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ALL CLEAR is the award winning quarterly publication of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) Tarheel Base, with input from and shared with all other USSVI bases in North Carolina - the NC SubVets.

USSVI CREED AND PURPOSE

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

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

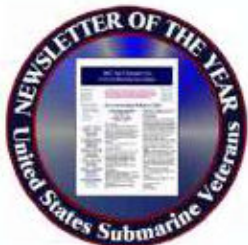
The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed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

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2012 National Winner
Newsletter of the Year

Please feel free to email input or “share” Facebook posts at anytime up to the last week of the quarter.

Your submissions are greatly appreciated and I would like to thank the reporters and photographers who made this addition of ALL CLEAR possible.



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DISTRICT COMMANDER'S /
TARHEEL BASE COMMANDER'S
"ALL CLEAR" COMMENTS



"ALL CLEAR" is now up and running thanks to Joseph Peek, and again I want to say BRAVO ZULU to Joseph for his volunteering and efforts at this position. The importance of getting this site back up and running cannot be over emphasized. Its importance to the cohesion of our North Carolina bases is essential to the continued health of our bases and USSVI overall. I will not go into the details of the effects of communication of base events and status, this is intuitively obvious. But one aspect that continues relative to this site and basically the efforts of the bases, is to our visibility with our members but also to USSVI overall and to the local community. Participation in base activities is essential to the health of the base because it reflects the bases ability to meet the goals of USSVI.

Stop for a moment now and look at your own base and its health. Is it where it should be relative to the expectations of USSVI? Does it reflect your expectations? Individually is the base meeting your expectations? How many participate in base events? Are these events truly representative of USSVI goals. Our World War II members are leaving on eternal patrol and many bases have none in their crew list. Their sacrifices were the driving factor in the founding of USSVI and today's population is clueless to these facts. For us non WWII sub vets, look back at the accomplishments of the submarine force operations you were involved in and the winning of the cold war. In the opening of Soviet archives after the fall of the Soviet Union, one of the intelligence data points noticed was that of US and NATO military arms, the Soviets feared the most, it was the US Submarine Force. They knew if the balloon went up and a conventional confrontation started, their ability to prevent reinforcements from reaching Europe to counter a Soviet land attack, would be blocked by the NATO Naval Forces and the most lethal would be the US SSNs. Additionally, despite the efforts of some in the Soviet leadership who believed a first strike would allow them to win a Nuclear War with the US, clearer and calmer heads made it clear that a first strike by them would result in a retaliatory strike by the 41 for Freedom SSBN's that would totally destroy their military and industrial infrastructure, thus not a win.

So, again the general public is almost clueless to the contributions to the end of the cold war of the US Submarine Force. Today a third of our fleet conventional strike power is in the SSNs'. Or it was; the previous administrations have basically participated in the near total reduction in our industrial infrastructure that builds and maintains our submarine force and fleet in general. When CINCPACFLT testified that he cannot meet 60% of his critical operational commitments because he does not have enough SSNs, that is a "tell". So our involvement in educating the public is not only part our meeting the USSVI Purpose, it is also a part of educating the public as to the importance of submarines in the defense of our country. Thus back to my original point, base events and their participation are important to the health of the organization as well as increasing public awareness. "Thank you for your service" comments from the public are nice to hear, especially for us Vietnam era guys, but if the public is unaware as to what this service entails and its importance, it loses its impact, again personal opinion.

Here is the punch line; We're an aging group. Last night at a Tarheel Base event, I was discussing with my

vice commander our base health; over 70% our base are Holland Club members and only 25% are under 70 years old. We coming, again in my opinion, to a critical time in the organization; thus the old refrain: RECRUITING IN VITAL! Since I joined in 2009 we have gone from 13,600 to 12,073. Tarheel Base has gone from 162 to 103 today. Well, one might say; "What can I do"? Well, support base events to start. Step forward and volunteer to run for an elected position or an assigned post. Help get the base to participate in more events; parades, caps for kids, Jr and regular ROTC events, school education programs (flag etiquette as the Carolina Piedmont base), Duke University continuing education program on submarine history (Tarheel base members), Jr.NROTC Programs (USS Asheville Base), Wreaths Across American, etc. These are just a few. I am also looking at getting a USSVI briefing as part of the TAPS program for active duty members transitioning to civilian life at EAOS or Retirement. Where a USSVI member would brief submarine or other interested service members on USSVI and where there are bases where their home of record is or wherever they will end up living. OK soapbox commentary ending. We have some upcoming major events to support; SER Conference end of April through May 2nd, Moonshine Mountain in May 18th, and the National Conference up coming in Texas. If you can support any or all of these events please participate as part of supporting your base and the organization. Support the upcoming base parades and events where possible. Last night Tarheel Base had its 1st quarter base dinner out at Lugano's restaurant. We had a very good turn out, 26 members and their wives. We had a great meal, a great time, and we got on the public radar screen as submarine veterans with the other patrons of the restaurant. In the mean time, fair winds and following seas for the upcoming year. i will be doing base officers inductions at the Coastal Carolina Base on the 6th of April and the USS Asheville Base at the Moonshine Mountain Memorial event meeting on the 18th of May, I will put out a plan for visiting other District One bases with in the next month. Seeing ya'll at the SER Conference in April.

Upcoming Events

April 29 - Southeastern Regional Conference

May 4 - Space Coast Submarine Birthday Ball

May 17 - NC Subvest Burnsville Memorial Service

Deadline for Big Lynn Lodge Special Rate -April 15th

See our website - <http://ncsubvets.org> for contact information and registration forms

North Carolina Bases & Officers

Albemarle Sound

Base Commander: Frank Jones III
Sr. Vice Commander: Ronald J. Pervere
Secretary: Matthew L. Cinkovich
Treasurer: Matthew L. Cinkovich

USS Asheville

Base Commander: Joseph R. Schmidt
Sr. Vice Commander Jerome B. Hoffart
Jr. Vice Commander Eugene Ipox Jr.
Secretary: James A. Secord

Carolina Piedmont

Base Commander: Richard Petit
Vice Commander: John Jefferies
Secretary: Tom Kelly
Treasurer: Raymond Zieverink

Coastal Carolina

Base Commander: Charles Fletcher
Vice Commander: Gerald Rowe
Secretary: William H. Underwood
Treasurer: Terry L. Kuhn

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Secretary: Jack Murray
Treasurer: Dennis Cloutier

Nathanael Greene

Base Commander: Raymond Moore
Vice Commander: Al Zilinski
Secretary: Edward Galaviz
Treasurer: Chuck Jensen

Tarheel

Base Commander: David Campbell
Vice Commander: Jim Davis
Secretary: Bill Lowe
Treasurer: Tom McFadden

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March 28th - Tarheel 1st Quarter Dinner

At the March 28th Tarheel quarterly social dinner, a total of 26 Subvets and their wives enjoyed a very nice meal and time together at Lugano's Ristorante. The gathering was made extra special by the attendance of Butterbean and his wife Barbara. [to see it](#)

Social gathering at Lugano's this
utterbean and his bride "out and about"



March 16th - Newest Float Launching

Old North State launched the latest North Carolina Submarine Veterans Float. A fine dinner at the Pamlico Plantation Clubhouse followed.



16/17 St.Patrick's Day Parades

Rich Cimino, Wade Cooper, Jim Davis, Ed Galaviz, Bob Govern, Jim Jacobs, Chuck Jensen, Jerry Leppart, Bill Lowe, Tom McFadden, Joe Peek, Gene Rutter and Al Zilinski from Tarheel and Nathanael Greene Bases braved a cool and windy start with the Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday. Gold Hats - Larry Cinkovich, Hershel Davis, Ron Pervere, and Barry Danforth from Albemarle Sound Base entertained the crowd at the Outer Banks Parade on Sunday. Look for photos at our website NCSubVets.org



Winter and Early Spring - Tarheel Color Guard

Pictured here with Basketball Hall of Famer and Naval Academy Alum David Robinson, the Tarheel Color Guard has been at Duke basketball and baseball games. They were also at the Durham Bulls baseball games last summer.

December 15, 2018 Wreaths Across America

Members of USS Asheville Base lay wreaths at the graves of men and women who served our country at the Veterans Cemetery in Black Mountain.



December 8, 2018 - Pearl Harbor Dinner

A total of over 65 SubVets and their wives attended this year's Pearl Harbor Dinner.

Pictured are the officers of Old North State Base receiving their Golden Anchor Award.

Bravo Zulu!

December 1, 2018

Submarine Veterans Work Party keeping the Town of Cary Veterans Memorial Park "Squared Away"

Submariners in the photo (left to right) Rich Cimino, Wade Cooper, Wayne Powell, Bob Govern, Perry Taylor, Jim Davis, Bill Lowe and Jim Wallace (behind the camera).

Submarine Veterans Work Party today, keeping the Town of Cary Veterans Memorial Park



From USS Asheville SSN 758

Featured in photo (left to right) Rich Cimino, Wade



Photos from the award ceremony and onboard.



From USS North Carolina SSN 777



Sailors from the USS North Carolina attended a luncheon honoring Pacific Fleet Sailors of the Year.

Pictured (L to R)

MMA1(SS) Joshua Hastings - Sailor of the Quarter

ETV3(SS) Patrick Romeo - Bluejacket of the Quarter

EMN1(SS) Michael Owens - Junior Sailor of the Year



Five USS North Carolina sailors came to Wilmington to help celebrate Navy Week.

LOST SUBMARINES - SECOND QUARTER

APRIL

USS Pickerel (SS-177)	Lost on April 3, 1943 with the loss of 74 men while on her 7th war patrol near the eastern coast of northern Honshu, sunk by a depth charge attack.
USS Snook (SS-279)	Lost on April 8, 1945 with the loss of 84 men while on her 9th war patrol off the east coast of northern Formosa. Her loss remains a mystery, but she may have been 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. Photos taken by Trieste proved Thresher had broken up 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 79 men while on her 12th war patrol and most likely due to a combined air and surface antisubmarine attack north of the Mariana Islands.
USS Grenadier (SS-210)	Lost on April 22, 1943 with no immediate loss of life while on her 6th war patrol in the Lem Voalan Strait west of Malaysia. She dove after being spotted by a plane, but was badly damaged by a bomb. After fighting back to the surface with no propulsion, she was attacked by another plane, which her crew shot down. When enemy ships arrived, the CO abandoned ship and scuttled the boat. 76 crew members were taken prisoner, 4 perished and 72 survived the war.

May

USS Lagarto (SS-371)	Lost on May 3, 1945 with the loss of 86 men while on her 2nd war patrol. She is believed to have been lost to a radar equipped minelayer, which was then sunk by the USS Hawkbill two weeks later. Lagarto's wreckage has been located in the Gulf of Thailand.
USS Scorpion (SSN-589)	USS Scorpion (SSN-589) Lost on May 22, 1968 with the loss of 99 men while returning to Norfolk, VA from a Mediterranean deployment. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined and her wreckage has been located about 400 miles southwest of the Azores.
USS Squalus (SS-192)	Lost on May 23, 1939 due to a catastrophic valve failure during a test dive off the Isle of Shoals. 26 men drowned in the after compartments, 33 crew members were rescued. Later Squalus was raised and recommissioned as the USS Sailfish.
USS Stickleback (SS-415)	During a training exercise with USS Silverstein (DE-534) on May 28, 1958, Stickleback experienced a loss of power and broached 200 yards in front of the Silverstein resulting in a collision with no loss of life. Stickleback sunk the next day, May 29, 1958.

June

USS Herring (SS-233)	Lost on June 1, 1944 with the loss of 83 men while on her 8th war patrol near Matsuwa Island, Kuriles. She was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted her and made two direct hits on her conning tower and causing her loss.
USS R-12 (SS-89)	Lost on June 12, 1943 with the loss of 42 men 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. R-12's wreckage has been located off Key West, FL.
USS Golet (SS-361)	Lost on June 14, 1944 with the loss of 82 men while on her 2nd war patrol. She was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu, Japan.
USS Bonefish (SS-223)	Lost on June 18, 1945 with the loss of 85 men while on her 8th war patrol in Toyama Bay off the northern shores of Honshu, Japan. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.

USS S-27 (SS-132) USS S-27 (SS-132) Cont'd	Lost on June 19, 1942 with no loss of life while on her 1st war patrol when it grounded off Amchitka Island in the Aleutians. 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 then rescued by PBY aircraft.
USS O-9 (SS-70)	Lost on June 20, 1941 with the loss of 33 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH.
USS Runner (SS-275)	Lost on or after June 26, 1943 with the loss of 78 men while on her 3rd war patrol. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking ships off the Kuriles, north of Japan on June 26 and is expected to have hit a mine on or after that date. She was expected at Midway about July 11, and not later than July 15.