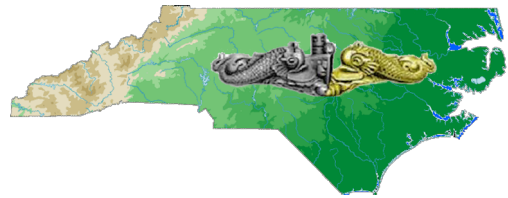


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2023 First Quarter

NC Subvets at the Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade



NC Submarine Veterans from Tarheel, Nathanael Greene and Old North State stand in front of the torpedo float before joining the St. Patrick's Day Parade for the first time since the Pandemic began. Parades in Thomasville (Memorial Day) and Asheboro (Veterans Day) are also back.

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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.

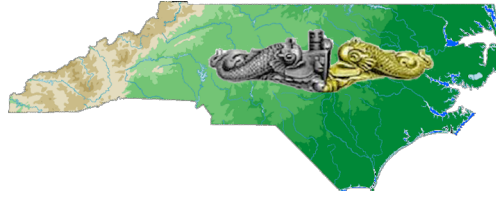
In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force. The organization will engage in various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

North Carolina Subvets

If your are enjoyiing the up and down temperature range, your enjoying North Carolina spring. the torpedo float has had an interesting few months and is making the rounds. St, Patricks Day Parade in Raleigh, St Patricks Day on the coast. it will remain in edenton until the bench dedication on April 29th. I urge you to come to this event hosted by the Albemarie Sound Base,they have worked on this project for a long time. let's show up and give them their due,

After April 29th the float will be returned to my home and then taken to it's new permanant stowage in Winston-Salem. It's next scheduled use will be the Thomasville Memorial Parade May 29th by the Nathanael Greene Base.

Some future events scheduled for the spring/summer are ,Moonshine Mountain. the Old North State Base is planning a meeting with the author Charles ood in August, National Convention in august. the Pearl Harbor Dinner in December. i am sure there will be plenty other events for submariners to attend. Again, I urge you all to attend any event that you can. I am still looking for a relief

Thank You

Jerry Emerson

NC SUBVET STATE COMMANDER

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NC Subvets Calendar of Events

1. April 29, 2023 North Carolina Edenton Submarine Memorial Dedication
2. May 19-21, 2023 Moonshine Mountain Memorial - Armed Forces Day - Carolina-Piedmont (hosting)
3. May 30, 2023 Memorial Day - Thomasville Parade - Nathanael Greene Base
4. May 30, 2023 Mmeorial Day Gathering at the S-28 Memorial with Coastal Carolina Base
5. July 8, 2023 Nat Greene Base Picnic - Triad Park Shelter near Carolina Field of Honor
6. Aug. 28-Sep. 3 - USSVI 2023 Convention Oro Valley, Arizona
7. Tarheel Base Picnic October 7th

For updates to NC Subvets Calendar - ncsubvets.org



**There are still rooms available at [Big Lynn Lodge!](#)
[registration form](#)**

St Patrick's Day Parades 2023



Attendees were: (L-R) Front row: Wade Cooper, Lee Kuntzman, Tony Van Schaick, Ron Dickert, Jim Davis, Jim Jacobs, Vince Sievert, Dennis Cloutier, Chuck Jensen Back row: Rich Ciminno, Bill Lowe, Will Iwaniuk (driver), Bob Govern Not Pictured: Joe Peek, Jerry Leppart and Wolfgang Friedrich.

Parade watchers bundled up for the March 11th Raleigh parade that featured our torpedo float.





Torpedo Float reflection behind bagpipe player leaving Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Coast Carolina Base float -March 15th

Triad Honor Flights



NC SubVets who were on the last flight

It started as a dream in 2005. National Honor Flight programs have been responsible for flying nearly 250,000 WWII, Korean, Cold War and Vietnam veterans to our nation's capitol to experience their memorials. [Triad Honor Flight Website for more information](#) Approximately 95 veterans have been served per flight. The remaining 90 seats are assigned to guardians, EMT's, team leaders, and a flight director.

Triad Honor Flights typically take by age unless there is a terminal illness, but flight are normally filled at least 30 days prior to flight day? We will contact veterans to see if they want to accept their spot and confirm. Please be patient with us and your application will remain on file until you are called.

Flight Itinerary

May 3, 2023 TRIAD HONOR FLIGHT ITINERARY (Tentative) 6-6:30am – Veterans arrive

7am – Send off ceremony

7:10am – TSA/Gate for those traveling

8:50am – Water cannon salute (viewing area for guests)

10am – Arrive at DCA

Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Air Force Memorial - Lunch delivery-

WWII Memorial, Korean War / Vietnam Veterans / Lincoln Memorials

Drive back to Reagan National Airport

7pm – American Airlines charter departs Reagan National Airport for PTI

8:20pm – Land and deplane for **WELCOME HOME PARTY at PTI**

Shipmates,

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All Combat-Injured Vets Would Keep Their Full Retirement, Disability Pay Under Proposal

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Service Members Get Special Rental and Eviction Protection

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Opt Out or Pay: All Troops to Automatically Get Life Insurance March 1

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Navy Unveils New Mental Health 'Playbook' That Pushes Leaders to Talk with Sailors Early and Often

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Respectively

John Dudas

Veteran Service Officer

Chaplain's Corner

As we enter the third year of the Covid-19 pandemic, and with the increased level of shootings, violence and over crime elevating, it is time for all of us to re-new our beliefs and our faith.

A favorite story of faith comes to mind, and was related to me by John R Matthis (b 1920, d 2013), a WWII Submarine Brother and Tarheel base member who served in a variety of submarines, but this story is believed to be during his time on the USS Haddock SS 231 during one of the six (6) war patrols that John was a part of.

The USS Haddock was patrolling in and around Japan on the surface, with John and Captain Roy M.. Davenport on the bridge. Note: John was a Quartermaster during his Naval service.

As related to me...the lookouts spotted what appeared to be a Japanese Zero some distance away, but getting nearer to the Haddock. The Captain, looked around, then said to John..."John, as you know I have a very deep faith", and "I believe that the plane has not seen us and will veer away, would you stay with me on the bridge?"

John did not hesitate to agree to stay on the bridge, despite the impending danger that could be inflicted by the plane.

Time passed, and, by the grace of God, the Father Almighty the plane did indeed veer away and gave no indication that the pilot had seen the submarine.

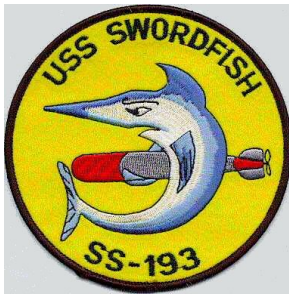
This story shows the faith that both the Captain and John had. We all need to review our faith, and re-new our beliefs in these troubled times.

Chaplain Gene Rutter

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.

