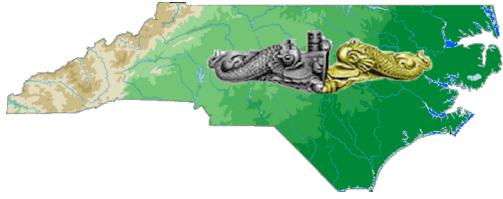


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Photos of the NC SubVets at the
2022 Moonshine Memorial Weekend

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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.

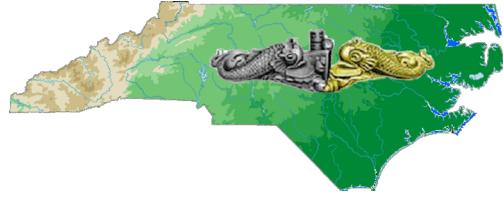
In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force. The organization will engage in various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

Hope to see many of you at the USSVI National Convention next month.

My e-mail about the Torpedo float generated much interest and comments, in general the majority of the comments are for keeping the float "on the road and being seen" I agree, however more shipmates need to step up and volunteer to transport the float to and from events and return it to its storage area. As of today, July 6th, the float is scheduled to be utilized for the Albemarie Sound Base for a dedication of a Memorial Bench to be installed at the Edenton NC waterfront on Veterans Day, November 11th 2022. If you are interested in attending this event, contact the Albemarie Sound Base secretary (Larry Cinkovich) Old North State Base will be attending and bringing it's Submarine float. Let's make this a great event to memorialize the Submarine Service.

After Veterans Day, will be moving the float to a new barn being constructed by Frank Gardner, Nathanael Green Base Commander. He has offered to permanently stow the Torpedo Float there, which is a more centralized location.

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NC Subvets Calendar of Events

1. August 24 -27 USSVI National Convention in Buffalo, NY.
2. October 1, 2022 - 1000- Annual Picnic/ 25th Anniversary Celebration, Harris Park, Cypress Pavilion
3. November 11, 2022 - Albemarie Sound Base for a dedication of a Memorial Bench to be installed at the Edenton NC waterfront.
4. December 3, 2022 - Fuquay Varina Christmas Parade
5. December 10, 2022 - Pearl Harbor Memorial Dinner/meeting
6. December 17, 2022 - Wreaths Across America

For updates to NC Subvets Calendar - ncsubvets.org

All Clear Editor's Notes

This issue of "All Clear" incorporates issues 03q3, 06q6 and 10q3 to bring to light the history of the Moonshine Mountain Memorial. Chief Harrell Flowers went on Eternal Patrol and joined other SS-212 Gato sailors over 20 years ago. Thankfully, previous "All Clear" editors kept past issues on the NC Subvets.org website. A special "Thank You" goes to Chuck Jensen and his treasure trove of photographs added much clarity to this issue.

Our next issue (2202q3) will cover base picnics and the 25th Anniversary of the Tarheel Base and North Carolina Submarine Veterans (NC Subvets).

Obituaries- The Key West Citizen, (FL) - Sunday, March 25, 2001

HARRELL FLOWERS, TMC/SS

Mr. Harrell Flowers, a 23-year Navy veteran went on Eternal Patrol March 20, 2001 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

He lived in Key West for 54 years and spent the past 26 summers in Burnsville, N.C., where he built a memorial to the submarine crews and boats lost during World War II.

He qualified on the USS 15 SS-120 and also served on the USS Gato SS-212 , USS Cochino SS-345, USS Torsk SS-423, USS Trumpetfish SS-425, USS Corporal SS-346 and USS Archerfish SS-311 submarines. *USSVI Website has Harrell serving on the AS-11, AS-15, AO-27, DD-189, DD-138, CV-3 and BB-43.*

He was a member of the Scottish and York Rite Masons, the Mahi Shriners, the Dav, a Life Member of the American Legion and WWII Submarine Veterans.

He leaves his wife of 56 years, Jewel L. James Flowers, of Key West; son, Sonnie A. Flowers and his wife, Julie, of Rantoul, Ill.; son, Ronnie I. Flowers of Oakland Park, Fla.; two granddaughters, Heather J. Flowers Howard and Katie E. Flowers, both of St. Louis; great-grandson, Bailey A. Howard of St. Louis; and one brother, Bill Flowers, of Denver, who is the only living sibling of the original eleven.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 25, 2001 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Funeral Home Chapel at the corner of Truman Avenue and Whitehead Street.

Funeral services will be held March 26, 2001 at 3 p.m. in the Funeral Home Chapel.

The Submarine Memorial at Moonshine Mountain Dedication Ceremony

NC State Commander Don Small (ALL CLEAR 03q3)

June 6, 1944, D-Day in Europe, June 7, 2003, D-Day in North Carolina, Dedication of the Submarine Memorial at Moonshine Mountain Estates, in memory of our lost Submarines and Shipmates, and of the late Harrell Flowers, CTM, who constructed the site. And what a day it was!! And, except for the weather (again), it was wonderful. After months of planning, everything fit together perfectly. It would take a whole issue of the "All Clear" to describe the event completely. The SubVets of N.C. hosted the memorial service. We are most grateful for the efforts of Joe and Susan Martin and Wayne and Marie Paul, residents of Burnsville, without whose efforts we couldn't have pulled it off. Mac McCarty, of Chapter 57, DAV, Burnsville, provided the Color Guard, (without the 21 Gun Salute). Arnold McIntosh is the caretaker of the grounds on which the Memorial is situated and we are grateful to him for providing the flags and the bell and maintaining the property. Because of the rain, Burnsville Mayor Michele Lawhern very kindly agreed to let us use the courtroom of the County building for the meeting. This was a perfect alternate location. Wayne Paul obtained an excellent sound system setup and operated by Lyn Small. The NU WRAY Inn (est. 1833) was the perfect place for us to gather with a large common room and porch overlooking the town square. This place is a bed and breakfast so we had grits and eggs for breakfast. The hostess, Rosemary Chandler, kept us well supplied with cheese and crackers besides serving excellent meals. There were 72 lunch guests before the Memorial service.

Briefly, the ceremony went like this:

Welcome by Joe Martin who assumed the MC duties, and Blaine Whitson, who represented the Yancey County Commissioners. Opening introduction, Don Small. Presentation of the Flag/Colors, Beki Taylor, representative for US Congressman Charles Taylor. This flag was flown over the Capitol Building in Washington, DC. Wayne Paul accepted the flag as the Yancey County Veterans Officer. The National Anthem was sung followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sub Service recruit Joseph Murry. Chaplain Bill Whelan gave the Invocation followed by a minute of silence for our troops overseas. Mac McCarty, DAV, spoke briefly after which Blaine Whitson read a letter from Governor Mike Easley which is printed elsewhere in this issue of "All Clear". Command Master Chief Jeff Hudson from SubGru 10, Kings Bay, Ga., gave an excellent talk on the role of the submarine in today's navy. Bill Whelan gave a "I had a dream" speech which is presented elsewhere in this issue. Preamble of Tolling of the Boats read by Chuck Jensen and Mike Burkholder read the list of Lost Boats followed by a minute of silence. The courtroom in which we had this meeting was equipped with a LARGE BELL, which was "Donged" after each boat name was read. Bill Bradburn and June Kracker (National Chaplain, Wives of SubVets WWII) presented the wreath. Bill recounted the Patrols of the Gato (SS212) on which he and Chief Flowers served. Howell (Howie) Rice, a radio-man aboard the S-29, recounted how he got the message of Unrestricted Warfare after

Pearl Harbor. The program was closed by playing Taps, closing Prayer and singing the Navy Hymn.

Then the sun came out!!! Numerous people took advantage of the beautiful afternoon weather to visit the Memorial site.

The formal wreath presentation at the Memorial site was done on Sunday, June 8. At about 11AM 11 members and their families gathered to leave the wreath and pose for "Photo Ops". It was a beautiful day and the view from the property was spectacular to conclude a near perfect weekend.



From left to right: Joe Martin, Charlie Cross, Mike Burkholder, Don Le Duc (WWII), Howie Rice (WWII), Pat Collins, Jim Myers, Tom Richey, Bill Bradburn (WWII), Don Small (WWII), & Bill Whelen (WWII).



The Submarine Memorial at Moonshine Mountain 2006

USSVI Commander Chuck Jensen (*North Carolina Sub Vets newsletter 06q3*)

We had a great 2nd Quarter NC Subvets Meeting this year in Burnsville with 60 persons at the meeting including wives and guests. Included in the guests attending were Arnold and Viola McIntosh representing owners of the memorial as they were unable to attend. Arnold is the caretaker of the property and also assisted Chief Flowers in the construction of the memorial. Jon Beatty invited State Senator Keith Presnell and State Representative Phillip Frye who both represent Yancy County in Raleigh. They were not aware of the new submarine named for the state now under construction. They both intend to make their fellow members of the senate and house aware of this. At the luncheon we presented Rosemary Chandler a dolphin plaque from the NC Subvets. Also Don Small presented the Senior Submariner Award to Everett Morgan and Pat Collins presented the Holland Club Award to Bill Culver.

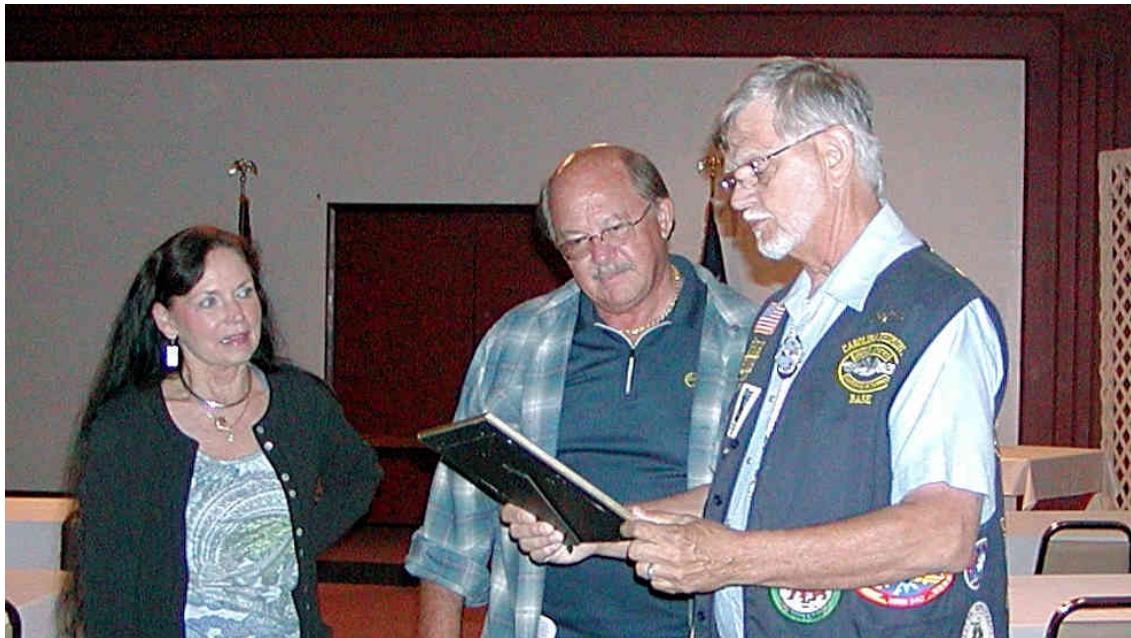
This meeting was a complete success due to the efforts of Wayne Powell who had the lead in putting this meeting together. He was assisted by Will Harvey, Dick Kanning, and our local Burnsville members Joe and Susan Martin. Once again, Rosemary Chandler was a great hostess as the former owner of the Nu Wray Inn, our meeting headquarters. The weather was the best we have ever had and everyone enjoyed sitting on the porches at the inn swapping sea stories.

Burnsville Meeting Notes - 2010

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The Carolina-Piedmont Base once again hosted the 2nd Quarter NC Subvets meeting at the Pinebridge Inn, located in Spruce Pine, NC. We met this year in May instead of our normal June, based on Tony Valovich's (owner of the property where the memorial is located) recommendation that the rhododendrons would still be in bloom. Well done to Base Commander Steve Bell and his team for making all the arrangements including the buffet dinner at the inn on Saturday night. We had a special guest on Friday as Rudy Hernandez and his daughter from the Fayetteville area were able to be there. Rudy is a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient and was a paratrooper who fought and was severely wounded in action while saving a number of his fellow paratroopers during the Korean War. The Carolina-Piedmont Base invited him to the meeting so they could present him with an Honorary Submariner Award. Some of us first met Rudy while at lunch in Mooresville after the Troutman Parade last year. Dick Kanning also presented Rudy with a framed picture of the USS North Carolina (SSN 777).

On Saturday afternoon, we all went up to the 52 Lost Boats Memorial on Moonshine Mountain and met Tony and his wife there. The concrete repairs that Tony has made to the upper stone deck of the memorial appear to be more than adequate. Both the Subvets and our wives posed for the traditional pictures taken at the memorial. We also conducted the "Tolling of the Boats" for the 52 submarines lost during WWII. Harold Steed was the only WWII Subvet able to attend this year. Saturday evening after the buffet dinner, Steve Bell presented Tony with an Honorary Submariner Award from the



Carolina-Piedmont Base. From the NC Subvets, Tony received a check for \$2,000.00, to help defray his costs of the recent repairs, were the proceeds from several fund raising activities conducted over the past couple of years as well as a very generous \$500.00 donation from Tarheel Base Member Joe Peek. Joe's donation was in memory of his father who was also a submariner. Additionally, Tony also received a Citation from the NC Subvets recognizing "his concern, dedicated efforts and generous financial support in the preservation, restoration and beautification of the WWII Submarine Memorial located on his property" as well as a framed picture of the USS North Carolina (SSN 777)

The Carolina-Piedmont Base presented Dick Kanning with tooled leather notebook cover that was made by one of their members in appreciation for all the support Dick has given the NC Subvets as the Southeast Region District 1 Commander.



Moonshine Mountain Subvets Gathering - 2022



photos by John McHugh

On a soggy Armed Forces Day 52 Subvets and 34 guests came to honor those men on "Eternal Patrol" who crewed 52 "Lost Boats" during WWII. Our host USS Asheville Base did a fantastic job!



Once again, Big Lynn Lodge were fine hosts as we remembered those submariners that made the ultimate sacrifice.





Our thanks to the volunteers, that endured rains sometimes very heavy to place flags in special stands during the "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony making it very special.



District Commander Vince Sievert discussed National issues at the morning meeting.

NC Subvets Memorial Day Gathering in Wilmington

Subvets from Old North State and Tarheel Bases joined Coast Carolina Base members in honoring the "Lost Boats" and the brave men who made the ultimate sacrifice at the S-28 Memorial. A special tribute was made to EM3 Rudolph F. Buzek who perished with his "brothers" in Hawaiian waters July 4th, 1944.



Group shot of Coastal Carolina, Old North State and Tarheel Base members.



Coastal Carolina's Officers were sworn in by SE District 1 Commander Vince Sievert



Enjoying great lunch were 66 subvets, family members and guests at the WWII Veterans Pavilion.



Subvet's from Old North State and Tarheel Bases came early for tours of the North Carolina BB-55. They had great tour guides who, in this case, explained how the BB-55 computers guided the cannons with such accuracy.

Photo by Tom McFadden

Second Quarter 2022 Chaplains Corner

Heavenly Father, we ask your help as we see the covid pandemic continuing with, a seemingly never ending strain of variants. direct and guide us as we try to minimize the spread of this awful pandemic. In so doing, we should respect those who choose to not wear masks or properly social distance one from the other.

Also, as this terrible invasion of the Ukraine continues with the unjust razing of cities, killing of innocent civilians, and mass destruction of hospitals and the living quarters of tens of thousands of the Ukrainian people. please find a way for this needless loss of life and property to cease.

We ask blessings on all of our shipmates, with special emphasis on those with either new or continuing health issues. watch over them and provide comfort as they work through their individual situations. remember Romans 8:28..."and we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called to his purpose".

Lastly, we ask you to watch over all of our military brothers who are deployed around the world. in your heavenly name, Amen.



Eternal Patrol - Carolina-Piedmont Base

O. Walt Sealy

Carolina Piedmont Base member O. Walt Sealy passed away on Friday, June 17th, 2022. Walt joined the Navy right out of high school in 1954, first qualified in submarines aboard the USS Argonaut (SS-475) in 1956 and retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years of service as Chief Petty Officer RMC(SS).

Walt joined USSVI and our base in 2007, was a Life Member of USSVI and was also an honored member of the prestigious USSVI Holland Club. Walt's funeral was today, Saturday, June 25th at the Neely's Creek ARP Church, and Walt was sent off on Eternal Patrol with full military honors.

Jack Jeffries

Carolina Piedmont Base member Jack Jeffries passed away on Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022. In 2007, Jack was one of the founding and charter members of the Carolina Piedmont Base and was responsible for recruiting many submariners to join our base and USSVI.

Jack served as Vice Commander of our base for many years, he was our first Base Secretary and was our Kaps-4-Kidss coordinator. He was a member of the base color guard, created the Submarine education program for JROTC units in the Charlotte area, and participated in many regional and national conventions and reunions.

Jack joined the Navy in 1961, qualified in submarines aboard USS Nathanael Greene (SSBN-636) in 1965 in which he was a Plank Owner and was very active in the Nat Greene reunion group. Jack left the Navy in 1970 at the rank of RM1(SS). Jack was a Life Member of USSVI and was also an honored member of the prestigious USSVI Holland Club.

Jack's memorial service will be held, Sunday, July 10 at 10:30 at the Sandhills Cowboy Church, 7195 SC Hwy 207, Pageland SC, and he will be sent off on Eternal Patrol with full military honors including playing of taps and a flag presentation ceremony.

Eternal Patrol – Tarheel Base

Shipmates,

It is with a great degree of sadness that I report the passing of brother submariner and Tarheel Base member Arv Klemp. He passed on June 22, 2022, at 2:25 AM. He was the father of Rabecca, who faithfully cared for him, and the husband of Gail, who passed away in April, 2020.

Arv was so proud of his service to this great country. Some info on him.

- Joined the Navy in 1963, retired in 1983.
- Qualified in 1963 on the USS Theodore Roosevelt SSBN 600/Gold Crew.
- Served on..USS Dace SSN 607; USS Richard B Russell SSN 687; USS Casimir Pulaski SSBN 633.
- Engineering Sr Enlisted Advisor Instructor Nuclear Power Training Unit (NPTU) DIG, West Milton, New York.
- After his service, he worked at Carolina Power & Light from 1983 to 2003.
- He joined the USSVI and the Tarheel Base in 2009.

Arv had a history of seizures, and last week was taken to the ER, and then to the Transitions LifeCare facility. Prior to that he was at the Brookdale Cary Care Facility. The Transitions Facility had an honor guard for Arv's body when it left the facility, which was deeply appreciated by the family.

Tentative plans are for a Memorial Service for both Arv and Gail in late August. Rabecca is working with the church and details will be provided as we get them. Your Chaplain asks all to keep the Klemp family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult period.

Regards,
Chaplain Gene Rutter

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 Hawsbill 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)	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.