



Carolina Piedmont Base of the USSVI presents the

Piedmont Periscope

March 2016

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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.

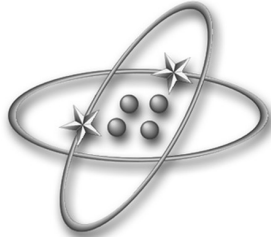


Lost Boats for March "Sailors, rest your oars"

- USS F-4 (SS 21) March 25, 1915
- USS H-1 (SS 28) March 12, 1920
- USS PERCH (SS 176) March 3, 1942
- USS GRAMPUS (SS 207) March 5, 1943
- USS TRITON (SS 201) March 15, 1943
- USS TULLIBEE (SS 284) March 26, 1944
- USS KETE (SS 369) March 20, 1945
- USS TRIGGER (SS 237) March 26, 1945



CO's Stateroom— Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Pettit



Commander's Stateroom March 2016

Well here we are in the middle of March, all the Bradford Pears are in bloom and the weather is mid 70's. Spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner. Time to start mowing the grass and planning for our summer outings. Everyone should be thinking about our regional convention in Mobile, Ala and our Burnsville meeting in May. We are looking forward to a good-sized turnout in the mountains

and I am sure we will have a good time as always. Bilge Rats need to be deciding what we are going to perform that Saturday during the Halfway Night presentation. I'll work on my singing. This past month we have been traveling around North Carolina to continue our Submarine Ed classes and visit with the Victory Junction Gang. Jack will talk more on that. Overall it has been a good month for most of our folks. Please keep in mind all those that have struggled with their health this month. We all hope and pray that they recover soon and join us at our next meeting. It's good to be seen. Happy Easter everybody!

Rick Pettit



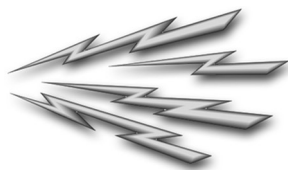
Boeing unveiled Thursday Mar 10 its latest submarine, a crew-less undersea vehicle capable of operating all on its own for months at a time.

The 51-foot Echo Voyager uses a hybrid rechargeable system to run for months autonomously, and can also be launched and recovered without the kind of support ships usually necessary for unmanned, undersea vehicles, or UUVs, Boeing said in a news release.



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

Carolina Piedmont Rocks! This has been an interesting month. Joel Sparnon, Marvin Beaver Rick and I had the pleasure of presenting the Submariner Story to about 140 NJROTC cadets at Mooresville High School, we were warmly welcomed by the cadets and they had loads of questions for us. We, being varied in rates, had most of the answers except for one, one cadet asked the origin of our dolphin qual pin and the significance of dolphins, none of us really had the answer BUT Marvin Beaver researched and found the answer, the result is posted somewhere in this edition of the PP. We also had the pleasure of visiting with the campers at

Victory Junction, Steve Bell, Rick Petitt, Jim and Marsha Goins and myself presented about 35 Kaps and Certificates to the campers. We will be going back the 7th of June for another presentation, this will be their annual Nascarnival where they have teams from Nascar attend and demonstrate their pit crew talents. If you are interested in going please let me know, we can only take 2 other people with us. I hope we have a large group going to Moonshine Mountain Memorial service, this is one event you should try and attend. Please don't forget to wear something showing you are a submariner when you go out and about, we have recruited many members by doing this, not only that but you get a lot of skimmers that ask questions. Well that's about it for this month.





From The COB—Joel Sparnon MM2(SS)

Well it is March seems like the first 3 months of the year is just flying by. Remember wear your Sub Vet gear it really does help recruit, every time I go out with my jacket or ball cap I either run into a brother or a skimmer who is in awe of us as Submariners.

Jack, Rick, Marvin and I had a great time speaking with the NJROTC kids at Mooresville, NC Senior High School, the Chief and Captain in charge of the program were happy to see us and appreciated that we came by and presented to all the JRROTC classes during the day. The kids were interested in what we had to say and asked some really good questions.

One of the recent past weekends I took my oldest step-son to Washing-

Chief of the Base

ton DC to see the sights. I have been several times and anyone that has been will tell you it is extremely difficult to see all the impressive sights. We were able to see several museums, most of the major memorials and Arlington.

If you have never been to Arlington I highly recommend it, the level of commitment on display there to this fine country will bring tears to your eyes. Some of the highlights to Arlington were the changing of the guard at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. (Very impressive those army guys do it right) While I was at Arlington I went and visited first Adm. Rickover's grave. Even in death he had to be different having a black granite marker (see the pictures Bob will place in the newsletter later), Rickover also has an nice view of president Kennedys grave. Also I visited Adm. O'Kane's marker he is in a lower down the hill section with a standard marker. (Picture also included)

The other submarine related item that I had the chance to see is the submarine panel on the WW2 memorial on the main mall which is a hugely impressive memorial and one I had not seen before very nicely done. And I had not realized that it was down close to the Lincoln

memorial and the Vietnam memorial. All very reverently done and impressive, it was a awesome trip. And excellent teaching points for my step son to understand the magnitude of the sacrifice that some have given to this awesome country.

Have a great month and see you at the next meeting.

Joel MM2/SS A-Gang –
Chief of the Base.



Comm Center — Tom Kelly, Base Secretary

February Meeting Minutes



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Carolina Piedmont Base Vice-Commander Jack Jeffries called the February 27th, 2016 base meeting to order @ 1900 hrs. at the VFW Post located in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All joined together in saying our Nation’s Pledge of Allegiance.

USSVI CREED

The USSVI Creed was recited tonight by Reb Wootten.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS

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

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

There were 25 members present at this month’s meeting.

READING/APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES

January Meeting Minutes: The January 2016 meeting minutes were posted in the February 2016 edition of the Piedmont Periscope plus the minutes were also sent directly to the membership via email on February 14th. A motion was made to accept the minutes as-is for the January 2016 meeting; no discussion or changes were made and the motion passed.

READING/APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT

Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink provided a treasurer’s report thru February 27th, 2016.

Raymond also passed around for review a 2015 year-end summary report on last year’s base finances.

One item pointed out by Raymond was an outstanding (uncashed) check made out to Toys for Tots for \$200. It was discussed that this check would be cancelled and a better method of supporting Toys for Tots will be explored in the future.

A motion was then made to accept the current treasurer’s report thru February 27th 2016; no further discussion or changes were made and the motion passed.

Category	Balances as of 2/27/2016	Last Reported Balances
Kapss-4-kidss Fund	\$ 1,010.27	\$ 1,010.27
Scholarship Fund	\$54.00	\$ 5.00
General Base Fund	\$5,544.55	\$ 5,856.55
Total Balances	\$ 6,608.82	\$ 6,871.82

February Minutes Continued

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

SK REPORT

Base Storekeeper Jeff Nieberding reported that he's available for whatever items base members need to order.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nomination of National Officers

Steve Bell reported on the process to nominate persons for the various national offices.

Nominating criteria is as follows:

- Person must be qualified to do the job in whatever position he's being nominated for,
- Person must be willing to do the job if elected,
- Applications can be submitted online and be 100 words or less.

Deadline for nominations closes on Tuesday, March 1st.

National Award Nominations

Steve Bell also reported on the process to nominate person(s) or bases for various national awards.

Information from the USSVI website on the awards program is as follows:

“The US Submarine Veteran's National Award Program recognizes members or bases whose contributions to the organization or their local community stand out. Any USSVI member in good standing may nominate any other member in good standing (or entity such as a Base, where appropriate and stated in the Award description) for any of the below awards with the exception of the Newsletter of the Year, which is not a nominated award.”

The list of awards that can be nominated for are shown below:

Joe Negri Award (USSVI Submarine Veteran of the Year)

Robert Link National Commander's Award

National District Commander of the Year Award

Golden Anchor Award

Silver Anchor Award

Meritorious Award

Base Newsletter of the Year

Ben Bastura Award

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The nomination period opened February 1st and will close on April 30th.

Check the gold “Awards” link on the USSVI website for more detailed information.

SC License Plates

Jack discussed the prospects of getting submarine specialty plates for South Carolina members.

Jack stated the Charleston Base was leading the effort on getting legislation introduced.

The projected price of the plates will be an additional cost of \$30 per plate per vehicle but that proceeds from the additional cost of the plates will be distributed back to bases proportionally to how many specialty plates are purchased by base members.

For more information members are encouraged to review Jack’s email to us on Feb. 16th to read all the particulars and to see a draft image of what the new plate may look like.

Bilge Rats

Dale “Moe” Moses discussed ideas for “halfway night” skits for doing at Burnsville and future acts that could be done at other venues. Jack followed up with his own list of ideas and base members were encouraged to put on their thinking caps and be creative to come up with new ideas.

Moe stated they were starting “Season 6” of Bilge Rat productions and he continues to encourage any members interested to join the group.

Burnsville Gathering

Base members were reminded about the upcoming event at Moonshine Mountain near Burnsville NC the weekend of May 20 & 21. Members from all NC Subvet bases are welcomed to participate in this annual tradition to honor the 52 lost boats.

More information about the Moonshine Mountain memorial can be obtained from the USSVI website by clicking on the red “Sub Memorials” button, then clicking on the state of North Carolina.

Eagle Scout Update

Walt Sealy is our coordinator for arranging participation at award ceremonies for when Boy Scouts are awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. Walt reminded members that if you hear of any scout coming up for Eagle Scout to let him know as soon as possible.

We participate at Eagle Scout award ceremonies by presenting the scout as an Honorary Submariner and the scout is also presented with a beautiful patch honoring the scout’s accomplishment.

Holland Club Certificate

Jack announced that the Carolina Piedmont base received a certificate of thanks from USSVI as a benefactor for our monetary donation last year in support of the costs associated with persons receiving the prestigious Holland Club award.

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SC School Coordinator

Piedmont Periscope base news editor Robert Schilke reported that he was going to have to step down as our SC school coordinator for arranging submarine presentations at SC area schools. Robert asked that any member who was willing to take on this opportunity he would train them in what this position entails.

NC School Presentations

A submarine presentation is planned for Mooresville High School on March 8.

Victory Junction

Three visits are schedule so far this year for going to Victory Junction and presenting children with honorary submariner certificates and to give them a special Kaps-4-Kids hat; the first visit will be on March 12th, the next one will be in June for NASCAR night and the third date will be communicated later.

Base Color Guard

Dale Moses reported that 5 members of the base color guard presented the colors at the Charlotte Hornets versus Cleveland Cavalier's basketball game on the 3rd of February at Time Warner Arena. Moe stated that all went well.

Dale also announced that he's looking to get our color guard to present colors at a Charlotte Knights game at BB&T Stadium this season.

Dale also reminded us about the Massing of the Colors that will occur on May 8th at Rock Hill High School. Base member Walt Sealy can also provide members with more information regarding the Massing of the Colors.

Group Gatherings

Checkers Game: Moe also reported we had 43 members attend the Charlotte Checkers game on January 22nd.

Future Group Activities: Ideas were kicked around about what we can do together as a base for summer related events. Some ideas mentioned were attending a function at Daniel Stowe's Botanical Garden, a Charlotte Knights game, etc. Moe asked folks to send him an email with any ideas.

Potential for Holding a Regional Meeting

Rick & Jack have begun discussion for holding a regional meeting/convention here in the Charlotte area. Jack stated this would be for an event in 2017. Much discussion ensued regarding what level of effort it would take for our base to put on such an endeavor.

Purple Heart Appreciation

And More February Meeting Minutes

The base received a very beautiful plaque from the Purple Heart Association for a monetary donation made last year to this organization. The base took up a collection for the Purple Heart organization and this was then matched by Purple Heart Medal Recipient Bob Bunney who is a member of our base.

Stars Program

Members are still excited about presenting veterans with a star as a reminder that their time served in the military is greatly appreciated. We were reminded that the stars program actually started with the Gettysburg Flag Works. If you Google “Stars Program Gettysburg Flag Works” you can read more about the start of this great program. We thank Howard Dachs for introducing the Stars Program to our base.

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.

NEXT BASE MEETING

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be on Saturday, March 26th, 2016 at 1900 hrs. at the VFW in Fort Mill, SC. A pot-luck meal will precede the meeting starting at 1730.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2010 hrs; the motion passed.

BENEDICTION

Prior to tonight’s benediction, Base Chaplain Tom Hulme recognized the Hubbell’s in the recent loss of 2 family members with the presentation of a memorial Bible.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Hulme.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Tom Kelly

Base Secretary

Chaplain's Corner, Tom Hulme



The months just keep zipping by, and here we are the middle of March and Easter is nearly here! As important as our observation of the birth of Jesus is, our observation and understanding that the "Miracle of Easter" the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the foundation of our Christian Faith!

But for the Grace and Truth of our God, in telling us from the beginning of time until now, that there is life everlasting for those that believe in Him and have faith that our God is alive!

Jesus dies on the Cross

28 Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so the that the Scriptures would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of hyssop plant, lifted it to Jesus' lips. 30

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." John 19:28-30 NIV

Jesus knew that he would be the sacrifice to pay for our sins, and that God our Father would resurrect him on the third day, his faith was complete and undeniable!

This is the same level of faith we all must aspire to, to completely appreciate and understand the love that our God has for each and everyone of us! So, as Easter approaches prepare your heart, your mind and your faith to receive the most precious gift of all.....the gift of forgiveness, mercy, grace and love that our Heavenly Father has blessed us with and share this with your family and friends!

"Tetelestai", the Greek word that Jesus spoke as his last word, "It is finished"! Know yourself and know when your efforts are complete and your mission is accomplished, ask God to show you what your mission is and when it's complete you can say, "Tetelestai!" And God will reply, yes my good and faithful servant!

Happy Easter to one and all!

Hope to be with you at this weekends meeting 3/26/16.

Be well and God Bless!

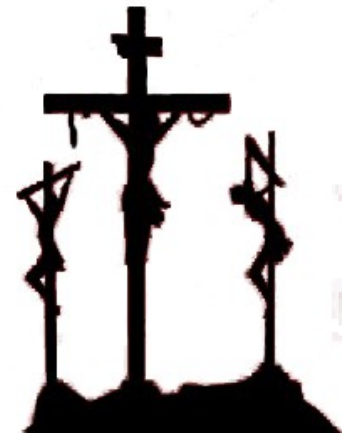
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Short Bunny Jokes Q:

Q: What are four hundred rabbits hopping backwards? A: A receding hare line.

Q: What did the rabbit say to the carrot? A: Its been nice gnawing you.

Q: What do you call a dumb bunny? A: A hare brain.

Q: How many hairs in a rabbit's tail? A: None, they're all on the outside.

Q: What would you call the Easter Bunny if he married a chicken? A: The first Rabbit to lay and egg.

Q: What's the difference between a healthy bunny and an odd bunny? A: One is a fit bunny, and the other's a bit funny!

Q: What happened when 100 hares got loose on Main Street? A: The police had to comb the area.

Q: How do you get letter to a bunny? A: Hare mail.

Q: The more he takes away the bigger it becomes. What is it? A: A rabbit hole.

Q: How is a rabbit like a Q-tip? A: They both have cotton tails.

Q: Did you hear about the rich bunny? A: He was a millionhare!

Q: Why did the bunny like the adventure? A: It was a "hare-raising tail"

source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/animaljokes/bunnyjokes.html>

Next Meeting:

Base gathering on March 26 at VFW post. Meal at 1730, Meeting to follow



Happy Easter!



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!

History of the Submarine Dolphins - Article by Gary Flynn

The insignia of the U.S. submarine service is a submarine flanked by two dolphins. Dolphins, attendants to the Poseidon, Greek god of the sea and patron deity to sailors, is sometimes referred to as the sailor's friend. They were also chosen to represent the Submarine Service because of the characteristic way in which dolphins dive and surface.

On 13 June 1923, Captain E. J. King, Commander, Submarine Division Three (later Fleet Admiral and Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, during WW II), suggested to the Secretary of the Navy via the Bureau of Navigation (now known as BuPers) that a distinguishing device for qualified submariners be adopted. He submitted a pen-and-ink sketch of his own showing a shield mounted on the beam ends of a submarine, with dolphins forward of, and abaft, the conning tower. The suggestion was strongly endorsed by Commander Submarine Division Atlantic. Over the next several months the Bureau of Navigation solicited additional designs from several sources. Some combined a submarine with a shark motif. Others showed submarines and dolphins, and still others used a shield design. A Philadelphia firm, Bailey, Banks & Biddle (BB&B), which had done work in the field of Naval crests, was approached by the Bureau of Navigation with the request that it design a suitable badge. Two designs were submitted by the firm, one of which was the 1926 class crest from the Naval Academy. These two designs were combined into a single concept. It was a starboard angle on the bow view of an "O" class submarine, proceeding on the surface, with bow planes rigged for diving, flanked by dolphins in a horizontal position with their heads resting on the upper edge of the bow planes. On 20 March 1924, the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation recommended to the Secretary of the Navy that the design be adopted. The recommendation was accepted by Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Acting Secretary of the Navy. His acceptance is dated March 1924. Today the original BB&B design is used by many manufactures without modification, while others choose to take some artistic license, especially in updating the class of submarine depicted.

The submarine insignia was to be worn at all times by officers and men qualified in submarine duty attached to submarine units or organizations, ashore and afloat, and not to be worn when not attached. In 1941 the Uniform Regulations were modified to permit officers and men qualified who were eligible to wear the submarine insignia after they had been assigned to other duties in the naval service, unless

NOW HEAR THIS!

such right had been revoked.

The officers' insignia was a gold metal pin (gold plating over "sterling" silver, or bronze), worn centered above the left breast pocket and above the ribbons and medals. Enlisted men wore the insignia, embroidered in silk, white silk for blue clothing and blue silk for white clothing. This was sewn on the outside of the right sleeve, midway between the wrist and elbow. The device was two and three-quarters inches long.

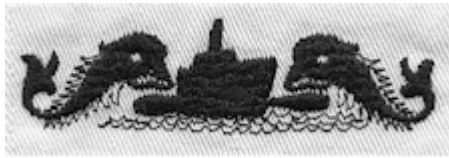
In 1943, the Uniform Regulations were modified to provide that: "Enlisted men, who are qualified and subsequently promoted to commissioned or warrant ranks, may wear enlisted submarine insignia on the left breast until they qualify as submarine officers, at which time this insignia would be replaced by the officers' submarine pin."

In mid-1947, the embroidered device shifted from the right sleeve of the enlisted men's jumper to above the left breast pocket. On 21 September 1950, a change to the Uniform Regulations authorized officers the option of either a gold bullion embroidered sew-on insignia, or gold plated pin-on insignia. Enlisted submariners were given the option of either a silver bullion embroidered sew-on insignia, or a "sterling" silver (or silver plated), metal pin-on insignia for the dress uniform. This was in addition to the silk embroidered insignia sewn on the undress uniform.

Dolphin Collection (enlisted)



earliest - silk embroidered



for Summer Whites



silver bullion thread - 50's



early silk variation



"WestPacs" - 50's & 60's made in Yokosuka



CPO's gray embroidered - '43 to '49



sterling, clutch-back 50's & 60's - mfg. by Gemsco



sterling "deep wave" pin-back - 50's by Hilborn & Hamburger

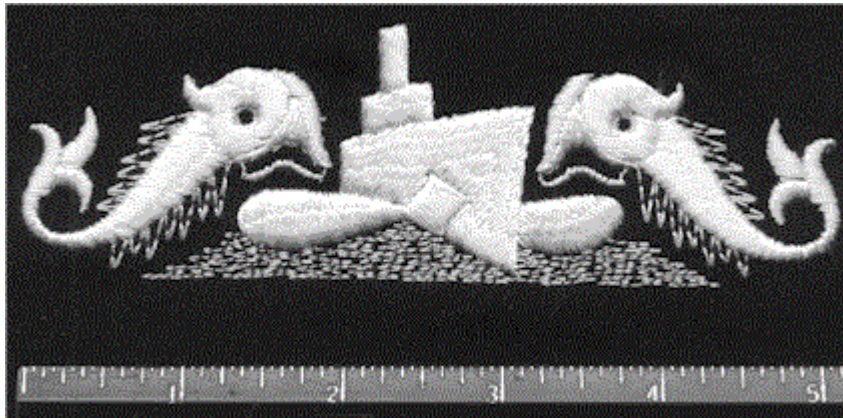


contemporary - utility

In 1967, the manufacturer, Vanguard discontinued their "sterling" dolphins, in favor of less expensive silver plate or silver oxide surfaces.

It is probable that the other manufacturers did the same - and at about the same time to remain competitive.

...and the "mystery" dolphins?



This large (5") silk embroidered, patch came in the cellophane envelope [below] and appears to be from the 1920's or '30s.

It is exactly twice the size of the early sleeve insignias, and too large to be used as a decorative "liberty" cuff.

If anyone knows how it was worn - let me know....

UPDATE: I finally received an answer to my question. An old boat sailor off the Grenadier (SS-525) said:

"I remember once or twice seeing these large patches sewn underneath neck flap on dress blue jumpers, much as liberty cuffs were sewn inside sleeve cuffs...I myself have a lot of embroidered items underneath my collar including sleeve devices with diesel boat names that I served on."

I also received word from a TM off the Wahoo who recalled that he had this same patch sewn inside the flap on his dress blue trousers. So it appears that it wasn't produced for any authorized use on the uniform.

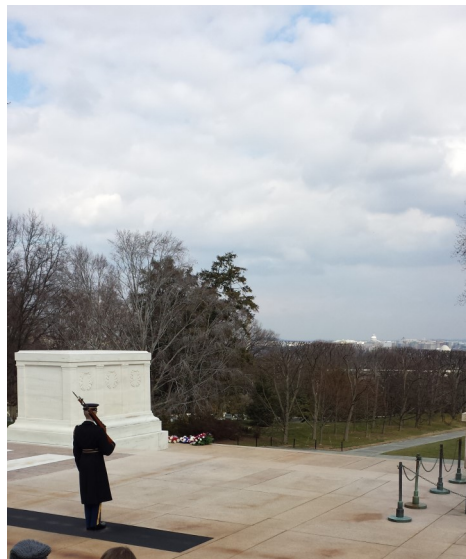
It seems that the envelope design was meant to illustrate the long history the company had with the Navy.

Para-viz Shots

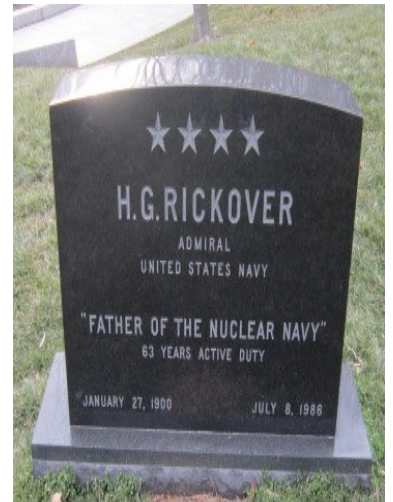


Photos from Recent Events:

Pictures are from the Cob's visit to some famous memorials



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



WWII Submarine Mural

New members

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

Binnacle List:

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|------------------|--------------|
| Judy Hickerson | Monica Dachs |
| Hal & Dee Rutter | Bill King |
| Diana Fitz | Rudy Ogas |
| Tom Hulme | John Brough |
| Robert Howell | |
| Jim Schenk | |

Happy Birthday to:

April:

- George Birmingham—21 April
- James Schenk—24 April
- Paul Simerly—9 April
- Tom Tidd—28 April



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

April:

- Bob and Mary Bickford—21 April
- John and Becky Dianotto— 23 April
- William and Judy Hickerson—23 April
- Tom and Melinda Hulme—16 April
- Bill and Kitty Quailes— 8 April
- Tom and Amelia Tidd—7 April

Mike and Karen Toomey—24 April



SubVettes Birthdays!



- Connie Birmingham—April 24
- Linda Crystal—April 14
- Liz Harris—April 25
- Susan Kelly—April 22
- Dee Rutter—April 30
- Linda Zieverink—April 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.

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

An Incident at Cabela's

A woman goes into Cabela's to buy a rod and reel for her grandson's birthday. She doesn't know which one to get so she just grabs one and goes over to the counter.

A Cabela's associate is standing there wearing dark shades. She says, 'Excuse me, sir. Can you tell me anything about this rod and reel?'

He says, 'Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes.' She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter.

He says, 'That's a six-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel and 10-LB. Test line. It's a good all around combination; and it's on sale this week for only \$20.00.'

She says, 'It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it!' As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor.

'Oh, that sounds like a Master Card,' he says. She bends down to pick it up and accidentally farts. At first she is really embarrassed, but then realizes there is no way the blind clerk could tell it was she who tooted. Being blind, he wouldn't know that she was the only person around?

The man rings up the sale and says, 'That'll be \$34.50 please.'

The woman is totally confused by this and asks, 'Didn't you tell me the rod and reel were on sale for \$20.00? How did you get \$34.50?'

He replies, 'Yes, ma'am. The rod and reel is \$20.00, but the Duck Call is \$11.00 and the Catfish Bait is \$3.50.'

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

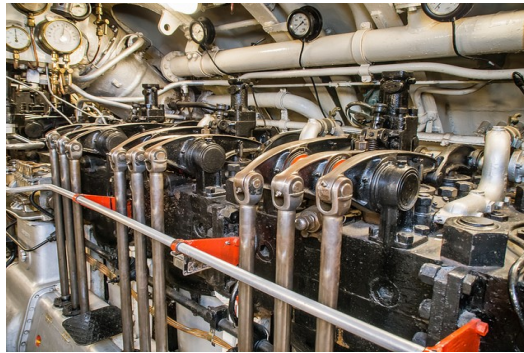


Glenn Harris- 2007 to 2009

Steve Bell- 2009 to 2015



Rick Pettitt- 2015 to Present





Carolina Piedmont Base Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 March	21	22	23	24	25 Good Friday	26 Dinner & Base meeting VFW post 
27 Easter	28	29	30	31	1 April	2
3	4	5	6 Nations Ford HS NJROTC	7	8	9 VFW Breakfast 
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Meeting At VFW, Fort Mill. 
17	18	19	20 South East Region Conference	21 South East Region Conference	22 South East Region Conference	23 South East Region Conference
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1 May Orthodox Easter	2	3	4	5 Ascension Day, Holocaust Remembrance Day	6	7

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

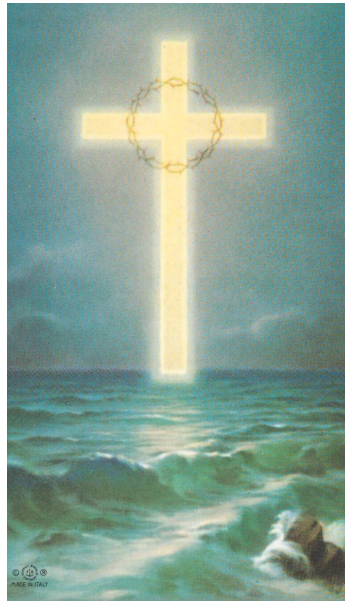
RM1(SS) Bill King - Qual Boat: SS-486 1959

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 2016 Inductees:

John Dainotto - TM2(SS)

James Taylor - CWO4 (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)
- John Dainotto - TM2(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)
- 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)