



Carolina Piedmont Base of the USSVI presents the

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:

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 January "Sailors, rest your oars"

USS S-36 (SS 141)

20 Jan 1942

USS S-26 (SS 131)

24 Jan 1942

USS SCORPION (SS 278)

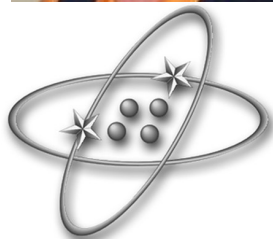
5 Jan 1944

USS SWORDFISH (SS 193)

12 Jan 1945



CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Pettit



Commander's Stateroom January 2016

As we begin a new year, I have been thinking about the goals we should be striving to achieve this year. Our creed states that first we are to “perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in pursuit of their duties while serving their country” and “to engage in projects that perpetuate their

memory”. We will certainly do that as we attend various parades in North Carolina, or visit schools teaching our ‘Submarine Education’ classes. The Eagle Scout award program and Flag Etiquette education programs certainly allow us to show our children the core values that we embrace and the importance of the actions of our forefathers in the defense of this country. The very children we are teaching today will be ‘the thin red line of heroes’ tomorrow and they deserve the right to understand the cost we have paid for freedom. Our outreach to the senior community is a wonderful tribute to their service.

The Bilge Rat productions are a great way to perpetuate memories and no other group of people deserve it more than our aging Veterans living in assisted living facilities. If we did nothing more, I think we have met most of our goals, but the camaraderie we share at all our events and base meetings certainly adds to the benefit of being a member of this out-

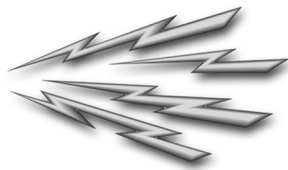
standing base. I encourage everyone who reads this letter, to spread the word to other veterans, particularly of the bubblehead variety to join us in 2016.

One last thing. Many of our members are getting older and have difficulty traveling at night. If you know of a member or potential member that would like to attend but does not feel comfortable driving at night, set up a car pool and bring them with you. This is especially important during the fall/winter months. Submariners are intelligent resourceful people. If you have any suggestions that would improve our organization, bring it up. If you stop improving, you're losing.

Rick Pettit

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

Well January is finally here. This marks the beginning of a New Year and hopefully the continued success of our Award Winning Base. The response we received by members renewing there dues is an indication that we have a membership that is proud of our base and all the projects we undertake. We can not rest on our laurels but continue to move forward. Our base has proven to be a model for other bases to follow, and rightly so. If you have any suggestions that will improve our base as well as get our existence out to the General public please let someone know.

We have once again started our school presentations and I will

be putting out info so that if it is in your area you may want to attend. It is my goal to have teams in different localities to present the story. Please let me know if you are interested.

We are proud to have a new member join or base Reb Wootten LCDR life member and Holland Club member. Reb transferred to our base from Northern Virginia base. Reb qualified in 1959 on the USS Gudgeon.

A BIG THANK YOU to Dale Moses for his contribution to the base such as writing scripts for our Bilge Rat Productions and arranging different outing for our members to enjoy. I know we have more talent in our base than is coming forward so if your hiding in the corner, come out and enjoy what we do for the community. Once again I want to thank you for your member ship jack



Comm Center — Tom Kelly, Base Secretary

December Meeting Minutes



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Carolina-Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt called the December 19th, 2015 base meeting to order @ 1738 hrs. at the Fort Mill SC VFW Post.

INVOCATION

Base Chaplain Tom Hulme gave tonight's Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

USSVI CREED

The USSVI Creed was recited by Stan Schulz.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS

The Tolling of the boats for December was presented by Tom Hulme and Bob Bunney.

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

There were 21 regular members present at this month's meeting including the White family from Kings Mountain (Stephen & Jenny) who just joined this month. Welcome to the White family!

Also a very special congratulations goes out to Walt & Barbara Sealy who just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this month!

READING/APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES

The November meeting minutes were posted in the December edition of the Piedmont Periscope plus the minutes were also sent to the membership directly via email on November 30th.

Due to the abbreviation of most business activities for this December's base meeting, the November meeting minutes will be discussed and voted on during the regular January base meeting.

December Minutes Continued

READING/APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink provided a treasurer's report thru December 18th, 2015. The report was not read aloud at this December's meeting but is shown below for your information. The December treasurer's report will be discussed and voted on at the regular January base meeting

Category	Balances as of 12/18/2015	Last Reported Balances
Kapss-4-kidss Fund	\$ 1,010.27	\$ 1,010.27
Scholarship Fund	\$0.00	\$ 507.00
General Base Fund	\$5,746.05	\$ 5,556.45
Total Balances	\$ 6,756.32	\$ 7,073.72

OLD BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS & GOOD OF THE ORDER Topics

Due the abbreviation of most business activities for this December's base meeting, no old or new business or good of the order topics were discussed at this month's meeting but will resume during the next regular base meeting in January.

OPEN IMC

Items briefly mentioned prior to adjourning tonight's meeting are listed below:

Honorary Member's Vest

For discussion at next January's meeting, Jack Jeffries sent out an email on Dec. 18 which came from the Asheville Base discussing the possibility of having an honorary member's vest made for Tony Valovich who was the previous owner of property containing the Moonshine Mt. Lost Boat Memorial.

Please read Jack's email for more details on this proposal.

Bilge Rats – Terrace Ridge

The next Carolina-Piedmont Bilge Rat production will be held on the same day as next January's meeting on Saturday, January 23rd at Terrace Ridge Assisted Living Community in Gastonia, NC on E. Hudson Blvd.

Eagle Scout Presentation

Walt Sealy reported he presented another honorary submariner certificate to a new Eagle Scout.

Checker's Game:

December Meeting Minutes Continued

Dale Moses reminded us that on January 22nd, 2016 this will be our night at the Checker's Hockey Game at the Bojangle's Arena. Moe will be purchasing our tickets soon and then all who contacted him will be given instructions for obtaining their tickets. Tickets prices are projected to be \$16 apiece.

PIEDMONT PERISCOPE

All hands are reminded that submissions for the base newsletter need to be sent to Robert Schilke no later than the 15th of each month.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1805 hrs; followed by a family pot-luck meal.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Tom Kelly



From The COB—Joel Sparnon MM2(SS)

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and is looking forward to a great 2016. I am continuing my series of articles about Submarine memorials that I visit during my travels. This fall I help my mom travel to her winter home in Flori-

Chief of the Base

da on our way I came across a memorial in a park along the river in Palatka River Front Park.

The memorial was original dedicated to the men of the USS Tang (SS-306). This is an excellent memorial in neat little town in Central Florida. There is plaque on the base of the memorial talks about the crew of the Tang. Also on the other side is a plaque honoring all the lost boats of WW2.

The park is along the River in Palatka if you are in the area it is a lovely spot for a nice lunch and pay your respects to the men that were lost. I have included

several pictures with this article. (See Para-Viz)

Let's have a great 2016.

Joel Sparnon MM2/SS A-Gang Base COB



COLOR GUARD INFORMATION!!

We know have are line-up for the February 3rd Hornets game. My apologies to Joel for reading his first e-mail incorrectly. Here is what I am thinking for the line-up:

Rick -SC Flag

Steve – NC Flag

Mike - rifle

Calvin – US Flag

Joel – rifle

Dale – POW/MIA Flag; or USSVI Colors; or just commanding - I am open to suggestions.

Dress:

Black shoes and socks

Black slacks (dark as possible)

White Long Sleeve shirt – LET ME KNOW ASAP IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LONG SLEEVE WHITE SHIRT. – hopefully you can obtain on by the 3rd.

White web belt with nickel buckle

Vest with shoulder rope

CP Color Guard Garrison Cap – or Holland Club Garrison Cap

White gloves

Please check your equipment to ensure you have it all in proper order. This is an important presentation since it may “open the doors” to other presentations. We need to earn our future presentations; NASCAR, Panthers, and the City of Charlotte may be watching.

With that said, we need a little practice. Do we want to go to the meeting a little early on the 30th; have the Color Guard eat first at the meeting, then practice for about 45 minutes or so; or hold a separate practice?

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Chaplain's Corner, Tom Hulme



Well here we are, 2016 is here, shift colors, we are underway and cruising through another year, Happy New Year to one and all!

As we continue our walk through this life, we also continue growing in our knowledge of God and how we can improve our walk through this life with Him! We are informed throughout the Bible that we are not promised that all our life will be smooth sailing with no rough seas or heavy storms, we are encouraged to understand we will experience both good and bad times and that in all things, God is with us always!

We need to grow in faith through experiencing trials and tribulations, these rougher times teach us how to have faith no matter how difficult the situation may seem, that after the storm passes and the seas return to calm we are now more complete and better

prepared not only to help ourselves when difficulty knocks at the door again, but more over our Lord and Savior wants us to understand He wants us to help others by sharing our faith, knowledge and insight in how to deal with these difficulties, but also for us to share our faith and trust in our God!

The Book of Job demonstrates that if you are strong in faith despite the hardships that rain down on you, after the storm passes God will restore you to a greater level of spiritual maturity, but more importantly your faith has proven itself out and become more solid! Through all of the losses, calamities, and physical maladies Job suffered, he shares these words with us; 15 I have sewed sackcloth over my skin and buried my brow in the dust. 16 My face is red with weeping, deep shadows ring my eyes; 17 Yet my hands have been free of violence and my prayer is pure. Job 16:15-17 NIV

By remaining focused on God and aware of the blessings of life, despite the inconvenience of hardship, we pay tribute in praise to our God through talking with Him in Prayer, Praise and Thanksgiving!

We need to challenge ourselves as we head in to this new year what can we do to help others get through their storm.....by letting God be our "Harbor Pilot" and bring us into the mooring of His Grace, mercy, Love and Divine Providence in our life!

Be safe, be well and be thankful that.....this rain over the past many weeks hasn't been snow!! AMEN!

Hope to be with you at this weekends meeting 1/30/16.

Be well and God Bless!

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Bilge Rat Productions

As the Bilge Rats wind-up their fifth season, we like to thank all of you that have supported us with this great community service project. You have helped us bring many smiles to a lot of folks in assisted living homes. These are members of the "Greatest Generation" and it really is a pleasure to see them smile and sing along.

The Bilge Rats have made some scheduling changes to take place after this season ending in January. We will now schedule our shows on the same day as our Base meetings. This is to provide the "Rats" that extra weekend in the fall and winter months. Our show

scheduled will run roughly from September to February or March, with preparations and rehearsals running throughout the spring and summer.

We have not yet decided on the theme for our sixth season, but as always we need singers, musicians, and those who just want to help in comedy and lip-syncing skits. Come join in the fun and get the reward of "gentle smile". I hope if I ever am placed in assisted living, there are groups that come to visit me. Pay it forward, join the Bilge Rats.

For more information, ask any "Rat" or call 980-422-2749 or e-mail donutdad@att.net. – Thanks, Moe



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.



NOW HEAR THIS!

Happy New Years Greetings to South East Region District One shipmates. First of all, I sincerely hope all experienced a blessed Christmas and New Years celebration.

Lets get started, if you all will indulge me I will title my District Commanders and TARHEEL BASE Commanders column "NOW HEAR THIS". Having started as a skimmer and serving on four different surface ships as well as submarines, including commanding the USS SAN ONOFRE ARD-30, I developed a love for all naval traditions. The term NOW HEAR THIS, was usually preceded by a Bos'n call whistle over the IMC followed by directions or information. An example would be the call to sweepers, or as XO and Chief Engineer of an ASR, USS TRINGA ASR-16, the direction to "Lay before the mast all 8 o'clock reports", and as CO, the "NOW HERE THIS" it would be followed by "This is the captain, and then I would pass along the information to be provide ship wide. Submarines did not usually follow this naval tradition, at least on the boats I served on, but as I stated I love naval traditions.

As the new SE District One commander I really don't have any detailed USSVI related information to provide, but I hope to become far better informed and provide information on the direction of USSVI National, Regional, District and Bases and activities that will affect this direction.

As a general comment one of the things I am most interested in is recruiting, getting more submarine veterans to become members and of equal if not more importance is getting the present membership more actively involved in activities at the base level first and then hopefully region and national levels. I know most of you have heard about the 80 / 20 rule to describe activity levels versus membership participation level. A rule that can usually be applied to most volunteer organizations; scouting, church ministry's, charities, etc. Now this involvement includes those actually attending events and those working the event. The elephant in the room is; how do we change this to the positive? To be honest, I don't have an answer, never have and this includes being involved as a BSA Scout Master, the Chair and developer of a Parish development program, Parish Council Member, Parish welcome committee member, Parish finance committee member, and now USSVI Base and District Commander. This is not condemnation, it is reality. My original reason for joining USSVI was to have some connection, some camaraderie with old shipmates, something that I missed being far removed from naval service due to retirement and physically removed from my beloved ocean, with just army facilities nearby. But things change.

This last Veterans Day, I was asked to give a presentation to the Knights of Columbus at their

Annual Veterans Day lunch. It lasted about an hour and drew 15 minutes of question afterwords and then some of these veterans and family members came up afterwords with more questions on the submarine force. Basically I just provided some anecdotes - sea stories - about some of my own submarine operation experiences. They ate it up! People are interested in the "Silent Service".

What I hope to do is get the TARHEEL BASE, as a beginning to be introspective, and using our base constitution and bylaws, ask ourselves what do we want to be? How much activity do we want to be involved in and what types? One base has a color guard, some have pot luck dinners which includes family mem-

NOW HEAR THIS!

bers, some have community projects, or are involved in Boy Scouts. My personal feelings are, if we as a base choose to be insular, with no or very little out reach to the general public or our own base members, recruiting efforts will be greatly hampered-low visibility and low interest equals low participation. Us geezers are for sure getting older we need to get younger submarine veterans to sign up and therefore need to find out what will draw them in and keep them on board. Most are not retired and have families with younger children which is a tap on their free time, an element that us retired guys no longer need to worry about and need to remember.

In addition what will get the present membership more involved? What will bring them to the meetings? What activities will get them more involved than just attending meetings? One thing that I personally miss, for example, is the Submarine Birthday Ball. A chance to take the wife to a dinner and to dance, to have a good time. A chance to recognize and honor the founding of the premier naval military force, that was key to victory in the Pacific and, having read Soviet military documents while on active duty, after their fall, was again one of if not the key factor in their demise of the USSR. The local US Navy Recruiting District Commanding Officer has asked to meet with me to see how we can be of mutual assistance in recruiting. This type of co-operation would probably be more beneficial to his mission than our own, but it will hopefully get us increased visibility.

So, again I ask for forbearance as I try to fill Steve Bell's and Dick Kanning's shoes. But as this is not a military command type structure, the individual base membership will be the key in any movement in a positive direction relative to recruiting new members and getting more involvement from the present membership. I hope to help facilitate this movement assisting in what ever way I can.

"NOW HEAR THIS! NOW HEAR THIS!" My hope and prayers for you all will be a safe, prosperous and blessed new year. I hope to meet all you in the future during my base visits in coming year.

Dave Campbell CDR USN (Ret)

TARHEEL BASE Commander USSVI

SE DISTRICT ONE Commander USSVI

Para-viz Shots

Photos from Recent Events:



Pictures are from the Cob's visit to the Palatka River Front Park, Palatka Florida. USS Tang Memorial.

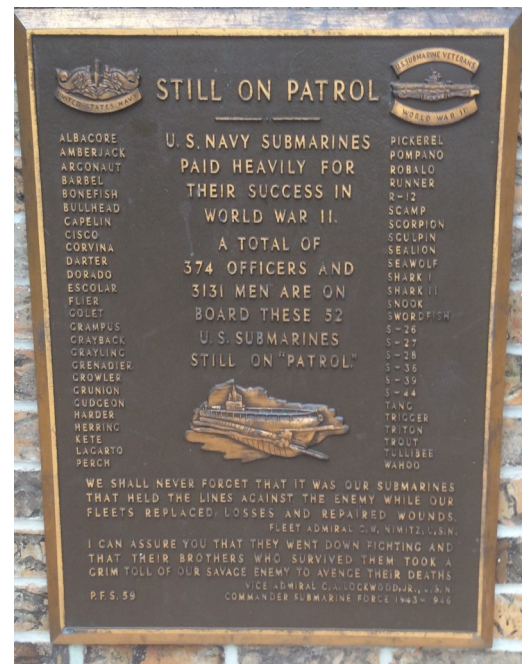


BASIL C. PEARCE, JR.
USS TANG MEMORIAL
 DEDICATED BY RICHARD H. O'KANE, SKIPPER
 AUGUST 17, 1943 - OCTOBER 25, 1944
 ELTON BRUBAKER, USS FLIER (SS250) AUG. 13, 1944
 CONSTRUCTED BY
BASIL PEARCE CHAPTER
 U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WW 2
 BUILT BY SAM ENZOR

U.S.S. TANG (SS306)

NAME	DATE	STATUS
ALBACORE	10/11/43	REPAIRED
AMBERJACK	10/11/43	REPAIRED
ARGONAUT	10/11/43	REPAIRED
BARBEL	10/11/43	REPAIRED
BONEFISH	10/11/43	REPAIRED
BULLHEAD	10/11/43	REPAIRED
CAPELIN	10/11/43	REPAIRED
CISCO	10/11/43	REPAIRED
CORVINA	10/11/43	REPAIRED
DARTER	10/11/43	REPAIRED
DORADO	10/11/43	REPAIRED
ESCOLAR	10/11/43	REPAIRED
FLIER	10/11/43	REPAIRED
GOLET	10/11/43	REPAIRED
GRAMPUS	10/11/43	REPAIRED
GRAYBACK	10/11/43	REPAIRED
GRAYLING	10/11/43	REPAIRED
GRENADIER	10/11/43	REPAIRED
GROWLER	10/11/43	REPAIRED
GRUNION	10/11/43	REPAIRED
GUDGEON	10/11/43	REPAIRED
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POMPANO	10/11/43	REPAIRED
ROBALO	10/11/43	REPAIRED
RUNNER	10/11/43	REPAIRED
R-12	10/11/43	REPAIRED
SCAMP	10/11/43	REPAIRED
SCORPION	10/11/43	REPAIRED
SCULPIN	10/11/43	REPAIRED
SEALION	10/11/43	REPAIRED
SEAWOLF	10/11/43	REPAIRED
SHARK I	10/11/43	REPAIRED
SHARK II	10/11/43	REPAIRED
SNOOK	10/11/43	REPAIRED
SWORDFISH	10/11/43	REPAIRED
S-26	10/11/43	REPAIRED
S-27	10/11/43	REPAIRED
S-28	10/11/43	REPAIRED
S-36	10/11/43	REPAIRED
S-39	10/11/43	REPAIRED
S-44	10/11/43	REPAIRED
TANG	10/11/43	REPAIRED
TRIGGER	10/11/43	REPAIRED
TROUT	10/11/43	REPAIRED
TULLIBEE	10/11/43	REPAIRED
WAHOO	10/11/43	REPAIRED

LOST IN WORLD WAR II
 10/11/43 - 10/25/44



STILL ON PATROL

U.S. NAVY SUBMARINES PAID HEAVILY FOR THEIR SUCCESS IN WORLD WAR II. A TOTAL OF 374 OFFICERS AND 3131 MEN ARE ON BOARD THESE 52 U.S. SUBMARINES STILL ON "PATROL"

U.S. NAVY SUBMARINES	STATUS
ALBACORE	REPAIRED
AMBERJACK	REPAIRED
ARGONAUT	REPAIRED
BARBEL	REPAIRED
BONEFISH	REPAIRED
BULLHEAD	REPAIRED
CAPELIN	REPAIRED
CISCO	REPAIRED
CORVINA	REPAIRED
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TROUT	REPAIRED
TULLIBEE	REPAIRED
WAHOO	REPAIRED

WE SHALL NEVER FORGET THAT IT WAS OUR SUBMARINES THAT HELD THE LINES AGAINST THE ENEMY WHILE OUR FLEETS REPLACED, LOSSES AND REPAIRED WOUNDS. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THEY WENT DOWN FIGHTING AND THAT THEIR BROTHERS WHO SURVIVED THEM TOOK A GRIM TOLL OF OUR SAVAGE ENEMY TO AVENGE THEIR DEATHS.

VICE ADMIRAL CALLOCKWOOD, JR., U.S.N.
 COMMANDER SUBMARINE FORCE 1943-1945
 P.F.S. 59

New members

Binnacle List:

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

LCDR Reb Wootten, USS Gudgeon, 1959
Steve White, MMC(SS), USS Tunney 1974

Judy Hickerson	Cathy Davison
Hal & Dee Rutter	Gail Rybcyzk
Mike Toomey’s son	Jim Schenk
Diana Fitz	Monica Dachs
Tom Hulme	Carol Jeffries
Robert Howell	Glenn Harris

Happy Birthday to:

January:
Perry Blake - Jan 30
Donald Eggleston - Jan 3
Gary Mitchell - Jan 26
Pete Stephenson - Jan 5
Bill Widell - Jan 1

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

(As requested, I am bumping up dates. RM2)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

February:
Greg & Linda Crystal - Feb 5
Gene & Mary Ann Johnston - Feb 1
Tom & Janet Krpata - Feb 23
Mike & Tatiana Ward - Feb 23
Ray & Linda Zieverink - Feb 24



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SubVettes Birthdays!



- Monica Dachs - Feb 18
- Janet Krpata - Feb 23
- Sandra Myers - Feb 18
- Cindy Petitt - Feb 17
- Ruth Schenk - Feb 9
- Sandi Wardean - Feb 3



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.

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.



Piedmont Funnies Page

Philp (Skip) Edwards former MM2/SS

In the summer of '83 we where on a Med Cruise aboard USS Silversides SSN679. We made a port call in Naples and were tied up in the harbor close to a US destroyer, the name I don't remember.

After a night drinking in town four of my shipmates decided they needed some excitement. They took the life raft from the aft escape trunk and paddled over to the destroyer. They had spray cans of moly grease as most know is black. They proceeded to paint a large set of dolphins on the starboard side of the destroyer.

The next morning the CO of the destroyer called our CO to complain about his lovely art work and wanted the responsible party or parties to come and remove the dolphins. The four artist came foward and admitted painting the dolphins. Our CO officially scolded them and then congratulated on a job well done.

When the four artist arrived back at the destroyer they tried to explain that they had used grease from a spray can. They were ignored and handed paint brushes and gray paint and order to paint over there artwork, which they did. The next morning the destroyer got back underway with the carrier Coral Sea.

A couple of days later we along with other naval vessels in the area received radio traffic about a US destroyer cruising the med with dolphins on her starboard side. It seems after a couple fo days of wave action the paint washed off of the destroyer so that she could proudly display the dolphins she received compliments od the USS Silversides SSN679.

Mexican Bean Bomb by Jim Hursey ETCS(SS) USN RET

One evening on the Oly (SSN 717), I was giving the Diving Officer a piss call. We were just coming off station in the SOJ, after a pretty good run. We were transiting deep when all at once; WHAMMM!! A hell of an explosion from somewhere down below.

This was cause for some concern, as we were sitting two decks above a torpedo room full of warshots. The OOD ordered 125 ft., and I brought her up smartly, as well as sounding the General Alarm. As we leveled off, the OOD was frantically trying to find out what had happened when the CO's voice came over the 4MC, "Secure from the casualty. Gentlemen, we have just suffered an attack from the infamous Mexican Bean Bomb. No damage, except for the Cook's pride."

It seems that one of the cooks told a messcook to heat up a couple of #10 cans of beans for Midrats. The guy had put them in the oven, UNOPENED! There was some damage, the doors were blown off the oven and the thing was warped so bad, we had to get a new one.

The Smoke Storage Locker by Thomas Keheley MM2(SS), USS Lapon SSN-661

USS Lapon (SSN-661) pulled into Naples and had to tie up outside the breakwater because we were instruments of war. We had the reactor running to provide power. The tender sent liberty boats out to pick up sailors from several ships and we were their last stop. I was standing topside waiting on the boat when the word was passed to "Prepare to snorkel." I thought nothing of it and was the first in the boat when it pulled up.

The guy next to me looked at the boat, looked at me and asked, "What's your rate?" I responded that I was an MM2 (SS) and he said, "Good, I have a question. I am a BT. What do you do with the smoke?" I asked what smoke and he replied, "That thing runs on steam, right? To get steam you boil water, to boil water you have to heat it up. To heat it up you have to burn something. When you burn something, it makes smoke. What do you do with the smoke when you are submerged?"

Being a nuke, I gave him a long explanation on nuclear power, thermal neutrons, etc, finally saying "It doesn't make smoke." About that time, the word was passed, "Commence snorkeling." The diesel rumbled to life and all water sprayed out of the sail and a big cloud of smoke rolled out.

The BT watched it for a while, then looked at me and said, "If it was classified that you stored up there 'till you surfaced, you should have just said it was classified instead of feeding me that cock and bull story

In Remembrance.....



On 8 January 2005 at 02:43 GMT, San Francisco collided with an undersea mountain about 675 kilometers (364 nautical miles, 420 statute miles) southeast of Guam while operating at flank (maximum) speed at a depth of 525 feet (160 m).[3] The collision was so serious that the vessel was almost lost—accounts detail a desperate struggle for positive buoyancy to surface after the forward ballast tanks were ruptured. Twenty-three crewmen were injured, and Machinist's Mate Second Class Joseph Allen Ashley, 24, of Akron, Ohio, died on 9 January from head injuries. Other injuries to the crew included broken bones, lacerations, and a back inju-

ry. San Francisco's forward ballast tanks and her sonar dome were severely damaged, but her inner hull was not breached, and there was no damage to her nuclear reactor. She surfaced and, accompanied by the USCGC Galveston Island (WPB-1349), USNS GYSGT Fred W. Stockham (T-AK-3017), and USNS Kiska (T-AE-35), as well as MH-60S Knighthawks and P-3 Orion maritime patrol aircraft, arrived in Guam on 10 January.

I didn't know Joey Ashley, but he was a Submariner just like me and many of my Shipmates. I knew several of the crew, but they were Submarine Crews like every Submarine I had served on. Their efforts saved the USS SAN FRANCISCO preventing further loss of the lives of other Shipmates.

Since that time I have become friends with Joey's father Daniel Dan Ashley Sr. I also have a very close friend presently serving on USS SAN FRANCISCO William Southall.

What happened to USS SAN FRANCISCO and MM2(SS) Ashley could have happened to me, or any one of us who where Dolphins and go down to the sea in vessels intentionally designed to sink. It's dangerous business whether you are underway operating as the SAN FRANCISCO was, or sitting in a drydock like the USS MIAMI was. There's reasons it is called

"hazardous duty". We all know the hazards and risks every time we go onboard, but we do it because that is the life we choose.

So on this anniversary of this tragic accident let us pause and remember Joey Ashley who gave his life while serving his country in Submarines. And let us all give thanks that we were fortunate that USS SAN FRANCISCO was not lost and that we are not remembering 127 men instead.

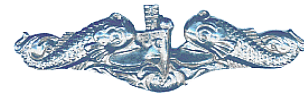
Dan Ashley as I said the other night, the whole Submarine Community is with you during these difficult times and Joey is not forgotten.

"There is a port of no return where ships may ride at anchor for a little space. And then some starless night the cable slips leaving only an eddy at the mooring place. Gulls veer no longer. Sailor rest your oar. No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore".
HAND SALUTE Shipmate Ashley . . . Rest Your Oar! Ready Two.



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 six dollar donation is suggested for each person eating. From that six 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)



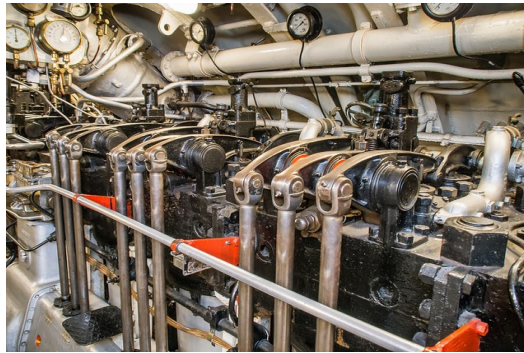
Base Commanders



Glenn Harris- 2007 to 2009

Steve Bell- 2009 to 2015

Rick Pettitt- 2015 to Present



Submarine Skipper Fired After Buoy Strike In Georgia

David Larter, Navy Times, Jan 4

A submarine navigation mishap and grounding in November has cost the sub's commanding officer his job.

The guided missile submarine Georgia struck a buoy while returning to its home port of Kings Bay, Georgia, on Nov. 25 and then ran aground. Capt. Dave Adams, CO of the Georgia's Blue crew, was relieved by Rear Adm. Randy Crites, the head of Submarine Group 10.

Crites removed Adams "due to a loss of confidence in his ability to command based on the facts and circumstances revealed in a command investigation in the Nov. 25 incident in which Georgia was returning to port, struck a channel buoy and then grounded," SUBGRU 10

said in a release.

SUBGRU 10 said the damages are approximately \$1 million to repair and that the investigation is pending final review.

Adams is the first CO fired in 2016.

In a statement to Navy Times, the 30-year Navy veteran took responsibility for the accident.

"The actions that hazarded GEORGIA upon a scheduled return to port in the dark on the morning of 25 Nov. were mine alone," Adams said in an email. "I ask that my lapses not be used to denigrate the terrific service of the Sailors and families of GEORGIA BLUE. After thirty years of serving in the world's finest Navy, my only regret is that I will miss sailing with them again to stand against our nation's enemies."

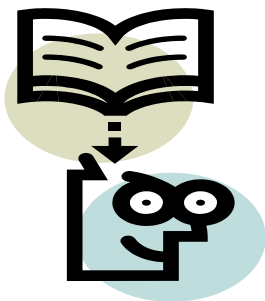
Adams enlisted in the Navy in 1985 and was commissioned

in 1991, according to his official bio. He previously served on the ballistic missile submarine Tennessee and the attack submarines Santa Fe and Honolulu. He commanded the Joint Provincial Reconstruction Team Khost, Afghanistan, in 2007 and 2008. He went on to command Santa Fe from 2010 to 2012, earning the Battle "E."

He also served as the chief of naval operations' speechwriter and as an aide to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs.

Adams was reassigned to SUBGRU 10.

Kirk Smith



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

Next Meeting:

Base gathering on January 30 at VFW post. Meeting at 1730, Meal to follow



Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 January	18	19	20	21	22 Hockey Game 	23 Bidge Rat Skit, Gastonia
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Dinner & Base meeting VFW post 
31	1 February	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 VFW Breakfast 
14 Valentine's Day 	15 President's Day 	16 The Submarine Story, Mooresville high school	17	18	19	20 Meeting At VFW, Fort Mill. 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Dinner & Base meeting VFW post
28	29	1 March	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

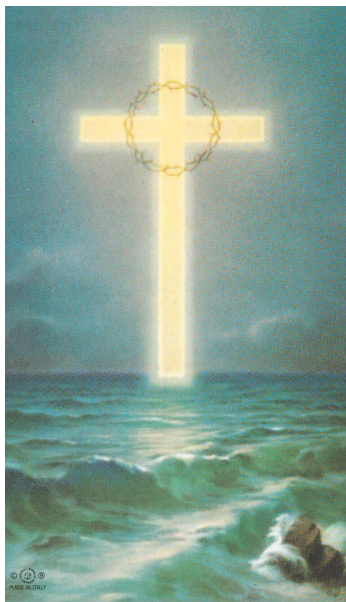
RM1(SS) Bill King - Qual Boat: SS-486 1959

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

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

Carolina Piedmont Base

New 2015 Inductees:



- Dan Jackson MM1(SS)
- Jack Anulies FTB1(SS)
- Jack Jeffries RM1(SS)
- Larry Lynch MMCM(SS)
- Rudy Ogas MM1(SS)
- Ron Busila MMC(SS)
- Bill Quailes MMC(SS)



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)
- 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)
- Steve White - MMC(SS)
- Reb Wootten - LCDR
- Herman Ziegler - EM3(SS)