



The Below Decks Watch

The Official Newsletter of the Coastal Carolina Base of the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. (USSVI)

Special July Edition

This Special July Edition Was Issued to Report on the June and July Base Activities in a Timely Manner

USSVI

Creed and Purpose

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.

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.



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Qualified in U.S. Submarines?

You are welcome to attend our meetings and join our Base!
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Bring your spouse!

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Coastal Carolina Base
Generally Meets Every Other Month
on the 3rd Thu or Sat of the Month
See Base Calendar on Page 16 for
More Details and Special Meetings



Base Commander's Corner

By Charlie Backes

After a spurt of activity things have quieted down a little for the CCB. There are several things to keep in mind during the coming months however.

Our next meeting will be on August 16th at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Southport. We have gone out of our way to make this available to our Southport and southern area members so please do plan to attend. As part of long range planning I would like to see a meeting in the northern area, possibly near or in Jacksonville.

To review some recent past events. The parade in Southport on July 4th was great. It is inspiring to see the reactions of the people watching the parade when they see our float. Many stood and saluted or otherwise recognized our service. Many thanks to those who helped with organizing that event. Afterward many of us enjoyed a wonderful afternoon on Chuck and Joy Fletcher's boat. I had almost forgot what it was like to eat a meal on a floating object. It has been so many years since I have done that. Memories came floating back.

We had a great turnout for the Submarine Day at the Battleship on July 12th. We had about 8 of our members attend to show and demonstrate what it was like on a submarine. Kevin Kesterson had a video that ran on a loop to show people what it was like. Thanks to all who attended and participated.

The float was parked outside the main office at the battleship for the submarine service tribute. Afterwards it was taken to Richlands where it awaits our next parade outing: the Jacksonville Veteran's Day Parade. I would like many of us to ride the float on that day so please make plans now. More details will be published as time gets near, but the date is November 8.

Christmas parades are coming up and will be discussed at the August meeting. There are several in the area that I would like us to look at. I would also like some input from the membership about how to decorate the float for these parades. I have heard some sugges-

CCB Meeting Special Location

August 16th

At

10:30 am

At

**Trinity United
Methodist Church**

In

Southport, NC

Don't Miss It!



**Base Gear
Available**

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**Do You Have Your
SubVet License Plate
Yet?**

Forms available at meetings and at the following link:

[https://edmv.ncdot.gov/
VehicleRegistration/Spe
cialPlate/Detail?PlateID=
21#term=](https://edmv.ncdot.gov/VehicleRegistration/SpecialPlate/Detail?PlateID=21#term=)



CCB August 16th Meeting Agenda
10:30 am at Trinity United Methodist
Church, Southport

Invocation	Chaplain
Enjoy Brunch	All
Call to order 11:00 am	Commander
Pledge of Allegiance	Vice Commander
Tolling of the Boats	Vice Commander
Recognize WWII members	Commander
Introductions	All
Holland Club Presentations	Commander
Presentation of VC patch	Commander
Approval of prior minutes	Commander
Submit bills/communications	All
Treasurer's report	Treasurer
Old Business	
21 Day Salute to the Flag	Commander
School visits (The Big Submarine)	Commander & John Williamson
Belk Fundraiser Results	Commander & Treasurer
New Business	
Reminder of Base By-Laws	Commander
National Insurance	Commander
Submarine insurance	Commander
Kramer House	Commander
Patriot's Day Picnic at S-28	Commander
Combat Mud Run 2014 (Oct19)	Commander
Jacksonville Veterans Day Parade	Commander
Veteran's Day Social	Commander
2015 Regional Convention	Commander
Christmas Parades - which ones?	Commander
Historian	Howard Crist
Raffle Drawing for CCB Logo Shirt	Store keeper
Adjournment	Commander

All Hands Turn To!



21 Day Salute to the Flag
City Hall Wilmington, NC
June 25, 2014

Members from the
Coastal Carolina Base
participated

Book of Members

The Book of Members project continues to progress. The base is collecting pictures of each member and autobiographical descriptions of each member's Submarine Service experiences. Base Secretary, Bill Underwood, is taking pictures of each member attending each meeting. Commander Backes displays the Book of Members at Base meetings to encourage participation.

We are still missing pictures and autobiographies for most of the Base Members. A suggestion was made at the last meeting to write the autobiography for those who don't submit one. In the true spirit of the submarine brotherhood, we have composed an autobiography for Dilbert Kilroy, TM3 (SS) ([page 11](#)). Please get your write up in to Charlie so we don't have to write these for you!

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2014 North Carolina 4th of July Parade

Friday, the 4th of July, 2014 dawned a very beautiful day in Southeastern North Carolina. Many of us started out early in order to get to the meeting point in Southport by 9:00 am. Chuck Fletcher had arranged for us to use the parking area at the Deep Point Marina as a staging area and parking area for Member vehicles. Chuck and Joy had had an even earlier start by serving a pancake breakfast fundraiser at their nearby church. Jim Brincefield brought the float down from Charlie's house with the Submarine already bolted down.

We quickly added the flags, banners, chairs and a "Diving Alarm Klaxon" that Terry borrowed from *BB 55* while the wives took food for the luncheon to Chuck and Joy's Yacht.

As soon as the float was ready and all the members had arrived, we loaded up on the float with some wives riding in the truck and some on the float and proceeded to the official parade staging area. We dropped off most of the wives near a good viewing area, but kept Joy in the truck to assist with navigation to the assigned staging area. Joy did a masterful job of per-



suading other parade participants to get out of our way and directed us to the correct staging spot.

It was hot! But there were occasional breezes and a lot of sea stories while waiting for our turn to go.



Finally, we were told to move out and we were lined up between an Animal Rescue float and a group carrying a large flag and chanting, "U! S! A!, U! S! A!".

As in the past parades, the very large crowd of parade attendees showed their respect and gratitude to the military by standing, cheering and yelling "Thank you for your service" as our float passed by. Some asked if the submarine was real and some thought it was a torpedo, but you can be sure we gave them the "straight poop".





4th of July Luncheon on a Luxury Yacht Courtesy of Chuck & Joy Fletcher

Chuck and Joy Fletcher graciously invited CCB Members attending the Southport parade and their families to enjoy a luncheon with them on their floating home, the *Sea Nest*. *Sea Nest* is a beautiful 47 foot Yacht they bought in Texas and cruised around to Southport in 2003. We talked about lighting off the two big 3208 turbo diesels just for nostalgia but the Nukes couldn't hack it.

Attendees brought delicious side dishes and the Fletcher's supplied a tasty ham. Some of us sat on the bridge and enjoyed the sea breezes while others chatted in the air conditioned cabins below. It was relaxing to feel the gentle rocking of the sea and the subtle sound of the water occasionally slapping against the hull.



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Vote!

**The USSVI Polls for
National Elections are
Open**

**To Vote log on to
www.ussvi.org**

**Click on the third button
on left**

**Mark your ballot
CAST YOUR VOTE**

**If you prefer paper, See
Ballot on pages 18-19**

**IT is important for CCB
that you VOTE!
Thank You!**



Base Luncheon on Chuck & Joy's Boat...continued from page 5

Once Tim Dolan's wife, daughter and 3 week old baby arrived, Jim Brincefield offered a blessing and the crowd made their way to the galley to fill their plates. There was sliced ham, pasta salad, cole slaw, baked beans, potato chips, Italian bread, and delicious deserts including blueberry pie, coconut custard pie, cake and banana pudding. Some made multiple trips attesting to the quality of the spread.

Below Joy Fletcher eats while talking with several other guests in the galley.



To the right, Linda Underwood and Charlie Backes' granddaughter join the conversation in the salon.



Above Mary Backes and Peggy Brincefield greet Tim and Melissa Dolan and daughters Windy and 3 week old Zoe.



To the left Chuck chats with Bill Underwood on the bridge while Jim is entranced by one of Chuck's documents from the USS Nautilus SSN 571.

We enjoyed a lovely, very relaxing afternoon with our fellow submarine veterans and their families.

Thank you Chuck & Joy!



The Coastal Carolina Base is a proud to be one of the six USSVI bases that comprise the United States Submarine Veterans of North Carolina, aka NCSubVets!



USSVI

Who We Are

We are all United States Submariners! Whether currently Active, Retired, Reserve or a Honorably discharged veteran, we all were and some still are members of the elite under-seas fighting force of the United States Navy. We are all volunteers who passed stringent testing, challenging training and we proved our mettle when we earned the coveted designation **"QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES"**. Whether your dolphins are gold or silver, there is no expiration date on the back of that precious pin.



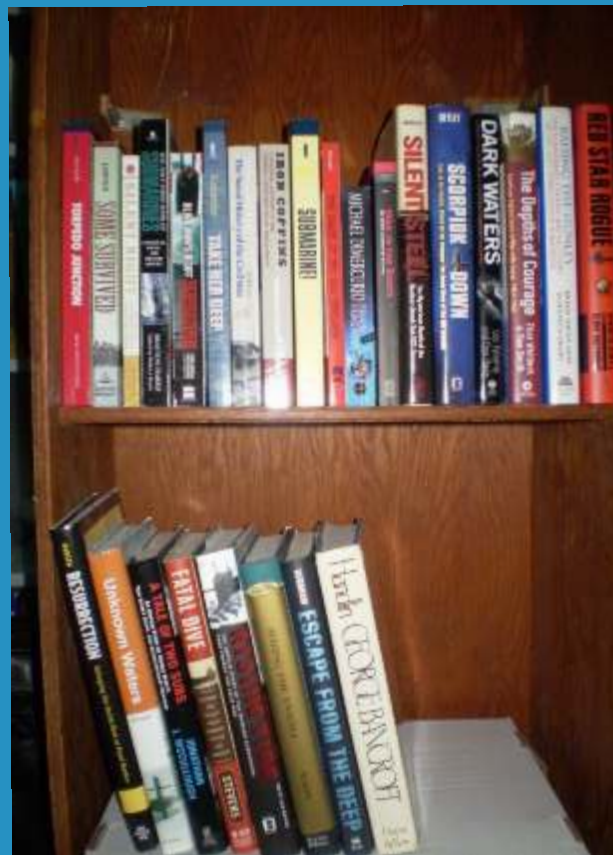
Coastal Carolina Base Library

Yes the Coastal Carolina Base has a Library. The library was started in 2011 to give members a place to put their books, movies and submarine artifacts so they can be enjoyed by other members. The library grew significantly in 2013 with the generous donation of 25 books by USSVI Life Member, Bob Montore.

Several other members have also donated books, movies and artifacts.

Below is a partial list of books in the Base Library. Members can check out a book by dropping an email to the Base Commander and the commander will bring it to the next meeting or agree to another way to pick it up.

Donate your submarine related books, movies, and artifacts to your base library!



No.	TITLE	AUTHOR(S)	Fiction or Non-Fiction	COPYRIGHT DATE	HARDCOVER OR SOFT
1	Escape From the Deep [USS Tang]	Alex Kershaw	NF	2008	H
2	Silent Steel [USS Scorpion]	Stephen Johnson	NF	2006	H
3	Seizing the Enigma	David Kahn	NF	1991	H
4	A Tale of Two Subs [Sculpin and Sailfish]	Jonathan J. McCullough	NF	2008	H
5	Red Star Rogue	Kenneth Sewell with Clint Richmond	NF	2005	H
6	Iron Coffins (has underlines on some pages)	Commander Herbert A. Werner	NF	1969	S
7	Raising the Hunley	Brian Hicks and Schuyler Kropf	NF	2002	H
8	Dark Waters [NR-1]	Lee Vyborny and Don Davis	NF	2003	H
9	Unknown Waters [USS Queenfish]	Alfred S. McClaren	NF	2008	H
10	The Navy Times Book of Submarines	Brayton Harris	NF	1997	S
11	The Depths of Courage	Flint Whistock and Ron Smith	NF	2007	H
12	Submarine!	Edward L. Beach	NF	1946	S
13	Blind Man's Bluff [USS Seawolf]	Sherry Sontag and Christopher Drew	NF	1998	S
14	Scorpion Down	Ed Offley	NF	2007	H
15	Take Her Deep	Adm. I.J. Galantin, USN [Ret.]	NF	1997	S
16	War in the Boats	Capt. William J. Ruhe, USN [Ret.]	NF	1994	S
17	Fatal Dive [USS Grunion]	Peter F. Stevens	NF	2012	H
18	Prana: Firing Point	Michael D. DiMercurio	F	1999	S
19	Some Survived [Bataan Death March]	Manny Lawton	NF	1984	S
20	By Sea and by River [Civil War Naval History]	Bern Anderson	NF	1962	S
21	Torpedo Junction	Homer H. Hickam, Jr.	NF	1989	S
22	The Death of the USS Thresher	Norman Pulmar	NF	1964	S
23	Rising Tide [Cold War Russian Subs]	Gary E. Weir and Walter J. Boyne	NF	2003	H
24	George Bancroft - The Intellectual as Democrat	Lilian Handlin	NF	1984	H
25	Resurrection - Salvaging the Battle Fleet at Pearl	Daniel Madsen	NF	2003	H



BB 55 Salute to the Submarine Service



July 12, 2014

On July 12th the Battleship North Carolina's Second Saturday Program honored the Submarine Service by inviting area submarine veterans to set up memorabilia displays in the Memorial's theater for BB 55 patrons to visit. The Coastal Carolina Base had a great turn out again for this event displaying materials such as pictures, documents, flags, pooppy suits, etc. Kevin Kesterson brought a video that was distributed to the families of the crew of his boomer that explained, in an interesting way, what their father's jobs were while out at sea. Also Kevin had a very comprehensive scrap book

that his wife compiled of his time in the submarine service.

Also attending were CCB Members Charlie Backes, Chuck Fletcher, Terry Kuhn, Richard Schrum, Tim Dolan, Doug Mays, and John Williamson. Each had fun swapping sea stories and showing their

prized memorabilia to other CCB members and to the Battleship North Carolina visitors.

A Hardy Attaboy to Charlie, Chuck, Kevin, Terry, Richard, Doug, Tim & John!





Chaplain's Corner

By Bill (Butterbean) Dixon



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The Bottom Line:

Ecclesiastes: 12-13

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the
WHOLE DUTY OF MAN.

Ecclesiastes: 12-14

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every SECRET THING, whether it be GOOD, or whether it be EVIL.

John:3-16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John: 4-24

God is a Spirit:and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Coastal Carolina Base Members on Eternal Patrol

James Tobin

Lawrence H. Dunn

Navy Hymn for Submariners

*Bless those who served beneath the deep,
Through the lonely hours the vigil they had to keep,
May eternal peace their mission ever be,
Bless each one we ask of thee,
Comfort those who at home who waited and prayed,
For their return night and day.*



Base Hats and Shirt

Available

Our Base Parade Float debut at the North Carolina 4th of July Parade in Southport was a big success. However, several of our float riders noted that other military based floats looked sharp with a more uniform attire (matching shirts and hats). Commander Charlie discussed the concept with Member Tom McFadden, proprietor of Perfect Promotions & More in Apex, NC. Tom brought mock-ups of the proposed shirts and hats to the August 17 meeting. At the meeting attendees liked the ideas and Tom agreed to work with Base Storekeeper Frank Blackmon to make the shirts available to Members at a reasonable price. The hats are dark blue and the shirts are red, each with high quality embroidered Base patches on them. Buy from Base Storekeeper and Base gets a commission on sale.

Shirt Price = \$20

Hat Price = \$15

Website now Available www.subvetsonline.com

Get a Shirt and Join the Loyal Order of the Red Shirts



Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Gerry Rowe

USS Henry L. Stimson



Paul Siverson

First Associate Member



Doug Mays

USS Ben Franklin & Alaska





Commander's Corner...continued from page 2

tions but would like to hear more. If you would like to take this on either in a lead or member role let me know.

One last item for your consideration. Step up for Soldiers is about to start the building of their Kramer House south of Wilmington. Plans are to have this house used by a veteran who is attending UNCW or Cape Fear CC until they graduate. The groundbreaking has already taken place but they have many needs. I will suggest one way we can help meet those needs at the August meeting. If you go to their website Stepupforsoldiers.org you can read about the Kramer House and their needs.

Labor Day is coming up in September; back to school is also going on. Be careful out there when driving and avoid those children. Have a safe last month or so of summer.

You Are Invited to Attend!

2014 WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial Service

Friday, Nov 7 at 10:00 am

US Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA

Invitation and Forms on page 20

FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Submarines are just boats that sink on purpose."



Book of Members Autobiography of the Quarter **Don't Make Us Write Your Story Like We Had to Write Dilbert's!**

Dilbert Kilroy TM3 (SS)

I was going to the drug store and went in the wrong door into the Navy recruiter. Before I could get out, I had joined the Navy. I was in Great Lakes for 6 months and went through boot camp three times. For some reason I had trouble marching in time with the others. Finally, I got out

of boot camp and went to Torpedoman A school. To my surprise I graduated top of the class and then was sent to sub School in New London. While at sub school, I accidentally set fire to the Escape Training Tower and was immediately transferred to the *USS Pickle (SS 69)* which was in the Philadelphia shipyard. I spent most of my time there wandering the base looking for a nosepiece for a water slug. Apparently they are in high demand and very hard to find. I would get there just after the last one had been picked up. On the boat I stood topside watch for 4 years. The worst was in January and February on the 00-0400 or the 0400-0800 watches. It was so cold I had 5 sets of foul weather gear on. Once I fell overboard into the Delaware and bobbed around for an hour before the oncoming watch pulled me out. Finally, the Captain had a guard shack moved on to the deck for the topside watches. It was so warm that the first night I had watch, I fell asleep and, when the Engineering Officer came on board at 0315, I was startled and accidentally shot him in the foot. He threw the guard shack overboard. I finally got qualified 4 days before my enlistment was up. My mother was worried that I would get seasick, but I never did. It might have been because we never went to sea.



Gems from Jim

Thought Provoking emails from Jim Brincefield



GOODBYE MOM

A young man shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around. If he stopped, she stopped. Furthermore she kept staring at him.



She finally overtook him at the checkout, and she turned to him and said, *"I hope I haven't made you feel ill at ease; it's just that you look so much like my late son."*

He answered, *"That's okay."*

She then said, *"I know it's silly, but if you'd call out 'Good bye, Mom' as I leave the store, it would make me feel so happy."*

She then went through the checkout, and as she was on her way out of the store, the man called out, *"Goodbye, Mom."*

The little old lady waved and smiled back at him.

Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his groceries.

"That comes to \$121.85," said the clerk.

"How come so much? I only bought 5 items."

The clerk replied, *"Yeah, but your Mother said you'd be paying for her things, too."*

Bet you thought this was going to be a tear jerker.

Don't trust Little Old Ladies!!!



BLESSED ARE THE CRACKED, FOR THEY ARE THE ONES WHO LET IN THE "LIGHT"!



THE SILENT SERVICE TV Series Now Available Free!

Thanks to the generosity of USSVI Northern VA Base member Ray Stone, the the 1957 and 1958 episodes of the TV series "The Silent Service" are available for downloading at this site www.olgoat.com. The Silent Service is a documentary styled anthology series about the U.S. Navy's submarine fleet and their missions during World War II and the Korean War. Every episode was fact based and the realism of the show was elevated by the use of actual combat footage from the files of the United States Navy. In addition to the episodes, Ray has included copies of the press kits that were issued to the stations along with the films. He also included episode summaries which are handy in preparing notices / programs for individual viewing. All episodes are in MP4 format. Ray suggests downloading to your device rather than trying to view online. Each episode is about 30 min. in length so consider that when trying to download.



Sailors from the amphibious transport dock ship USS Anchorage (LPD 23) and Navy divers assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EOD-MU) 11, Mobile Diving and Salvage Company 11-7, participate in the second underway recovery test for the NASA Orion Program. This is the second at-sea testing for the Orion crew module using a welldeck recovery method. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Corey Green

Coastal Carolina Base Member Birthdays

June Birthdays

Willy Allen

July Birthdays

Bill Schmauss, Larry Kostbade, John Williamson

August Birthdays

Michael King, Robert Liland, Frank Blackmon, Ron Willems, Emmett Redmon, Ron Bixby

A Very Happy Birthday & Many Returns!



The Ditty Bag

Contribute to the "Below Decks Watch" Newsletter

Some Sub Sailor is Bound to Have a Good Sea Story!

Please submit News, a Sea Story, Jokes (clean), cartoons, humorous anecdotes, alerts, local event notices, comments, Letters to the Editor, etc. by the end of February, May, August, or November to get your contribution in the next Quarter's Newsletter!

Submit to bunder343@aol.com

From the By-Laws

Article VII, Section 2: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The Board of Directors shall have the control and general management of the affairs and business of the Base.
- B. The Board of Directors will be comprised of the elected officers and the duly appointed officers of the Base.
- C. Each duly elected officer will have one vote; in the event of a tie vote the Base Commander's vote will carry the decision.
- D. The Base Board of Directors will develop an annual plan (calendar) and budget for the Base each October for the next fiscal year.
- E. The Board of Directors will submit the annual plan and budget to the Base membership for approval each November.

Belay That!

If you find errors in an issue of this Newsletter, please tell us about it! Send comments or clarifications to the email below and we will publish the corrections in the next issue.

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Please Attend!
CCB Meeting at Special Location
Saturday, August 16th
At Trinity United Methodist Church in
Southport at 10:30 am

Click Here for
Cool Video of the USS North Carolina SSN 777
Support for the UNC Tarheels in the Quicken
Loans Carrier Classic Shootout on Veterans Day
2011

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eEuRYbjGkGc>

The Coastal Carolina Base (CCB) of the North Carolina Submarine Veterans is a Duly Sanctioned Chapter of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., a 501 (c)(19) Charitable Veterans Organization



Name:	USS North Carolina
Namesake:	The State of North Carolina
Ordered:	30 September 1998
Builder:	Northrop Grumman Newport News
Laid down:	22 May 2004
Christened:	21 April 2007
Launched:	5 May 2007
Acquired:	21 February 2008
Commissioned:	3 May 2008
Homeport:	Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

General characteristics

Class & type:	Virginia-class submarine
Displacement:	7,800 tons
Length:	114.9 meters (377 feet)
Beam:	10.3 meters (34 feet)
Depth:	800 ft (244 m)
Propulsion:	S9G reactor
Speed:	25 knots (46 km/h)+
Range:	Essentially unlimited distance;
Complement:	134 officers and men
Armament:	12 × VLS (BGM-109 Tomahawk cruise missile) & 4 × 533mm torpedo tubes (Mk-48 torpedo)

USS North Carolina SSN 777



Construction in Newport News



Construction in Newport News



In Dry Dock



Periscope Monitor View of I 95 Bridge at New London



Control Room Monitors on SSN 777



Mooring along side USS Land (AS 39) in Guam



COASTAL CAROLINA BASE 2014 CALENDAR

Date	Day	Event
February 15, 2014	Sat	Valentines Day Dinner at Bonefish Grill
February 20, 2014	Thu	Regularly scheduled meeting at 1900 at First Baptist Church on Independence Blvd, Wilmington, NC
March 22, 2014	Sat	Pre-Azalea Festival meeting at 0900 at Peppercorns Food & Spirits at 2528 Castle Hayne Road, Wrightsboro, NC
April 10, 2014	Thu	Regional USSVI Convention hosted by Tarheel Base in Cary
April 12, 2014	Sat	Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington, NC and hosting District Meeting on the USS North Carolina (BB55)
May 26, 2014	Mon	Memorial Day Ceremony at the S-28 Monument followed by a Base Picnic
June 19, 2014	Thu	Regularly scheduled meeting at 1900 at First Baptist Church on Independence Blvd, Wilmington, NC
June 25, 2014	Wed	0745 Salute to the Flag at City Hall in Wilmington, NC, 102 N 3rd St, Wilmington, NC
July 4, 2014	Fri	Official North Carolina 4th of July Spectacular & Parade and Picnic at the Fletcher's Yacht in Deep Point Marina, 1301 Ferry Road, Southport, NC
July 12, 2014	Sat	Battleship USS North Carolina Legacy Series Tribute to the Submarine Service 0900 to 1600 hours
August 16, 2014	Sat	Regularly scheduled meeting in Southport at 1030 at the Trinity United Methodist Church at 209 E Nash Street, Southport, NC
September 1, 2014	Week	USSVI Golden Anniversary National Convention in San Francisco, California
September 13, 2014	Sat	Patriots Day Picnic at the S-28 Monument
October 12, 2014	Sun	Columbus Day Dinner at location to be determined
October 16, 2014	Thu	Regularly scheduled meeting at 1900 at First Baptist Church on Independence Blvd, Wilmington, NC
November 8, 2014	Sat	Veterans Day Parade in Jacksonville, NC
November 9, 2014	Sun	Veterans Day Celebration at the S-28 Monument followed by dinner
December 6, 2014	Sat	Oak Island Christmas Parade
December 7, 2014	Sun	Wilmington Holiday Parade - Possible Base Participation
December 13, 2014	Sat	Burgaw Christmas Parade - Possible Base Participation
December 20, 2014	Sat	Regularly scheduled meeting at 0900 at Golden Corral on New Centre Drive in Wilmington, NC



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Regular ☐ Life ☐ Associate ☐

OUR CREED: "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 & its Constitution."

With my signature below I affirm that I subscribe to the Creed of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., and agree to abide by the Constitution, all Bylaws, Regulations and Procedures governing the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., so long as they do not conflict with my military or civil obligations. I will furnish proof of my eligibility for Regular membership, including my discharge under honorable conditions, and proof of my U.S. Navy (SS) Designation, if required by the Base or the national Membership Chairman. If I am not discharged, the discharge requirement is waived. If I am not U.S. N. submarine qualified, I am applying as an Associate and my sponsor is indicated below.

☐ I certify that I was designated qualified in USN Submarines aboard _____ in _____ (Yr)
(Honorary designations regardless of source do not apply under any circumstances.)

☐ I certify that I received a discharge under Honorable Conditions (if not currently in military service) in _____ (Yr)

Name: (Print /Type) _____ **Address:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____ - _____ **Tel:** (____) _____ - _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

Your E-Mail Address _____ **Base/Chapter Desired:** _____

The Member Dues year runs from Jan 1st thru Dec 31st. Please indicate your term preference: _____
Nat'l Dues: 5 Yr term: \$ 90.00; 3 Yr term: \$ 55.00; 1 yr term (Jan thru Sep) \$ 20.00; (Oct thru Dec adds the next yr): \$ 25.00
Nat'l Life: 76+ yrs = \$100.00; 66 thru 75 yrs = \$200; 56 thru 65 yrs = \$ 300.00; 46 thru 55 = \$400.00; Thru 45 yrs = \$ 500.00
Local Base/chapter dues are separate and additional. \$10.00 per year for the Coastal Carolina Base.

How did you find USSVI? ☐ Friend, ☐ Boat Assn, ☐ Local Event/News, ☐ Internet, ☐ Other (_____)

Who is your sponsoring USSVI Regular Member?: (Mandatory for Assoc Mbrs) _____

Associate Applicant is: ☐ Veteran ☐ Spouse of Veteran ☐ Other (specify) _____

YOUR U.S. NAVY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Date Of Birth (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____ **If other military service, What Branch?** _____

Highest Rate & Rank Attained: _____ **Mil Retired (Y/N):** ____ **On Active Duty? (Y/N):** ____

YR entered Mil Service: ____ **YR left Mil Service** ____ (Active/Inactive reserve time also counts.)

Submarines and ships served aboard as ship's company (Use back if you need more space.)

1. _____	Hull# _____	From Yr. ____ to Yr. ____
2. _____	Hull# _____	From Yr. ____ to Yr. ____
3. _____	Hull# _____	From Yr. ____ to Yr. ____
4. _____	Hull# _____	From Yr. ____ to Yr. ____
5. _____	Hull# _____	From Yr. ____ to Yr. ____

Next of Kin: Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____ (Spouse, Partner, Son, Dau, Parent, Other)

Addr: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____ **Tel:** _____

(Leave this address line blank if the same as your home address)

Applicants on active duty are requested to provide a permanent home address.

**Upon completion, please deliver or mail your application with your check payable to
USSVI Coastal Carolina Base**

Mail to: Bill Underwood, 302 Tall Ships Lane, Hampstead, NC 28443



OFFICIAL BALLOT

INFORMATION REGARDING VOTING:

*The preferred voting method is on-line (<http://www.ussvi.org>, the third button down on the left.) This will be available starting June 1. Either paper or electronic, each member must complete **his own** ballot. Proxy voting (members casting ballots for other members) is not allowed. Members may assist other members in preparing their ballots, but the member must complete his paper ballot in his own hand.*

Proxy ballots will be rejected and your vote will not count.

Return this **paper ballot** by mail to the Election Master at the address below. I must receive your ballot no later than August 27, 2014, so get your ballot in the mail in time to reach me by that date.

Mail your ballot to me at:

Tom Conlon, PNC
USSVI Election Master
8 Davis Ave.
Harrison, NJ 07029

As specified in the USSVI Constitution:

- ❖ The term of office for all National officers will be two years or until a successor is elected.
- ❖ No individual shall serve more than two consecutive terms as National Commander.
- ❖ The term of office for a National elected officer will begin immediately after the annual business meeting.

The duties of the various Officers are specified in the USSVI Bylaws and are too detailed to list here. They may be read on the USSVI Web Page (www.ussvi.org.) Vote for only one candidate for each office. For Proposed Amendments, vote yes or no. The blank lines are for a write-in candidate.

2014 NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATES

NATIONAL COMMANDER

- ☐ Al Singleman, Albany-Saratoga Base
☐ Wayne Standerfer, Dallas Base
☐ _____

NATIONAL SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

- ☐ John Markiewicz, Cyberspace Base, First Coast Base
☐ _____

NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

- ☐ Bill Andrea, South Florida Base
☐ _____

NATIONAL SECRETARY

- ☐ Ken Recoy, Batfish Base
☐ Ray Wewers, Razorback Base
☐ _____

NATIONAL TREASURER

- ☐ Paul Hiser, Tarheel Base
☐ Byron Stratton, USS Oklahoma City Base
☐ _____

2014 REGIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

You may only vote for a Director from your own Region. Any other vote will be rejected.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR

- ☐ Mike Naughton, Capitol Base
☐ _____

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR

- ☐ Dick Kanning, Tarheel Base
☐ Brian Steffen, Palmetto Base
☐ _____

CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR

- ☐ Dave Farran, Iowa Base
☐ Jim Fox, Cowtown Base
☐ _____

WESTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR

- ☐ Bob Bissonnette, San Diego Base
☐ _____

Name: _____

Base: _____

NOTE: Your vote will not count without your name and Base name.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (PAs) TO THE USSVI CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(for each PA, vote either "for" the proposed change or "against" the change)

PA 2014-1

Changes National Conventions back to Annual, vice Biennial.
(Text on Page 26)

☐ FOR ☐ AGAINST

PA 2014-2

Changes Prerequisites for National Officers and Duties of National Senior Vice Commander
(Text on Page 26)

☐ FOR ☐ AGAINST

PA 2014-3

Updates duties of National Senior Vice Commander
(Text on Page 27)

☐ FOR ☐ AGAINST

PA 2014-4

Changes name of Disciplinary Committee to "Board of Inquiry"
(Text on Page 43)

☐ FOR ☐ AGAINST

PA 2014-5

Add Authority for Policy and Procedure Manual
(Text on Page 44)

☐ FOR ☐ AGAINST

PA 2014-9

Updates process for New Business at National General Business Meeting
(Text on Page 44)

☐ FOR ☐ AGAINST

(Tear out ballot page here)



05 August 2014

2014 SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WWII MEMORIAL INVITATION AND REGISTRATION

Dear WWII Submarine Veterans, Submarine Service Veterans, Family and Friends,

We are extremely pleased to provide the registration forms for the 2014 World War II Memorial Ceremony Week which will begin on Wednesday, November 5th and end on Sunday, the 9th of November. This year as is custom, the Memorial Service itself is on Friday morning November 7th at 10:00 am at the Submarine Veterans of WWII Pavilion onboard Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in front of the TRIDENT TRAINING FACILITY. You will find the other details on the enclosed registration forms which are being sent you by the Museum on behalf of the Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, the Kings Bay Chapter of USSVI and the Museum.

We have a few special additional activities planned this year for you along with our usual events/meals. The USS CLAMAGORE will be holding their reunion at the same time aboard the base, and will be joining us for the Memorial Ceremony. We will have two special presentations made, one to SUBGROUP TEN and one to CAPT Harvey Guffey for the Base. Additionally, Don Kerr, the author of the book '*Silent Strength*', will be attending the Memorial and will speak at the Museum and host hotel and we will also have a book signing. The Museum was one of the sponsors of this incredible book and tribute to the 129 men of the USS THRESHER, lost 51 years ago off the New England coast.

For those of you who have been steadfast supporters of the Museum, we are extremely grateful and thank you for that support. Last year, we did not do a very good job of planning and preparation and as a result many of you did not receive your membership cards that you were entitled to. I personally take full responsibility for that, and assure you that you will receive one in your packet this year when you check in, if you have paid for a membership on your registration. We have new software now installed on our Museum Computer Server for our membership database and we also have new laminated membership cards to replace our old ones that were hand written and that we simply ran out of. This year, for any of you who wish to make a tax deductible donation to the Museum, we will use those funds for our Scholarship program. One to continue the USSVI Scholarship in honor of John Crouse, and one through the Museum itself, to a Camden County High School Student in May of 2015.

We look forward to welcoming you back to our corner of this great country. We wish you all safe travels and please come hungry for some great bar-b-que, steak and low country boil. We look forward to sharing lots of sea stories and hosting a few beers!!

If we can be of assistance to you in any way before or after you arrive, please do not hesitate to contact the museum by phone or email, or anyone else listed below. We look forward to welcoming you back to Camden County in November!

Green Board!!

Keith

Keith F. Post, Executive Director



2014 Memorial Registration Information and Points of Contact

St Marys Submarine Museum	912-882-2782	gift_shop@tds.net
Museum Executive Director	Keith Post	keithpost@tds.net
SUBASE Command Master Chief	Randy Huckaba	randy.huckaba@navy.mil
USSVI Kings Bay Chapter	Sean Farrell	
Base Commander	912-409-9054	subvetskbay@yahoo.com

St. Marys Area Accommodations

Gateway Inn & Suites (On Base TVQ)	912-573-4871	www.dodlodging.net
Eagle Hammock RV Park (On Base)	912-673-1161	eaglehammock@tds.net
	800-818-1815	
Navy Lodge Kings Bay (On Base)	912-882-6868	800-NAVY-INN
Cumberland Inn & Suites (Host Hotel)	912-882-6250	www.cumberlandislandinn.com
	800-768-6250	
Riverview Hotel	912-882-3242	www.riverviewhotelstmarys.com

St. Marys Bed and Breakfasts

* Emma's Bed and Breakfast	(912) 882-4199
* The Spencer House	(912) 882-1872
The Goodbread House	(912) 882-7490

Note * - Members and supporters of the St. Marys Submarine Museum

Kingsland Hotels

Best Western Plus	(912) 882-8200
Comfort Inn	(912) 729-6979
Comfort Suites	(912) 576-7555
Country Hearth Inn	(912) 576-7958
Country Inn & Suites	(912) 576-1616
Days Inn	(912) 729-7666
Econo Lodge	(912) 673-7336
Fairfield Inn & Suites	(912) 576-1010
Hampton Inn	(912) 729-1900
Hawthorn Suites	(912) 882-4170
Hometown Suites	(912) 882-3004
Jameson Inn	(912) 729-9600
La Quinta Inn & Suites	(912) 882-8010
Magnolia Inn	(912) 576-4777
Microtel Inn & Suites	(912) 729-1555
Red Roof Inn	(912) 729-1130
Sleep Inn & Suites	(912) 673-7116
Springfield Inn & Suites	(912) 729-3000



2014 WWII SUBMARINE VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, November 5th – SUNDAY, November 9th, 2014

This is a Combined Pre-Registration Form & Subbase Privacy Act Release Form (PARF) for the 2014 WWII Memorial Service, Dinners, SSBN Tours & Subbase Access. This form in NO way guarantees an SSBN tour or access to Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base. **PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO ENTER THE SUBBASE AT ALL TIMES.** All guests must be United States Citizens.

Veteran and Guest Information

Veteran/Guest Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ - _____ - _____ (Home / Work / Cell) DofB Mo/Dy/Yr ____ / ____ / ____

Email Address: _____

Military Retired? Yes: _____ No: _____ USSVI Base: _____

Holland Club Mber? Yes: _____ No: _____ Highest Military Rank: _____

1st Boat "SS" Qualified On: USS _____ Year: _____

USSVI Positions Held: _____

WWII Veterans - Pearl Harbor Survivor: _____ WWII POW: _____ WWII Sub CO: _____

WWII National Positions Held: _____

Guest Names: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

(5) _____

Note - PLEASE list all Guests attending with you - Use use additional sheet if necessary

**** IMPORTANT NOTE – 2014 REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST!! ** Please, Register early! ****



2014 WWII SUBMARINE VETERANS MEMORIAL REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, November 5th – SUNDAY, November 9th

WWII Submarine "War Patrol" Veterans Only: This year we again honor our WWII War Patrol Veterans and Submariners. Your Registration Fees and Meals are complementary. All you are responsible for is your hotel expenses and transportation.

WWII VETERAN NAME: _____

Please check all events that you will be attending so we have an accurate head count:

_____ BBQ _____ Steak Night _____ Memorial Ceremony _____ Eagles

This section is for all other Submarine Veterans and all Other Guests:**REGISTRATION FEE: \$17 EACH**

Number of Guests: _____ # _____ @ \$17 x Person \$ _____

Thursday, November 6th – BBQ Dinner:

Local Officials Meet and Greet Evening @ Cumberland Inn & Suites # _____ @ \$15 x Person \$ _____

Friday, November 7th – Steak Night:

Come Join Us @ The Goat Locker on Base for Steak Night # _____ @ \$20 x Person \$ _____

Saturday, November 8th – Order of Eagles – Low Country Boil –

Always a Good Time with the Eagles \$ FREE - Donations Are Accepted

St. Marys Submarine Museum Membership:

Circle: NEW / RENEW Check One: INDIVIDUAL \$20 _____ FAMILY \$30 _____ \$ _____

Donation to St. Marys Submarine Museum:This year we ask for your support of our Scholarship Fund \$ _____
(Your donation is tax deductible)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Submarine Tour Information***Please make checks payable to and mail completed forms to:**

Please place #'s 1 thru 5 in order of preference for tour time

St. Marys Submarine Museum

Wednesday AM _____ PM _____

ATTN: 2014 WWII Memorial

Thursday AM _____ PM _____

Post Office Box #5640

Friday (Ceremony) PM _____

St. Marys, GA 31558-5640

Individuals with Boat Tours scheduled for **Wednesday, November 5th** will be called and notified by a Museum Staff Member to ensure you arrive in Camden County on time for your scheduled tour. All other tour times will be in your respective packets upon picking up Registration Packet at Museum or Host Hotel upon arrival. A list of tours will also be available at the host hotel.

***Please note that ALL boat tours are subject to change/cancellation at any point. Registration does NOT guarantee any tours.**

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***U.S. Navy SEALs and divers swim back
to the NBK Bangor homeported
guided-missile submarine USS Michigan (SSGN 727)
during an exercise for certification on SEAL delivery vehicle
operations in the Pacific Ocean.***