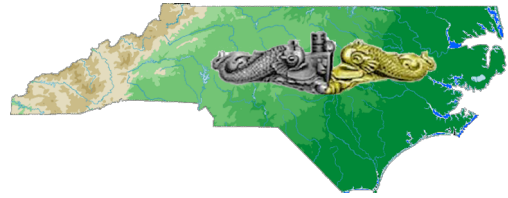


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Photo of the North Carolina State University Club
where the 2021 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner was held.

ALL CLEAR is the award winning quarterly publication of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) sharing information from all USSVI bases in North Carolina

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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North Carolina Subvets Commander's Report

Shipmates: NC Subvets started the year with the approval of change #9 to the charter by six of the seven NC bases. by the end of Febuary we have received dues from four of the bases. the torpedo float is still home ported in a pole barn near Edenton. as of today 2/26 the float is scheduled to be in the following different events. the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh on March 12th, the St Patricks Day Parade in Elizabeth City on March 20th. I will tow the float in the Thomasville NC Memorial Day Parade on May 30th. still looking for a more centerlized stowage for the float.

I will attend the Albemarle Sound Base meeting in march and will have the base submit a plan for some needed repairs to the torpedo float. Looks like we have a good start on parades for 2022, hope to see many of you at Moonshine Mountain in May. looking forward to attending the National Convention in Buffalo, NY.

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Vice Commander: Rick Woodson

Secretary: David Lemy

Treasurer: Chuck Jensen

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Vice Commander: Joseph W. Goarck

Secretary: John E. Murray

Treasurer: Dennis Cloutier

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Commander: Jim Davis

Vice Commander: Richard L. Cimino

Secretary: Bill Lowe

Treasurer: Tom McFadden

USS Asheville

Base Commander: Joseph R. Schmidt Sr.

Vice Commander: Eugene Ipox Jr.

Treasurer: Richard L. Cox

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Calendar of Events

- May 20-22 **Moonshine Mountain Memorial Weekend**
- May 30 Thomasville Memorial Day Parade
- Aug. 24-27 **USSVI National Convention** - Buffalo, NY

For more about these events visit NCSubVets.org



At the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner a slide presentation for the dinner had the license plate count at 400 issued. Jerry Leppart later updated that figure to 100 personalized plates and 700 regular plates. Thank you Jerry for all you have done!

North Carolina Aviation Museum Fly-In

October 16th, 2021 the Aviation Museum in Asheboro held its annual Fly-In with the Army's Golden Knights providing a great show under blustery conditions. Nathanael Greene Base members Chuck Jensen, Richard Gantt and Frank Gardner, manned the pictured booth. Four possible new members were greeted at this event. Pictured are Chuck Jensen, Richard Gantt and Frank Gardner. Four possible new members were greeted at this event.



Veterans Day 2021

Tarheel SubVets at the Asheboro Veterans Day Parade. Six Tarheel and 3 Nat Greene Base members manned the torpedo float for this year's parade. While the crowd numbers were down the enthusiasm was not in near perfect weather conditions.



Vince Sievert posted photos of the USS Bass submarine float at Veterans Day Ceremony at Jack Laughery Veterans Memorial Park in Rocky, Mount.



USS Asheville Base USS Asheville Base participated in events in Weaverville.



Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner at NC State Club December 4th, 2021



Elaine Wallace and Susan McFadden at the check-in table greeted everyone with a smile and nametag.

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COB Tony Van Schaick sells Raffle Tickets



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Many thanks to Tom McFadden for the great raffle items provided.



The beer and wine station. ⇨

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Centenarian Marty Kirwan was nice and warm after receiving a gift from Keith Simpson.



Over 80 submarine veterans, wives and guests attended the 2021 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner.

More photos can be viewed in the YouTube video link below.

[Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner 2021 - YouTube](#)



Towards the end of the dinner a brief Tarheel Base Meeting was held and awards handed out.

Christmas Parades 2021



Members of Tarheel and Old North State manned both the torpedo and USS Bass floats. You can go to YouTube and see a bit of the parade at [Fuquay21 - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fuquay21).

Holiday Parades that NC Subvets participated in were held in Asheville, Weaverville, Bailey, Fuquay-Varina, Marshal and Tarboro.



Wreaths Across America 2021

Hillcrest Cemetery (NCHCCC)
608 Page Rd, Cary, NC 27511

Veteran Graves: 150





OBITUARY

Sandra Elsie Leppart

OCTOBER 14, 1945 – MARCH 26, 2022



IN THE CARE OF

Brown-Wynne Funeral Home

Sandra Elsie (McKay) Leppart, of Raleigh, North Carolina passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, March 26, 2022, after a courageous 2 1/2 year battle with cancer, with her husband and daughter by her side. Sandy was born October 14, 1945 in New Haven, CT to the late Clarence A. McKay, Jr. and Esther A. Witcher. She was a 1963 graduate of Eliot High School in Eliot, ME and a 1965 graduate of Hesser Business College in Manchester, NH. Sandy was a licensed NC Realtor with Fonville Morisey Realty, retiring after 22 years of successful business in 2021. She was an active member of North Raleigh United Methodist Church for many years, where she spent happy hours each week in service to her church and community. Prior to her real estate career, she was a longtime comptroller and bookkeeper at Gray and Creech / IKON Office Systems in Raleigh.

Sandy and her husband Jerry settled in North Raleigh in 1989 after living for five years in Boca Raton, FL, until Jerry's IBM transfer brought them to NC. Prior to that, Sandy and Jerry lived in Londonderry, NH until 1984, where they had made their home shortly after their 1967 nuptials.

While still an active Realtor, Sandy stayed involved in many community activities, even after her cancer diagnosis. She continued to live a full and happy life with involvements including her cherished Bible study group, church choir and handbells, usher, Sunday School leader, monthly bridge groups and book clubs, JOY club cooking team leader, her beloved Dancing Divas dance troupe, and many other happy pursuits. Sandy was an extraordinary light to all who knew her and had a heart dedicated to serving others. Most importantly, she loved her family beyond measure, and was happiest when surrounded by her husband, children and grandchildren during their weekly Sunday dinners.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Jerry Leppart; daughter, Kendra Kohut; son, Jason Leppart; three grandchildren, Christopher Kohut, Jordan Kohut, and Nicholas Kohut; beloved sister, Patricia Callahan (Clyde) and brother, Daniel McKay (Sandy); several nieces and nephews; and many treasured cousins. Sandy was preceded in death by her brother, Peter L. McKay, and her son-in-law, Jeffrey R. Kohut. A memorial service will be held at 2pm Saturday, April 9, 2022 at North Raleigh United Methodist Church, 8501 Honeycutt Road, Raleigh, NC 27615. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the church fellowship hall. Refreshments will also be available. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to one of Sandy's favorite ministries: NRUMC's Music Ministry or the JOY (Just Older Youth) group at nrumc.org/giving or donations may be mailed to the church office.

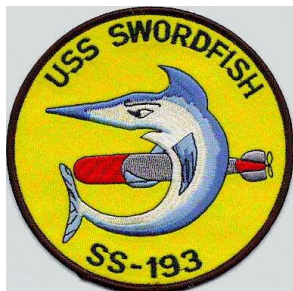
Here is the list of Subvets and 1st mates who were in attendance at Sandy's very lovely funeral:

- 1-Keith Bender and Gail
- 2-Rich Cimino and Cynthia
- 3- Jim Davis
- 4- Jerry Emerson, Peggy, and granddaughter Soffie
- 5- Bob Govern
- 6- Duane Gow
- 7- Jim Jacobs and Nancy
- 8- Lee Kuntzman
- 9- Bill Lowe
- 10- Tom McFadden and Susan
- 11- Joe Peek
- 12- Gene Rutter and Donna
- 13- Vince Sievert and Connie
- 14- Dan Wall and Ann
- 15- Jim Wallace and Elaine

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.

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.
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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 24 th, 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 2 nd 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 12 th war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft in the East China Sea.

