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The *ALL CLEAR* is a quarterly publication of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) Tarheel Base, which is shared with all USSVI bases in North Carolina – the NC Subvets.

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#### **USSVI CREED AND PURPOSE**

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.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

#### **USSVI MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

ELIGIBILITY: To have served and qualified on a United States Submarine

MEMBERSHIP RULES: Dues are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year for National and Base.

Base Annual Dues: \$15.00 (for Tarheel Base)

National Dues: Non-Life Member dues are 5 Years = \$90, 3 Years = \$55, or 1 Year = \$20

Life Membership varies with age: Up to 45 years old = \$500, 46-55 = \$400,

56-65 = \$300, 66-75 = \$200, 76 and up = \$100

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR EACH USSVI BASE IN NORTH CAROLINA LISTED LATER IN THIS NEWSLETTER



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#### **BINNACLE LIST**

#### **Latest Status on Pat Collins**

Recently, we learned that he has been moved to the Twin Lakes Facility located in Burlington, NC from Pat's daughter. He is at the Coble Building in room 221. His telephone number is 336-538-1430.

Jim Myers had a chance to talk with him. His legs do not work but he seems to be in good spirits. He did say to tell everyone that he missed them. Jim is planning on visiting him soon.

Please keep our shipmate in your thoughts and prayers.

#### **LOST SUBMARINES - THIRD QUARTER**

#### **JULY**

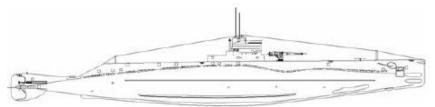
#### USS S-28 (SS-133)

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 50 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found in the area where she had been operating. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.



#### U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II assigned USS S-28 (SS-133) to the State of North Carolina









The official memorial to the S-28 is located in Riverside Park, adjacent to the Battleship USS North Carolina (BB 55) in Wilmington, NC. It was dedicated by the NC Subvets in May 2007.



#### S-28 LINKS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET

Go to <a href="http://www.ussvi.org/LostBoats.asp?LostMonth=7">https://www.ussvi.org/LostBoats.asp?LostMonth=7</a>

Information on men who departed with her on eternal patrol: http://www.oneternalpatrol.com/uss-s-28-133.htm

Submarine Photo Archive - S-28 (SS-133): <a href="http://www.navsource.org/archives/08/08133.htm">http://www.navsource.org/archives/08/08133.htm</a>

http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM8PP2 USS S 28 and all other WWII Submarines Wilmington NC

Tonnage Sunk By S-28 in World War II: http://www.pigboats.com/ww2/s28.html

The S-Boats: <a href="http://pigboats.com/subs/s-boats.html">http://pigboats.com/subs/s-boats.html</a>

Wikipedia article: <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\_S-28\_%28SS-133%29">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\_S-28\_%28SS-133%29</a>

#### **LOST SUBMARINES – THIRD QUARTER (cont.)**

#### **JULY (cont.)**

#### USS Robalo (SS-273)

Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 84 crew members while on her 3<sup>rd</sup> war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Three men survived and swam ashore, then imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk.



#### USS Grunion (SS-216)

Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Her loss remains a mystery.



#### **AUGUST**

#### USS Bullhead (SS-332)

Lost on August 6, 1945 with the loss of 84 crew members in the Lombok Strait while on her 3<sup>rd</sup> war patrol when sunk by a depth charge dropped by a Japanese Army plane. Bullhead was the last submarine lost during WWII.



#### USS Flier (SS-250)

Lost on August 13, 1944, with the loss of 80 crew members while on her 2<sup>nd</sup> war patrol. Flier was transiting on the surface when she was rocked by a massive explosion (probably a mine) and sank within less than a minute. 13 survivors, some injured, made it into the water and swam to shore. 8 survived and 6 days later friendly natives guided them to a Coast Watcher and they were evacuated by the USS Redfin.



#### USS S-39 (SS-144)

Lost on August 14, 1942 after grounding on a reef off Rossel Island (Yela), New Guinea while on her 5<sup>th</sup> war patrol. The entire crew was able to get off and rescued by the HMAS Katoomba.



#### USS Harder (SS-257)

Lost on August 24, 1944 with the loss of 84 crew members from a depth charge attack by a minesweeper near Bataan while on her 6<sup>th</sup> war patrol. Harder had won a Presidential Unit Citation for her first 5 war patrols and CDR Dealey was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously. Harder is tied for 9<sup>th</sup> in the number of enemy ships sunk.



#### USS Cochino (SS-345)

Lost on August 26, 1949 after being jolted by a violent polar gale off Norway caused an electrical fire and battery explosion that generated hydrogen and chlorine gasses. In extremely bad weather, men of Cochino and Tusk (SS-426) fought to save the submarine for 14 hours. After a 2<sup>nd</sup> battery explosion, Abandon Ship was ordered and Cochino sank. Tusk's crew rescued all of Cochino's men except for one civilian engineer. Six sailors from Tusk were lost during the rescue.



#### USS Pompano (SS-181)

Lost on August 29, 1943 with the loss of 76 men while on her 7<sup>th</sup> war patrol. Before being lost, she sank two enemy cargo ships. The exact cause of her loss remains unknown, but she probably fell victim to a mine.



#### **LOST SUBMARINES – THIRD QUARTER (cont.)**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

#### USS S-5 (SS-110)

Lost on September 1, 1920 when a practice dive went wrong and she sank bow-first, with her stem showing above the water. In a dramatic adventure, her exhausted crew was rescued during the next few days. Salvage attempts were unsuccessful. S-5 settled to the bottom and was abandoned.



#### USS Grayling (SS-209)

Lost on September 9, 1943 with the loss of 76 men near the Tablas Strait. Grayling was on her 8<sup>th</sup> war patrol and sank two ships before being lost. Her loss may have been operational or by an unrecorded attack.



#### USS S-51 (SS-162)

Lost on September 25, 1925 with the loss of 32 men when it was sunk after collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island.



#### USS Cisco (SS-290)

Lost on September 28, 1943 on her first war patrol with the loss of 76 men in the Sulu Sea west of Mindinao possibly sunk by Japanese bombs and depth charges.



#### **RETIREE PAY UPDATE**

#### From RAO Bulletin, 15 June 2011

Retiree Pay Update 03: Retired pay earned but not paid in the final month of your life goes to whoever is listed as your Arrears of Pay (AOP) beneficiary. Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) will also contact this person for help with closing your account. You can choose anyone, from family members to friends to associates, to be your AOP beneficiary. But if you don't designate someone, it could take many months to locate 41 your survivors, identify who is legally entitled to your pay, and then make the payment. To designate or change your Arrears of Pay (AOP) beneficiary, all you have to do is follow these simple steps:

- 1. Complete a Designation of Beneficiary Information form (DD 2894) which can be downloaded at <a href="http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/dd2894.pdf">http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/ed2894.pdf</a>.
- 2. Sign and date the form. (Unsigned and undated forms will not be processed.)
- 3. Mail or fax the form to: DFAS U.S. Military Retired Pay, P.O. Box 7130, London, KY 40742-7130 Fax: 800-469-6559

You must notify DFAS of any changes in your AOP beneficiary's contact information. Otherwise all correspondence will be sent to the wrong address, further delaying closure of your account.

#### **USSVI WEBSITE INFORMATION**

<u>USSVI National:</u> <a href="http://www.ussvi.org">http://www.ussvi.org</a>

NC Subvets: Albemarle Sound Base <a href="http://ncsubvets.org/asound.html">http://ncsubvets.org/asound.html</a>

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http://ncsubvets.org/ccarolina.html

http://ncsubvets.org/cpiedmont.html

http://ncsubvets.org/ngreene.html

Tarheel Base <a href="http://ncsubvets.org/tarheel.html">http://ncsubvets.org/tarheel.html</a>

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#### TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER

I'm glad Patch doesn't publish the *ALL CLEAR* every month. It already seems that I'm writing this column every other week! However, the good news is that we're a very active Base and there are always plenty of things to talk about.

I'm very pleased with the results of our August 6 Base meeting. Our new meeting site at American Legion Post 67 suits us just fine. We have plenty of space to grow and it's clean as a whistle. Now that we know how to work the parking, there are plenty enough spaces right at the building. The Post Commander, Bill Cozzolino, made us feel very welcome. We are fortunate, indeed, to have a new home that fits our needs so well.



Gordon Banks USSVI Tarheel Base Commander

I am equally pleased with our decisions on new Base Service Projects.

We began discussion of possible service projects back in February. We had already determined to man the pledge phones for WUNC-TV public television once a year. This gains Subvets name exposure for us. At our August meeting, after real discussion, two more projects were selected.

Military Missions In Action (MMIA) is a worthy non-profit located in Fuquay. We will be involved in at least two of their programs: Operation Building Hope modifies homes for wounded and disabled veterans in NC; and the Field Footlocker Program collects, packs and ships personal items needed by deployed troops. Helping active duty troops and assisting some veterans who have paid a higher price for their service....well, it just feels right.

We signed a two year commitment to the Adopt-a-Spot Program of the City of Cary. We selected Bond Park and its lake as our Spot. We will help there four times a year, removing, cleaning and storing their boats; spreading mulch at the ropes course; painting the gates; and mulching the flower beds. Tarheel Base will have sponsorship signs at two prominent locations at this lake which has a million visitors, mostly local, per year.

We are quite clear that these three service projects and the Tarheel Base are well-matched partners. The projects allow individual members to contribute time and money as they see fit. The group contributions of time throughout the year will facilitate Subvets working together enjoyably and developing a greater depth of camaraderie. Personally, I expect to get to know some of you on whole different basis.

NEXT BASE MEETING: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 1000. MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

WHILE YOU'RE THERE, MARK SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 FOR OUR PEARL HARBOR DINNER IN RALEIGH. Details later.

Plenty going on, guys. Why not share your personality?!

Hot, Straight and kinda Normal,

In the 'Phin.

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#### **REMINDER OF NOTICES**

The following are reminders of information included in the previous *ALL CLEAR*, available at <a href="http://ncsubvets.org/allclear/11q2.pdf">http://ncsubvets.org/allclear/11q2.pdf</a>

Page 6	2011 USSVI National Convention, September 5-11
Pages 27-29	2011 Submarine Veterans of WWII Memorial, November 2-6
Page 4	2012 USSVI National Convention, Norfolk, VA

#### TARHEEL BASE VICE COMMANDER'S CORNER



Bill Dixon (Butterbean)
USSVI Tarheel Base Vice Commander

Shipmates,

Tarheel members, it's time again to ask for our 2012 dues. Remember, the 2012 base dues have gone up to \$15. National dues are still at \$20. Please get out your check books and send your dues made out to USSVI Tarheel Base, (address) Spencer Combos, 225 Strathburgh Lane, Cary NC 27518.

VOTING: At present we do not have any voting in front of us. However, when the time arises, it is very important that we take just a moment to answer the opportunity. It might be electing a member for one of the positions available, base, or national level. It could also be approving a new policy or change to an existing policy, base, or national level.

From tubes aft,

Butterbean TM2(SS)

#### TARHEEL BASE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Minutes from the Tarheel Base Meeting Held at VFW Post #7383 in Cary, NC 04 June 2011

Prior to the Base meeting, 17 Subvets indulged in an 8:30 AM breakfast at the Golden Corral in Cary along with a few sea stories on the side.

Tarheel Base Commander Gordon Banks called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM with Chaplain Bill Whelan rendering the opening blessing by reciting the Submariner's Prayer. Gordon led the 27 Tarheel Base Subvets, 2 potential new Base members, and 5 guests present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



USSVI Tarheel Base Secretary

#### **TOLLING OF THE BOATS:**

COB Patch Paciorek and Base Vice Commander Butterbean Dixon conducted a reading of the names, recount of loss, and tolling of the bell in remembrance of the 11 US Navy submarines lost during the months of May and June.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

As per Commander Gordon's request, all Subvets and guests were asked to stand and introduce themselves with Subvets stating the year they qualified and the name of their qualification boat. All welcomed the guests in attendance. They included Subvet John Cunningham's wife, daughter, and son-in-law. Non-Subvet Chris Daw brought his son, Charles to the meeting as a fact finding history project. Also present were two potential new Base members, John Muth and John Pride.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

#### **HOLL**AND CLUB

Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis honored Subvet John Matthis with induction into the Holland Club. John's award was long overdue since he qualified in submarines aboard the USS Haddock (SS-231) back in 1943.

#### **REPORTS**

 Base Commander Gordon Banks has bestowed a special title of Caretaker and Transporter of Pearl Harbor Material on Wayne Powell. Wayne will be responsible for the various items used during the Lost Boats Ceremony at the December NC Subvets Pearl Harbor meeting. Gordon directed the attention of attendees to two items on display – the SE Regional Director's Award plaque presented to SED1 as District

of the Year and a COMSUBLANT plaque presented to USSVI - SED1 "For Outstanding Support of CSL Sailors of the Year." Also, a bucket was available for collection of donations for the upkeep of the Burnsville Subvets Memorial. Gordon announced that the next NC Subvets Quarterly Meeting has been tentatively set for Elizabeth City on October 15, 2011. Gordon covered COB Patch's report on the Tarheel Base Demographics (i.e., the ages of the 173 Base members). He pointed out the average age is 73 with 58 members over the age of 80.

- 3. Base Vice Commander Bill (Butterbean) Dixon reported recruitment of new Base members is trickling along. He urged members to attend meetings, go to parades, be involved in hospital visitations, honor Subvets on Eternal Patrol at funerals, and contact known Subvets to extend an invite to join the Base. Butterbean brought up the idea of possibly setting up a display of Subvet material in a corner of a VA hospital. This item is in need of additional information.
- 4. Base Secretary Bill Lowe entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on April 2, 2011 as published in the *ALL CLEAR* and posted on the NC Subvets website. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve said minutes as distributed.
- 5. Tarheel Base Treasurer and Record Keeper Spencer Combos was not present. COB Patch reported a Base bank balance of \$4,023.66 as of June 1, 2011. The National USSVI roster has the Tarheel Base membership at the 173 level.
- 6. COB / ALL CLEAR editor Patch Paciorek stated he is in the process of taking website courses. He has been told that a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in Connecticut has her students visit the NC Subvets website to learn about submarines. Patch asked all present to remember the NC lost boat, S-28, on the anniversary of her loss July 4<sup>th</sup>. Ballots for election of the SED-1 Commander for the 2012-2013 term of office were passed out to members present. Primary members of the Tarheel Base can vote with a deadline for casting ballots of no later than July 10, 2011. Members were urged to vote during the meeting and 14 Subvets did so. Patch will send out a ballot and info via an e-mail to Base members. As per a request by Subvet Ed Wilson, Patch asked members to go to page #19 of the latest edition of the ALL CLEAR and read about an upcoming benefit for a young lady named Samantha. Ed is requesting Subvets to lend a hand during "A Benefit For Samantha" on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 7. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer Jim Wallace covered several items currently in his "stockpile". A new bumper sticker that will be a good recruiting tool is priced at \$3.00. New Tarheel Base caps are \$20.00 each. A number of SSN-777 tee shirts for \$10.00 are available. 2011 Subvet calendars have been reduced to \$5.00 and vests are in stock for new members.
- 8. NC Subvets License Plate "Czar" Jerry Leppart was not present. Commander Gordon gave a report on the status of the NC Subvets Specialty Plate. The bill, H-289, is out of the House Finance Committee and headed for a vote in the full House. Hopefully, Subvets will get the word a few days before the bill comes up for a vote so they can show up, in vests, to support the bill on that date. At that time, a call to your NC House Representative soliciting their backing of the bill is suggested.

#### **OLD BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- 1. Parades List of next events:
  - Saturday, 02 July Iredell County (Troutman)
  - Monday, 04 July Faith 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Pertinent info concerning these parades will be published on our website and sent via e-mails.

- 2. Tarheel Base Book and Video Exchange Library Coordinator Wolfgang Friedrich has taken possession of a sizeable donation of German sub books from Jim Myers. Wolfgang has set up a check-out log for Subvets to sign out items by listing their name and telephone #. Prior to the next Base meeting, he will call folks that have books or videos checked out reminding them to return the items.
- 3. POW/MIA Table In Scott Powell's absence, Commander Gordon covered the items that are displayed on a POW/MIA table. As previously noted, Scott volunteered to head this project because his father-in-law

was a former POW. Scott has purchased all the items needed at yard sales except two flags which he has on order. This display will be ready for set-up at the August or October Base meeting.

#### 4. Service Projects:

- Overview and Philosophy of Service Projects: Dave Campbell stated Wayne Powell did the lion's share
  of the committee's work. The main questions are: Who will participate?; What will be the level of
  commitment and availability? We must avoid over commitment! Goals for service projects Good
  participation: not physically demanding; a service to the community; and offers Base visibility for
  recruiting new members.
- WUNC-TV Support: Jim Wallace thanked the 23 Subvets and family members that participated in the WUNC-TV event held in March. After a brief discussion and vote, agreement was reached for Jim to continue as organizer of this project and Base members volunteer for the event once a year. Individuals can volunteer to participate anytime during the year.
- Adopt A Hwy/Street/Park: Jim Wallace covered three possible "clean-up" projects: two adopt a hwy sections - Airport Rd. and Old Stage Rd.; Adopt a Street in Cary - possibly Academy St.; Adopt a Park or Greenway in Cary. The Town of Cary projects are titled "Spruce." After a bit of discussion, agreement was reached for Jim to get the details on a quarterly clean-up project at the Bond Park Boathouse area.
- Military Missions In Action: Wayne Powell passed out pamphlets covering the various services the MMIA organization provides to injured men and women of the Armed Forces. MMIA has its headquarters in Fuquay-Varina, NC with Mike Donavan in charge of the group. All were in agreement that the services provided to the troops by this organization are commendable. Due to the possibility of project over commitment, signing up for this project has been put on hold. In order to get an idea of what areas the Base can help in the future; Wayne will look into inviting Mr. Donavan to speak at a Base meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Gary Lew announced the upcoming dedication of the Cold War Submarine Memorial Exhibit in Washington, D.C. on June 18, 2011. He has a special tie to this exhibit via one of the items on display the piano that was in the crew's mess aboard the USS Thomas Edison (SSBN-610).
- 2. ALL CLEAR Editor Patch stated he has received several donations to assist with the mailing costs of the publication.

#### **OPEN FLOOR:**

Chaplain Bill voiced concern about allowing individuals to "ride/mount" the parade torpedo. He said the Base could be held accountable for possible injuries plus the finish on the torpedo might be damaged.

#### SPEAKER:

Commander Gordon introduced the guest speaker for the meeting - Tarheel Base member John Cunningham. John qualified in submarines in 1949 aboard the Ex-U-2513, a German U-Boat captured in 1945. Several interesting pictures of the U-2513 were passed around during John's talk. A history of John's life and time aboard the U-2513 was enjoyed by all in attendance.

#### **NEXT BASE MEETING:**

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2011 at 10:00 AM at VFW Post #7383, 522 Reedy Creek Road, Cary, NC with a pre-meeting breakfast at the Golden Corral, 5707 Dillard Drive, Cary, NC at 08:30 AM.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Wolfgang Friedrich was the winner of the 50/50 raffle drawing in the amount of \$58.00.

#### Minutes from the USSVI Tarheel Base Meeting Held at American Legion Post #67 in Cary, NC 06 August 2011

Prior to the Base meeting, 18 Subvets and 1 guest (Aneras, son of Spencer Combos) participated in morning chow at the Golden Corral in Cary at or about 8:30 AM.

Tarheel Base Commander Gordon Banks called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM with Chaplain Bill Whelan offering the opening prayer. Gordon led the 30 Tarheel Base Subvets and 2 guests present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS:**

COB Patch Paciorek and Base Treasurer Spencer Combos conducted a reading of the names, recount of loss, and tolling of the bell in remembrance of the 3 US Navy submarines lost during the month of July (S-28; SS-216; SS-273) and the 6 lost during August (S-39; SS-181; SS-255; SS-257; SS-332; SS-345). As of note, Subvet Joe Morgan was in attendance and was a survivor of the sinking of the USS Cochino (SS-345) on August 26, 1949.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Commander Gordon asked all guests and Subvets to stand and introduce themselves with Subvets stating the year they qualified and the name of their qualification boat. Guests present were Bill Cozzolino, the Commander of American Legion Post #67 and Mike Dorman, founder on the Military Missions in Action organization.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

#### **HOLLAND CLUB**

No Holland Club inductions were held during the meeting.

#### AMERICAN LEGION POST 67 COMMANDER

All Subvets welcomed Bill Cozzolino in addressing meeting attendees. Bill is a friend of Subvet Paul Hiser and has visited VFW Post 7383. He stated the Tarheel Base is welcome to hold future meetings in their facility free of charge! A sound system and projection screen are available for use during meetings. Parking is limited and Bill suggested two sided angle parking in the rear of the building in order to accommodate more vehicles. Subvets with limited mobility should have first priority to parking spaces on the concrete pad next to the rear wall of the building.

Bill covered info on the work and activities of his Post. They are 242 members strong and have lost 6 members this year. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month with a meal at 6:00 PM and start of meeting at 7:00 PM lasting until about 8:30 PM. Bill stated the requirements to join the American Legion and it appears most all Subvets are eligible. Post 67 helps homeless vets, works with the Navy ROTC at Cary High School, and staffs a trailer during the Cary's Lazy Days event. Bill solicited Subvets to volunteer for two hour tours of duty at the Lazy Days trailer - no cooking - just direct people to purchase their food items.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Mike Dorman, founder of Military Missions in Action, and a retired US Coast Guardsman covered the four programs of MMIA. List of programs are: 1 - Operation Building Hope - modifying homes of disabled vets. Work is now in progress on a WWII vets house just down the block from Post 67; 2 - Homes for Healing - Offering a less stressful home environment for vets suffering traumatic brain injuries; 3 - Operation Warrior Golf Program - Gives 10 disabled vets a week of golf. This program is in need of 70 sets of golf clubs; 4 - Field Footlocker Program - Collects items and ship's them to troops deployed.

The group's programs are conducted throughout the state of North Carolina. It is an all volunteer organization except for Mike. His salary is \$1,000 per month with \$800 take home pay. MMIA's administrative costs are 4.5% of their budget.

#### **REPORTS**

- 1. Base Commander Gordon Banks bestowed well deserved Bravo-Zulu honors on Jerry Leppart for his "never give up the ship" job in pursuit of passage of the NC Subvets License Plate Bill. All present gave Jerry a standing ovation!! Commander Gordon congratulated two Subvets who had USSVI scholarships awarded to their grandkids- \$950 to Trevor Jensen, Chuck Jensen's grandson and \$1,000 to Stephanie Everard, granddaughter of Bob Werner. As of note, this is Stephanie's third year of earning this scholarship. Gordon asked for a motion of approval for a \$50 donation that the Tarheel Base has made to the Float Maintenance Fund. Motion was made, seconded, and approved. Gordon asked John Rupertus, Nathanael Greene Base Commander, to cover the Walk Now for Autism Speaks spearheaded by the Carolina Piedmont and Nathanael Greene Bases. The fundraising event will take place at the Carolina Motor Speedway on October 8, 2011. Participants will be walking around the 1-1/2 mile track 3 times to raise money for Autism research. Rupertus' "clean hat" was passed around during the Base meeting and a donation totaling \$145 was collected.
- 2. Base Vice Commander Bill (Butterbean) Dixon reported recruitment of new Base members is going well. He urged members to pay their Base and National dues in a timely manner.
- 3. Base Secretary Bill Lowe made a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on June 4, 2011 as e-mailed and posted on the NC Subvets website. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve said minutes as distributed.
- 4. Tarheel Base Treasurer and Record Keeper Spencer Combos reported a checking account balance of \$3,802.52 as of August 5, 2011. With the use of Quick Books, Spencer has the ability to compare last year's Base income and expenses with the current year's figures. Tarheel Base membership stands at 172 regular members plus 2 associate members. Spencer announced he will not run for the office of treasurer next year due to family and business obligations.
- 5. COB / ALL CLEAR editor Patch Paciorek stated he is still taking online website courses. Deadline to submit information/articles for the upcoming issue of the ALL CLEAR is Friday, August 12, 2011. Patch is hopeful the ALL CLEAR will win top newsletter honors this year- especially since he is a member of the judging committee (i.e.- he voted for it!). MMIA Project and NC Subvet license plate info will be posted on the NC Subvets website.
- 6. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer Jim Wallace delayed his comments until his turn to cover the Adopt A Spot project.
- 7. NC Subvets License Plate "Czar" Jerry Leppart reported the NC Specialty Plate Bill was finally signed on June 30, 2011. Jerry passed around a copy (sample template) of the plate with mass production to begin on Monday, August 8, 2011. Plates should be available during the first two weeks of September. His latest tally is 324 Subvets requesting a total of 458 plates. As of August 1, 2011, Jerry turned over 284 applications to the NC DMV along with a total of \$4,760. Also, Jerry is collecting names of Subvet who wish to go on a tour of the "Plate Plant" located at 1150 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. A total of 30 adults can go on the 45 minute to 1 hour tour scheduled for 9:00 AM on Monday, August 15, 2011.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- 1. Parades: Next parade will be the Old Soldier's Parade in Newton, NC on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 5:00 PM. Chuck Jensen stated he will pass along info on this parade shortly. Per John Rupertus, other upcoming parades are: Veteran's Day parades on 11/11/11 in Asheboro; 11/12/11 in Winston-Salem; and 11/13/11 in High Point.
- 2. Tarheel Base Book and Video Exchange Library Coordinator Wolfgang Friedrich had his "library" set up on a table during the Base meeting.
- 3. POW/MIA Table: Scott Powell had the POW/MIA table on display and did an outstanding job of covering the significance of each item. Scott was hoping his father-in-law, a WWII POW in Germany, would be present for his talk but he passed away earlier this month.

- 4. Service Projects: Wayne Powell voiced support for the Military Missions in Action Project. He stated MMIA is a good organization and helps vets in the local area. Wayne has helped the last 3 days with a house renovation project for a WWII vet here in Cary a "city" block away. He volunteered to assist with this project to see for himself what MMIA was all about. Wayne invited Subvets to accompany him, after the meeting, for a tour of the house off North Harrison Ave. Motion was made and passed for the Tarheel Base to make MMIA a Base project. As a means of support for this worthy project, Dick Kanning made a motion that the Tarheel Base donate \$200 to MMIA. Motion was amended to direct \$50 of the \$200 to be used by Wayne Powell for the expense of erecting bird feeders at the North Harrison Ave. house. Motion was seconded and approved.
- 5. Jim Wallace passed out information on three proposed options for the Cary Adopt a Spot Program:
  - Option A: Bond Park This involves 4 separate work day events: 1 During first week of November, removing the boats from the lake/dock area, loading them up, unloading them at the storage facility, and scrubbing them off. 2 December or January: Spreading mulch at the ropes course. 3 March: Painting park gates. 4 April: Spreading mulch and updating flower beds before Spring Daze/Earth Day celebration at Bond Park. This project allows for the sponsoring group to have two prominent sign locations one near the boat house entrance and one near the main area of the ropes course.

Option B: White Oak Creek Greenway Trail - Consists of 1.2 miles of trail to sweep for litter 4 times a year. Trail begins at the Central Metro Hub Kiosk in Bond Park and ends at MacArthur Drive. There would possibly be some mulching and beautification work involved. One sign would be located at the Central Metro Hub Kiosk.

Option C: South Harrison Ave - Quarterly litter sweeps on each side of roadway starting at the intersection of S. Harrison Ave. and Shirley Dr. and ending at the intersection of Chapel Hill Rd. and S. Harrison Ave, a distance of one mile. A sign would possibly be placed at the corner of S. Harrison Ave. and W. Park St.

As of note, each of these options requires a two year commitment to do the assigned work. After some debate and concerns, a motion was made for the Tarheel Base to go forward with Option A - Bond Park. Motion carried via a show of hands vote of 21 to 7.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

SED1 Commander Dick Kanning commented on the USSVI Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund. He congratulated Subvet Bob Werner's granddaughter on receiving a scholarship for the third year in a row and Chuck Jensen's grandson, Trevor, for his scholarship award this year. As of note, Trevor's older brother, Taylor, won the same type scholarship 3 years ago. Dick made a motion that the Tarheel Base make a donation of \$300 to the USSVI Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund. After Base Treasurer Spencer Combos gave the okay that funds were available, the motion was approved.

#### **OPEN FLOOR:**

Chaplain Bill (Bill Chaplain) asked the assembled Subvets to keep Bob Werner's wife, Joyce, in their prayers. Bill has made phone contact with Don and Rosemary Small and stated they are doing ok.

Also, Bill related a story of a search for a model submarine that the WWII Subvets used for a "pool cruise" at meetings. The sub, with the aid of fishing poles, would "sail' to the middle of a swimming pool and dive. Bill was pleased to report that the sub had been found!

Chaplain Bill rendered a closing prayer.

#### **NEXT BASE MEETING:**

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:32 PM.

Raymond Kilduff was the winner of the 50/50 raffle drawing in the amount of \$72.50.

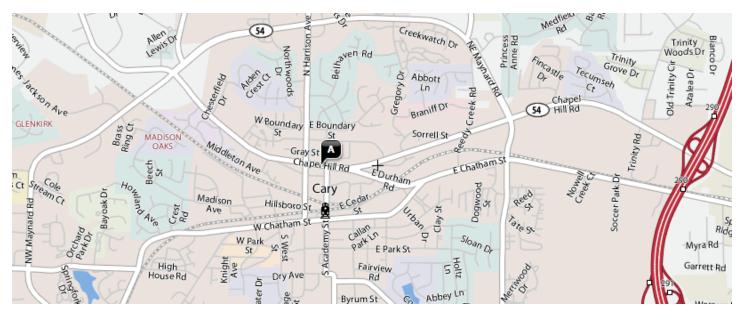
Tarheel Base Meeting Minutes are posted online at: http://www.ncsubvets.org/tarheelminutes.html

#### **BASE MEETING INFORMATION**

WHERE: American Legion Post 67, 8523 Chapel Hill Road (NC Hwy 54), Cary, NC

WHEN: Base Meetings will normally be held on the first Saturday of even-numbered months.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 01 October 2011 at 10:00 AM







American Legion Post 67 8523 Chapel Hill Road (NC Hwy 54), Cary, NC

#### **Directions**:

Take Exit 290 on I-40 for Chapel Hill Road (NC Hwy 54)

Turn west onto Chapel Hill Road (NC Hwy 54) and travel about 2.0 - 2.3 miles

American Legion Post 67 is located on the south side between Harrison Ave and Academy Street

Members who have difficulty walking up stairs are encouraged to park at a 45° angle in the rear of the building

Other members are asked to park in the front or left side of the building (looking at the photo above) or across the street (north side of NC Hwy 54) in the large parking lot

You're also invited to our pre-meeting breakfast at 08:30 AM: Golden Corral, 5707 Dillard Drive, Cary, NC

#### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Chaplain Bill Whelan USSVI Tarheel Base

#### THREE MODELS OF SUBMARINERS

The Good Book has never failed me.

A single verse in a recent reading in the Gospel of Luke rang a bell in my usually feeble memory. In Luke 9:62, I read, "...No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the Kingdom of God."

Not having any farming experience, I can't dispute that statement. My first inclination was to compare looking back while plowing with its sea-going equivalent, looking back while maintaining a course at sea: it helps to look back at sea to tell if your course is straight.

However, the ringing bell of my memory took me back a long time: back to a reading by a Jesuit by the name of Mark Link, a friend of my now departed Uncle Robert. I'd like to share that reading with you, modifying it slightly to make it applicable to submariners and their participation in Base activities. Actually, as modified, it could apply equally to members of any civic or fraternal organization.

See if you don't agree.

Submarine veterans come in three models: rafts, sailboats, and submarines.

First there are the rafts. Basically, they are submariners in name only. They participate in Base activities only when someone else pulls or pushes them.

Second there are the sailboats. Their participation is only in sunny weather. When storms blow up, they go in the direction of the wind and waves. In other words, they follow the convenient course more than they follow the assigned course.

Finally, there are the submarines. They follow the assigned course, regardless of the weather. They go in the right direction not only when the wind and waves serve them, but also when the wind and waves oppose them. Submarines don't always travel as fast as they should, but they always follow straight.

At our last meeting, Tarheel Base members made several decisions governing activities planned for our immediate and near future. Knowing the reputation of submariners, I feel confident that we will continue to act like submariners and not like operators of rafts or sailboats.

In all of our activities, let us not forget those who helped us become who we are, and pray for those in need.

Chaplain Bill

#### NCDMV SPECIALTY PLATE NEWS





All the latest and greatest information is posted on our website at:

http://ncsubvets.org/forms/specialtyplate1.pdf

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#### TARHEEL BASE COB'S CORNER



Jerry "Patch" Paciorek USSVI Tarheel Base Chief of the Boat

When is the last time you read the USSVI Creed and took time to reflect on its meaning?

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of 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.

I read it very often, as our creed is posted on our website, www.ncsubvets.org, and is included in each issue of the ALL CLEAR. Each time, it motivates me to continue with my daily contributions and service to my fellow submariners.

Recently, while at work, I shared my excitement about an upcoming Subvet meeting with a young woman whom I know to be a college graduate. She replied, "Oh, that's right! You served in World War II didn't you?" I was stunned by her question and said, "World War II ended in 1945!" She then followed with, "Oh, I don't know any of that stuff." This left me dumbfounded and speechless for several minutes, trying to figure out just how is it possible that a person born and educated in the land that we defended for so many years could be that ignorant of our history and sacrifices.

Just how deep does this issue go? To be honest, I'm afraid of the truth.

I'm proud to be a submarine veteran and do my best to inform anyone I meet of our organization, looking to find yet another shipmate who is unaware of our presence here in North Carolina, and to remind our fellow citizens of the sacrifices made for the freedoms we all enjoy. I ask that you do the same.

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Robert Andrews Gregg Bockover Cheese Whiz Burkholder John Clark Pat Collins	Spence Combos William Culver Joel Daughtridge Paul Greene Tom Holland	Clarence Huffman Elvie Jackson Shane Jones George Knouff	Dick Lewis Joe Martin Bill Morris Michael Novak	Donald Page Clif Snow Frans Van Baars Vincent Zolkowski		
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS						
Al Ashdown Art Barker Al Bremer	David Campbell Jack Crosson John Ellinwood	Wolfgang Friedrich Bill Grogan Robert Hopkins	Robert Huie Robert Liland Scott Powell	Jay Pritchett Ed Valentine		
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS						
Steve Croom Jerry Emerson Everett Erb	Ernest Evans John Gary Henry Hagwood	Squirrel Herina Jeff Joyner John Norosky	Harold Steed John Rupertus Thomas Stribling	Mike Toomey John Wardean		

**Nathanael Greene Base** Commissioned August 21, 2010 Now a year old

**Tarheel Base Chartered September 27, 1997** Celebrates its 14<sup>th</sup> year

#### TARHEEL BASE TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CORNER

The Treasurer's input for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2011 follows:

Membership is currently 172 regular and 2 associate members. Total = 174 Checking Account:

Beginning Balance  $2^{nd}$  Qtr 2011\$ 4,110.68Receipts\$ 698.00Disbursements\$- 780.39Ending Balance  $2^{nd}$  Qtr 2011\$ 4,028.29

The Tarheel Base financials are in good order. Need to start contacting shipmates about 2012 dues! Annual base dues for all Life members are now \$15. Annual member dues are \$35 for both National and Base. WWII members in good standing pay no dues.

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Spencer Combos USSVI Tarheel Base Treasurer

#### **WELCOME ABOARD!!**

Our Newest Tarheel Base Member



Dave Morris was born in 1949 at the San Diego Naval Hospital to Chief Engineman, Russell Morris. His father was on the Flying Fish on patrol out of Pearl when it was hit and remained on the Flying Fish throughout WWII. Dave was raised all over in a Submarine Family. As a boy he spent many weekends fishing off the Diesel Boat his father was stationed on and watching movies in the mess decks. His father retired as a Senior Chief after 23 years of active service. All but a few years were on Diesel Submarines.

Dave and his brother both served on Nuclear Submarines. Dave began active duty in 1970, rode the USS Benjamin Franklin (SSBN-640) through overhaul at Electric Boat and qualified onboard in 1971. Then after four patrols, he short cycled to the USS Skate (SSN-578) before leaving the Navy in 1976 as an MM2(SS).

After his Navy days, he worked a short time as a Test Mechanic at Electric Boat, took advantage of GI Bill and got a Degree in Accounting from U-Conn. He then took a Professional Job with General Dynamics, mostly at Electric Boat and for about 14 years supported the Submarine Production Process in Connecticut. He has worn many hats and an interesting work history.

Moved to Fuquay-Varina, NC in 1992 and says he is staying. Started his own manufacturing business in 1996 and has been starving ever since. His manufacturing business designed and produces a communication wiring system for new homes and has had some "challenges." After some dramatic evolutions is actually increasing the national sales in this bad economy. Net-Wired, Inc. is an American Manufacturer with all of their custom material made in the USA.

Dave is the National Sales Guy for his company and thus travels all over the country as necessary. He is currently married to his second wife Nadia and has a son who works with him. In his pre-Navy Days he was a card carrying VW Mechanic and still has a few of the old VWs in his yard waiting for attention.

He is currently active in the Fuquay-Varina Community with the F-V Downtown ROTARY Club, Board Member of the F-V Chamber of Commerce and President of the F-V Arts Council.

David's email address is ncwiring@aol.com.

#### NC SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER'S CORNER

#### Shipmates,

It is that time of year for all those that pay annual dues, both national and base, to start considering sending in your 2012 dues. Annual national dues are \$20. Check with your base if you do not remember for their amount (as all are not the same). I realize that they are not due until the end of the year, but when the end of the year gets here, each base still has folks who have not sent them in. Seems the excuse heard the most is "I forgot." It is really a pain for those of us that try to collect the annual dues when we have to chase after people. If you are a life member, then may you only have to worry about your base dues. For Holland Club members, those that were inducted prior to September 2010, you were automatically made Life members. If you were inducted after September 2010, and are not a Life member, then you owe national dues. That change was voted in last year (2010) to our constitution by our membership. So please be a responsible individual and help out those that have to collect the dues and get it in as soon as you can. Just makes life a little more enjoyable for us.



Steve Bell
USSVI NC Subvets
State Commander
and
USSVI Carolina-Piedmont
Base Commander

By the time you read this, we will be right on top of our National Convention in Springfield, MO. As of this writing, there were not a whole lot of members from

North Carolina signed up, but we will still have a reasonable showing there (I expect we will have a much better attendance next year). In any case, I know that there are several nominations for awards for within the bases of North Carolina. I sure hope that we get a "clean sweep" in that area as I am sure they are all deserving. Good luck to each candidate.

#### Upcoming events:

- The first weekend in December, Tarheel Base will be hosting the annual Pearl Harbor dinner in the Raleigh area. Gordon Banks (Base Commander hosting the dinner) should be putting out the details sometime this fall. We also look forward to that weekend as it is a very enjoyable time. Please plan accordingly.
- There are still some parades that will be happening later in the year and information regarding those
  will be put out via your base. If you get the opportunity to attend one, please do, they too are enjoyable
  events to participate in.
- Unfortunately, the Elizabeth City Meeting planned for October has been cancelled due to unforeseen conflicts more on this found on page 22 from the SED1 Commander on page 22.

To finish this off, I would like to thank all of you reading this for the opportunity to serve as your North Carolina Subvets Commander. I consider it a privilege and an honor to be able to do that.

Steve Bell

#### PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

For more pictures and information, navigate to <a href="http://ncsubvets.org">http://ncsubvets.org</a>

**NEXT PARADE:** 2011 Old Soldier's Parade, which starts at 1700 on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> in Newton, NC. For more information, navigate to <a href="http://ncsubvets.org/forms/oldsoldier.pdf">http://ncsubvets.org/forms/oldsoldier.pdf</a>

#### **REMAINING 2011 PARADE SCHEDULE:**

We will participate in Veterans' Day Parades in

- Asheboro Friday, November 11th
- Winston-Salem Saturday, November 12th
- High Point Sunday, November 13th

More information to be posted on our website when available.

#### PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)

#### 2011 Burnsville Meeting

Once again the Carolina Piedmont Base hosted the annual Burnsville meeting on Friday (May 20) and Saturday (May 21). This year's meeting was held at the Skyline Lodge, a rustic inn with a great view, located just off of the Blue Ridge Parkway. The inn had a large meeting room with a bar and pool table that allowed us to have a great hospitality room for the two days. The owners of the inn also provided our buffet dinner on Saturday night. Paul Myers from the Carolina Piedmont Base contracted a small local combo who provided music for both listening and dancing after dinner.

There were 28 Subvets from the Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases at the memorial service held on Saturday afternoon. Hoppy Hopkins provided a 48 star American Flag as well as a Union Jack to fly over the memorial during the service.



Hoppy also played "Taps" at the end of the "Tolling the Boats". Tony Valovich and his wife were in attendance at the memorial service as well as the dinner. Tony won several of the raffle prizes. He is keeping the memorial in great shape and the rhododendrons on the hill were in full bloom this year for the memorial service.

Well done to NC Subvets Commander Steve Bell for again making the arrangements for this year's meeting. We are planning on holding next year's meeting at the same location.

#### **Thomasville Memorial Day Parade**

There were 24 NC Subvets at this year's parade along with several wives representing the Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases. Our 3 Uncle Sams made their debut at this parade and will be used again at the two upcoming Fourth of July parades. The usual good turnout of parade spectators was evident as this is the only Memorial Day Parade in North Carolina. After the parade, we set up the parade submarine and Mk-14 torpedo as part of a static display located in the stadium. Four paratroopers dropped from 10,000 feet into the stadium as part of the post parade activities. Also Rudy Hernandez a Korean War Congressional Medal of Honor recipient was recognized as part of this year's memorial program. At the 2010 Burnsville meeting the Carolina Piedmont Base made Rudy an honorary submariner.





#### **Troutman Independence Celebration Parade**

We had 21 Subvets from the Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases participating in this year's parade on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was very hot at the Iredell County Fairground which was again the staging area for the parade. The (2) canopies that Jim Myers now has with the torpedo float was a big help in trying to stay cool. The (2) fire department ladder trucks had the American Flag over the parade route at its beginning. Big crowd turnout along the parade route even in with the high temperature.

#### Faith 4th of July Parade

We had 19 Subvets from the Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases participating in this year's parade. We had our traditional group picture in front of the Old Navy Store in Salisbury. There were huge crowds of spectators as always for this parade. John Rupertus was contacted by a member of the parade committee to let us know that we won \$100.00 for the most unique parade entry. It was suggested that we add the winnings to the trailer maintenance fund.



### PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)



#### **Camp Corral**

Several members from both the Carolina Piedmont and Nat Greene Bases visited the children who were participating in the Camp Corral Program. This camping program sponsored by Golden Corral is for dependent children of military members in North Carolina. The children were given at no charge, a one week camping experience at Camp Milestone which is a 4-H summer camp located outside of Ellerbe, North Carolina.

Steve Bell and Jack Jeffries got the NC Subvets involved and we had members visiting each of the three camping sessions on a Tuesday evening. We had dinner with the kids and then present a program about submarines. We also had the parade submarine there during two of our three visits.

#### **Military Missions In Action Project**



These pictured show the dolphins mounted at the top of the bird feeder built and installed by Wayne Powell when he found that the home owner veteran uses a walker and likes to sit on his back porch. It'll be there awhile, as its iron, mounted in concrete!





Gordon Banks, Tarheel Base Commander, and Wayne Powell, Base member, present a \$200 check from Tarheel Base to Mike Dorman, founder of Military Missions In Action. Onlookers are individuals working on a home heavily modified by MMIA for a disabled veteran and almost complete.

MMIA website: <a href="http://www.militarymissionsinaction.org/">http://www.militarymissionsinaction.org/</a>







Great
Team!

#### **Walk Now for Autism Speaks**

A walk team has been established for the 2011 Walk Now for Autism Speaks set for October 8, 2011. Join the NC SUBVETS Team:

http://ncsubvets.org/forms/autismteam.pdf

For more info:

http://www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=460844



#### PARADES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (cont.)

#### **USSVI EAGLE SCOUT AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

This is a picture of Chuck Jensen's grandson Trevor with Kris Bridges, Tarheel Base Eagle Scout Coordinator. Kris recently presented Trevor with the USSVI Eagle Scout Award along with two other scouts from his troop.

Trevor was awarded a USSVI scholarship for \$950 and will be attending Auburn University and will be majoring in Chemical Engineering. His older brother Taylor also won the same USSVI scholarship three years ago and is now a raising senior at Appalachian University.



#### FROM YOUR SOUTHEAST REGION DISTRICT 1 (SED1) COMMANDER



**AWARDS:** As a District CDR, I am obligated to vote in the selection nominees for Golden, Silver and Meritorious Awards. With 17 Meritorious, 15 Silver and 2 in each class for Golden, I had my work cut out in making objective choices. Not easy, but with the closing of the awards voting, it's done. Of course another task that I take on is nomination of candidates for all awards. With the additional input from SED1 members, SED1 has over 15 nominations in various categories.

As previously reported, SED1 is this year's SE Region District of the Year. This is a new perpetual award, to be given yearly by the Region Director. I was presented the award at the SE Region meet, and am displaying it while visiting our Bases. Also the District was presented a plaque from COMSUBFOR for our generous support of the SUBLANT Sailor of the Year program. I'll be displaying that also during Base visits. Both of these are well deserved, ONLY because of the great job Bases and members of SED1 continue to do.

**INSURANCE:** I'm proud to report that USSVI has procured an insurance policy that now covers DCs AND Base Officers! While there is a \$3K deductible, it is a welcome assurance that we're not left out to dry. Coverage is for USSVI events. \$3000.xx deductible with a \$3M coverage. NSVC Jon Jaques, always the sharpshooter on financial matters is responsible for this. Thanks Jon!

**USSVI FINANCIAL:** Contrary to some earlier rumors, the financial well-being of our organization is solid! Considering that losses of over 40% were common during the present economic recession, USSVI with its sound investments and savvy, have NOT experienced such losses. A Big BZ to NT John Markiewicz for his efforts.

WAR VETERAN STATUS: USSVI presently meets the IRS requirement for maintaining this Tax benefit. This has to be reported annually in April to the IRS. By maintaining this status, donations can be made and be Tax Deductible! In order to maintain this, it is imperative that each member have their service dates accurately and completely entered in our data base. Please check and recheck your members for such an important entry. I personally do NOT support providing service #s or DOB but do support this entry. Please help out OUR organization in this effort. I've included a write-up I put together in an effort to clarify our IRS status.

**CONVENTIONS:** It's less than a month till the 2011 Nat'l Convention and for that I'm glad. Glad not for the 2011, but in less than a month the 2012 Convention will open for reservations and registration. The work done thus far by the 2012 Committees far exceeds 2011 or 2010. Credit goes to John Kennedy for running the convention planning and execution as a business venture. When 2012 opens up, I'll be putting out a call for volunteers for the Registration table. With the convention in Norfolk and the level of interest I've noticed I feel that the NC Subvets can handle such an easy task. Details soon.

A lot of discussion on prior anomalies recently experienced at Cincinnati and others. The BoD has taken a leadership role and now requires and Base holding a convention to have the contract reviewed prior to them signing it. Additionally, a review of the facilities will be conducted to ensure that certain necessities are present,

#### MORE FROM THE SED1 COMMANDER

and that accommodations are in OUR best interests. Additionally, we're looking at a group of potential sites and having a "round robin" location at these sites.

Anyone out there that wants to share/split a room in Springfield? I'm going to be there starting Tuesday 6 Sept through Sunday AM. Let me know!

**USSVI CF:** The Charitable Foundation maintains its financial stability, due to our membership. Over 85 scholarships were awarded this year.

**SUBMARINE LEARNING FACILITY:** Located in Ramage Hall on NavSta Norfolk is a gold mine of artifacts and historic displays of our submarine force. The SLF staff and the Tidewater Sub Vets (USVVI & SVWWII) hold an impressive memorial service, always the week before Memorial Day. Immediately following the memorial service, a noteworthy submarine is inducted into the Hall of Honor. This year it was the Halibut SSGN/SSN-587. I had the honor of presenting the shadow box containing numerous mementos of Halibut to the CO. We had over 40 Halibut shipmates present. I mention this, not for what I did, but for info. If you are given the opportunity to attend this memorial service and/or visit the SLF, DO IT! You'll not be disappointed.

**GREAT PRIDE:** It is really impressive to see the involvement of Bases in supporting and contributing in the myriad of activities (Patriotic parades, Autism Walk, Camp Corral, Kap(ss) for Kid(ss) raising the colors, etc). The costs are minimal, the pride is priceless! Great Job!

**ELIZABETH CITY MEETING CANCELLED:** Unforeseen conflicts have mandated that the planned Elizabeth City Meeting in October to be cancelled. No one involved realized the impact of 3 college homecomings and football games in the area would have on us. We Do Now! Looking at next spring for a get together in EC. Base CDR Barry Danforth is finalizing a new meeting place, probably the CPOA Club associated with the Coast Guard facility in EC.

**ANOTHER TERM:** Yes, I'm your DC for another term. This year has been unique. I am the 1<sup>st</sup> DC to be a voting member of the USSVI BoD, even through the challenges of my quals to be a DC were resolved. NC Mike stated to the BoD at the midterm that I was his "Devil's Advocate." I'd rather be known for maintaining a questioning attitude, and that I have. Our big challenge now is getting our Nat'l Conventions under control, not only financially, but also for arrangements schedules, venues and accommodations. A lot on this after Springfield!

**Dues, Dues:** Never too late, nor never too early to address. Do everyone a big favor and renew early! Makes the Base Treasurer and membership guru happy, and sure makes it easier to do the EOY Financial!

Yours in Service, Dick

#### UNIQUE LANGUAGE OF SUBMARINERS

**Jargon** is terminology that relates to a specific activity, profession, or group. Much like slang it develops as a kind of shorthand, to quickly express ideas that are frequently discussed between members of a group. In many cases this may cause a barrier to communication, as many may not understand (excerpt taken from <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jargon">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jargon</a>). I hope these terms bring laughter and rekindle some fond memories.

**Boondockers** High-top (over the ankles) black shoes, worn as part of the working uniform.

**Chock-a-Block** To reach the maximum limit of something.

**GMT** General Military Training or General Misuse of Time.

**Sandbag** To not give 100% of one's abilities; to hang back or hold back.

**Zero** Derogatory term for an officer.

For more information, see Naval Slang, Jargon, and Terminology FAQ at <a href="http://www.hazegray.org/fag/">http://www.hazegray.org/fag/</a>

#### THE SUB NET

#### Items on the Internet of Interest to Submariners

A Video Tour of the Sub Museum at Groton http://youtu.be/9TRG\_ic3Xlk

Submariners Adjust to Life Without Smokes

http://www.stripes.com/news/gum-patches-and-anger-management-submariners-adjust-to-life-without-smokes-1.134753

COOL VIDEO: Recovered Civil War Submarine Rotated

http://www.cbs12.com/news/conservation-4733394-video-rotated.html

Confederate Sub Uprighted - Slideshow

http://news.yahoo.com/photos/confederate-sub-upright-for-first-time-since-1864-1308944620-slideshow/

Electric Boat Gets USS Hartford Back to Sea

http://www.theday.com/article/20110717/NWS09/307179942/1018

USS Drum - A Video Progress Report

http://video-embed.al.com/services/player/bcpid619299288001?bctid=963456974001

World's Oldest Submerged Submarine Finally on Dry Land

http://news.err.ee/culture/1f5b9eda-37ec-49ef-b46e-47282f7f8962

Local Subvets Refurbishing WW II Replica

http://www.tbnweekly.com/pubs/pinellas\_park\_beacon/content\_articles/050511\_par-01.txt

Discovery could make submarines twice as fast

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Missing WWII Sub Found with 42 Entombed Sailors

http://www.maddogexpeditions.com/R-12press052411.pdf

#### FROM THE FLEET - LATEST ON OUR NORTH CAROLINA BOATS

USS Asheville (SSN 758) - No News is good news

USS Charlotte (SSN 766) - Namesake Submarine Returns Home

http://www.examiner.com/military-news-in-charlotte/charlotte-s-namesake-submarine-returns-home

USS North Carolina (SSN 777) - Test shots from their Eastern Pacific Deployment in July

http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=219251701449901 http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=219253281449743

#### **REVISED USSVI CHAPLAIN MANUAL**

NEWS-01: Revised USSVI Chaplain Manual Submitted by: James A Fox on 8/13/2011

The revised USSVI Chaplain Manual is now posted on the USSVI website. Base Chaplains and Base Commanders please place this information in your base newsletter. The manual has updated examples for Eternal Patrol programs for Shipmates that have gone on External Patrol and three new appendixes. Much of the updated information in this manual was requested by base Chaplains and questions requesting information from next of kin members for shipmates that have gone on Eternal Patrol.

Appendix I contain examples of funeral Services currently being by USSVI Chaplains that can be used in the funeral home, church service or at the burial service.

Appendix II Contains additional prayers as was requested by some base Chaplains.

Appendix III Contains information for Base Chaplains and the base membership: Information how to order the USSVI multiple purpose USSVI card, Retiree checklist what survivors should know, Information and form to order Veterans Affairs headstone or marker at no cost for use in Private Cemeteries, Q&A about VA's Medallion benefit and The United States Burial At Sea Program.

The Policy and Procedure manual has also recently been revised in 2011. The National Secretary Tom Conlon has updated this manual which has much information of value to all the USSVI base members.

Respectfully Yours,

Carl Schmidt National Chaplain USSVI

#### **WORLD WAR II SUBMARINE VETERANS NEWS**

World War II Submarine Veterans Returning to Mobile and USS Drum (Videos)
By Mike Brantley, Press-Register, June 16, 2011

MOBILE, Alabama - Twenty men are still alive among the 264 veterans of the USS Drum, a diesel-powered submarine that served America during World War II.

A few of them are coming to Mobile this week for the annual Drum reunion at Battleship Memorial Park on the Causeway, where the submarine has been a star museum attraction since 1969. The park is also home to the World War II battleship USS Alabama and numerous military aircraft and other exhibits.

The Drum received 12 battle stars during World War II and is credited with sinking 15 ships.

Tom Bowser, a veteran of the US Navy nuclear submarine service who is devoting his retirement years to the preservation of the USS Drum, said that due to age and health concerns it is likely that some former crew members who attend this year's reunion will not be present at the next reunion.

"We have not lost any in the last year, but the year before that we lost five," he said.

There are only 45 veterans alive from among the more than 5,000 who served aboard the USS Alabama, Bowser said.

At 11 a.m. Saturday at the park, the veterans attending the 2011 reunion will take part in a ceremony during which a bell will sound for each of the men who served aboard the Drum. The ceremony will be open to anyone in attendance at the park.

More information about Battleship Memorial Park is online at the park's official website.

As well, the Press-Register has produced two videos about the USS Drum, which can be seen below. One video details the efforts by Bowser and other volunteers to restore and preserve the submarine. In the other video, just released this week, Bowser takes viewers on a tour of the Drum.

Link to videos: http://blog.al.com/live/2011/06/world war ii submarine veteran.html

#### TRICARE INFORMS BENEFICIARIES ABOUT ID CARD CHANGES

FALLS CHURCH, VA. - TRICARE beneficiaries should make sure they have their Social Security number (SSN) committed to memory. It won't be found on new Department of Defense (DoD) ID cards.

As of June 1, 2011, SSNs are no longer printed on new ID cards issued to members of the Uniformed Services, retirees and family members. The new cards will look basically the same, but will have a unique DoD Identification number in place of the SSN. For those eligible for benefits, such as health care, a DoD Benefits number (DBN) will be on the back.

The elimination of visible SSNs is a DoD response to the increasing need to protect the privacy and identity of ID card holders, but it may raise questions when it comes to obtaining health care or pharmacy benefits. Health care providers have always used social security numbers to check TRICARE eligibility and file claims.

For TRICARE beneficiaries, the DBN is most important. Many systems can accept it already, but beneficiaries using the Military Health System and TRICARE should be prepared to state their SSN (or their sponsor's) when accessing health care or pharmacy benefits.

The change to new IDs for all members and families is expected to take about four years. Existing ID cards are good until they expire; including retiree cards marked "INDEF." Beneficiaries who want a new ID without their SSN are advised to make an appointment before making the trip to an ID card facility.

TRICARE beneficiaries and providers can get more information, see ID card samples and view frequently asked questions at www.tricare.mil/ssn.

General information about the removal of SSN from ID cards can be found at <a href="www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard">www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard</a>.

#### DFAS RETIRED AND ANNUITANT PAY ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Who Will Receive Your Final Pay Check?

Retired pay earned but not paid in the final month of your life goes to whoever is listed as your Arrears of Pay (AOP) beneficiary. Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) will also contact this person for help with closing your account.

You can choose anyone, from family members to friends to associates, to be your AOP beneficiary. But if you don't designate someone, it could cause undue stress and financial hardship for your survivors during an already difficult time. It can take many months to locate your survivors, identify who is legally entitled to your pay, and then make the payment.

Fortunately, this situation is easy to prevent. You can establish or change your beneficiary at any time.

#### HOW TO DESIGNATE OR CHANGE A BENEFICIARY

To designate or change your Arrears of Pay (AOP) beneficiary, all you have to do is follow these simple steps:

- 1. Complete a Designation of Beneficiary Information form (DD 2894). You can find this form at www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/dd2894.pdf.
- 2. Sign and date the form. (Unsigned and undated forms will not be processed.)
- 3. Mail or fax the form to:

DFAS U.S. Military Retired Pay P.O. Box 7130 London, KY 40742-7130 Fax: 800-469-6559

It is vital to notify DFAS of any changes in your AOP beneficiary's contact information. Otherwise all correspondence will be sent to the wrong address, further delaying closure of your account. Please use the steps above to notify DFAS if your beneficiaries name or contact information changes.

For more information about AOP, please visit <a href="http://www.dfas.mil/dfas/retiredmilitary/provide/aop.html">http://www.dfas.mil/dfas/retiredmilitary/provide/aop.html</a>.

Sincerely,

Customer Service Representative DFAS Retired and Annuitant Pay <a href="http://www.dfas.mil/dfas/retiredmilitary.html">http://www.dfas.mil/dfas/retiredmilitary.html</a> 800-321-1080

#### IN MEMORY OF KURSK

#### The Voice of Russia, Aug. 12, 2011

Russia marks a sorrowful date today. 11 years ago during exercises in the Barents Sea the Kursk nuclear missile-carrying submarine sank due to a spontaneous torpedo explosion. All 118 sailors of the Northern Fleet who were aboard died.

A worship column has been erected at the Seraphimovsky cemetery in St. Petersburg in memory of the Kursk crew. The granite memorial weighing 2 tons is dedicated to St. Nicholas, the heavenly patron of sea-farers. A mosaic icon of the saint is embedded in the granite.

A requiem service has been held at one of the main Navy cathedrals, the Epiphany Cathedral of St. Nicholas in St. Petersburg.



#### **KEEPING YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE**

Updating your information on the USSVI website is easy! And here's how to do it! Go to http://www.ussvi.org Member Login button, and enter your Login Name and Password. Next, when you select the and select the Update Profile button, the Update Your Own Profile page will be displayed. You can update your information as often as you like on any or all of the tabs shown below:

Contact Navy USSVI Tarheel Ships Shore Duty Associations

UPDATING YOUR PROFILE: instead of one huge page, your information is broken up into several TABS. Most entries should be self explanatory. All fields have a "?" button next to them to give you tips or the rules for entering data into that field.

SHIPS, SHORE DUTY, ASSOCIATION and WEBSITE tabs: Changes you make on these tabs are not reported to your base and are immediately shown on many other websites for submarines or other submarine veteran related websites. You cannot delete or add other USSVI bases on the ASSOCIATION tab. Only a base membership chairperson can make changes to base membership information.

HOW TO ENTER DATA: The most important thing to remember is that what you change here can seriously effect others being able to contact this member. So, when you change their mailing address or e-mail address, please be careful and review your changes before saving.

CHANGES YOU MAKE TO YOUR DATA are reported to your base and also entered in the USSVI National Database which is used by the USSVI National Office. The information is maintained for internal use only. For example, if you change your mailing or e-mail address, it is important that USSVI is notified promptly, so that you continue receive the American Submariner magazine without interruption, and to ensure that USSVI does not incur unnecessary charges by the USPS for returned magazine copies. Your information must also be updated so that your base can continue to provide communication about news, activities and other necessary membership information.

Please DO NOT use all CAPITAL or LOWER CASE letters. Many people think it is OK to type everything using all CAPS or lower case while doing anything on the Internet. It makes things harder to read. Plus, if their information is printed from your record for an award or special recognition, it will look awkward. Enter the information like you were taught to write in school (1st letter capitalized and others in lower case).

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#### VFW STEAK NITE - FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH



VFW Post #7383 522 Reedy Creek Road Cary, NC 27513 (919) 467-1188

http://www.vfwpost7383.org/

Cost: \$15.00 each

When: First Saturday of Each Month

Dinner served from 5 PM to 7 PM.

Where: VFW Post #7383

Call Lee Parker at 919-274-9441 or email him at leeparkermtg@yahoo.com. He will want to know why type of steak, how to cook it, and what time do you want to eat. They have a few rib eyes, mostly "flays" and T-Bones. We take credit & debit cards.

Tarheel Base wishes VFW Post #7383

All the Best and a

**Very Grateful Thank You!!** 

for the years of support for our base meetings

The letter below describes the details of UNC's Military Appreciation Day at the UNC vs Rutgers game in September. We're helping UNC's Dept. of Athletics spread the word to all of the right people...NC ARNG, the VA, Pentagon, all active duty bases within NC, and any/all military veterans and their families. Questions can be directed to Rick Steinbacher at <a href="mailto:rsteinbacher@uncaa.unc.edu">rsteinbacher@uncaa.unc.edu</a>.



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June 16, 2011

The University of North Carolina Department of Athletics and Carolina Football, in conjunction with our campus ROTC units, Air Force, Army and Naval, will honor all current and former members of the United States military during our game against Rutgers on September 10, 2011. Kick-off in Kenan Stadium is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity for UNC Athletics and Carolina Football fans to express our appreciation and gratitude as we honor the men and women of our armed forces during both pre-game and halftime ceremonies.

As a part of the celebration, half price tickets (\$25.00) will be available to all current and former military personnel as well as their accompanying family members to the September 10<sup>th</sup> game. Tickets may be purchased at the Ticket Center on <a href="www.tarheelblue.com">www.tarheelblue.com</a> or by calling the Ticket Office at 1-800-722-4335 (HEEL). When ordering online, click on the promotions tab on the left and enter the promotional code "FB11-MILITARY". The discounted tickets will only be available for current and former military personnel and their family members while supplies last. Game details, including directions, parking and other game day information, can be found on <a href="www.tarheelblue.com">www.tarheelblue.com</a>.

Military bases and other military groups wishing to arrange bus parking or needing additional logistical information can contact the Department of Athletics at 919-962-5675.

We thank you for your service to our country, past and present, and we look forward to honoring the men and women who protect and defend our country on September 10<sup>th</sup> in Kenan Stadium.

Go Heels and Go USA!

Dick Baddour Director of Athletics

Butch Davis Head Football Coach



# OLPXIN SCHOLARSKIP FOUNDATION 6th Annual Golf Tournament Sponsored by General Dynamics Huntington Ingalls Industries Lockheed Martin

When: October 28, 2011 - 8:30AM Shotgun Start

Registration begins at 7:15 AM

Awards Ceremony & BBQ after the Round Where: Virginia Beach National Golf Club

Virginia Beach, VA

www.vbnationalgolf.com

Registration Deadline: October 14, 2011

Payment reserves your team's slot

Cost: \$75 per player—Active Duty Military

\$100 per player—All others

Included: Green Fees, Cart Fee, Range Balls, Prizes, Continental Breakfast, BBQ, and Hole-In-

One Contest

Format: 4 Man Scramble

Register Online: www.dolphinscholarship.org (VISA/MC only)

Register by Mail: Dolphin Scholarship Foundation

4966 Euclid Road, Suite 109 Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

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