qual Boat: SS-486 1959

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

Don Duncan, CDR - Charlotte, NC, Passed away 12/19/2016

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

Carolina Piedmont Base



New Holland Club Members this year:

Jay Andress CMDMC(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.

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)

John Dainotto - TM2(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)

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Otis W. Sealy - RMC(SS)

Stan Shultz— FTB2(SS)

Glen Synder - LCDR

Winborne Springs - SN(SS)

James Taylor - CWO4 (SS)

Tom Tidd - CDR(SS)

Michael J. Toomey, Jr. - CAPT(SS)

John Wallace - ETC(SS)

John Wardean - CWO4(SS)

Al Westberry - SO2(SS)

Steve White - MMC(SS)

Reb Wootten - LCDR

Herman Ziegler - EM3(SS)