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Photos of the NC SubVets at the
Tarheel Base 25th Anniversary Celebration

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.

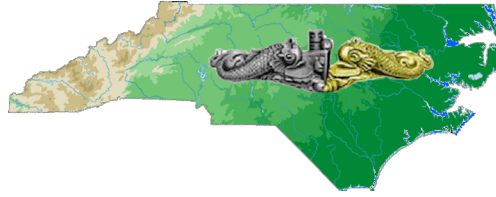
In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force. The organization will engage in various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

Fall is here and the USSVI Convention in Buffalo NY is past, Hope that all NC Subvets enjoyed the convention and got to see the professional ad in the National Convention magazine. A very professional project completed by Tom McFadden of Tarheel base. (page 8 in the magazine) this ½ page ad cost the NC subvets \$157.50 paid for by the annual dues collected as a results of Change #9 to NC Subvets Charter. For the next convention (2023 in Tucson AZ) would like to do a full page ad. Let me know what you think about a full page ad.

The Albemarie Sound Base bench dedication has been postponed until the spring of 2023 (due to construction problems) The Torpedo Float is scheduled to be used in the Moorhead City Veterans day parade on Saturday November 5th After that Float is not scheduled until May of 2023. After the November event will be arranging to have the Float relocated to the barn in Winston-Salem provided by Frank Gardner the Nathanael Green Base Commander. Like to remind everyone about upcoming events such as the Pearl Harbor dinner, Albemarie Sound Base bench dedication, Moonshine Mountain, National USSVI Convention. I urge all NC Subvets to find and arrange to have our Bases and floats participate in any and all events through out the state in the coming year. Exposure and particaption is what keeps our organization growing and expanding.

Presently the NCSUBVETS fund has \$502.71, have not received any request for Float repairs, expect some repairs will be required in the near future. A reminder that the annual dues for the NCSUBVETS are due in Febuary 2023

I am still looking for a relief as NCSUBVETS State Commander.

Any questions/comments please contact me.

Jerry Emerson

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NC Subvets Calendar of Events

1. November 11, 2022 - Albemarle Sound Base for a dedication of a Memorial Bench to be installed at the Edenton NC waterfront.
2. December 3, 2022 - Fuquay Varina Christmas Parade - Tarheel
3. December 10, 2022 - Pearl Harbor Memorial Dinner/meeting - Tarheel
4. December 17, 2022 - Wreaths Across America
5. March 17, 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade - Tarheel Albemarle Sound Base
6. April 12-16, 2023 North Carolina Azalea Festival - Coast Carolina Base
7. May 19-21, 2023 Burnsville Memorial - Armed Forces Day - USS Asheville Base
8. May 30, 2023 Memorial Day - Thomasville Parade - Nathanael Greene Base

For updates to NC Subvets Calendar - ncsubvets.org



The convention was held August 24-28, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency, Buffalo, New York. North Submarine Veterans attending included: Paul Hiser, Jerry Emerson, Vince Sievert, Bill Lowe, Joe Peek, Steven Bell Rich Cimino and Bob Govern.

Joe and Jerry met up with some Gato sailors while Rich got together with some of his "Roosevelt" shipmates.

Paul Hiser was recipient of the Joe Negri Award.

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Paul Hiser Awarded Joe Negri Award for 2022

Wayne Standerfer, Paul Hiser and Steve Bell



The Joe Negri Award is the highest and most prestigious Award that can be presented to a member and reflects his/her personal individual efforts and participation during the preceding years on a national level, and who has contributed the most to the advancement and embodiment of the USSVI Creed.

By his/her dedicated service and support to our USSVI organization and fellow Submarine Veteran Brothers, it exemplifies the true meaning and spirit of the word, "SHIPMATE"

This year's award goes to our Shipmate, Paul Hiser. Paul has served our organization for many years as our National Treasurer. Congrats! Paul on a well-deserved award!

B1RAVO ZULU!

Paul's Story - In His Own Words

In 2014, Al Singleton, then the National Commander had put out a request for members to identify their skill sets. My response that I had been a VFW Post Quartermaster for 7 years in Cary, NC.

He called me asking me to run for National Treasurer. Running unopposed, I was elected in 2014 and installed at the 2014 National Convention in San Francisco. I have been reelected 3 times, which gives me 8 years in office. Upon completion of this term, I will have 10 years of service as the National Treasurer and undecided as to whether or not to run again in 2024.

There was no written documentation as to how to handle National, Base, and Convention Finances. So I authored the Base and National Financial Policy and Procedures as well as that section of the National Convention that specified Convention Financials and accountability and recently revised the Policy and Procedures Manual (PPM) into a Word document. These manuals were approved by the Board of Directors.

Of particular importance is how our National Finances are managed. All monies go to the National Office for deposit into the National Office Account. The National Office Manager produces a weekly report to the National Treasurer. He only writes checks for overpayment of dues. The National Treasurer pays all bills including the American Submariner printing and postage expenses. This also includes reimbursement checks that are approved by the National Senior Vice Commander (NSVC). The National Treasurer bank account is funded by intra-bank wire transfers. so no monies were touched. About 3 or 4 years ago, all paper documents going back seven years were converted to digital.

Today, the four Regional Directors and DCOY receive a USB thumb drive with all National Office and National Treasurer documents. They conduct an annual audit and submit their report to the NCSC. The audit have found no major issues.

I also received the annual End of Year reports from 165 bases and the bases receive information for their annual insurance payments. Once received, the financials are inputted into an excel spreadsheet. A final report along with a complete backup copy of QuickBooks are sent to our CPA who has no relations with USSVI to develop and submit the annual IRS form 990.

In addition to my duties as National Treasurer, I served as the American Submariner Treasurer. I brought a business approach to the advertising side of the magazine and work closely with the editor and staff. I also produce all membership cards including Annual, Life, and Holland Club.

I hope this provides an insight into my duties and responsibilities. - *Paul*



Tarheel Base was featured on the CBS-17 "My Carolina" morning show September 27th, 2022 in celebration of the Tarheel Base's 25th Anniversary. Base members Tom McFadden and Jim Davis were interviewed by Carly Bragg and members Wade Cooper, Rich Ciminno, Bill Lowe, Gene Rutter assisted in the setup our banner. You can watch our part of the show at this URL <https://www.cbs17.com/.../submarine-veterans-tarheel-base/>. Thank you, Jim and Tom!





From the minutes of the Tarheel Base 25th Anniversary Celebration and meeting held on Saturday October 1, 2022 at the Fuquay-Varina Presbyterian Church Ransdell Fellowship Hall

Base Commander Jim Davis called the meeting to order at 10:50 AM. Rich Cimino offered up the opening prayer for members and their families who could not make it to the meeting today due loss of power or wind damage at their residences from the effects of Hurricane Ian.

Base Secretary Bill Lowe led the 25 Subvets and 21 guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill followed by reading the purpose of USSVI. A heartfelt thanks goes out to Tom McFadden and Steve Gillespie for arranging the meeting location for the October 1st get-together at Ransdell Hall on short notice!



Tarheel Base Charter Members L to R - Milton Stark, Mike Burkholder and David hommarson. Mike is holding the original charter

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Group shot with almost everyone!



Tarheel Base members

A Reading From The Gospel

We submariners have a deep faith, and recently while reading an obituary of a brother who calculated that he had been submerged under water for about four of his twenty years of service.

this struck me as a strong sense of faith and reminded me of St Luke 8: verses 22-25

22. and it came to pass on a certain day that he went onto a little ship with his disciples, and He said to them: let us go over to the other side of the lake. and they launched forth.

23. and when they were sailing, He slept; and there came down a storm of wind upon the lake, and they were filled, and were in danger.

24. and they came and awaked Him, saying master, we will perish. but He arising rebuked the wind and the rate of the water, and it ceased, and there was a calm.

25. and He said to them: where is your faith? who being afraid, wondered, saying one to another: what

manner of man is this! for He commandeth both the winds and water, and they obey Him.

I belive this bible passage to be a strong message of the power of faith.

Chaplain Gene Rutter

USSVI Tarheel Base

Tolling of the Boats for the Third Quarter

USS S-28 (SS-133)

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where S-28. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.

USS Robalo (SS-273)

Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk.

USS Grunion (SS-216)

Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Grunion's mangled remains were found in the Bering Sea in 2006 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska.

USS Bullhead (SS-332)

Lost on August 6, 1945 with the loss of 84 crew members in the Lombok Strait while on her 3rd war patrol when sunk by a depth charge dropped by a Japanese Army plane. Bullhead was the last submarine lost during WWII.

USS Flier (SS-250)

Lost on August 13, 1944, with the loss of 78 crew members while on her 2nd war patrol. Flier was transiting on the surface when she was rocked by a massive explosion (probably a mine) and sank within less than a minute. 13 survivors, some injured, made it into the water and swam to shore. 8 survived and 6 days later friendly natives guided them to a Coast Watcher and they were evacuated by the USS Redfin (SS-272).

USS S-39 (SS-144)

Lost on August 13, 1942 after grounding on a reef south of Rossel Island while on her

3rd war patrol. The entire crew was rescued by the HMAS Katoomba.

USS Harder (SS-257)

Lost on August 24, 1944 with the loss of 79 crew members from a depth charge attack by a minesweeper near Bataan while on her 6th war patrol. Harder had won a Presidential Unit Citation for her first 5 war patrols and CDR Dealey was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously. Harder is tied for 9th in the number of enemy ships sunk.

USS Cochino (SS-345)

Lost on August 26, 1949 after being jolted by a violent polar gale off Norway caused an electrical fire and battery explosion that generated hydrogen and chlorine gasses. In extremely bad weather, men of Cochino and Tusk (SS-426) fought to save the submarine for 14 hours. After a 2nd battery explosion, Abandon Ship was ordered and Cochino sank. Tusk's crew rescued all of Cochino's men except for one civilian engineer. Six sailors from Tusk were lost during the rescue.

USS S-5 (SS-110)

Lost on September 1, 1920 when a practice dive went wrong and she sank bow-first, with her stem showing above the water. In a dramatic adventure, her exhausted crew was rescued during the next few days. Salvage attempts were unsuccessful, S-5 settled to the bottom and was abandoned.

USS Grayling (SS-209)

Lost on Sept 9, 1943 with the loss of 76 men near the Tablas Strait. Grayling was on her 8th war patrol and sank two ships before being lost.

USS Pompano (SS-181)

Pompano was sunk (between Sept 17 and Oct 5) with the loss of 77 men while on her 7th war patrol. Possibly lost on Sept 17, 1943. Japanese records show that a submarine was sunk in her patrol area on 17 September by air & depth charge attack off the Aomori Prefecture near Shiriya Zaki. Before being lost, she sank two enemy cargo ships. The exact cause of her loss remains unknown, but she probably was sunk by the air/sea attack above or fell victim to a mine on or after 9/25/1943. This boat's last recorded ship (Taiko Marti) sunk happened on Sept 25th, so she probably hit a mine on or after that date but before Oct 5th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.

USS S-51 (SS-162)

Lost on Sept 25, 1925 with the loss of 33 men when it was sunk after collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island.

USS Cisco (SS-290)

Lost on Sept 28, 1943 on her first war patrol with the loss of 76 men in the Sulu Sea west of Mindinao.