



# The Below Decks Watch

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

# Happy 2014!

## 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.



*Fellow Coastal Carolina Submarine Veterans, we are off to a good start for 2014. Last year we took on the challenge of designing and building our own parade float to raise awareness of the Submarine Service.*

*The float was a big hit in its debut at the Official North Carolina Fourth of July Festival in Southport. Those of us who rode the float in Southport and in the Oak Island Christmas parade were rewarded with a tremendous outpouring of admiration, respect and gratitude for our service. It's an unbelievable experience, especially for those of us from the Vietnam era. Be sure to ride the float this year.*

*You deserve that positive feedback!*



*We also sponsored our first Charity Golf Tournament. The golf tourney turned out to be a major fundraiser for the Base. However, we need much more Base Member participation this year to continue the success. Volunteer!*

*Last year we also initiated our Base Newsletter, "The Below Decks Watch". It has been a successful vehicle of communication, but it could be so much more with your participation. In 2014, please contribute your news, humor, sea stories and suggestions to the Newsletter to make it better!*

## Qualified in U.S. Submarines?

*You are welcome to attend our meetings and join our Base! Meeting Dates and Locations in Calendar on page 27 Bring your spouse!*

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**on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu or Sat of the Month**  
**See Base Calendar on Page 24 for**  
**More Details and Special Meetings**



## Base Commander's Corner

By Charlie Backes

An old saying has it that during spring a young mans's fancy turns to love and baseball. What about an old submarine sailor? Here are a few things this submarine sailor's fancy turns to: membership, Azalea Festival Parade, and Step up for Soldiers Mud Run.

First membership: we have added a few new members and many of you have paid your 2014 dues, but some have not. If you want to stay with us--we would like you to stay--please pay your dues for 2014. Send them to Butterbean or Terry. Their contact information is in this newsletter.

The Azalea Festival is scheduled for April 11-13 this year with the parade taking place on the 12th. Plans are to include two riding floats, our submarine and the Mk 14 torpedo float that has been used in the past. Both of these will be big attention getters and we are hoping for a good turnout by our folks to ride them. Some have expressed the desire to walk the route, for what reason I do not know, but they will be afforded the opportunity.

Be sure to wear your vest. We would also like our members to wear red shirts. They can be obtained from our merchandise web site:

[www.subvetsonline.com](http://www.subvetsonline.com). Tom McFadden, a member of CCB, has a company that does shirts, jackets, hats and the like on this web site. Help him and our base by buying you shirt there. Tom rebates the base a small amount of the cost of the items. For that we are thankful.

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**Want this Cup?**  
**Attend a Base Meeting**  
**and buy raffle tickets**

One cup raffled at each meeting

Proceeds support CCB activities and projects.



**Base Gear**  
**Available**

**[Story on Page 11](#)**



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

Forms available at meetings and at the following link:

**<https://edmv.ncdot.gov/VehicleRegistration/SpecialPlate/Detail?PlateID=21#term=>**





## From The Vice Commander

By Jerry Hawks



Fellow Submarines, this article is a call to action for the many of you who think well of our organization and intend to participate but fail to act on your good intentions. We are already through the first quarter of

2014. April is a time of new beginnings so let's pledge to attend and participate in the many worthwhile meetings and activities the Base initiates. We need your input! Let us know what works for you as far as convenient meeting times. Our breakfast meetings seem to have the greatest attendance but a varied schedule is possible. We discuss important activities and share information at these meetings. Let us count you present at our Base meetings and recruit a new member to join you.

History Awareness of our submariners is important. The Azalea parade on April 12th is a great way of showing pride in our organization. Our two floats featuring the torpedo and the model submarine can accommodate 32 riders. Call or email to commit to riding one of the floats. Last year we were greeted with applause and standing ovations in appreciation of our service. It stirred a lot of emotions in us all.

Our first annual golf tournament was our biggest fund raiser last year. Let's double that donation to the Step Up For Soldiers with your help we'll reach that goal with our second tournament.

The USS NC is a great place for a picnic. We have had some interest in organizing a Memorial Day Picnic for our Base at the Battleship Park. Again we need your input. Please call our Commander or Vice Commander and respond to these requests for participation.

- 1 - Membership drive for meetings.
- 2 - Azalea Parade float riders.
- 3 - 2nd/ Annual Golf Tournament.
- 4 - Memorial Day Picnic

Show your pride as a U.S. Submariner!

**Remember underway with 4 on 8 off or 6 on 12 off (I know some were star-board & larboard, 6/6). Looks like the Sub Fleet may go to 8 and 16.....**

**8-hour watches - Sub Tests 24-Hour Watchbill  
- Crew Liked Routine and More Sleep  
Meghann Myers, Navy Times, Feb 1**

The submarine force has long resisted 24-hour watchbills during deployments, but the skipper of the first sub to test them said they yielded better sleep and more alert watchstanders than the standard 18-hour rotation. The Los Angeles-class attack submarine Scranton returned from a seven-month deployment in January, the first sub to try out a new schedule of eight-hour watches spread throughout a 24-hour day, rather than the old six-hour shifts.

More time to sleep was an obvious perk, Scranton's commanding officer, Cmdr. Seth Burton told Navy Times, but it was really the extra downtime that led to the biggest improvements in his sailors' performance and well-being.

"Unless you've lived it, you don't really understand it, but the 16 hours between watches is a huge difference from 12 hours between watches," Burton said in a Jan. 21 phone interview. "They were able to do all their professional duties, and then get a lot of PT in, which was great for their physical conditioning. And that helps for their mental health and everything else."

The Navy has been studying human performance for decades, trying to figure out the best way to combat fatigue and diminished alertness while keeping up round-the-clock watches. Burton said he had been involved with several experiments over the last decade under the direction of the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory in Groton, Conn., leading up to the Navy's 2012 decision to allow 24-hour watchbills for submarines, which are in tune with the

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## 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 12](#)). **Please get your write up in to Charlie so we don't have to write these for you!**

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## Tolling of the Boats

At Each Base Meeting We Honor the U.S. Submarines and Crews that were Lost at Sea  
Following are the Submarines Honored in the First Quarter

Boats Lost in January	
<b>USS Scorpion (SS-278)</b> Lost on January 5, 1944 with the loss of 77 officers and men in the East China Sea, on her 4th war patrol. It is assumed she was sunk by a mine.	
<b>USS Argonaut (SS-166)</b> Lost on January 10, 1943 with the loss of 105 officers and men off Rabaul, on her 3rd war patrol. While attacking a convoy she torpedoed a Japanese destroyer, who along with 2 other destroyers depth charged her. As she tried to surface, the destroyers sunk her by gun fire.	
<b>USS Swordfish (SS-193)</b> Lost on January 12, 1945 with the loss of 83 officers and men somewhere near Okinawa, on her 13th war patrol. Probably was lost to a mine.	
<b>USS S-36 (SS-141)</b> Lost on January 20, 1942 with no loss of life on her 2nd war patrol. She ran hard aground on a reef and radioed for help. The entire crew was rescued by a Dutch ship after they scuttled her	
<b>USS S-26 (SS-131)</b> Lost on January 24, 1942 with the loss of 46 officers and men in the Gulf of Panama, on her 2nd war patrol. She was accidentally rammed by the USS Sturdy (PC-460) and sunk within seconds. The CO, XO and one lookout on the bridge, were the only survivors.	
Boats Lost in February	
<b>USS Barbel (SS-316)</b> Lost on February 4, 1945 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 3rd war patrol. Based on Japanese records, she was bombed near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage. The day before, she reported she survived 3 depth charge attacks.	
<b>USS Shark I (SS-174)</b> Lost on February 11, 1942 with the loss of 59 officers and men on her 1st war patrol. Shark was the 1st US submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific. She was most likely sunk by depth charges.	
<b>USS Amberjack (SS-219)</b> Lost on February 16, 1943 with the loss of 72 officers and men on her 3rd war patrol. Off Rabaul, she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane, attacked by a torpedo boat and then depth charged by a subchaser.	
<b>USS Grayback (SS-208)</b> Lost on February 27, 1944 with the loss of 80 officers and men on her 10th war patrol. She appears to have been caught on the surface in the East China Sea by a Japanese carrier plane whose bombs made a direct hit. During this patrol she sank 4 ships totaling 21,594 tons and was tied for 11th in the number of ships sunk.	
<b>USS Trout (SS-202)</b> Lost on February 29, 1944 with the loss of 79 officers and men on her 11th war patrol. She was sunk by escorts in the middle of the Philippines Basin after sinking a passenger-cargoman and damaging another in a convoy. She carried out several notable special missions, including carrying over two tons of gold bullion out of Corregidor in February 1942.	



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<p><b>USS Perch (SS-176)</b> Lost on March 3, 1942 near Java with no immediate loss of life, while on her 1st war patrol. She survived 2 severe depth chargings in less than 200 feet of water by 3 Japanese destroyers. The crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 61 officers and men taken prisoner, 53 survived the war.</p>	
<p><b>USS Grampus (SS-207)</b> Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 72 officers and men, on her 6th war patrol. She was lost in Vella Gulf, sunk after engaging 2 Japanese Destroyers.</p>	
<p><b>USS H-1 (SS-28)</b> Lost on March 12, 1920 with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to shore after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. Vestal (AR-4) pulled H-1 off the rocks in the morning of 24 March, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water. She was originally named the USS Seawolf before becoming H-1.</p>	
<p><b>USS Triton (SS-201)</b> Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men. She was sunk north of the Admiralty Islands during a fight with 3 Japanese Destroyers. Triton was the 1st boat to engage the enemy in December 1941 off Wake Island, sinking 9 ships, 1 submarine and a destroyer.</p>	
<p><b>USS Kete (SS-369)</b> Lost on March 20, 1945 with the loss of 87 officers and men at the end of her 2nd war patrol. Probably sunk near Okinawa, by a Japanese submarine that itself was subsequently lost.</p>	
<p><b>USS F-4 (SS-23)</b> Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men. She foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu when acid corrosion of the lead lining of the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. F-4 was the first commissioned submarine of the U.S. Navy to be lost at sea. She was raised in August 1915.</p>	
<p><b>USS Tullibee (SS-284)</b> Lost on March 26, 1944 with the loss of 79 officers and men, on her 4th war patrol. It's believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner</p>	
<p><b>USS Trigger (SS-237)</b> Lost on March 26, 1945 with the loss of 91 officers and men, on her 12th war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft. Trigger ranked 7th in total tonnage sunk and tied for 8th in number of ships sunk.</p>	





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Step up for Soldiers is having their spring Mud Run on April 19 at the course by the airport. If you would like to help out contact Tom Russell at his web site. More information about the Combat Mud Run is to the right>.

Also on my plate is the annual district meeting which will be held in Cary, NC this year. Because of other commitments I will only be able to go up for the main meeting, but they have several nice events planned during the week.

Let me put in a plug for two local restaurants. The first is the Peppercorn Wine & Spirits which is run by Ron Bixby who is a member of our base. He has been generous in making his place available to us for meetings plus providing wonderful breakfasts.

The other place is the Bonefish Grill. There were several submarines named bonefish and recently I presented the local Bonefish Grill with a picture remembering the one lost during



WWII. It hangs on the wall near the entrance to the restaurant. The food is great there too.

April starts the second year of a two year term for me as Base Commander; it will also be my last in that position. Someone else will have to step up and take this leadership position. You have about nine or ten months to think about it.



<http://www.stepupforsoldiers.org/combattmudrunfull>

**DATE:** Saturday, April 19, 2014

**TYPE OF RACE:** Mud Run with Obstacles!

**DIVISIONS:** *5K:* 5K course with obstacles and of course, mud! *Meat Head Mile:* This is the 5K course with a one mile extension offering an extra challenge for more serious competitors or the person who likes to punish themselves.

**SCHEDULE:** 8:30am-10:30am:

Meathead Mile competitors 10:30am-12:30pm:

5K competitors

You will be asked to select a Start Time during the registration process. This is for a guide only so all participants do not arrive at the exact same time. We will post Start Times on the Step-Up webpage Thursday, April 17.

**LOCATION:** National Guard, 2412 Infantry Road  
Wilmington, NC 28405

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Run, jump, and crawl through obstacles and mud.



The course includes:

Trail Running

4', 6', and 8' Walls

Mud Crawls

Mud Walk

Swamp Run

Tire Climb

Fallen Trees

Culvert Crawl

16 Foot Long Bungee Hall Way Obstacle

8 ft and 12 ft Reverse Climbing Wall

12 ft Four Station Rope Climb

Chin Up Station

Push Up Station

Monkey Bars



**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.



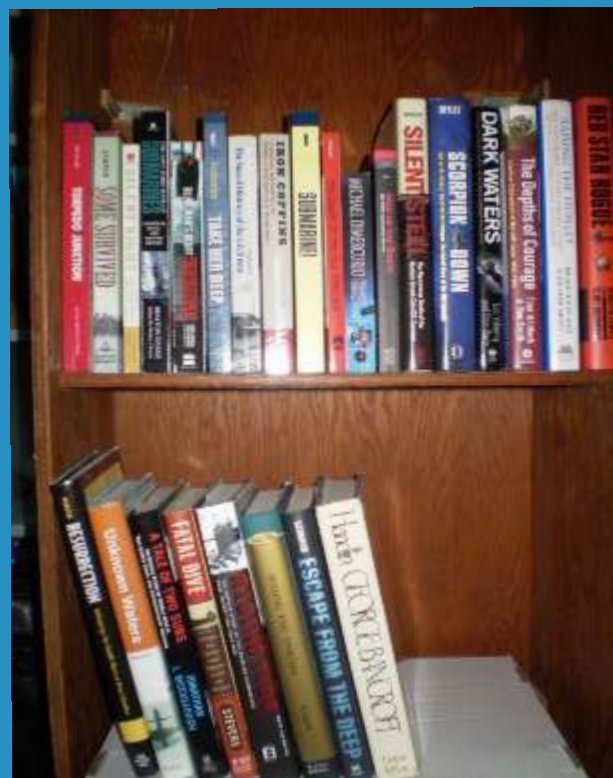
## Significant Donation to CCB Library

The Coastal Carolina Base Library grew significantly with the generous donation of 25 books by USSVI Life Member, Bob Montore. Bob contacted us after reading in one of our Newsletters about the establishment of the Base Library.

The books Bob donated are all in very good condition, cover a wide range of interests to fellow submariners, and were well organized and categorized as seen below.

Bob, we deeply appreciate your donation and sincerely hope you will be able to join our Base in the near future.

Members, please follow Bob's lead and contribute to our Base Library. Any Member can check out books by contacting Brian Craig at [brcraignc@gmail.com](mailto:brcraignc@gmail.com).



No.	TITLE	AUTHOR(S)	Fiction or Non-Fiction	COPYRIGHT DATE	HARDCOVER OR SOFT
1	Escape From the Deep [USS Yang]	Alan 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	Fleet Whitlock 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. L.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 Gronium]	Peter F. Stevens	NF	2012	H
18	Pirana: 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 Polmar	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





## Chaplain's Corner

By Bill (Butterbean) Dixon



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### YOU

Genesis 48 vs 21: And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die, **but God shall be with you.**  
If God was with Joseph, this also implies he will be with us.

Ruth 2 vs 4: And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers. **The LORD be with you.** And they answered him. The LORD bless thee.

1 Chronicles 22 vs 18: **Is not the LORD your God with you? And hath he not given you rest on every side?**

2 Chronicles 15 vs 2: And he (Azariah a prophet) went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. **The LORD is with you**, while ye be with him, and if ye seek him, he will be found of you, but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

Jeremiah 18 vs 6: O house of Israel, **cannot I do with you as this potter**, saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand,  
O house of Israel.

Jeremiah 42 vs 11: Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid, be not afraid of him, saith the LORD, **For I am with you to save you**, and to deliver you from his hand.

Haggai 1 vs 13: Then speak Haggai the LORD'S messenger ion the LORD'S message into the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD.

Haggai 2 vs 4: Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD, and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest, and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work **for I am with you**, saith the LORD of hosts.

Zechariah 8 vs 23: Thus saith the LORD of hosts. In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying.

We will go with you, **for we have heard that God is with you.**

## 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.*





## ***Ever A Submariner***

Written By: Jody Wayne Durham, MM2/SS, USS Los Angeles (SSN-688), '85 – '88

I liked popping the hatch at the top of the sail at sunrise and being the first to savor the scent of fresh air for the first time in 8 weeks... watching dolphins race in the bow wave on the way back home to Pearl... the tear-drop hull of the boat beneath me silently slicing through the sea.

I liked the sounds of the submarine service – the ascending whine of the dive alarm sounding, and the haunting echos of "Cayooogah, cayooogah... Dive! Dive!" from the boats yesteryear, the gruff voice of a Chief headed aft... "Down ladder; Make a Hole!", the indescribable creaking sound of hull-steel compressing at depths that remain classified to this day.

I was impressed with Navy vessels – bracketed in the aperture of Periscope #2, the crosshairs gently rising and falling across their silhouette on the horizon, while obtaining range, bearing and angle off the bow.

I liked the names of proud boats of every class, from the "pig boats" of WWI to the sea creatures of WWII, like Barbel, Dorado, Shark and Seawolf, and the Cold War boats that bore with honor the names of these and 48 others that are "Still on Patrol." Boats honoring national heroes, statesmen and presidents: Washington, Madison, Franklin and more. Whole classes of boats honoring cities and states: Los Angeles, Ohio and Virginia.

I liked the tempo of opposed piston diesels and the "pop" in your ears when equalizing to atmospheric when the head valve first opens to ventilate and snorkel. I miss the "thrill" of riding an emergency blow from test depth to the top at a nice steep bubble.

I enjoyed seeing places I'd only dreamed of, and some of which I'd heard from my grandfather who had seen them under very different circumstances and conditions... places like Pearl Harbor, Guam, Truk Island and Subic and Tokyo Bays.

I admired the teamwork of loading ships stores, the "brow-brigade" from pier to boat, and lowering them vertically through a 24" hatch to the galley below. I relished the competition of seeing who could correctly guess how many days underway before the fresh eggs and milk ran out and powder prevailed upon us henceforth.

I loved my "brothers," each and every one, whether their dolphins were gold or silver and regardless of rate or rank. We shared experiences that bonded us evermore, and knew each other's joys, pains, strengths and weaknesses. We listened to and looked out for each other. We shared precious little space in which to live and move and work, and we breathed, quite literally, the same recycled air.

After weeks in cramped quarters, my heart leapt at the command, "Close All Main Vents; Commence Low Pressure Blow; Prepare to Surface; Set the Maneuvering Watch." When safely secured along the pier, the scent of my sweetheart's hair evaporated the staleness emanating from my dungarees.

Exhausting though it was, I even liked the adrenaline rush of endless drills, and the comfort in the knowledge that any dolphin-wearing brother had cross-trained just like I had... not only on basic damage control, but to the point of having a basic working knowledge of every system on the boat, such that when real emergencies inevitably arose, the response was so automatic and efficient they were almost anti-climactic.

I liked the eerie sounds of "biologics" through the sonar headphones, the strange songs of the sea in the eternal night below the surface of the deep blue seas.

I liked the darkness – control room rigged for red or black, the only illumination that of the back-lights compass and gauges of the helm and myriad of buttons and indicator lights across the BCP. I liked the gentle green glow of the station screens in the Sonar Shack and Fire Control. I grew to like coffee, the only way to stay awake in the numbing darkness of the Control Room with the constant rocking of the boat during countless hours at periscope depth.



I liked "sliders" and "lumpia" and pizza at "Mid-rats" at the relieving of the watch. I liked the secure and cozy feeling of my rack, my humble little "den," even when it was still warm from the body-heat of the guy who just relieved me of the watch.

I liked the controlled chaos of the Control Room, with the Officer of the Deck, Diving Officer and Chief of the Watch receiving and repeating orders; the sound of Sonar reporting: "Con-Sonar: New Contact, submerged, designated: Sierra 1, bearing: 0-1-0, range: 1-0-0-0 yards, heading 3-5-0, speed: 1-5 knots, depth: 4-0-0'."

I liked the rush of "Man Battlestations; Rig for Quiet" announced over the 1MC, and the "outside of my rate" role I played as CEP plotter during war games, and later... SpecOps - the window to another world that I was allowed to peer through... the tactics, stealth and tenacity of our Captain making prompt and purposeful decisions to see us safely and successfully through the mission.

I appreciated the fact that I was a 19 year old kid, entrusted with operating some of the most sophisticated equipment in the entire world, and the challenge of doing those tasks in a 33' x 360' steel tube, several hundred feet below the surface, in potentially hostile waters.

I admired the traditions of the Silent Service, of Men of Iron in Boats of Steel, where you were just a NUB until you were "Qualified" and had EARNED the respect of the Officers and crew. I revered past heroes like inventor John Philip Holland and innovator Hyman G. Rickover. Such men and those that followed, both Officer and Enlisted, set precedents to follow, standards to uphold, and examples of bravery and self-sacrifice like the world has seldom seen. We were taught to honor these traditions. Somewhere far below the ocean's surface, I became a man... and not just any man. I became... a Submariner.

Decades now have come and gone since last I went to sea. The years have a way of dimming things, like looking at the past through a smoky mirror. I went, as many others, my separate way... raised a family, and moved on... but a part of me, my Sailor's Soul, will always be underway... somewhere... in the darkness, in the deep, making turns for twenty knots and a pushing a hole through the water.

### ***Brings Back Memories?***

***Perhaps you can use this line of thought to write your own memories for the CCB Book of Members***



### ***USS Miami SSN 755***

KITTERY, Maine — A ceremony was held Mar 27, 2014 (Thursday) at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to formally de



commission the USS Miami submarine, which sustained hundreds of millions of dollars in damage as the result of arson in May 2012.

There has been speculation in some quarters that USS Miami should be added to the USSVI Tolling Ceremony as a lost boat, but this is not the case. A submarine has to be lost at sea to be considered a lost boat.

A submarine decommissioned pier-side is never considered to be a lost boat, regardless of the reason for the decommissioning.

## ***The Cycle of SUCCESS***

*At age 4 success is - Not pi\*\*ing in your pants.*

*At age 12 success is - Having friends.*

*At age 17 success is - Having a driver's license.*

*At age 35 success is - Having money.*

*At age 50 success is - Having money....*

*At age 70 success is - Having a drivers license.*

*At age 75 success is - Having friends.*

*At age 80 success is - Not pi\*\*ing in your pants.*





## Base Hats and Shirt

### Available

Our Base Parade Float debut at the North Carolina 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.subvetsonline.com)

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



## VETERAN DESIGNATION ON NC DRIVERS LICENSES

From Jerry Leppart, Coastal Carolina Base Member

Hello Subvets, the implementation of a "TEMPORARY" Veterans designation for your Drivers License happened Monday, 10/7/13. I stopped by one of the local Drivers License spots in Raleigh on Tuesday. Those folks didn't seem to know a whole lot about it and referred me to the main DMV office in downtown Raleigh. I stopped there today and was referred to a "Hearing Officer" who didn't know a whole lot about it but she took my name and cell number and said she would research it...I didn't hold a lot of hope. She proved me wrong as she called me a couple hours later...so here's what I found out...

If you go to renew or replace your current license, a "TEMPORARY" sticker will be placed on the back of the license. You must "REQUEST" the Vet designation and MUST prove you're a Vet by showing your DD214 and you must have been HONORABLY DISCHARGED. Bear in mind, you won't get your new or replacement license immediately, thus the "REQUEST." Remember DMV now mails your license to you which you should receive within 2 weeks of the time you submit your request for replacement or renewal. If you're only replacing your license, there's a \$10.00 fee. She didn't know if there's a fee for a renewal license...thought it was free...Imagine that. Didn't know what the PERMANENT Vet designation would look like and that won't be implemented until the Jan / Feb 2014 timeframe.

**REMEMBER, DD214 is a MUST.**



## ***Parking Lot Safety - A word to the wise!***

I locked my car. As I walked away I heard my car door unlock. I went back and locked my car again three times. Each time, as soon as I started to walk away, I would hear it unlock again!! Naturally alarmed, I looked around and there were two guys sitting in a car in the fire lane next to the store. They were obviously watching me intently, and there was no doubt they were somehow involved in this very weird situation. I quickly chucked the errand I was on, jumped in my car and sped away. I went straight to the police station, told them what had happened, and found out I was part of a new, and very successful, scheme being used to gain entry into cars. Two weeks later, my friend's son had a similar happening.

While traveling, my friend's son stopped at a roadside rest to use the bathroom. When he came out to his car less than 4-5 minutes later, someone had gotten into his car and stolen his cell phone, laptop computer, GPS navigator, briefcase.....you name it. He called the police and since there were no signs of his car being broken into, the police told him he had been a victim of the latest robbery tactic -- there is a device that robbers are using now to clone your security code when you lock your doors on your car using your key-chain locking device.

They sit a distance away and watch for their next victim. They know you are going inside of the store, restaurant, or bathroom and that they now have a few minutes to steal and run. The police officer said to manually lock your car door-by hitting the lock button inside the car -- that way if there is someone sitting in a parking lot watching for their next victim, it will not be you.

When you hit the lock button on your car upon exiting, it does not send the security code, but if you walk away and use the door lock on your key chain, it sends the code through the airwaves where it can be instantly stolen.



### **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.**





## Coastal Carolina Base Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2014

**Location:** Peppercorns Food & Spirits, 2582 Castle Hayne Rd, Wrightsboro, NC

### Coastal Carolina Base Special Meeting

**When:** March 22, 2014, at 0900

**Location:** Peppercorns Food & Spirits, Castle Hayne Rd, Wrightsboro, North Carolina

**Call to order:** Base Commander Charlie Backes called the Meeting to order at 0925.

**Attendees:** Charlie Backes (Base Commander), Jerry Hawks (Base Vice Commander), Butterbean (Base Chaplain), Bill Underwood (Base Secretary), George Depta, Richard Schrum, Chuck Fletcher and wife Joy, John Williamson, Ron Bixby, Tom McFadden, Gerry Rowe, John Norowski, and his wife Peggy, Jim Brincefield, Bill Lowe, Tim Dolan, Bob Govern, potential new member Elmer Norwood and his wife Mary and guest Peter Morgestern.

**Purpose:** Commander Backes reminded attendees that the primary purpose of this special meeting is to discuss plans for the Azalea Festival Parade and District Subvet Meeting coming up on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Invocation:** Butterbean gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Commander Backes led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Introductions:** Each attendee introduced themselves giving their name, qualification boat and boasts served on.

**Recognition of World War II Submarine Veterans in Attendance:** There were no World War II Submarine Veterans in attendance.

**Approval of the Minutes from the October 17, 2013 meeting:**

**MOTION:** Butterbean offered a MOTION to accept the published Minutes of the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting as written and dispense with the reading of those minutes. Jim Brincefield SECONDED the MOTION and the MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote of the

attendees and the reading of the Minutes was dispensed.

**Bills, Receipts and Communications:** None presented.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurers Report indicated the beginning balance for the Period was \$1,354.59 and the ending balance for the Period was \$1,508.48.

### *Treasurers Report 12/19/2013 through 03/22/2014*

**Beginning Balance 12/19/2013** \$1,508.48

#### **Income:**

Dues	\$ 110.00
National Dues	\$ 320.00
Raffle income	\$ 35.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ 465.00</b>

#### **Expenditures**

USSVI National Dues	\$320.00
Jim Brincefield, Southport tolls	\$ 15.00
Charlie Backes, Azalea Parade Fee	\$ 25.00
Steve Bell, Sailor of the Year	\$ 50.00
Charlie Backes, Postage	\$ 5.28
Bill Underwood, Newsletter mailing	\$ 87.87
Steve Bell, SOY Sent twice by mistake	\$ 50.00
<b>Total all expenses</b>	<b>\$553.15</b>

<b>Reconciled</b>	12/19/13 Cash on hand	\$1,508.48
	Deposits	<u>\$465.00</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,973.48</b>
	Less expenditures	(\$553.15)
	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$1,420.33</b>

Reserved Funds	(\$50.00)
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$1,370.33</b>

Base Dues Still Owed	\$ 50.00
Base Dues if 6 member rejoin	\$ 60.00

**2014 Budget:** Copy of the [Draft 2014 CCB Budget is attached on page 29](#). The Treasurer submitted the following comments regarding the 2014 CCB Budget:

“We expect income from Base dues to be \$510.00, National Dues of \$650.00, Storekeeper sales conservatively



## Coastal Carolina Base Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2014

### Continued

at \$25.00 and Raffle income of \$180.00 for a total of \$1,365.00. All national dues collected get paid straight to National Base (\$650.00). We donated \$50.00 to the Sailor of the Year program, gave \$100.00 to the State Subvets parade trailer fund, spent just under \$300.00 on the Base newsletter printing and mailing (this includes reimbursements to Tarheel base for mailing copies of the NC Subvet Newsletter to our members). We paid under \$50.00 on advertisement (principally ads in the National convention magazine, etc. and just under \$100.00 on parade entry fees, travel, etc. I added a parade float maintenance and improvement line item of \$100.00. This leaves a net positive budget of \$15.00. Almost an expenditures beyond this budget will require greater income from dues, raffles, and sales or passing the hat. Respectfully submitted by Terry Kuhn, Treasurer”.

Charlie brought up the potential of raising funds for the base by sponsoring another Golf Tournament in 2014. In 2013 we cleared about \$1,300 after splitting the proceeds with Step-up-for-Soldiers.

#### **Regional Convention in Raleigh April 7-10 2014:**

Butterbean reminded the attendees about the upcoming Regional Convention in Raleigh April 7- 10. BB asked that CCB Members at least come to the Dinner Banquet on Thursday evening, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Admiral Al Kaminski will speak at the Dinner. The event is always a lot of fun. He said that CCB Members interested in attending should get their applications ([attached on page 30](#)) in soon because over 70 subvets have registered from all over the southeast. [A partial list of subvets registered to attend is on page 32.](#) Check it out. There is probably someone you know on the list.

**CCB and USSVI Dues:** Butterbean encouraged members to pay their dues. Paying dues will help build our bank account from our expenditures building the float.

**2014 Azalea Festival Parade:** The Azalea Festival Parade is on Saturday morning, April 12<sup>th</sup> this year. Commander Backes reported that he inventoried the parade float materials and noticed that one of the magnetic signs for the trucks towing the floats was missing. Tom McFadden is going to go through the materials again to see if

he can find the missing sign. Charlie also mentioned that he had found an S-28 flag that he wants to fly on the float along with the U.S. Flag, the N.C. Flag and the Navy Flag. Bill Lowe informed Charlie that the Chaplain of the Tarheel Base is looking for the S-28 flag. He said it was a very old flag that should be cared for. Butterbean added that the Chaplain was aware that the Coastal Carolina Base had the S-28 Flag.

Charlie informed attendees that Richard Schrum has volunteered his trailer again this year to carry the submarine centerpiece in the parade. **He asked for a volunteer with a truck to pick up the trailer from Richard's barn in Richlands and bring it to store in Charlie's driveway while being outfitted for the parade. He said we also need a volunteer, perhaps the same volunteer with a pickup, to move the submarine centerpiece from Tom McFadden's house on Carolina Beach to Charlie's driveway for assembly with the trailer.**

A group of CCB Members from the Raleigh area will bring down the Torpedo Float as well for the parade. Vice Commander Jerry Hawks will research discounted hotel rooms for the out-of-towner's for night before the parade. He will send the information to Jerry Leppart.

Charlie also informed attendees that the group would **assemble in the Battleship Parking Lot at 6:30 am on Saturday, April 12 to make final preparation to the floats and take seats on the float for the parade.**

**2014 District Submarine Veterans Meeting:** The Spring District Submarine Veterans Meeting will take place on the Battleship North Carolina following the Azalea Festival Parade.

**Memorial Day Celebration & Picnic:** Commander Charlie proposed having a Memorial Day Ceremony followed by a picnic at the S-28 Memorial in Wilmington on May 26, 2014. Bill Lowe brought up that several Members are planning to attend the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC on that day. John Williamson suggested we publicize the ceremony and invite Veterans and Active duty military to come to the ceremony. Tim Dolan volunteered to check with the Battleship coordinators to see if





## Coastal Carolina Base Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2014 Continued

there is another Memorial Day Celebration already planned for that day at the Battleship. According to the Battleship's website, they plan the following celebration on Memorial Day:

*On Memorial Day, May 26, 2014, at 5:45 pm, people of all generations from across the State will gather together on the deck of the Battleship to pay their respects. An emotional ceremony, preceding and concluding with military musical arrangements provided by a military band, and a guest speaker reflecting on the past as well as where we are today. The Executive Director of the Battleship, Captain Terry A. Bragg and members of the USS NORTH CAROLINA Battleship Commission invite the public to this free event.*

It seems we could plan the CCB Memorial Day Event to end about 5:00 pm and integrate the observance on the Battleship with the Base plans.

### Open Floor

**Proposed CCB 2014 Golf Tournament:** Jim Brincefield informed attendees that, **IF** the Base wants to have a Golf Tournament again this year, **MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO STEP UP.** The Golf Tournament last year was successful but was heavily dependant on a very small group of Base Members. BB pointed out that, according to the budget supplied by Treasurer Kuhn, the Base will have only \$15.00 in the bank if we don't do some fund raiser during the year. Last year the Base cleared about \$1,300.00 from the Golf Tournament. **Members interested in helping with the Golf Tournament should contact Jim Brincefield so he can determine if we have enough interest to do this fund raiser in 2014.**

John Williamson suggested that the Base offer Discounts for Veterans and Active Duty military.

The tentative date for the CCB Golf Tournament is September 20, 2014.

**District Advertisement in USSVI National Convention Program/Magazine:** Commander Charlie informed attendees that Steve Bell was asking District Bases to share a District Advertisement in the USSVI National Convention Program/Magazine. The cost would be \$48 for sharing the cost of a full page ad.

**MOTION:** Charlie offered a **MOTION** for the CCB to approve funds (\$48.00) to share the cost of a full page ad in the USSVI Program with District. **Richard Schrum SECONDED the MOTION and the MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote of the attendees.**

**National Convention in San Francisco Sept 1-7, 2014:** Commander Backes asked if any members plan to attend the USSVI National Convention in San Francisco in September. John Williamson said he plans to go and Butterbean, Bill Lowe and Bob Govern plan to go.

**Thank You to Ron Bixby for Hosting This Meeting:** Commander Backes and attendees thanked Member Ron Bixby for hosting the Coastal Carolina Base as his restaurant, Peppercorns Food & Spirits is located at 2528 Castle Hayne Road, in Wrightsboro, NC. The restaurant was opened just for the Base meeting, had excellent food and a convenient location. The website is <http://www.peppercornsfoodandspirits.com/>.

### Adjournment:

**MOTION:** Butterbean offered a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. **Tom McFadden SECONDED the MOTION and the MOTIONED CARRIED by unanimous vote by the attendees and the meeting was adjourned.**

### Next Scheduled Base Event/Meeting

The next regular Base Meeting will be on Thursday Evening, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1900 at the First Baptist Church Activity Center on Independence Blvd in Wilmington, NC.

However, between now and June 19<sup>th</sup> special events are scheduled April 12<sup>th</sup> for the Azalea Festival Parade and District Meeting on the Battleship following the parade and the Memorial Day Ceremony and Picnic on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the S-28 Memorial in Wilmington.

### **GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:**

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground...
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Old age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy..



## USS Virginia (SSN 774) Completes 6 Month Deployment



*GROTON, Conn. - Attack submarine USS Virginia (SSN 774) arrives at Naval Submarine Base New London (SUBASE), Feb. 13, after completing a scheduled six-month overseas deployment in the European operating region.*

*Story and photos by Lt. Timothy Hawkins  
Submarine Group 2 Public Affairs*

GROTON, Conn. - Attack submarine USS Virginia (SSN 774) returned home to Groton, Conn., Feb. 13 after completing a scheduled six-month overseas deployment in the European operating region.

Virginia's crew of more than 130 Sailors departed Groton Aug. 13 to conduct assigned missions in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of responsibility.

U.S. 6th Fleet commander Vice Adm. Phil Davidson lauded the ship's operational performance in a message to the crew Feb. 7.

"You were the go-to boat for the most high-priority, challenging tasking," wrote Davidson. "You can be very proud of a job well done."

Virginia is the first ship in the Navy's newest class of next-generation attack submarines. She was commissioned in 2004 and completed her maiden overseas deployment in 2010.

The crew made port calls to Norway, Scotland and England during the submarine's second overseas deployment.

"The timing of this deployment meant that we were apart from our families for the Thanksgiving and holiday season, making us even more aware of the reason we volunteer to serve," said Cmdr. Steve Antcliff, Virginia's commanding officer.

This was Antcliff's fifth deployment in a 23-year Navy career. He assumed command of Virginia last February.

"The crew's exceptional training, hard work, and the support of our families made this deployment a success," he said. Continued... He said the crew's spouses are the "real heroes" because they remained resilient while Sailors operated at sea.

Now that the crew has returned, six babies - including a set of twin girls - met their dads for the first time. Assigned missions prevented the five proud fathers from making it back home sooner.

USS Virginia is equipped to attack targets ashore with highly accurate Tomahawk cruise missiles and conduct covert long-term surveillance of land areas, littoral waters and other sea-based forces.

She can also perform anti-submarine and anti-ship warfare; deliver and support special forces; and conduct mine delivery and minefield mapping operations.

The 377-foot-long vessel is capable of diving to depths greater than 800 feet and operating at speeds in excess of 25 knots when submerged.



### **THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:**

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.**
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.**
- 3) You are Santa Claus.**
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.**



## *Ever Towed a Blimp? The Sea Poacher SS 406 Did!*



By Education Specialist on Monday, 24 February 2014  
Posted in [Submarine History](#)

In the late summer of 1952, a strange pair of Navy vehicles arrived at Naval Air Station Key West on Boca Chica Key in Florida: the submarine USS SEA POACHER (SS-406) towing a giant blimp called K-86. Dan Summitt, an officer aboard SEA POACHER at the time of the event, explains what happened in his book *Tales of a Cold War Submariner*.

"We were operating submerged at a couple of hundred feet about thirty miles south of Key West. It seemed we spent most of our time providing target services for the sonar school, also based at Key West. On this day we were providing those services for a helium-filled blimp carrying sonar operator students and also conducting an evaluation of a certain type of 'dipping' sonar. We would come to periscope depth every half hour, raise a radio whip antenna, and get directions from the blimp regarding our course, speed, and depth for the next half hour.

"At noon I assumed the 'conn.' My job as conning officer was to stand watch in the conning tower and run the submarine as directed by the captain. "It was time to check in with the blimp, so I ordered the diving officer to take us to periscope depth. I raised the whip antenna and called the blimp. 'What would you like next?' I asked. 'Come get me,' he answered, 'I've lost all power and I'm flying free like a balloon.' I told him to hang on and we would get him."

As SEA POACHER steamed the ten miles to the blimp, Summitt "reported to the blimp pilot that we had surfaced, had him on radar, and were closing on him as

fast as possible. I asked about his condition and he explained that he could still control his altitude but that both engines had been ruined when he allowed the airship to get too close to the water. The propellers, which hung a bit lower than the gondola, had hit the water and torn up the engines."

The captain took the conn and Summitt headed out on deck. ".Once we were under the blimp we headed along the course the wind was blowing it and finally matched its speed. The blimp pilot reported he would attempt to drop down slowly until we could reach the handling lines dangling from the airship. Just as the handling lines got within reach, the blimp's operator started dropping sandbags to stop the airship's downward descent. He dropped too many, however, and it started rising again. I think all of us figured it would be a simple job to control the blimp once we got hold of some [of] its handling lines, but we were very mistaken. There were about fifteen men on deck and the blimp was trailing about four lines, each of which could be grabbed by a good number of men. As the blimp started rising again, however, it lifted some of the men off the deck.

"We quickly learned that we were not going to be able to capture the blimp by simply holding on to it. We were going to have to get a couple of our mooring lines and tie them to the blimp's handling lines, thus securing it to our submarine."

After several unsuccessful attempts, the pilot was out of sandbags-and the gasoline he had also started dumping-so he began tossing all manner of things overboard, "tool boxes, manuals, shoes, equipment-anything that was not tied down." Several men leaped





from the gondola as the blimp touched the water (they were plucked out soon after; the pilot and co-pilot remained on the blimp). Meanwhile, men aboard SEA POACHER scrambled to attach their mooring lines to the blimp's handling lines. "We added two more mooring lines and soon had the blimp up to a reasonable altitude for towing. We started off slowly to see how the airship responded and soon had safely increased to sufficient speed to get back to Key West well before sunset."

A couple of hours later, SEA POACHER handed the blimp off to a crash boat that had come from the air station. Then she headed back to port. "We set about preparing to land. Then it hit all of us: we had no mooring lines. We informed squadron operations of our plight and were told they would make arrangements. Soon we got word that no spare mooring lines were available, so we were instructed to pull alongside another sub[;] several of its crewmen passed the excess portions of their lines to us and we fashioned an acceptable mooring for the night.

"The next morning, the first lieutenant signed out a pickup truck and headed for the air station with a couple of men to retrieve our mooring lines. He returned several hours later, empty-handed. He had found our mooring lines, but they had been cut into two- to three-foot lengths and passed out to all the blimp and air station personnel as mementos of 'the great blimp rescue by a submarine.' He said he had explained to them that it would cost several thousand dollars from our quarterly operating fund to replace those lines and we could not afford it. Then he smiled and handed our captain papers authorizing us to purchase the line and charge it to the blimp squadron's operating fund.

"The next week we were surprised to open a copy of *Life* magazine and find several pages devoted to the blimp rescue. Back then, *Life* was published weekly and was extremely popular. The most impressive picture was an aerial photo of us towing the blimp. It filled two full pages."

## From The ByLaws

### Section 5: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- An Associate Member is a person who is not eligible for regular membership but is sponsored by a Regular Member and meets one of the following requirements:
  - A Regular Member may sponsor a family member (no limit) up to two degrees of consanguinity (blood line relationship) of a regular member, including adoptive children of the regular member.
  - A Regular Member may sponsor one additional non-family related member for Associate Membership who has demonstrated a strong interest and support of the US Submarine Service by their deeds or actions and is at least sixteen years of age, subject to prior approval by the National Membership Chair.
  - A Regular Member may also sponsor one additional non-family related U.S. Military service member, Active or Veteran, for Associate Membership, who has demonstrated a strong interest and support of the US Submarine Service by their deeds or actions, subject to prior approval by the National Membership Chair. If separated from service, it must have been under honorable circumstances.
  - Some examples of interest and support: Submarine Book author, Sub Tender service, Intel Rider, Museum submarine docent, Submarine Historian or provides some other demonstrated service to advance the US Submarine force, subject to prior approval by the National Membership Chair.
- Each Associate Member must be continuously sponsored by a Regular Member in good standing

- Associate Members are eligible for National and Base Annual Membership, and must also retain their membership in an established base to maintain their national USSVI membership. Member At Large status is not available to Associate members.
- Associate Members may vote on Base matters (if permitted by Base Bylaws) and may hold elective Base offices of Secretary and/or Treasurer (if permitted by Base Bylaws.) but are ineligible to vote in the National/Region elections and cannot hold National elected office.
- An Associate Member must have a Regular Member in good standing as a sponsor at all times to be a member of USSVI. In the event an Associate Member's sponsor cannot or will not continue to sponsor the Associate Member (i.e. the sponsor is transferred or leaves the organization), another Regular Member may assume sponsorship of the Associate Member. If no other member will assume the sponsorship, the Associate member will be dropped from membership. If the sponsoring member goes on Eternal Patrol, another Regular Member or the base itself may assume the sponsorship of the Associate Member, but if no other member or the Base will assume the sponsorship, the Associate member will be dropped from membership.
- If the Associate Member is the widow, widower, child or grand-child of a deceased Regular Member who was in good standing at the time of death, another regular member or the deceased member's Base may automatically assume the sponsorship.
- Current Associate Members in good standing at the time of this section change are 'grand-fathered,' which means they will retain their membership status even though they may not meet the new requirements.



## **Gems from Jim**

*Thought Provoking emails from Jim Brincefield*



***It's Time to Step Up and Help with the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CCB Golf Tournament!  
I Know You Might Need an Excuse to Take the Time to  
Help, So Here is Some Training!***

Four guys have been going to the same Golfing trip to St Andrews for many years. Two days before the group is to leave, Jack's wife puts her foot down and tells him he isn't going. Jack's mates are very upset that he can't go, but what can they do.

Two days later, the three get to St Andrews only to find Jack sitting at the bar with four drinks set up!

"Wow, Jack, how long you been here, and how did you talk your missus into letting you go?"

"Well, I've been here since last night..

Yesterday evening, I was sitting in my living room chair and my wife came up behind me and put her hands over my eyes and asked, 'Guess who?' I pulled her hands off, and there she was, wearing a nightie. She took my hand and pulled me into our bedroom. The room had candles and rose petals all over. Well she's been reading 50 Shades of Grey. On the bed she had handcuffs, and ropes! She told me to tie her up and cuff her to the bed, so I did.

And then she said, "Do whatever you want."

**So, Here I am!**

***It's Easy! Take the Time to Help with the Tournament!***



## ***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](http://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.



## **USSVI SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2014**

The meeting dates are:

- Check in and registration on Monday, April 7
- Departure day is Friday, April 11

A block of rooms has been set aside at the HOLIDAY INN CARY, 5630 Dillard Drive, Raleigh NC 27518. Price is \$79.00 a night. Please deal directly with the Holiday Inn at 919-277-2011. Reference: Submarine Veterans.

[Please contact Bill "Butterbean" Dixon for more information.](#)

# **Coastal Carolina Base Member Birthdays**

## **January Birthdays**

*Chuck Fletcher, Dick Gudis, Kevin Kesterson, Bill Underwood,*

## **February Birthdays**

*Charlie Backes, George Stalker, Jerry Leppart, Dick Kanning, Barry Turano,  
Richard Schrum*

## **March Birthdays**

*Bob Govern, Charlie Patch, George Roderick, George Perhala*

***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](mailto:bunder343@aol.com)*

## ***The Basic Laws of Nature:***

1. The female always makes the rules.
2. The rules can change without notice.
3. Males can't know the rules.
4. If the female suspects that the male knows all the rules, she must immediately change some of the rules.
5. The female never bears the blame for being wrong.
6. If the female is wrong, it is because of a flagrant misunderstanding which was a direct result of something that the male did or said which was wrong.
7. If rule 6 applies, the male must apologize for causing the misunderstanding.
8. The female can change her mind.
9. The male must never change his mind without the consent of the female.
10. The female has every right to be angry or upset at any time.
11. The male must always remain calm unless the female wants him to be angry or upset.
12. The female must never let the male know whether or not she wants him to be angry or upset.
13. If the female has PMS, there are no rules.
14. The male cannot diagnose PMS.

## **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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## ***BB-55 Survivors Association 2014 Reunion May 28-31, 2014***

*"The Survivors really appreciate the presence of NCSubVets"*

Memorial Service May 31 on the *BB-55* fantail  
Banquet at Angies of Chris' restaurant May 31 at 5:30 pm  
853 S 17th St, Wilmington, NC 28403

*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  
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## USS North Carolina SSN 777

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) - New Years Email From Captain Rhinehart

*Transmitted from sea January 2, 2014*

Family and friends of the North Carolina,

Aloha and Happy New Year from the depths of the western Pacific!

It is now the second time that the USS North Carolina and her crew has crossed beneath the International Dateline to conduct operations forward deployed on behalf of our nation.

It was a long road to our departure for deployment that would have been impossible without the hard work and sacrifice of a dedicated crew. In kind, their efforts were made possible through your resilience, selfless sacrifice, and steadfast support of the North Carolina. My thanks go out to each of you.

As we welcome the New Year, I wanted to pass a few North Carolina highlights from 2013:

Times submerged - 31	Times surfaced - 30	Days spent underway - 115
Nautical miles steamed - 26,271	Re-enlistments - 21	Total re-enlistment bonuses awarded - \$485,500
Gold Dolphins awarded - 2	Silver Dolphins awarded - 16	Sailors advanced to the next pay grade - 42

Some of our major operations this year included: Eastern Pacific deployment, Tactical Readiness Evaluation, Deployment Preparations Period, and the first month of North Carolina's second Western Pacific deployment.

In World War II, the Battleship North Carolina sailed the very same waters of the Pacific that we now do, participating in every major maritime engagement of the theater and earning 15 battle stars in the process. In carrying out our mission, we not only follow in her wake but in the footsteps of those men who sailed her decks. As we deploy, we keep alive this great heritage of the Battleship North Carolina and her sailors. Deploying on the North Carolina is a privilege that the crew will remember a lifetime.

Happy New Year. Wishing you all the very best in 2014.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Rhinehart  
Commanding Officer  
USS North Carolina



## Base Membership Statistics

USSVI Life Members	27
Base Life Members	0
Holland Club Members	22
Primary Members	35
Associate Members	0
WWII Sub Veteran Members	2
Total Active Members in	53
Members on Eternal Patrol	2
Attendees at Last Meeting	20
% voting in Last Election	63



**“The Silent Service”**

**TV Show DVDs available at**

[www.usssealion.com/sealion/silent\\_service\\_tapes1.htm](http://www.usssealion.com/sealion/silent_service_tapes1.htm)

**“I Ordered Mine and Love them!”**

## Notable First Quarter History



USS Gudgeon  
(SS-211)

On 27 January 1942, *en route* home, *Gudgeon* became the first United States Navy submarine to sink an enemy warship in World War II. *Gudgeon* fired three torpedoes, and *I-73* was destroyed; though *Gudgeon* claimed only damage, the loss was confirmed by Fleet Radio Unit Pacific.



### *USS Nautilus SSN 571*

Launched January 21, 1954

Put to Sea for First Time January 17, 1955 And at 1100 Sent Historical Message, “Underway on Nuclear Power”

Today in Undersea Warfare History (Mar 21, 1989), USS TENNESSEE (SSBN 734) made the first submerged test launch of the 8-warhead Trident II missile off Cape Canaveral, FL. [Click Here to see video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5nZ-SwngnE) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5nZ-SwngnE>



Today in Undersea Warfare History (Feb 1, 1902), USS A-1 (SS 2) was launched by Crescent Shipyard of Lewis Nixon.





## ***24-Hour Watchbill Experiment continued from page 3***

human body's natural 24-hour rhythm. The chance to sleep at the same time every day was the biggest benefit for Scranton crew members, Burton said. That squares with the findings of sleep scientists. "What happens is, you actually get more benefit from the sleep," said Nita Shattuck, who researches human performance at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

**How It Works** - Shattuck has published multiple papers on the importance of conforming to circadian rhythm in watch schedules. The human body naturally operates on a 24-hour cycle, with peaks and valleys in strength and energy recurring at about the same time every 24 hours. Put simply, an 18-hour watch schedule might have a submariner going to sleep at 10 p.m. one day, then 4 p.m. the next day and 10 a.m. the next. That schedule wreaks havoc on the body. The sailor might end up wide awake when it's time to rack out, then barely keep his eyes open on watch the next day. On the flip side, going to bed at 10 a.m. every day keeps everything running more smoothly, Shattuck said. And, Burton said, even if crew members weren't getting a solid eight hours a night, the extra time made a difference. "Everyone sleeps differently. Some guys would only sleep maybe six hours, some guys would sleep maybe eight or nine hours," he said. "But having that chunk of time every day, their quality of sleep was significantly better."

The new schedule was better from an operational standpoint as well, Burton said. While a submarine is a self-contained environment, dealing with the outside world can be a challenge when everyone else is on a different schedule. For example, sailors who are on watch at the same time every day will be better able to deal with frequent situations, like an area crowded with fishing vessels every morning. "In the six-hour schedule, you stand a different watch every day, and then come back to the same watch in three days," he said. Most of the crew worked in a "straight eights" model, with three teams working in eight-hour shifts. They rotated their watches about every three weeks, Burton said.

The sub's supervisors and principle leadership were on an all-hands schedule, working a regular 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. day. That way, they were all awake for scheduled meetings and operational planning. Measures were in place to make sure the day-sleepers were interrupted as infrequently as possible.

"We didn't run all-hands drills that would impact their sleep, unless it was a specific time, where we would broadcast ahead of time when it was going to be," he said. "In material management, if there was a broken piece of equipment, it had to rise to a certain level of priority for me to allow people's sleep to be interrupted to fix it." Burton admitted there had been some hesitation from crew members about the longer shifts, but by the end of the deployment, pretty much everyone had been converted.

"Their biggest feedback was the stability of the schedule," he said. "The opportunity to work out way more than they're used to, and just being able to sleep the same time every day, made a world of difference in their mental psyche, as far as managing the daily challenges of life on a submarine." That extra time off also made up for the challenge of staying alert for two hours longer than usual.

**Good Reviews** - Chief Electronics Technician (SS) Geoffrey Gimer, on his second deployment, said the new schedule didn't require much of an adjustment. "The extra two hours of watch were mitigated by the extra time off watch," he said. "Plus, there was always someone available to provide a watch relief in their off-going time since their on-coming was now eight hours, as well." Rather than spend eight hours in the same spot, Burton scheduled a midwatch break for every shift, giving crew members half an hour to get something to eat and move around a bit.

The crew adjusted easily to the schedule mentally as well as physically, he said. "The last two hours of a six-hour watch, you're always looking forward to the end," Burton said, "No matter how long the watch is, always at the last hour or two, you're looking forward to the end of it."

On his second deployment, Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SS) Correy Wilson said the adjustment period after rotating watches wasn't an issue, either. "It usually took me at least a week for my body to get used to the new schedule, but once adjusted, I couldn't tell the difference," he said.

The longer days also saved some time in the larger scheme of things. "I was excited about the potential efficiency of it," Lt. j.g. Brendan McCook said. "Every transition costs some time (pre-watch briefs, meal time, etc.), so minimizing the number of the transitions created some time in a schedule where even a little time is very valuable."

All three sailors, who answered Navy Times' questions via email, said they liked the 24-hour model, each sleeping about six hours a night on average and spending their downtime on collateral duty, studying, training or working out. For the first few months after the Navy opened up the 24-watch option for submarines, Burton said, sub commanders from boats on both coasts were calling him for advice on implementing the new system.

"We were getting routine requests for our models, of how we're doing our schedules, how we're managing laundry, all the things that you never think about," he said. Burton said he understands the reluctance of some submarine crews to switch, but if it works with your operational schedule, he suggests giving it a try. "I would never say you have to do this or you must do this," he said. "My biggest advice would be to remain open to it. It's a very viable option."



## ***Navy Terminates Ice Camp***

From Commander, Submarine Forces Public Affairs  
NORFOLK (NNS) -- Commander, Submarine Forces (COMSUBFOR) announced an early end to Ice Camp Nautilus on March 23. The ice camp was a temporary structure built and operated especially for Ice Exercise 2014 (ICEX-2014).

Personnel at Ice Camp Nautilus, which is built into the ice floe north of Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, began a careful breakdown of the camp Sunday.

ICEX-2014 began March 17 and was scheduled to continue through March 30. However, large shifts in wind direction created instabilities in the wind-driven ice floes of the Arctic Ocean, and these changes in the prevailing winds between March 18th and March 20th led to multiple fractures in the ice near the camp. These cracks prevented the use of several airfields used for transporting personnel and equipment to the ice camp. The rapidly changing conditions of the ice, along with extremely low temperatures and poor visibility hampered helicopter operations and made sustaining the runway potentially risky.

The Virginia-class attack submarine USS New Mexico (SSN 779) and the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Hampton (SSN 767) will continue to gather data and conduct ice-related exercises until they transit out from under the ice.

Submarines have conducted under-ice operations in the Arctic regions in support of inter-fleet transit, training, cooperative allied engagements and operations for more than 50 years. USS Nautilus (SSN 571) made the first submerged transit to the North Pole in 1958. USS Skate (SSN 578) was the first U.S. submarine to surface through arctic ice at the North Pole in March 1959. Since those events, the U.S. Submarine Force has completed more than 120 Arctic exercises with the last being conducted in 2012. The last ice camp was established in 2011. Since 1987, most of these have been conducted in conjunction with Royal Navy submarines.



**[Click Here to See a Video of IceX and Sub do Ice Surface](http://www.defensenews.com/VideoNetwork/1791132873001/Navy-s-Ice-Exercise-ICEX-taking-place-in-the-Arctic)**

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The USN's first Block III Virginia-class submarine North Dakota (SSN 784) rolls out from Electric Boat's production facility in Groton, Connecticut. It is expected to conduct sea trials in April 2014 ahead of delivery in May 2014. Source: General Dynamics Electric Boat

## ***Pentagon budget 2015: Submarines continue to reign supreme in USN's shipbuilding funds request***

**Grace Jean, Washington, DC** - *IHS Jane's Defence Weekly* 06 March 2014  
The US Navy (USN) will continue to fund the acquisition of two Virginia-class fast attack submarines per year from fiscal year 2015 (FY 2015) through FY 2019 while it ramps up design work on the Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarine replacement programme.

In FY 2015 the navy is requesting USD5.88 billion to acquire two Block IV Virginia-class submarines along with advance procurement for future boats as part of the multi-year procurement (MYP) contract for up to 10 submarines in FY 2014-18.

The requested budget also provides USD73 million for efforts to improve the Virginia-class Block IV electronic systems, reduce total ownership costs, as well as develop improved silencing capability. It also includes USD133 million for platform design efforts on the Block V boats that are scheduled to begin construction in 2019. The design includes the Virginia Payload Module (VPM), a 70-foot hull section insert with payload tubes that will increase strike payload capacity for Tomahawk land-attack and follow-on missiles.

Kurt Hesch, vice-president and Virginia-class programme manager at General Dynamics Electric Boat, told *IHS Jane's* on 5 March that the focus is on getting the VPM design off to a good start now that the USN's requirements have been sorted out.

"We'll start ramping that up about mid-year with designers, making sure we're at a measured, steady pace this year, getting requirements to specifications done," Hesch said. "We're trying to work our way through making sure we don't change the rest of the ship unless we really have to. That's where the cost would start to go up. That discipline will be very important - not to do something because we have new stuff going on."

As part of its FY 2015 budget the navy is requesting USD1.2 billion for the Ohio-class replacement programme (ORP), split between research and development efforts on the propulsion plant, missile compartment, and platform technologies such as propulsor, electric actuation, ship and manoeuvring controls, and signatures; joint development of missile launch technologies with the UK; and design for affordability efforts to reduce programme costs.

Thus far, Electric Boat - the prime contractor selected to design the Ohio-class replacement submarine under a five-year USD1.85 billion contract awarded in January 2013 - is proceeding through the technology development phase. The team in 2014 is completing the ship specifications and developing system descriptions and diagrams, Will Lennon, Electric Boat's vice-president of engineering and design programmes, told *IHS Jane's* on 5 March at a Submarine Industrial Base Coalition event in Washington, DC. Then starting in 2015, he said, it will create the 3-D product model, which lays out the physical arrangement of the submarine.

Work on the Common Missile Compartment - a joint US-UK effort for the USN's ORP and the UK Royal Navy's Successor-class ballistic-missile submarine - is going well, according to Lennon. The USN expects acquisition for the lead Ohio-replacement submarine to commence in FY 2021. However, the UK's Successor-class submarine programme is expected to proceed through a 'Main Gate' decision in 2016, which would give approval and secure commitment to go into full development and manufacture.

"That puts a lot of acceleration and pressure on the programme, because everyone's thinking you don't have to have the design done until 2021," said Lennon. "In reality, we need to have it done about six years in advance for the Common Missile Compartment, because we will build and qualify the manufacturing process, in how you build that missile compartment in the US, before the UK ... starts ship construction."

The submarine industrial base is already at work, he said, with Electric Boat beginning to buy long-lead materiel for the effort. In November, the company expects contracts to be let to start fabrication of the first 17 missile tubes - 12 for the UK, 4 for the United States to qualify the manufacturing process, and 1 for installment in a test facility in Cape Canaveral, Florida. In the meantime, Electric Boat has placed vendors under contract to develop fixtures to support that fabrication process.





# COASTAL CAROLINA BASE 2014 CALENDAR

Date	Day	Event
February 15	Sat	Valentine Dinner at Bonefish Grill
February 20	Thu	Regularly scheduled meeting at 1900 at the First Baptist Church Activity Center on Independence Blvd in Wilmington, NC.
March 22	Sat	Pre-Azalea Festival meeting at 0900 at Peppercorns Food & Spirits, at 2528 Castle Hayne Road, Wrightsboro, NC.
April 10	Thu	Regional USSVI Convention hosted by the Tarheel Base
April 12	Sat	Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington, NC and hosting District Meeting on the USS North Carolina
May 26	Mon	Memorial Day Ceremony at the S-28 Monument followed by a Base Picnic
June 19	Thu	Regularly Scheduled Meeting at 1900 at the First Baptist Church Activity Center on Independence Blvd in Wilmington, NC.
June 25	Wed	0745 Salute to the Flag at City Hall in Wilmington, NC
July 4	Fri	Official North Carolina 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Spectacular & Parade in Southport, NC
July 12	Sat	Battleship USS North Carolina Legacy Series Tribute to the Submarine Service.
August 16	Sat	Regularly Scheduled meeting at 0900 at a location to be determined in the Southport Area
September 1-7		USSVI Golden Anniversary National Convention in San Francisco, California
September 13	Sat	Patriots Day Picnic at S-28 Monument or Dinner
September 20	Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Coastal Carolina Base Charity Golf Tournament (Tentative Date)
October 12	Sun	Columbus Day Dinner at Location to be determined
October 16	Thu	Regularly scheduled meeting at 1900 at the First Baptist Church Activity Center on Independence Blvd in Wilmington, NC.
November 9	Sun	Veterans Day Celebration at the S-28 Monument followed by dinner
December 6	Sat	Oak Island Christmas Parade
December 7?	Sun	Wilmington Holiday Parade Possible Base Participation?
December 13?	Sat	Burgaw Christmas Parade Possible Base Participation?
December 20	Sat	Regularly scheduled meeting at 0900 at Peppercorns Food & Spirits at 2528 Castle Hayne Rd in Wrightsboro, 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 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. 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**



#### COASTAL CAROLINA BASE - USSVI 2014 BUDGET (PROPOSED)

#### INCOME

ACCT NO.	DISC.	2014 BUDGET
4001 DUES - CURRENT YEAR		510.00
4002 DUES - PRE-PAID		
4003 DUES - NATIONAL		650.00
4010 STOREKEEPER, SALES		25.00
4100 DONATION, UNRESTRICTED		
4101 DONATION, CHARITY		
4102 DONATION, DISTRESSED BROTHER		
4140 RAFFLE INCOME		180.00
4150 MISC. INCOME		
4200 MEETINGS, MEALS		
4300 PARADES, INCOME		
4503 DONATIONS, FLOAT		

#### TOTAL INCOME

1,365.00

#### EXPENSES

ACCT NO.	DISC.	2014 BUDGET
6001 DUES - PAID TO NATIONAL		-650.00
6002 DUES - PREPAID FOR NEXT YEAR		
6003 DUES - REFUNDED		
6010 STOREKEEPER, PURCHASES		
6050 CHARITY, USSVI CHARITABLE FUND		
6051 CHARITY, LOCAL		
6052 CHARITY, CHURCH VENUE DONATION		
6053 SAILOR OF THE YEAR		-50.00
6054 DISTRESSED BROTHER PAYMENT		
6100 OFFICE SUPPLIES, ALL		
6150 ADVERTISING		-50.00
6175 DISCRETIONARY		
6200 NEWSLETTER AND WEB		-300.00
6250 STATE TRAILER FUND		-100.00
6300 PARADES		-100.00
6500 FLOAT EXPENSES		-100.00
6600 BASE HISTORIAN AND LIBRARY		
6700 FUNDRAISER EXPENSES		
6950 PETTY CASH		
TOTAL EXPENSES		-1,350.00

#### 2014

TOTAL INCOME	1,365.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	-1,350.00
NET INCOME	15.00





**2014 Southeast Regional Convention  
Hosted by USSVI Tarheel Base  
Monday April 7 - Friday April 11, 2014**

Holiday Inn @ Cary, 5630 Dillard Dr, Cary, NC 27518  
Phone # 919-851-1220 & Reserve room directly with hotel, mention SubVets Group.  
Rate \$79 + tax per night, includes breakfast

Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
street city state zip

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

07-11 Mon-Fri Registration Fee. All week and includes a dandy patch  
plus Hospitality Room with free libations and assorted snacks: \$25 ea x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

08 Tues 1000 Speaker, WWII Veteran George Bass: Free  
1130 Lunch; make own sandwich & pasta salad: \$10 ea x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_  
1230 Tour departs for NC Museum of Art: Free

09 Wed 1000 Speaker, CAPT Doug Wright USN (Ret): Free  
1045 Regional Meeting: Free  
1200 Lunch; spaghetti & meatballs: \$10 ea x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_  
1315 Tour departs for NC State Legislative Building  
& NC Museum of Natural Science: Free



### Registration (cont.)

10 Thurs 1000 Tolling of the Boats Ceremony: Free  
1130 Lunch; chicken Alfredo: \$10 ea x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_  
Free afternoon and get ready for the Banquet.  
1700 Reception at the NC State University Club followed  
by Meeting, Guest Speaker VADM Al Konetzni, Dinner,  
Door Prizes & Raffle Drawing.

#### Meal Choices for Thursday's Dinner are:

**Choice 1** Black & Blue Sirloin: blackened 5 oz. Angus beef sirloin filet, blue cheese-panko  
crusted, with roasted red pepper whipped potatoes & broccoli:

First name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Choice 1 \_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \_\_\_\_

**Choice 2** Chicken Masalas: sautéed chicken supreme, mushroom & sweet Masalas sauce,  
roasted red pepper whipped potatoes and asparagus:

First name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Choice 2 \_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \_\_\_\_

Note: Thursday dinner includes salad, hot French rolls, butter, tax, and gratuity.  
Dessert is also included with meal:

**Choice A** French Silk Pie 1st name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Choice A \_\_\_\_\_

**Choice B** Carrot Cake 1st name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Choice B \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday's Reception & Dinner are at NC State University Club, 4200 Hillsborough St.  
Raleigh, NC 27606. This is only a ten minute drive from Holiday Inn. Directions will be  
available at check-in.

Dinners Mon, Tue, & Wed are "on your own."  
List of recommended local restaurants will be available.

Total Convention Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep copy for your records and return this form with the check payable to:

#### **USSVI - Tarheel Base**

Mail to: Dave Campbell, Tarheel Base Treasurer, 501 Competition Rd, Raleigh, NC 27603

Please mail registration & check **no later than** Mon, Mar 24 so that we may make timely final  
arrangements.

Have a problem or question? Feel free to contact Butterbean Dixon:  
Email - [goldbow@att.net](mailto:goldbow@att.net) or phone# 919-467-7597

***Thank you....and we look forward to seeing and welcoming you!***



*Catch up with Old Friends at  
The Southeast Regional Submarine Veterans Convention  
in Raleigh, April 7-11, 2014*

Brothers & Sisters Registered for Southeast Regional Meeting			
Bell	Steve	Bell	Ma
Hunnicutt	Jim	Andrea	William
Andrea	Mavae	De Vore	Bob
De Vore	Ruth	De Vore	Diana
De Vore	Andrew	Dixon	Bill
Dixon	Barb	Leppart	Jerry
McDermott	Kenneth	McDermott	Della
Gow	Duane	Gow	Millie
Lowe	Bill	Nichols	Kenneth
Viering	Paul	Whelan	Bill
Whelan	Anne	Campbell	Dave
Jensen	Chuck	Jensen	Mary Ann
McClure	Don	McClure	Sue
Rutter	Gene	Rutter	Donna
Bass	George	Brooks	Lois
Hiser	Paul	Burkholder	Mike
Burkholder	Mariann	Beach	Tom
Beach	Linda	Markiewicz	John
McConnell	James	McConnell	Ruth
Pospisil	Warren	Wein	Billy
Wein	Fran	Powell	Wayne
Powell	Martha	Banks	Gordon
Banks	Pat	Govern	Bob
Backes	Charlie	Yurak	Bud
Rhodey	Sue	Wardean	John
Wardean	Sandi	Moore	Raymond
Moore	Nancy	Holmes	Charles
Holmes	Maureen	Moyer	Donald
Kennedy	John	McFadden	Tom
McFadden	Susan	Kanning	Dick
Kanning	Marge	Lew	Girard
Lew	Annette	Klemp	Arvin
Klemp	Gail	Cunningham	John
Cunningham	Helen	Toomey	Mike
Toomey	Karen	Emerson	Jerry
Emerson	Peggy	Stanford	John
Stanford	Barbara	Johnston	Eugene
Bixby	Ron	Bixby	Lauren
Underwood	Bill	Underwood	Linda