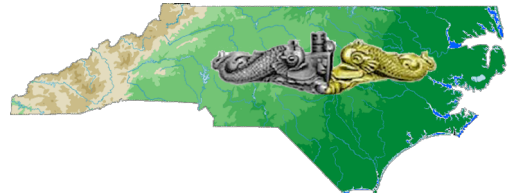


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Photo of the USS North Carolina 777

This Issue:

USS Asheville Operates with French Submarine

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USSVI CREED AND PURPOSE

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

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

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

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From:

THE NORTH CAROLINA SUBVETS STATE COMMANDER - Jan. 2021

SHIPMATES: The end of 2020 was like the end of a terrible patrol, AT LAST IT'S OVER. Let's move on and hope for a better 2021.

The Torpedo Float has a new home. It will be stowed at the NORTHEASTERN REGIONAL AIRPORT in Edenton North Carolina. The Albemarle Sound Base will have control of the float and its schedule. I will set up contact info and procedure as soon as the stowage area is ready and I move the float from my home to the airport. The space is a good, clean garage located in the admin building and has plenty of room to maneuver the float in and out of the stowage area. ABORT THIS (WE HAVE BEEN DERAILRED BY NC STATE BEAURACY) more info about float to come. See Tarheel minute excerpt (next page)

Moonshine Mountain memorial banner is complete and ready for use at the next Moonshine Mountain Memorial Service, hopefully this May. It is of note that the banner includes a logo of each North Carolina Subvets Base, all seven of them. The cost of the banner project was about \$700 for panting, printing, shipping, hanging gear, etc. This cost was born by some, not all of the NC Subvets Bases.

This brings me to the next subject of this article. When a project starts that will BENEFIT all NC Subvets Bases, than all bases should share the effort/cost that is why I submitted change #9 to the NC Subvets charter. As of today, I have responses from 4 of the seven bases approving the change. The other 3 bases have NOT replied, questioned, discussed or even had the curtesy to contact me about the change.

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North Carolina Subvets State Commander,

Jerry Emmerson

COVID-19 Vaccines

DEBUNKING THE MYTHS

 Banner Health

VACCINE MYTH	VACCINE FACT
 It was rushed and isn't safe	Researchers took no safety shortcuts. Large studies show the vaccine is safe.
 It changes your DNA	It's impossible for the vaccine to change your DNA
 It can give you COVID-19	The vaccine doesn't contain a live virus strain
 It contains egg protein	It doesn't have egg proteins and can be given to people with egg allergies
 It causes severe side effects	For most, the vaccine causes mild side effects that resolve in a few days
 It makes women infertile	There is no evidence that the vaccine causes infertility

SOURCE: Sanford Health

North Carolina Submarine Veterans have adhered to state guidelines in regards to base meetings. Smaller bases have had in-person meeting while larger base meetings have been virtual Zoom. Recent declines in numbers of testing positive, in hospitals and deaths has allowed the loosening of restrictions for outdoor events. As spring like weather arrives larger bases may hold outdoor base meetings and events like the Burnsville Memorial Service take place safely. **Getting vaccinated is important!** On Feb. 10, the CDC changed its guidance regarding quarantine. Now, the CDC has ruled that people who have received the COVID vaccine are exempt from having to quarantine if they're exposed to someone with a suspected

Torpedo Float Update:

From the Tarheel Base Minutes Feb. 5th 2021 :3- As for a location for the torpedo float, Jerry Leppart asked Dan Wall if he would go along with parking the float on his property. Dan said it would be fine with him since he has a 40 acre parking space. Jerry Emerson was informed of the planned move and he is in concurrence. The move will take place on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 with Jerry Leppart using his truck to transport the float from Jerry Emerson's house to Dan Wall's property. Jim Davis, Bob Govern, and Bill Lowe will lend a hand.

Events for 2021

Burnsville (Moonshine Mountain) Memorial Service	May 14 -16
Thomasville Memorial Day Parade *	May 31
USSVI National Convention	Aug. 30 - Sept 4
North Carolina State Fair	October 14 -24
Tarheel Picnic	October 22
Pearl Harbor Dinner *	December 4

*Tenatively Scheduled

To have your base's event(s) added please send event dates, time and meet up information.

French submarine deployment to Western Pacific presents rare training opportunity for Guam-based boat



By Lt. Cassandra Thompson, Commander Submarine Group Seven Public Affairs |
Dec. 18, 2020

The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Asheville (SSN 758) had the rare opportunity to train with French crew this month, when she conducted a series of at-sea submarine exercises with the Rubis-class nuclear powered submarine (SSN) FS Émeraude. Émeraude and the Loire-class support and assistance vessel (BSAM type) FS Seine are on a scheduled deployment to the Western Pacific. Asheville and Émeraude used the opportunity to practice high-end maritime skills over the course of several days in a multitude of disciplines designed to enhance interoperability between maritime forces. "The opportunity to tactically employ the boat in a multilateral exercise was beneficial to our overall training for forward deployed operations in the Indo-Pacific AOR," said Cmdr. Thomas Bullock, commanding officer of Asheville. "Exercises of this nature emphasize the importance of interoperability and improve our warfighting skills." Émeraude and Seine also recently visited U.S. Naval Base Guam, home of the U.S. Navy's

Submarine Squadron 15 (CSS-15), November 30 as part of their Western Pacific deployment. Squadron leadership was the first to welcome them to the Tip of the Spear. "It is important to leverage our strong strategic partnerships in the Indian Ocean and Asia-Pacific area, especially in these challenging times, when maritime security is threatened by transnational health and political crises," said Émeraude's commanding officer. "The willingness of both the U.S. Navy and JMSDF to conduct anti-surface and anti-submarine exercises with us is a positive example of the cooperative relationship our navies enjoy." Asheville is one of four Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarines assigned CSS-15, which is located at Polaris Point, Naval Base Guam in Apra Harbor, Guam. The squadron staff is responsible for providing training, material and personnel readiness support to these commands. Also based out of Naval Base Guam are submarine tenders USS Frank Cable (AS 40) and USS Emory S. Land (AS 39). The submarines and tenders are maintained as part of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed submarine force and are readily capable of meeting global operational requirements. As the U.S. Navy's largest forward deployed fleet, U.S. 7th Fleet routinely operates between 50-70 ships and submarines and 140 aircraft with approximately 20,000 Sailors. 7th Fleet's area of operation spans more than 124 million square kilometers, stretching from the International Date Line to the India/Pakistan border; and from the Kuril Islands in the North to the Antarctic in the South Pacific, providing security and stability to the region.

2021 NC SUBVETS BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

FRI 14TH - SUN 16TH May 2021

DINNER SAT MAY 15TH

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Pre-Registration Form – Cutoff Date 22 Apr 2021

Last Name: _____ First _____ Chicken _____ BEEF _____ TROUT _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Primary Base: _____ Email: _____

Guest Last Name: _____ First _____ Chicken _____ BEEF _____ TROUT _____

Telephone: _____ Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

NO TOTAL

Pre-Registration Per Person \$25 _____ \$ _____

Saturday Banquet Per Person \$25 if not rooming at Hotel _____ \$ _____

Breakfast and Dinner is include in the Room Rates

CHECK # _____

Dinner count selection Chicken _____ Beef _____ Trout _____

CUT ON DOTTED LINE ABOVE KEEP THIS RECEITS FOR YOUR RECORDS

ARMED FORCES DAY NEXT YEAR IS MAY 14TH 2022

Please make checks payable to: ASHEVILLE BASE – USSVI

Mail check to: James A. Seacord III, 311 Colony Lane, Hendersonville, NC 28791 828-458-3651

NO. TOTAL Registration Per Person \$25 _____

Saturday Banquet Per Person \$25 if not rooming at Hotel _____

Total Included _____

Dinner count selection Chicken _____ Beef _____ Trout _____

Host Hotel: **Big Lynn Lodge** NC Hwy 226A (milepost marker 331 on the Blue Ridge Parkway), between Little Switzerland and Spruce Pine, 10860 N Carolina 226A, Spruce Pine, NC 28777 **Phone:(828) 765-4257**

Directions to Hotel: I-40, Exit 86 (Route 226). Take this bending, curving road all the way to Little Switzerland. When you see the Blue Ridge Parkway overpass, take a left turn, go 2 miles to the lodge.

Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of the individual. **DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL RATE IS 22 Apr. 2021.** Web site <http://www.biglynnlodge.com/>



USSVI National Convention

August 30 -September 04, 2021

NC SubVets wishing to attend can visit <https://ussviconvention.org/2021/> for Hotel and Convention Registration information. **The cut-off date for the Room Block is August 01, 2021.** Check this website for the latest COVID-19 update.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Shipmates, as we continue our pandemic patrol, we must always remember to pray for all who have been infected, those who have continuing health issues, and our families and friends.

Our continuing prayers are needed as new strains of this Covid 19 virus continues to cause new and additional problems around the world.

To all the submarine veterans across North Carolina, please continue to observe wearing a mask (Even do double masking), social distancing, and washing our hands as recommended. We must continue to do these safety items in order to minimize, and hopefully end this pandemic.

Although we are unable to gather, we must find ways to overcome the current, seemingly unending situation, such as calling a friend or neighbor to check on their status, taking a walk, reading a book, doing a household chore(s), playing a game on your computer, and keeping up on the latest information on Covid, including scheduling a vaccine shot as soon as possible. Note: We realize that this has been and probably will continue to be difficult, so please put a high priority on the previously mentioned activities.

Lastly, remember the Bible passage from Isaiah 41:10

SO DO NOT FEAR, FOR I AM WITH YOU: DO NOT BE DISMAYED, FOR I AM YOUR GOD. I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU AND HELP YOU; I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND.



LOST SUBMARINES - FIRST QUARTER

JANUARY

USS Scorpion (SS-278)

Lost sometime after January 5, 1944 with the loss of 76 men while on her 4th war patrol in the Yellow Sea off China due to unknown causes. It is assumed she was sunk by a mine.



USS Argonaut (SS-166)

Lost on January 10, 1943 with the loss of 102 men while on her 3rd war patrol southwest of New Britain. While attacking a convoy, she torpedoed a Japanese destroyer who along with two other destroyers depth charged her. As she tried to surface, the destroyers sunk her by gun fire.



USS Swordfish (SS-193)

Lost on January 12, 1945 with the loss of 89 men while on her 13th war patrol by a possible Japanese surface attack or mine somewhere near Okinawa.



USS S-36 (SS-141)

Lost on January 20, 1942 while on her 2nd war patrol when she ran aground on the Taka Bakang Reef in the Makassar Strait, east of Borneo and radioed for help. The entire crew was rescued by a Dutch launch boat after she was scuttled.



USS S-26 (SS-131)

Lost on January 24, 1942 with the loss of 46 men while on her 2nd war patrol in the Gulf of Panama, 14 miles west of San Jose Light. She was rammed by the USS Sturdy (PC-460) and sunk within seconds. The CO, XO and one lookout on the bridge were the only survivors.



FEBRUARY

USS Barbel (SS-316)

Lost on February 4, 1945 with the loss of 81 men while on her 4th war patrol during a Japanese air attack near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage.



USS Shark I (SS-174)

Lost on February 11, 1942 with the loss of 59 men on her 1st war patrol after receiving orders to proceed to Makassar Strait via the north coast of Celebes. Shark was the 1st US submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific.



USS Amberjack (SS-219)

Lost on February 16, 1943 with the loss of 72 men while on her 3rd war patrol when she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane and surface craft off Rabaul in the Solomon Sea.



USS Grayback (SS-208)

Lost on February 26, 1944 with the loss of 80 men while on her 10th war patrol when she was attacked by Japanese air and surface craft off Okinawa.



LOST SUBMARINES - FIRST QUARTER (cont.)

FEBRUARY (cont.)

USS Trout (SS-202)

Lost on February 29, 1944 with the loss of 81 men on her 11th war patrol during a Japanese surface attack southeast of Okinawa in the Philippine Sea.



MARCH

USS Perch (SS-176)

Lost on March 3, 1942 with no immediate loss of life while on her 1st war patrol. After two severe depth chargings in less than 200 feet of water by three Japanese destroyers, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 59 men taken prisoner, 6 men died as POWs, and 53 survived the war. Her wreckage has been located off the coast of Java.



USS Grampus (SS-207)

Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 71 men while on her 6th war patrol. She was lost after engaging two Japanese Destroyers in Vella Gulf near the Solomon Islands.



USS H-1 (SS-28)

Lost on March 12, 1920 with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to shore after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. Vestal (AR-4) pulled her off the rocks on the morning of March 24th, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water.



USS Triton (SS-201)

Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men while on her 6th war patrol when she was sunk during a fight with three Japanese destroyers north of the Admiralty Islands, which are north of New Guinea.



USS Kete (SS-369)

Lost on March 20, 1945 with the loss of 87 men at the end of her 2nd war patrol between Okinawa and Midway, cause unknown. May have been sunk by a Japanese submarine that was subsequently lost.



USS F-4 (SS-23)

Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men after she foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu. Acid corrosion in the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. F-4 was the first commissioned U.S. submarine to be lost at sea. She was raised in August 1915.



USS Tullibee (SS-284)

Lost on March 26, 1944 with the loss of 79 men while on her 4th war patrol. It's believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes north of Palau. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.



USS Trigger (SS-237)

Lost on March 28, 1945 with the loss of 89 men while on her 12th war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft in the East China Sea.



For much more information, click the [Lost Boats](#) Button on the [USSVI Website](#) Home Page.