



The Below Decks Watch

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

The Busy Part of the Year for CCB

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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.

Once again the Second Quarter starts the busy season for Coastal Carolina Base activities. It started with the 2014 USSVI Regional Meeting hosted by the Tarheel Base in Cary April 7-11.



Butterbean and the Tarheel Base did a masterful job of orchestrating a memorable meeting of the Southeast Regional Submarine Veterans.

I got there on Wednesday morning in time to hear Captain Doug Wright USN (Retired) speak to the group about current and future submarine sailors. Captain Wright started by thanking the audience of sub sailors of the past for paving the way and setting the standards for his generation and future gen-

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Qualified in U.S. Submarines?

*You are welcome to attend our meetings and join our Base!
Meeting Dates and Locations in [Calendar on page 30](#)
Bring your spouse!*

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Coastal Carolina Base
Generally Meets Every Other Month
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See Base Calendar on Page 24 for
More Details and Special Meetings



Base Commander's Corner

By Charlie Backes

Submarine sailor of SE NC:

I want to wish each of you a Happy Independence Day 2014. It will soon be upon us and the Coastal Car-

olina Subvets are planning to participate in the parade in Southport. If you can help or ride the float in the parade we can use your help and participation. This will be my third Southport parade and I am looking forward to it.

The next event we will do as a base is to participate in the 21 Day Salute to the Flag at City Hall in Wilmington. The kick off for this was Saturday, June 14, Flag Day, and it will end on July 4, Independence Day. I have selected June 25 as the day for us to, as a base, participate in this event. It is not complicated: we show up at City Hall at 7:45 AM and lower the flag. At 8:00 AM we raise the flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. We then go home. Of course, if you want to stop and visit with your fellow subvets or others you may certainly do that too.

On June 19 we had a meeting at the Baptist Church Activity Center starting at 7 PM. We discussed the Southport parade and participation in the Battleship Tribute to the Submarine Service. Chuck and Joy Fletcher graciously offered to host a picnic on their yacht after the parade. Plan to attend if you can and while there agree to help out.

Our most recent CCB event was the Memorial Day Remembrance/picnic at the S-28 Memorial near the battleship. There were 13 people that came to the event and had fun. We ate too much, talked, played bocce ball and remembered our fallen heroes of S-28. I hope this is start of an annual Memorial Day celebration. We plan to have another similar picnic following the parade in Southport at Chuck and Joys boat if we can secure enough members are inter-



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/SpecialPlate/Detail?PlateID=21#term=>



From The Vice Commander

By Jerry Hawks

Fellow Subvets,

I announced at the last Coastal Carolina Base meeting that I would be resigning from my position as Base Vice Commander as of June 30th. It is with a heavy heart that I do so, but the Doctor says I need to reduce the stress in my life. Several trips to the hospital last month helped convince me that he may be right.

I will continue to be an active member of the CCB and attend as many functions as I can. I am proud to be in the brotherhood with the CCB Members.

My time as Vice Commander has been a rewarding experience and I hope that one of you will step up to take a leadership role in the CCB. Each time we Toll the Bell for those that went before us, I think of the brotherhood and what it means to be a part of it.

We have several very interesting Base events coming up that I hope to see you at. Chuck and Joy Fletcher graciously invited Base Members to have a picnic at their place after the parade. That will be a great time for comradery and sea stories.



North Carolina Visits Singapore during Western Pacific Deployment

By Lieutenant Junior Grade Tyler Vaughn, USS North Carolina Public Affairs

CHANGI NAVAL BASE, Singapore (NNS) -- The Virginia-class, fast-attack submarine USS North Carolina (SSN 777) arrived in Singapore Apr. 26 for a routine visit as part of its second deployment to the Western Pacific.

With a crew of 145, North Carolina will conduct a multitude of missions and showcase the latest capabilities of the submarine fleet.

"The crew of the North Carolina has worked hard this deployment to accomplish its many missions," said Cmdr. Richard Rhinehart, North Carolina's commanding officer. "Everyone is excited to have the opportunity to

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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 13](#)). **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 Second Quarter**

Boats Lost in April	
USS Pickerel (SS-177) Lost on April 3, 1943 with the loss of 74 officers and men while on her 7th war patrol. She was lost off Honshu. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined, but her OP area contained numerous minefields.	
USS Snook (SS-279) Lost on April 8, 1945 with the loss of 84 officers and men. Snook ranks 10th in total Japanese tonnage sunk and is tied for 9th in the number of ships sunk. She was lost near Hainan Island, possibly sunk by a Japanese submarine.	
USS Thresher (SSN-593) Lost on April 10, 1963 with the loss of 112 crew members and 17 civilian technicians during deep-diving exercises. 15 minutes after reaching test depth, she communicated with USS Skylark that she was having problems. Skylark heard noises "like air rushing into an air tank" then, silence. Rescue ship Recovery (ASR-43) subsequently recovered bits of debris, including gloves and bits of internal insulation. Photographs taken by Trieste proved that the submarine had broken up, taking all hands on board to their deaths in 1,400 fathoms of water, some 220 miles east of Boston.	
USS Gudgeon (SS-211) Lost on April 18, 1944 with the loss of 80 men off Saipan. Winner of 5 Presidential Unit Citations, Gudgeon was on her 12th war patrol and most likely sank due to a combined air and surface attack. Gudgeon was the first US submarine to go on patrol from Pearl Harbor after the Japanese attack. On that patrol, she became the first US submarine to sink an enemy warship, picking off the submarine I-173.	
USS Grenadier (SS-210) Lost on April 22, 1943 near Penang, with no immediate loss of life. She was on her 6th war patrol. While stalking a convoy, she was spotted by a plane and dove. While passing 130 feet, the plane dropped a bomb causing severe damage. She was lodged on the bottom 270 feet and the crew spent hours fighting fires and flooding. When she surfaced, she had no propulsion and was attacked by another plane, which her crew shot down. But when enemy ships arrived, the CO abandoned ship and scuttled the boat. Of the 61 crew members taken prisoner, 57 survived the war.	

25th Anniversary of the Fatal Fire Aboard the *USS Bonefish*



On 24 April 1988, Bonefish was exercising with the guided missile frigate Carr 160 mi (260 km) off the coast of Florida. While the sub was submerged, seawater began leaking onto cables and electrical buses in a battery supply cableway. Electrical arcing between cables caused an explosion which flashed into a fire within minutes, with temperatures in the battery spaces reaching 1,200° Fahrenheit. The heat was so intense that it melted crew members' shoe soles in the spaces above. Bonefish was surfaced and its crew ordered to abandon ship. Eighty-nine crew members were rescued by whaleboat and helicopter crews from Carr and the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy. One Search and Rescue Swimmer from HS-7, Anti-Submarine Warfare Operator Third Class (AW3) Larry Grossman spent over three hours in the ocean and was credited with saving 19 lives. He later received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for Heroism. With the fire extinguished, Bonefish was subsequently towed into Charleston, South Carolina by salvage and rescue ship Hoist. The damage to Bonefish was deemed too extensive to warrant repair, and a decision was made to decommission her and dispose of her via scrapping.

Three Bonefish sailors were killed

Lieutenant Ray Everts,
PO 1st Class Bob Bordelon,
PO 3rd Class Marshal T. Lindgren

As OOD he went up to open escape hatch and was overcome by smoke and died.
The radioman sending alert signals and was overcome by smoke and died.
Part of group helping injured when he was overcome by smoke and died.



Boats Lost in May	
<p>USS Lagarto (SS-371) Lost on May 3, 1945 with the loss of 88 men near the Gulf of Siam. On her 2nd war patrol, she is believed to have been lost to a radar equipped minelayer. This minelayer was sunk by the USS Hawkbill two weeks later</p>	
<p>USS Scorpion (SSN-589) While returning to Norfolk, VA from a Mediterranean deployment, on May 22, 1968 she reported her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Scorpion was never heard from again. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined.</p>	
<p>USS Squalus (SS-192) Lost on May 23, 1939 due to a catastrophic valve failure during a test dive off the Isle of Shoals. Squalus sank came to rest keel down in 240 feet of water. Commander Charles Momsen and Navy divers on the USS Falcon (ASR-2) rescued 33 survivors using the diving bell he invented. 26 men drowned in the after compartments. Squalus was raised and recommissioned as the USS Sailfish.</p>	
<p>USS Stickleback (SS-415) Lost on May 30, 1958 when it sank off Hawaii while under tow after collision with USS Silverstein (DE-534). The entire crew was taken off prior to sinking.</p>	
Boats Lost in June	
<p>USS Herring (SS-233) Lost on June 1, 1944 with the loss of 80 men near Matsuwa Island. Herring was on her 8th war patrol and was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted her and made two direct hits on her conning tower and causing her loss. Before being sunk, she had sank a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery.</p>	
<p>USS R-12 (SS-89) Lost on June 12, 1943 with the loss of 42 men near Key West, FL during a practice torpedo approach. The cause was probably due to flooding through a torpedo tube. The CO and two other men on the bridge survived, as did 18 crew members on liberty at the time of the accident.</p>	
<p>USS Golet (SS-361) Lost on June 14, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. On her 2nd war patrol, Golet was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu.</p>	
<p>USS Bonefish (SS-223) Lost on June 19, 1945 with the loss of 85 men when sunk near Suzu Misaki. Winner of 3 Navy Unit Citations, Bonefish was on her 8th war patrol. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.</p>	
<p>USS S-27 (SS-132) Lost on June 19, 1942 when it grounded off Amchitka Island. She was on the surface in poor visibility, charging batteries and drifted into the shoals. When she could not be freed and started listing, the captain got the entire crew to shore (400 yards away) in relays using a 3-man rubber raft. The entire crew was subsequently rescued.</p>	
<p>USS O-9 (SS-70) Lost on Jun 20, 1941 with the loss of 34 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH. O-9 submerged at 0738 to conduct deep submergence tests, the sub did not surface thereafter but was crushed by the pressure of the water 402 feet below. 33 men lost.</p>	
<p>USS Runner (SS-275) Lost between June 26th and July 4th 1943 with the loss of 78 men. Runner was on her 3rd war patrol probably due to a mine. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles. This boat's last known ship sunk happened on June 26th, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before July 4th, when she was scheduled back at Midway</p>	



2014 USSVI Southeast Regional Meeting

Butterbean and the Tarheel Base went all out to organize a very successful Southeast Regional Meeting of the USSVI April 7th - 11th, 2014. On Tuesday, World War II Submarine Veteran George Bass spoke to the attendees about the evolution of the submarine service.

I arrived on Wednesday morning to hear Captain Doug Wright USN (Retired) speak to the group about current and future submarine sailors.

The Captain served on Boomers (*Ben Franklin* and *Henry Clay*) and Fast Attacks (*Asheville*, *Bergall* and *Helena*) before assuming Commo-dore of Submarine Squadron Fifteen in Guam. He is now Commanding Officer of the North Carolina Piedmont Consortium and Duke University Naval ROTC.



Captain Wright said that he thinks the Navy's move to put women on submarines is "a good thing". He said that the first two women accepted for submarine duty came out of the North Carolina State NROTC program. He said that "these women are brilliant professionals" and will be good for the submarine service. He pointed out that the submarine service has always been a leader in integration in the US Military. Someone in the audience asked what feedback have they received from the wives? "Submarine sailors are professionals and have to behave as professionals", was his response. He continued that the real challenge was integration of enlisted women into submarine crews. That will take longer to develop female mentors for the enlisted women.

Captain Wright raised a concern about the uncertainty around the replacement of the Trident submarines. The navy has several design options, but the budget is not clear yet. He also said that today's subs are being designed and built as various component parts from various manufactures which are ultimately joined together to form a submarine. He raised a question how the country is going to maintain the skills necessary to build the submarines of the future.

Southeast Region Director Dick Kanning updated the attendees on the performance of the Re-



gion this term. He challenged attendees to submit deserving members names for USSVI Awards and to vote in the upcoming National USSVI Elections. He said to be sure to go to the USSVI website to review the various amendments to the National Bylaws.

Dick also challenged the represented Bases to get on the stick with recruiting. In this term we have lost 137 members and we need to replace them with new members.

Charleston Bases Paul Viering gave the group an interesting update on the status of the *H.L. Hunley*. The *Hunley* is about to go through an extensive treatment to remove the concretion on the hull from being submerged for 150 years. The process will take about 9 years while the Civil War Era submarine is submerged in a dilute Sodium Hydroxide bath. He talked about recent finds of a depth gauge and a bilge pump on the *Hunley*. When the bilge pump was disas-



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ested in attending a picnic with their fellow subvets. The Memorial Day Picnic was a lot of fun!

This past quarter we also had the Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington. Our local participation could have been stronger since we did not fill the available seats on the two floats we had in the parade. We really get the looks when that submarine comes around followed by the torpedo! If you have never ridden the float in one of the parades, you should consider it. It is a hoot! I want to thank each of you that helped make our participation in the parade a success.

We were not able to get enough workers to put on a golf tournament this year. Jim Brincefield requested helpers, but did not get enough positive response. Last year we did support Step Up for Soldiers with a check of over \$1300. 00 and made the same amount for CCB as well.

We ran a successful Belk's fundraiser a few weeks ago. We raised well over \$600 for the whole fund raiser. I want to thank those that either bought or sold the tickets I send to you. It was a big help since each dollar you took in by selling the tickets went directly into our coffers. I worked the four hours on the day of the sale and earned another \$178.+. Kevin Kesterson managed the Belk's fundraiser in Jacksonville the same weekend and raised about \$350 as well. A big Thanks to Kevin for his help. Belk's also has a fall charity fundraiser which they say is even larger than the spring event. I plan to be involved with it; I hope you will help out as much as you can then. There four hour sale on the actual sale date is a very good sale with large discounts on normal prices.

Last year we needed someone to step up to run for Base Commander: I did and was elected. Thank you for that. Now it is time to let each of you know that this year will be my last in that position. I hope that I have made a positive contribution to the base and allowed us to increase our activities. There is still room to grow in this respect, but it will be led by someone else; I have done my time. Think about stepping up to a leadership position for the base since both top positions will be open next spring. It is not too early to start thinking about next year's elections.



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 32-33**

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



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.



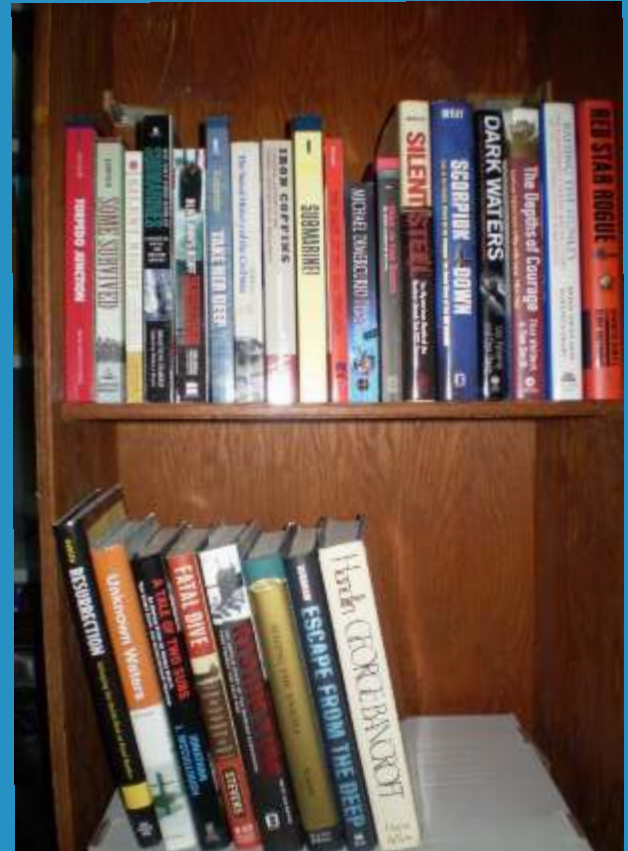
Coastal Carolina Base Library

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 Saifish]	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



Chaplain's Corner

By Bill (Butterbean) Dixon



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Matthew 7 vs 12: Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to **YOU**, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets.

Matthew 28 vs 20: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded **YOU**, and lo, I am with **YOU** always, even unto the end of the world

Luke 6 vs 22: Blessed are ye, when men shall hate **YOU**, and when they shall separate **YOU** from their company, and shall reproach **YOU**, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

Luke 10 vs 16: He that heareth **YOU** heareth me; and he that despiseth **YOU** despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.

Romans 16 vs 20: And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with **YOU**. Amen.

I Corinthians 16 vs 23: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with **YOU**.

Philippians 4 vs 23: The grace of our lord Jesus Christ be with **YOU** all. Amen.

Titus 4 vs 15: All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with **YOU** all. Amen

Hebrews 13 vs 25: Grace be with **YOU** all. Amen.

2 John vs 3: Grace be with **YOU**, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

The last vs in the Bible

Revelation 22 vs 21: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with **YOU** all. Amen.

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.*



On Thursday morning Gordon Banks led the attendees in a very moving Tolling of the Bell for the Lost Boats.

Thursday evening the Tarheel Base held a gala banquet at the NCSU University Club. CCB Members Butterbean, Bill Lowe, Bob Govern, Jerry Leppart, Dick Kanning, Ron Bixby, Tom McFadden and Bill Underwood attended.

sembled and the hemp packing removed, to everyone's surprise, "the piston looked like it was made yesterday". He also said that an effort is under way to locate the relatives of the crew and, interestingly, none of the crew members were from the South.

Following the update on the *Hunley*, several of the candidates for National USSVI Offices spoke about their qualifications for the positions.



Vice Admiral Al Konetzni, Big Al the Sailors Pal, entertained the dinner guests with a rousing talk about his perspective on the past, present and future of the submarine service and the



evening ended with a wild raffle

The 2014 Southeast Regional Meeting will be hosted by the Snug Harbor Base in Satellite Beach, Florida.



USS North Carolina SSN 777 Home from Deployment

PEARL HARBOR (June 19, 2014) Electronics Technician 1st Class Mike Allred reunites with his family on the pier following the return of the Virginia-class attack submarine USS North Carolina (SSN 777) to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a deployment to the western Pacific region. North Carolina conducted a variety of operations and theater security exercises contributing to the nation's strategic posture in the region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Steven Khor/Released)



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erations of submarine sailors. The Captain informed the attendees why he is a strong supporter or "Women serving on Submarines" ([Story on Page 6](#)).

Thursday morning started off with business meetings, the tolling of the boats and ended with a reception and dinner featuring Vice Admiral Al Konetzni and a spirited raffle.

CCB Members in attendance included Charlie Backes, Butterbean, Bill Lowe, Bob Govern, Jerry Leppart, Dick Kanning, Ron Bixby, Tom McFadden and Bill Underwood.

Two days later, April 12th, CCB members met at the Battleship to participate in the Azalea Festival Parade. We had both



the CCB Submarine Float and the NC Subvet Torpedo Float entered in the parade so we had excess room for riders. As usual we received a rousing standing ovation when the submarine float appeared.



When we returned to the Battleship following the parade, attendees assembled at the S-28 memorial for a brief memorial service.

Following the memorial ceremony attendees adjourned to the Ward Room of the *USS North Carolina BB 55*. Attendees enjoyed a luncheon provided by Ron Bixby's Peppercorn's Food & Spirits Restaurant while District Commander Steve Bell installed Terry Kuhn as the Coastal Carolina Base Treasurer. [See the Minutes of the April 12th meeting for the details.](#)



Memorial Day, May 26th was the first annual Coastal Carolina Base Memorial Day Observance and Picnic at the S-28 monument. It was another beautiful day at the Battleship Park. Members and spouses



enjoyed delicious hamburgers and hotdogs, potato salad, cole slaw, watermelon, sea stories and competition Bocci Ball. Following the food and fun, attendees performed



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 New Members!

Gerry Rowe

USS Henry L. Stimson



Paul Siverson

First Associate Member



Doug Mays

USS Ben Franklin & Alaska





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a Memorial Day Observation Ceremony at the S-28 Monument.

The Second Quarter was full of Base activity with lots of sea stories, comradery, and remembrance of our lost brothers of the 'phin.

BB, note Steve Fornicola 3rd from the right



The upcoming Third Quarter will be equally as busy offering similar opportunities at the Fourth of July Parade and picnic, the Battleship Tribute to the Submarine Service, the Golden Anniversary USSVI Convention and the planned Patriots Day picnic. **Make a point to get involved in the Third Quarter!**

2014 Flag Day Ceremony June 25th At City Hall

**Thanks
to the
following
participants**

**Charlie Backes
Bill Underwood
Terry Kuhn
Doug Mays**



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 April 12, 2014

Location: Ward Room of the *USS North Carolina BB 55*

Coastal Carolina Base and Southeast District Meeting

When: April 12, 2014, at 1300

Location: *USS North Carolina BB 55* Ward Room

Luncheon: Base Commander Charlie Backes welcomed members and guests and invited them to enjoy luncheon provided by Peppercorn's Food & Spirits Restaurant.

Call to order: Base Commander Charlie Backes called the Meeting to order at 1300.

Attendees: Charlie Backes (Base Commander), Butterbean (Base Chaplain), Bill Underwood (Base Secretary), Frank Blackmon and wife Pat, Bob Govern, Terry Kuhn, Ron Bixby, Tom McFadden, Bernie Maguire, Jim Brincefield, Joe Clark, George Depta, Chuck Fletcher and wife Joy, Bill Lowe, Jerry Leppart, John Norowski, and his wife Peggy, Tim Dolan and his wife and daughter, and District Commander Steve Bell and Ma Bell.

Invocation: Butterbean gave the invocation with a moment of silence in memory of the crew of the *USS Thresher SSN 593*.

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:

Base Commander Charlie recognized Joe Clark as the only WWII Submarine Veteran in attendance.

Installation of the Coastal Carolina Base Treasurer: District Commander Steve Bell installed Terry Kuhn as the incoming Treasurer for the Coastal Carolina Base.

District Commander Comments: District Commander Steve Bell gave a District update to the attendees. He started by describing some of the activities and fun had by attendees at the USSVI Southeast Regional Meeting. He continued by talking about some of the nominees for National offices in the upcoming USSVI National Elections. Reminding attendees of the importance of voting, he encouraged members to read the biographies of the

candidates and make your vote count. There are also several proposed amendments to consider in your vote.

Commander Bell also encouraged the Coastal Carolina Base to nominate deserving individuals for the numerous awards program of the USSVI. You can't win unless you are nominated. He continued by reminding attendees that the 50th Anniversary of the USSVI will be celebrated this year in San Francisco. Other upcoming events mentioned by Commander Bell included the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC, the annual Kings Bay meeting in the fall, and the Burnsville Memorial Service.

Commander Bell closed by suggesting that the CCB join the NC Subvets in purchasing an advertising page in the National Convention Program.

Coastal Carolina Base Business: Commander Charlie informed attendees about the following upcoming local CCB events;

Step-up-for-Soldiers Mud Run – Needs volunteers
Memorial Day Ceremony at the S-28 Monument
Possible Belk's Fund Raiser

July 4th Parade in Southport
Battleship NC Tribute to the Submarine Service – July 12 – Need participants

Base Meeting in August in the Southport area
Veterans Day Parade in Jacksonville

Potential 2nd Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser
Christmas Parades
Oak Island
Wilmington
Burgaw

Open Floor

Submarine Veteran Clothing: Storekeeper Frank Blackmon reminded attendees that the website www.subvetsonline.com is up and running and offers custom designs for shirts, hats and other submarine veteran clothing.

Thank You to Ron Bixby for Providing the Food for This Meeting: Commander Backes and attendees thanked Member Ron Bixby for catering this meeting from his restaurant, Peppercorns Food & Spirits is located at 2528 Castle Hayne Road, in Wrightsboro, NC. The website is <http://www.peppercornsfoodandspirits.com/>.

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Adjournment:

MOTION: Butterbean offered a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Ron Bixby **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 19th at 1900 at the First Baptist Church Activity Center on Independence Blvd in Wilmington, NC.



Coastal Carolina Base Submarine Veterans Meeting

When: June 19, 2014, at 1900 hours

Location: First Baptist Church Activity Center, Independence Blvd, Wilmington, NC

Call to order: Base Vice Commander Jerry Hawks called the Meeting to order at 1900.

Coastal Carolina Base Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2014

Location: Baptist Church Activity Center

Attendees: Jerry Hawks (Base Vice Commander), Bill Underwood (Base Secretary), Terry Kuhn (Base Treasurer), Jim Brincefield, Chuck Fletcher and wife Joy, Dominic Pacilli, Richard Schrum, Mark Siewert, new Associate Member Paul Siverson and new Member Douglas Mays.

Invocation: Jim Brincefield gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Commander Jerry Hawks led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: Each attendee introduced themselves giving their name, qualification boat and boats served on. New Associate Member, Paul Siverson, introduced himself. Paul is a retired Sergeant Major in the Marines. Paul received numerous medals and citations in Vietnam, Korea and Kuwait. He was stationed on the submarine tender, *USS Proteus AS-19* from 1976-1978. While serving as Sergeant Major, Marine Corps Security Forces, Naval Submarine Base, Bangor Washington, he rode on *USS Alabama SSBN 731*, *USS Henry Jackson SSBN 730*, *USS Michigan SSBN 727* and *USS Ohio SSBN 726*. He is sponsored by Member Richard Schrum.

Also at the meeting was Douglas E. Mays who submitted his application and dues at the meeting. Douglas served in the Navy from 1980 through 1996 and attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He qualified on the *USS Benjamin Franklin SSBN 640* in 1983 and also served on the *USS Alaska SSBN 732*. Douglas and Charlie noticed each other's submarine caps in a local parking lot and Charlie invited Douglas to join the Coastal Carolina Base.

Welcome to our two newest members, Paul and Doug and "Attaboy" to Richard and Charlie for building our membership!

Recognition of World War II Submarine Veterans in Attendance: No World War II submarine veterans were at the meeting.

Motion to Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Vice Commander Jerry called for a motion to accept the published minutes from the April 12th meeting as written.

MOTION: Jim Brincefield offered a **MOTION** to accept the Minutes from the April 12th meeting of the Coastal Carolina Base as written and dispense with the read-

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Coastal Carolina Base Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2014 Continued

ing of those Minutes. Terry Kuhn **SECONDED** the **MOTION** and the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous vote of the attendees.

Submission of Bills and Receipts: No new receipts or Bills were submitted.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Terry Kuhn discussed the Treasurer's Report at the meeting, but it was not available to include in these minutes. It will be included in the Newsletter Minutes section.

Planning for Upcoming Base Events: Vice Commander Jerry opened the floor for a discussion of the logistics and preparations for the following upcoming Base Events:

21 Day Salute to the Flag: Coastal Carolina Base has selected Wednesday, June 25th to participate in the Wilmington 21 Day Salute to the Flag. This duty involves being at the Flag Pole at City Hall in Wilmington by 0745 hours to lower the flag and raise the flag again at 0800 hours and say the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees then are free to go or hang around and chat with the other Members. Currently Charlie, Terry, Bill and new member Douglas have committed to attend. Other members wishing to attend should just show up at the City Hall at 0745 hours.

Official North Carolina 4th of July Parade and Picnic Preparation of the Float: Richard Schrum informed attendees that he volunteered his trailer to be used in the July events and plans to drop it at Commander Charlie's house after tonight's meeting. Jim Brincefield volunteered to use his truck to move the submarine centerpiece from Tom McFadden's house to Charlie's for assembly on the trailer. Jim also volunteered his truck to move the assembled trailer from Charlie's house to Southport and to pull the float in the parade. Terry volunteered to borrow the Klaxon from the *BB 55* for use on the parade float.

Chuck Fletcher's Option: Chuck offered a parking spot in his Marina to park the float before and after the parade. The parking area is large enough and is watched by a security guard. Also, Chuck said that the staging area for the parade is only about a mile from this parking area. Final assembly of the float can easily be done in the marina parking spot the morning of the parade. Chuck also informed attendees that his church, Trinity United Methodist Church in Southport, is holding a pancake breakfast that morning before the parade. Hungry CCB Members are welcome to attend the breakfast prior to the parade. Parade attendees can park at the marina and ride together to the parade. Joy also added that she could borrow

folding chairs for the float from their church. Jim Brincefield also said he will bring 8 folding chairs.

Picnic Following the Parade: Chuck and Joy also graciously offered to host the "CCB After-Parade Picnic" on their 47 foot yacht home in the marina in Southport. They said the yacht will comfortably hold 28 people, so parade attendees are encouraged to bring their wives and families. Chuck and Joy volunteered to provide a ham and Joy will coordinate side dishes with members who plan to attend the picnic after the parade.

Attendees were very appreciative of Chuck and Joy's gracious offer and Jim offered a **MOTION** to accept their offer.

MOTION: Jim Brincefield offered a **MOTION** to accept Chuck and Joy Fletcher's offer to host the "CCB After-Parade Picnic" and utilize the marina parking lot for staging the CCB Float for the parade. Terry Kuhn **SECONDED** the **MOTION** and the **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous vote of the attendees.

Thank you very much to Chuck and Joy!

Notice of Attendance: For obvious reasons we need a good count on who plans to attend the 4th of July Parade and who plans to attend the picnic after. **Please check your calendars and email Secretary, Bill Underwood at bunder343@aol.com ASAP if you plan to attend either or both events!**

USS North Carolina BB 55 Legacy Series Tribute to the Submarine Service: CCB Members are encouraged to bring their submarine memorabilia to the Battleship on Saturday morning, July 12th at 0830 hours to set up the display area in the *BB 55* Memorial Theater. From 0900 to 1600 hours visitors to the Battleship Memorial will have the opportunity to interact with CCB members to learn about the submarine service. Members Terry, Bill, Richard, Chuck Fletcher and Kevin Kesterson have indicated they will attend and bring their "stuff" for viewing. Other members please try to attend at least for part of the day. **The event is a lot of fun with plenty of time for sea stories!**

Open Floor

Step-up-for-Soldiers: Our friends at Step-up-for-Soldiers will have a ground-breaking on June 29th for the Step-up-for-Soldiers Signature House. The house dedicated in



Chief of Naval Personnel Talks Manning and Stability in Groton

By Lt. Timothy Hawkins, Submarine Group 2 Public Affairs

GROTON, Conn. (NNS) -- The Chief of Naval Personnel discussed manpower issues with crew members from two Los Angeles-class submarines during a pierside all-hands call June 11, which wrapped up a two-day visit to Groton, Conn.

Vice Adm. Bill Moran spoke to 150 Sailors from USS Toledo (SSN 769) and USS Pittsburgh (SSN 720). He also met separately with Groton-area senior enlisted leaders, waterfront support personnel, submarine school students, and other Sailors.

This was Moran's first trip to Naval Submarine Base New London since assuming responsibility for Navy manpower readiness last August.

"To come up here to the cradle of the submarine force here in Groton is really special," said Moran. "I think it's pretty clear from our [Chief of Naval Operations] just how important submarines are to the United States.

"He likes to say we have to own the undersea domain. We own it now, we have owned it for decades, and we've got to own it far into the future."

Moran arrived in Groton late Tuesday morning. He started off enjoying a lunch with enlisted Sailors from 20 different commands in the base galley.

"One of our number one priorities is to engage with the fleet," said Fleet Master Chief April Beldo, senior enlisted leader at Navy Personnel Command (NPC). Beldo and three other NPC personnel accompanied Moran.

"We want to get out here and understand if we're meeting Sailors' needs," she added.

The visit included walkthroughs of submarine maintenance and support facilities, Naval Submarine School training spaces, and a tour of Historic Ship Nautilus, the Navy's first nuclear-powered submarine.

After touring Virginia-class attack submarine USS Missouri (SSN 780) on Wednesday, Moran boarded Toledo to eat lunch with enlisted crew members.

"From what I've seen in the day-and-a-half I've been here in Groton, there is no doubt in my mind that we have the best

equipment and the best people. The training here is as good as I've seen anywhere in the Navy," Moran said to Toledo and Pittsburgh crew members who gathered around him on the pier following lunch.

Moran said his job is to make sure the Navy takes care of Sailors and their families. He discussed a 25 percent sea-pay increase that went into effect last month.

"All the sea-pay tables were bumped up 25 percent starting May 1," he said.

Moran also discussed recent changes to enlisted advancement policy, including a new formula for the Final Multiple Score (FMS) and changes to the Command Advancement Program (CAP).

On May 15, NPC announced the advancement exam will become the largest factor considered for advancement to E4 and E5 in the new formula, which increases the exam's weight by eight percent.

For advancement to E6, the Performance Mark Average (PMA) becomes the largest factor and will account for 50 percent of the FMS determination. PMA will account for 60 percent of the total FMS for advancement to E7.

"It's not all about performance, it's about more weight toward performance," said Moran.

"As you move up the line to chief, the value of the test goes down significantly and the value of your performance evaluations - how your chief's mess and command triad value your performance - goes up significantly."

CAP quotas haven't changed, said Moran. What has changed is that Sailors can only be capped between July and September.

"The real simple reason for that is if we know ahead of the September and March exam cycles what quotas have been filled up by the CAP in and throughout the fleet, then we'll have a better and more precise prediction about what the quotas will be like in September and March," he said. Moran also addressed questions from Sailors about rumored realignments for various ratings. In response he said, "We're going to stay where we are. We've had a lot of change in the last 10 years, and I'm interested in just stabilizing the force right now."

Master Chief Electronics Technician Joe Wilt, chief of the boat for Toledo, asked Moran to consider reestablishing the torpedoman's mate rating for submarines. The Navy merged torpedoman's mate for submarines with machinist's mate in 1997.

Moran said he would relay Wilt's request to senior Navy leadership this week.



USS Constitution Gets Underway to Commemorate D-Day, Battle of Midway

By Seaman Matthew R. Fairchild and Mass Communic

BOSTON (NNS) -- USS Constitution Sailors conducted an underway demonstration aboard America's Ship of State in Boston Harbor in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of D-Day and the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway June 6.

More than 400 guests, including several World War II veterans, embarked Old Ironsides for the ship's first underway of 2014. During the three-hour underway, Constitution Sailors conducted a 21-gun salute off Fort Independence on Castle Island in South Boston, followed by an additional 17-gun salute off U.S. Coast Guard Base Boston before returning to the ship's berth in Charlestown Navy Yard.

During the underway, a wreath-laying ceremony was performed in honor of those who fought and lost their lives during the allied invasion of Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944, known as D-Day, and the Battle of Midway, June 4-7, 1942, a naval engagement in which the U.S. Navy sunk all four Japanese aircraft carriers that participated in the battle. Both events played major roles in helping to turn the tide in the Allies' favor in both the European and Pacific fronts of World War II.

The memorial wreath was dropped into the waters of Boston Harbor by retired Chief Boatswain's Mate Daniel James Coyle, a 90-year-old D-Day veteran from Mansfield, Mass. who participated in naval amphibious operations aboard LST-281, a tank landing ship. Coyle was assisted by Director, Navy Staff, Vice Adm. Scott Swift during the ceremony.

"This is the greatest honor I've ever had," said Coyle. "The crew and officers have all been so welcoming - this day couldn't be any better."

The underway was also a special day for 94-year-old Fred Schleipman, of Norwich, Vt. Schleipman finally fulfilled his dream of riding aboard Old Ironsides 85 years after he contributed 2,000 pennies as a 9-year-old to Constitution's 'pennies campaign' in 1929 - where school children across America donated their spare change to raise more than \$154,000 to help restore Constitution, which was in critical need of repairs at the time.

"Today was one of my greatest lifetime experiences," said Schleipman.

Though remembering and honoring the sacrifices made by service members who fought in World War II were the key themes of the underway, there were also moments of joy and celebration.

"(The underway) was amazing and unforgettable - unlike anything I've ever done before," said Amanda Kennedy, an English teacher and Constitution guest who was proposed to by her boyfriend, Andrew McDonald, on Constitution's spar deck during the cruise.

After she said "yes", Kennedy and McDonald's engagement was announced over the ship's speaker system by Lt. Cmdr. Eric Coop, Constitution's executive officer, which was met with cheers and applause from the crowd.

"I was totally surprised, happy and shocked all at the same time," said Kennedy.

Following the conclusion of the underway, an additional D-Day commemoration event was held aboard the decommissioned World War II-era Fletcher class destroyer USS Cassin Young at her



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memory of SFC Ed Kramer will be offered to disabled veterans transitioning from service to one of the local Colleges or Universities. For more information go to the Step-up-for-Soldiers website:

www.stepupforsoldiers.org/signaturehouse.

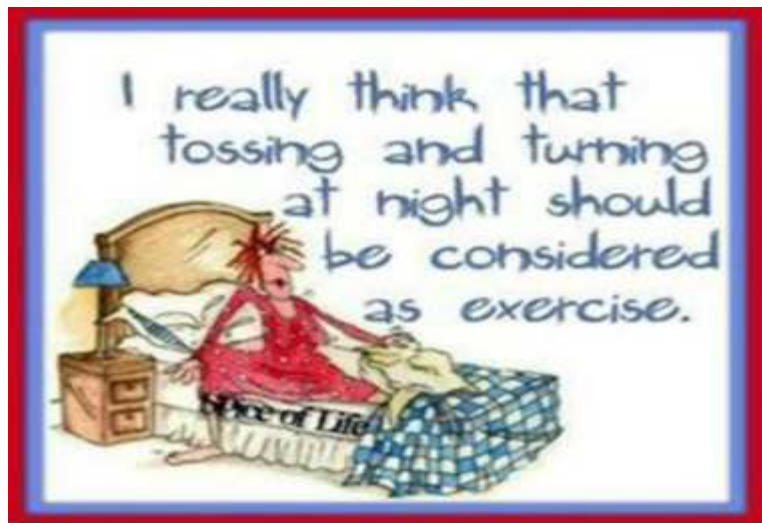
Vice Commander Resignation: Vice Commander Jerry Hawks informed attendees that he has had several health issues lately and can no longer do justice to his responsibilities as Vice Commander of the Coastal Carolina Base. Therefore he reluctantly submitted his resignation from the Vice Commander Office as of June 30th. He said that he would continue to be a member and support the Base in any way he could. Attendees conveyed their disappointment and appreciation for his service to date along with understanding and support for tending to his health first. Members were encouraged to consider stepping up to help out the club as an officer since the Commander and Vice Commander Officer positions will be available.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Jim Brincefield offered a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Dominic Pacilli **SECONDED** the MOTION and the MOTION 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 **Saturday morning, August 16th at 10:30 am at the Trinity United Methodist Church at 209 E. Nash Street, Southport, NC.** A hardy breakfast will be served for \$9.00 per person. This will be a great opportunity to meet with our members from below the Cape Fear.



USS Constitution Commemorates D-Day...continued from page 18

berth in Charlestown Navy Yard, with a large number of World War II veterans, active duty service members and their friends and family in attendance to show their collective support.

Amongst the speakers was Daniel Coyle, who read several excerpts from a journal he kept on his recollections of D-Day aboard LST-281.

Other speakers included Bill Needham, a retired member of the Army Air Corps who assisted with establishing the first air landing strip in Normandy, and Christian Frehr, a resident of Normandy during the war who witnessed the aftermath of D-Day firsthand.

The ceremony concluded with the laying of another wreath in Boston Harbor, followed by a moment of silence and the playing of taps in remembrance of the fallen.

"I cannot think of a more prestigious honor then to go underway aboard Constitution and be here aboard the USS Cassin Young to celebrate the 70th anniversary of D-Day," said Coop, who served as master of ceremonies for both events. "Hearing these gentleman talk about their experiences on that day really helps one to put into perspective what it was like to be a part of the landing."

Constitution's remaining 2014 underway demonstrations, which will be her final underway events in Boston Harbor until 2018, are scheduled for July 4, Aug. 22, Aug. 29 and Oct. 17.

USS Constitution, the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat, actively defended sea lanes against global threats from 1797 to 1855. Now a featured destination on Boston's Freedom Trail, Constitution and her crew of U.S. Navy Sailors offer community outreach and education about the ship's history and the importance of naval seapower to more than 500,000 visitors each year.



Gems from Jim

Thought Provoking emails from Jim Brincefield



THE ONLY FLAG THAT DOESN'T FLY

Between the fields where the flag is planted, there are 9+ miles of flower fields that go all the way to the ocean. The flowers are grown by seed companies. It's a beautiful place, close to Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Check out the dimensions of the flag. The Floral Flag is 740 feet long and 390 feet wide and maintains the proper Flag dimensions, as described in Executive Order #10834.

This Flag is 6.65 acres and is the first Floral Flag to be planted with 5 pointed Stars, comprised of White Larkspur. Each Star is 24 feet in diameter; each Stripe is 30 feet wide.

This Flag is estimated to contain more than 400,000 Larkspur plants with 4-5 flower stems each, for a total of more than 2 million flowers.





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 on-line. Each episode is about 30 min. in length so consider that when trying to download.



New Record SSBN Patrol

BANGOR, Wash. (June 14, 2014) Sailors assigned to the Gold crew aboard the ballistic missile submarine USS Pennsylvania (SSBN 735) handle lines as the boat moors following a 140-day strategic deterrent patrol. The patrol is a new record for the longest strategic deterrent patrol completed by an Ohio-class submarine. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ahron Arendes/Released)

Coastal Carolina Base Member Birthdays

April Birthdays

Chuck Troyon, Howard Crist

May Birthdays

Raymond Groh, Terry Kuhn

June Birthdays

Willy Allen

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

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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USS North Carolina Tribute to the Submarine Service

Saturday, July 12th

0900-1600

Come Display your Submarine Memorabilia and Tell Sea Stories to the Visitors!

*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



North Carolina Visits Yokosuka During Western Pacific Deployment

By Lt. j.g. Tyler Vaughn, USS North Carolina Public Affairs

YOKOSUKA, Japan (NNS) -- The Virginia-class, fast-attack submarine USS North Carolina (SSN 777) arrived in Yokosuka June 8 for a routine visit as part of its second deployment to the Western Pacific. With a crew of about 140, North Carolina will conduct a multitude of missions and showcase the latest capabilities of the submarine fleet.

"The crew of the North Carolina is honored to be guests in Japan and is looking forward to enjoying some liberty," said Cmdr. Richard Rhinehart, North Carolina's commanding officer. "It has been very professionally rewarding for the crew to be deployed to the Asia-Pacific region working closely with other forward deployed U.S. Navy units and those of our regional partners such as Japan."

North Carolina is the fourth submarine in the Virginia-class, the Navy's newest class of submarine and the first ship designed for the post Cold-War environment. It is designed to operate with stealth, agility and endurance in the world's littoral regions, as well as the deep oceans. Designed to accomplish a wide variety of missions as required per its operational commanders, the crew spent the previous six-months operating in the Asia-Pacific region.

"The crew of the North Carolina has overcome numerous obstacles during the deployment and has maintained an exceptional attitude throughout," Said Chief of the Boat, Command Master Chief Petty Officer J.R. O'Donnell. "They have been eagerly waiting this visit to Yokosuka, Japan."

For many of the crew members, this is not only their first deployment, but also their first time visiting Japan. For those that have been here before, it is a welcome return.

"I have been eagerly looking forward to seeing Japan again since I left Okinawa in 2008," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Benjamin Kramer, ship's corpsman. "The culture and people are always welcoming and the food is exceptional."

Measuring more than 350 feet long and weighing more than 7,800 tons when submerged, North Carolina is one of the stealthiest and most advanced submarines in the world. North Carolina brings to the region the capability to conduct the full spectrum of potential submarine missions including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and mine warfare.

North Carolina is home ported Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and was commissioned in 2008. This is the boat's second deployment to the Western Pacific.



Base Membership Statistics

USSVI Life Members	27
Base Life Members	0
Holland Club Members	22
Primary Members	35
Associate Members	1
WWII Sub Veteran Members	2
Total Active Members	57
Members on Eternal Patrol	2
Attendees at Last Meeting	23
% voting in Last Election	63



“The Silent Service”

TV Show DVDs available at

www.usssealion.com/sealion/silent_service_tapes1.htm

“I Ordered Mine and Love them!”

Notable Second Quarter History

*USS Holland SS-1
Purchased for \$160,000
Birth of US Submarine Service*



*USS Tunny Recommissioned
May 8, 1953*



*April 21, 2007
USS North Carolina SSN 777
Christening*



*USS Squalus SS 192 Sank
May 23, 1939*



*USS Thresher SSN 593
Lost April 10, 1963*



*USS Scorpion SSN 589
Lost May 22, 1968*





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visit Singapore and enjoy a little bit of liberty ashore."

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"We have a motivated and energetic crew onboard the North Carolina," Said Chief of the Boat, Command Master Chief Petty Officer J.R. O'Donnell. "They have been highly dedicated to our mission success. Visiting Singapore is a well deserved and earned liberty port for the crew. This is the perfect place for them to relax and take in the local culture. Many of the Sailors have family coming to visit during our stay."

For many of the crew members, this is not only their first deployment, but also their first time visiting Singapore.

"I'm looking forward to spending time relaxing and touring the city of Singapore," said Culinary Specialist Seaman Apprentice Joshua Patterson. "I've heard nothing but great things about it from everyone who has been there."

Measuring more than 350 feet long and weighing more than 7,800 tons when submerged, North Carolina is one of the stealthiest and most advanced submarines in the world. North Carolina brings to the region the capability to conduct the full spectrum of potential submarine missions including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and mine warfare.

North Carolina is home ported Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and was commissioned in 2008. This is the boat's second deployment to the region in the last three years.



YOKOSUKA, Japan (June 9, 2014) Electronics Technician 1st Class Kevin Watson, from Houston, stands a roving security watch aboard the Virginia-class fast attack submarine USS North Carolina (SSN 777). North Carolina is visiting Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan, during a routine deployment to the Indo-Asia-Pacific. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Liam Kennedy/Released)



Navy Scientist Honored for "Pivotal" Impact on Fleet Ballistic Missile Strategic Weapons System's Success

By John Joyce, NSWC Dahlgren Division Corporate Communications

DAHLGREN, Va. (NNS) -- The scientist described as a "leading force" to the Fleet Ballistic Missile (FBM) Program was honored with the Navy Strategic Systems Programs (SSP) Director's Award, Navy officials announced June 10.

SSP Director Vice Adm. Terry Benedict presented the award to Patricia Fetter, a Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) principal scientist, before her civilian Navy colleagues and leadership at a ceremony here.

"I am very honored that Strategic Systems Programs presented me with this award for my contributions to the Fleet Ballistic Missile Program and in particular for developing the first COTS (commercial-off-the-shelf) based real time operating system for the SLBM (Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile) Strategic Weapon System," said Fetter. "I am accepting this award on behalf of a team of hardworking and dedicated smart people because without them, none of this would have been possible."

Benedict recognized Fetter's achievements as "pivotal" to the success of the Fleet Ballistic Missile Strategic Weapons System program and fundamental to providing credible and affordable sea-based deterrent missile systems.

The SSP Director cited Fetter's "personal contributions to the FBM program for more than 31 years as a leading force in the develop-

ATLANTIC OCEAN (June 2, 2014) A trident II D-5 ballistic missile is launched from the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS West Virginia (SSBN 736) during a missile test at the Atlantic Missile Range. The test flights were part of a demonstration and shakedown operation, which the Navy uses to certify a submarine for deployment after a major overhaul. The missiles were converted into test configurations with kits containing range safety devices and flight telemetry instrumentation.



The U.S. Navy supports U.S. Strategic Command's strategic deterrence missions by operating and maintaining Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines to deter regional and strategic threats. The triad, the U.S. strategic nuclear forces of ICBMs, bombers, and ballistic missile submarines, remains the primary deterrent of nuclear attacks against the U.S., our allies, and partners. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)



ment and sustainment of fire control and targeting software for the FBM program," in his letter of congratulations. "Your leadership helps exemplify our program's high performance standards and expectations."

SSP develops and deploys the nation's Seaborne Strategic Weapons Systems. The program directs the end-to-end effort of the Navy's Strategic Weapons Systems to include training, systems, equipment, facilities and personnel; and fulfills the terms of the U.S.-UK Polaris sales agreement.

"Patti has made significant contributions to the SSP Program both technically and from a management perspective," said NSWCDD Strategic and Weapon Control Systems Department Head Jim Wolfe. "Most importantly, she understands the value and strength of the SSP technical team at Dahlgren. They have consistently delivered high quality products to the fleet. She has held numerous positions with tremendous responsibility and accountability. I am very proud of her many accomplishments."

The SSP Director recognizes personal contributions - extraordinary in value to the success of the FBM Strategic Weapons System, of no more than two awardees annually. The nominees can be military or government employees who have not had the opportunity to serve in high visibility positions. Their work must be considered significant and important to the FBM program.

"I am blessed to have been given the opportunity to work with such an amazing group of people," said Fetter. "My career in the Fleet Ballistic Missile Program has been extremely rewarding."

The SLBM Program at NSWCDD has a 60-year history of providing a credible sea-based strategic deterrent. NSWCDD has been integral member of the Strategic Systems Program SLBM Team since it began more than 60 years ago.



"The opportunity to be a part of providing innovative solutions to our men and women in uniform that will help them conduct their missions safely and effectively has been a career highlight," said Fetter.

The highly specialized Navy Strategic Systems Programs workforce is composed of military and civilian, scientific, engineering, and professional personnel who work closely with private contractors and consultants.

NSWCDD designs, develops, tests and maintains the SLBM weapons control and mission planning software, provides expertise in reentry systems structural, material, aerothermal, and flight mechanics, and performs system level testing and analysis of strategic, test and training targeting data.



QUESTION and ANSWER with Captain David Goggins

Captain David Goggins, Program Manager of the Virginia-class Submarine program at (PMS 450), sat down to discuss recent successes and the future of the Virginia-class program.



What is PMS 450's role in the Virginia-class program?

PMS 450 oversees the acquisition, design, construction, and delivery of Virginia-class submarines, the most technologically advanced and operationally effective submarines in the world. As the Program Manager, I oversee these functions. We have an incredible team in place in 450, and I am proud of the work we do. I truly have the best job in the Navy.

USS North Dakota (SSN 784) will be the first of the Block III submarines to enter service when it is commissioned later this summer. What is different with the Block III vs. Block II? That's a great question, but to fully answer it I need to provide some background. In 2005, then-CNO Adm. Michael Mullen issued a challenge to us: if we could reduce our per-ship acquisition cost by approximately 20 percent by Fiscal Year 2012, we would be able to increase our submarine production to two per year. This was the "2 for \$4B in 12" initiative that you've probably heard of: build two submarines for \$4 billion (in FY05 dollars) in FY12. To do so, we initiated an innovative and robust program to reduce the acquisition costs of our boats through three focus areas. The first focus area was construction performance; we had to reduce the time it took us to build each submarine. The second area was increasing the procurement rate and using a multi-year procurement (MYP) contract. By increasing the procurement rate and using an MYP contract with economic order quantity, we were able to remove approximately \$200 million from the acquisition cost of each submarine. The final focus area, and getting back to your question, was the Design for Affordability (DFA) program. The DFA initiative introduced over 100 design changes to the Block III submarines. The two most important are the Virginia Payload Tubes (VPTs) and the Large Aperture Bow (LAB) array that are part of the redesigned bow. The water-backed LAB array uses life-of-ship hydrophones and removes nearly 1,000 SUBSAFE hull penetrations, lowering acquisition and lifecycle costs while maintaining capability. By making the change to the LAB array, we were able to incorporate the VPTs. Like the earlier Vertical Launch System (VLS) tubes, we can still carry and launch 12 Tomahawks. However, we nearly doubled the payload capacity from 1,200 to 2,100 cubic feet, allowing for the incorporation of additional payloads.

It was recently announced that the Navy signed a contract to buy 10 Virginia-class Block IV submarines from FY14 to FY18. Why is the Navy buying 10 at once and not individually as with other ship building programs?

All Virginia-class submarines from USS *New Mexico* (SSN 779) on have been procured as multi-year procurement ships using advanced procurement (AP) and economic order quantity (EOQ). EOQ allows us to buy 10 ship sets worth of certain materials and equipment, allowing us to benefit from buying in bulk. When we talk about the savings afforded by an MYP contract with AP and EOQ, we are talking significant savings when compared to buying those same submarines one at a time through annual procurements. For the Block IV contract, we saved \$5.4 billion as compared to annual procurements. That's a savings of 16.5 percent. Not only is there a cost savings to the Navy and the tax payer, but there is also the added benefit of industry stability. By signing an MYP contract, our shipbuilding partners are able to better plan for and execute contracts with their vendors and sub-tier vendors, thereby removing industry uncertainty from the equation. It should be noted for an MYP contract that, while pricing is established and all are procured, the ships are still annually funded by Congress.



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What improvements can we expect in the Block IV? On Block III, we focused on design changes that facilitated reduced acquisition costs and an increased procurement rate. On Block IV, we are focusing on reducing operating and support (O&S) costs. By making smaller-scale design changes to increase the component-level lifecycle of the submarine, we will be able to increase the periodicity between depot maintenance availabilities and increase the number of deployments each submarine can make. Block I through III *Virginias* will undergo four depot maintenance availabilities and conduct 14 deployments but, through our Reduction in Total Ownership Cost (RTOC) efforts, we will be able to reduce availabilities by one to three and increase deployments by one to 15. We refer to this as 3:15. These efforts will yield an O&S savings of about \$120 million per boat.

How many *Virginias* have been delivered, under construction and under contract? As of today, 10 *Virginias* have been delivered, nine are under construction, and an additional nine are under contract. That's 28 *Virginias* that are either out there conducting missions or in the pipeline. We are rapidly heading toward a point in time when *Virginias* will make up the bulk of the Submarine Force and, with the capabilities they bring to the fight, that is a great thing.

How much does a *Virginia*-class boat cost, and what is the average build time? The end cost of USS *Minnesota* (SSN 783), our most recently delivered boat, was \$2.56 billion. The average build time for the boats we have delivered to date is about 74 months, but that number is skewed by the early growing pains we had that all new classes of ships face. Seven of the 10 delivered boats have actually delivered early to their contract requirements, which includes all six of the Block II submarines. USS *Mississippi* (SSN 782) was our fastest delivery to date at 62 months. As we continue to build these submarines, we continue to refine and improve on our construction practices. For the Block IV submarines, we built that improved learning into the contract. The first three boats of the block are contracted for 62 months, and the remaining seven are contracted for 60 months. By delivering these boats at an accelerated pace, we are putting these tremendous assets into the hands of the warfighters at a time when the Combatant Commanders' demand for them outpaces their availability.

What is the *Virginia* Payload Module and why is the Navy designing it? How is it different than the *Virginia* Payload Tube? The *Virginia* Payload Module, or VPM, is currently in early concept development. The VPM is a four-tube module that will add four additional payload tubes, each capable of carrying seven Tomahawk cruise missiles, into the *Virginia*-class design. But before I get too far into the discussion of the what and the how, I want to talk about the why. Our SSGNs are the ultimate conventional undersea strike platform. Each of these four boats is capable of carrying up to 154 Tomahawks. These boats proved their worth during Operation ODYSSEY DAWN in 2011 when USS *Florida* (SSGN 728) put over 90 missiles downrange and on target in Libya. The SSGNs, commissioned in the early 1980s, will reach the end of their service lives in the late 2020s. When the SSGNs are decommissioned, the Navy will lose approximately 60 percent of its undersea strike payload. Building 20 *Virginias* with VPMs enables the Navy to close that strike gap. While we are still working out the initial design specifications, we do know that each VPM will have four tubes, each capable of carrying seven Tomahawks. These tubes will be very similar to the VPTs we discussed earlier that are part of our Block III and forward ships. By using these tubes in the VPM, we are leveraging mission-proven components for the new module, thereby minimizing design and cost risk. Cost is, of course, one of my main focus areas. The VPM Capabilities Development Document that the Joint Requirements Oversight Council approved in December 2013 established requirements for the program that we must achieve. The two most important are the strike capacity—going from the ability to launch 12 Tomahawks to 40—and the cost thresholds that have been established. In today's fiscally constrained budget environment, cost is on par with capability. If we can't achieve our cost targets, we cannot integrate this capability into the fleet and we will have failed the warfighter.

Will the VPM be incorporated into any of the Block IV *Virginias*? No, the Block IV *Virginias* are already under contract, and their baseline design was established in 2012. We are targeting the beginning of Block V (FY19) for the VPM. This will reduce the trough—the low point for undersea launchers when the SSGNs retire—and get these *Virginias* with their increased capabilities to the fleet and into the hands of the operators as soon as possible.



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.)

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

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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

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