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The cover image Jim Myers used in the first issues of ALL CLEAR 20 years ago. Senior Chief, rest your oars.

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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From the Editor

Whether our North Carolina Submarine Veterans leaders step down, move on, or go on eternal patrol its time for change. Finding someone to step up is sometimes hard to fill leadership position that a "longtimers" has maintained. In this ALL CLEAR we say fair winds and following seas to James Robert Myers III, WWII associate member and founding member of Nathanael Greene Base. Robert Werner, also in our obituaries section, was a member of USSVI Submarine Veterans North Carolina (Tarheel Base) and plank owner Nathanael Greene Base. Bob was the membership committee chairnan from 2004 to 2008. Stepping down are Chuck Jensen of Nathanael Greene Base and Jerry Emerson as NC State Commander.

Twenty years ago the first NC SubVets newsletter was sent out to WWII Submarine Veterans of North Carolina and USSVI NC Submarine Veterans. The editor was WWII associate member James "Jim" Myers who was also the treasurer for the WWII SubVets and ALL CLEAR editor until 2009. He was the Nathanael Greene Vice-Commander in 2011 and Commander from 2012-2015. Jim was also North Carolina Submarine Veterans State Commander 2014-2015.

LT Chuck Jensen was USSVI NC Submarine Veterans Commander (Tarheel Base} from 2004-2007. He became NC Submarine Veterans State Commander in 2008-2010. Chuck was voted in as Nathanael Greene Base Treasurer from 2011 to 2023. My thanks to Chuck for passing on a treasure trove of submarine photos, Nat Greene members birthdays and other base information.

Jerry Emerson was Tarheel Vice-Commander in 2007 and relieved Chuck in 2008 and remained Tarheel Base Commander until 2010. He was the North Carolina Submarine Veterans Commander from 2017 until this year.

To all the NC SubVet officers moving on or stepping down, Thank You for your service!

Joseph Peek MMCS/SS retired

North Carolina Submarine Veterans Leadership District Commander ES1 - Mike Sears NC SubVets Commander -

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NC SubVets Calendar of Events

- 1. October 14th, 2023 Naval Academy vs Charlotte 49's Football Game
- 2. October 18^{th} , 2023 NC SubVets at the North Carolina State Fair
- 3. October 21st, 2023 Tarheel All Weather Base Picnic
- 4. November 4th, 2023 Veterans Day Parade Morhead City
- 5. November 11th, 2023 Veterans Day Parade Asheboro
- 6. December 3rd, 2023 Fuquay-Varina Christmas Parade
- 7. December 9th, 2023 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner
- 8. December 16th, 2023 -Wreaths Across America



For updates to NC SubVets Calendar - visit ncsubvets.org

Nathanael Green Picnic at the Carolina Field of Honor July 8,2023



Fifteen base members and guests were present.



Base Commander Frank Gardner reads Lost Boats for July & August

First, members and guests made their way to the Navy Memorial for memorial ceremony for the three base members on eternal patrol since the last picnic were honored. They will be missed and are thanked for their service to our country and others.. The national anthem was sung acapella by base members and guests. After the ceremony members and guest transited back to the picnic shelter.



Paul Green was awarded his 70th year rocker for the Holland Club.



Matt Pleasants (the Chef) was recognized by the group.



Jim Schenk was awarded his 55th year rocker for the Holland Club

Tolling of the Boats For July and August was solemnly rendered by the Base Commander and a volunteer from the audiance. This event honors the memory of Submarine Men and Boats lost since the establishment of the United States Sub-

marine Force. Several members told sea stories to the group. All were entertaining and only slightly classified. Thanks to everyone for sharing a little bit of their history.



Bill Hind's family was present for his 80th birthday

The everyone sang a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday in Bill's honor.

We then had the closing Benediction (Bill Hinds)

The results of the 50/50 raffle were Bill Hinds was the big winner. A birthday present from Karma. Chuck jensen explained to the group what happens with the 50% that goes to the base. This money is used to fund the Joe Clark scholarship fund.

SSN 777 Club Newsletter #20

Quarterly News

Ahoy, 777 Club and Friends!

The Blue Moon this month might be a rare site, but seeing the Tar Heel boat at sea is NOT! After several months of local area work-ups, NCA began a multi-month Western Pacific deployment just after Independence Day. Adding to the excitement and stress are several changes to key personnel, which are common right before and after deployments. 777 is already making the Namesake State proud, having very visibly participated in Exercise Talisman Sabre with our Australian

partners (follow our LinkedIn page to view).

Back in the Old North State, this summer has seen an official visit as part of Navy Week and the retirement of a 777 plank owner (read more pg2). We're excitedly preparing for Navy Football's visit to Charlotte in October, which should present a great opportunity to gather NCA supporters and highlight the good work of 758, 766, and 777.



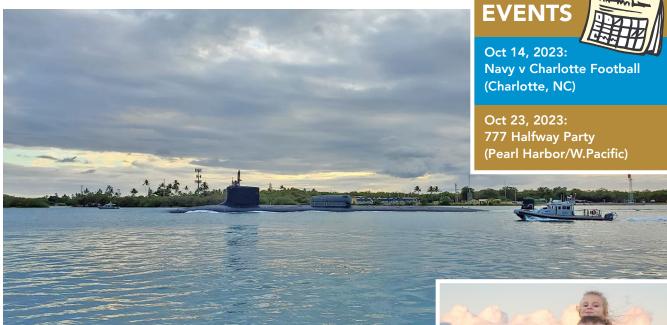
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"First in Fight"

On ASHEVILLE and CHARLOTTE, the recap involves Typhoons and Prime Ministers and Easter Bunnies — Read On!

> Primus in Proelio, – Gray

North Carolina Underway



"Showtime"– Above: SSN 777 departs Pearl Harbor to begin a multimonth operational deployment in the West Pacific Area of Operations.

"Meet the New FRG President" – *Right:* new Family Readiness Group president, Crystal Ricciuti, with family. The FRGs are official Navy organizations dedicated to helping families navigate the stresses inherent with Service to Country, and 777 Club endeavors to support their work.



Navy Week Wilmington

Despite a busy pre-deployment schedule, three NCA sailors traveled from Hawaii to the Port City in early April for Navy Week. Like other such events around the country each summer, Navy Week seeks to increase awareness of the US Navy's domestic and global impacts through community, business, and local government engagement.



"NCA at KMI" – NORTH CAROLINA delegation visiting with staff and students at Kids Making It as a part of Navy Week-Wilmington. KMI is our partner in the "Time Aboard Plaque Program."



"Relieving the Watch" – SSN 777 Plankowner and First XO, CAPT Andrew Hertel, receives a gift of an embroidered National Ensign flown over both BB55 (Battleship North Carolina) and SSN777 from Captain Bill Coleman (Secretary, US Naval Academy Alumni Association-Triangle Chapter) as a part of his retirement ceremony.



"Senior Tarheel Sailor" – Tar Heel Boat sailors discussing the earning of "fish" (Submarine Warfare Device) with NC-native and Commander US Fleet Forces, ADM Daryl Caudle aboard Battleship NC after the opening ceremony of Navy Week-Wilmington.

NAVY at CHARLOTTE

Saturday Oct. 14

Navy Football will visit Charlotte on Sat. Oct. 14 for the UNC Charlotte 49ers Homecoming game.

In support of this inaugural contest, UNC Charlotte will broadcast during the game a Greeting from the Commanding Officer of the USS Charlotte SSN-766, Commander Tony Stranges. In addition, our NC Submarine Museum will present ensigns flown over the USS Charlotte to representatives of UNC Charlotte, the City of Charlotte, and the Charlotte Fire Department which has long supported the 766.

Read here about the proud Veteran foundation of UNC Charlotte.

If you're interested in joining the tailgate or game or both, please contact:

Director@ncsubmuseum.org

USS Asheville SSN 758 Updates

758 in Perth, Australia

Our *USS Asheville* (SSN 758) departed Royal Australian Navy (RAN) base HMAS Stirling in Western Australia, March 20.

While in port, the crew had a busy slate of tours and public engagement activities, highlighted by a visit from Australian Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles and other Australian political leaders.

Asheville was visiting Perth for combined training exercises with RAN submarine forces as part of a regularly scheduled patrol in the Indo-Pacific region.

"Asheville's visit to Western Australia demonstrates an investment in new operational capabilities, advanced technologies, and idea-sharing with some of our closest Allies," said Cmdr. Tom Dixon, commanding officer of Asheville. "My crew is committed to the sustainment of a free and open Indo-Pacific region."

Right, top: Berth in Perth. *Bottom:* Australian Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles greets the crew.



NC Sub Museum Presents City USS Asheville Postal Covers



From left: Fire Chief Scott Burnett; Vice Mayor Sandra Kilgore; Dr. Julie Lockwood; Assistant Fire Chief Patrick Crudup; Marcus Kirkman, City of Asheville

Our Navy is proud of its long-term and important affiliation with the City of Asheville. In June, Dr. Julie Lockwood, wife of 758 CO, CDR. Tom Dixon, presented the City of Asheville with one framed set of three U.S. First Day Covers, each post-marked aboard its namesake Asheville–US Navy combatant:

- Patrol Gunboat, USS Asheville PG-21, lost in combat on March 3, 1942 in the Java Sea
- Patrol Gunboat, USS Asheville PG-84, in service during the Vietnam War. Decommissioned in 1977.
- Submarine USS Asheville SSN 758, currently in active service homeported in Apana, Guam



USS Charlotte SSN 766 Updates



Left: Easter Bunny visits with the children of the Family Readiness Group. *Below:* Always a good day on Oahu for a family picnic at Waikiki Beach, this one in May for Memorial Day.

Busy Operational Tempo and Families Pulling Together

I visited Pearl Harbor in May, fortunate to meet with the Commands and Family Readiness Groups of the *North Carolina* and *Charlotte*. The daily lives and lifestyles of submariners and submarine families are busy ones, especially in the prevailing international political climate. Remarkably, spirits are good, operational commitments are met and families reliably support one another. A great country is comprised of great people!

I didn't get to Guam this trip to meet our USS Asheville. In late May, shortly after the 758's return from patrol to Australia, Typhoon Mawar blasted across the island, disrupting everyday services (electricity, water



"Charlotte Command" – From left: CDR Anthony Stranges; NCSM Executive Director Chris Perrien; LCDR Brian Juskiewicz, XO; Master Chief Mike Rodriquez, COB

supply, travel and access to routine island services). Families have rallied to support one another and put things back together. It may take a little longer as the island mends. Heroes come in all sizes. – Chris Perrien

PG-21 DEDICATION

Christopher Perrien, President of the NC Submarine Museum Foundation, announced formally Project 21, an NCSM Foundation initiative to commemorate those 162 PG-21 crew-members lost in combat on March 3, 1942.

On March 3, 2024 at Asheville's Riverside Cemetery, a monument honoring the crew of PG-21 will be unveiled in an accompanying memorial ceremony.



Read more about the history of PG-21 >

Additional information to follow in the Winter newsletter.

For more information about the SSN 777 Club, visit our website and the 777 Facebook page.

Good Day to Remember Those US Submariners

(NEW ZEALAND HERALD 25 APR 08) ... David Clemow On Anzac Day thoughts turn to those who gave their lives during various wars over the last century. But there is one group which has never been given recognition for what they achieved in World War II and that is the United States submariners, 3505 of whom lost their lives, including 374 officers.

When one analyses what they achieved there is no doubt they did more than any other group to defeat the Japanese and save Australia and New Zealand from being invaded. The reason is simple - they sank more than 60 per cent of the Japanese merchant marine fleet. Without these ships, not only was the Japanese advance stifled, their occupying troops lost their supply lines and they virtually could not be evacuated like the British were at Dunkirk to fight in other battles. Additionally with the loss of shipping, Japan found it very difficult to supply the home land with raw materials from the conquered territories.

After the Japanese invasion of Manchuria, the US instigated a policy of restricting supplies to Japan. This ultimately led to the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbour on December 7, 1941. The Japanese advance over the next five months was nothing short of staggering _ Hong Kong, the Philippines, Burma, Borneo, Malaya, Thailand, Indo-China (Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam) and Singapore on February 15, 1942 where 80,000 troops surrendered (the largest surrender of British military personnel in history) were occupied. Ships played a most important part in this role.

The Dutch East Indies (Indonesia) was occupied in March and Darwin first bombed on February 15, 1942. The farthest Japanese advance was Guadacanal in the Solomon Islands by July 6. The farthest advance in Burma was on May 8, 1942, which was the second day of the Coral Sea battle - their first setback, followed by the Battle of Midway on June 3-6.

Without a huge marine fleet this advance would never have been possible. Over the next two years the US Navy submarine fleet went to work. Fortunately they had cracked the Japanese naval code so they virtually knew their every move. The Japanese had also failed to destroy the enormous naval fuel-oil installations at Pearl Harbour when Admiral Nagumo did not go ahead with the third wave of air strikes. Admiral Nimitz, Commander in Chief of the US Navy Pacific Fleet, said that had the tanks been destroyed the war would have been prolonged by two years as it would have immobilised every ship in the Pacific Fleet.

The Japanese had no long-range anti-submarine aircraft and probably their destroyers were not that well equipped to deal with submarines. The problem for the American Navy was where to base the submarines. Darwin was ruled out because the harbour was considered too shallow. Finally Fremantle (near Perth) was chosen and obviously that was too far away for the Japanese to attack with aircraft. It was a long haul for the submarines to the areas where Japanese ships were active to the north but on the surface, diesel-powered submarines have a tremendous range.

Obviously they would sail on the surface for most of their operations to and from Fremantle. Evidently Japan never found out where the submarines were based. The Fremantle base had 125 American, 31 British and 11 Free Dutch submarines. The Americans deployed 288 submarines during the war so nearly half operated from the Fremantle base. Japan started the war with six million tonnes of shipping and of course built more as the war went on. US submarines sank 1314 of their ships of more than 1000 tons each, plus 700,000 tons of naval ships including eight aircraft carriers, a battleship and 11 cruisers.

They did 416 patrols and fired 14,500 torpedoes. Out of a total of 52 subs lost, 48 were lost operating from the Fremantle base. American submariners made up only 1.6 per cent of the US naval manpower but they had the highest loss rate of US Armed Forces with 22 per cent killed.

At the German Naval Museum at Laboe, northeast of Kiel, there is a memorial to the 3505 American submariners and a memorial to the 31,000 German submariners who lost their lives out of a total of 39,000 men who served in their U-boats. The Germans built 1154 U-boats and lost 800.

More than 50,000 allied Merchant Seamen lost their lives, many as a result of Uboat activity. They, too, have never been given true recognition for what they achieved in the Atlantic and the sacrifices they made.

Last year while in Los Angeles I spoke to a group of American submariners. Many did not know of their predecessors' achievements in the war and none knew there was a base in Fremantle.

They are going to make a concerted effort to bring this oversight into prominence when remembrances are held. Their sacrifices certainly saved us from invasion. Anzac Day is now also the time to remember those 3505 dead submariners of the US Navy.

(David Clemow of Auckland is a retired Air New Zealand pilot, previous technical director of the Airline Pilots Association and a qualified meteorologist.)

LCDR Joe Femino Commanding Officer USS DEXTROUS (MCM 13) MCM CREW EXULTANT

In Loving Memory



James "Jim" Robert Myers III March 27, 1943 - September 9, 2023

Obituary

James Robert "Jim" Myers III, 80, passed away Saturday September 9, 2023. He was born March 27, 1943 to the late James Robert Myers, Jr. and Geneva Hall Myers. Mr. Myers served in the US Navy 22 years retired as a E8 Senior Chief Petty Officer, and was a member of Liberty Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Jim also served two submarine groups the Tarheel Base Submarine group and the Nathaniel Greene Submarine group. Mr. Myers enjoyed woodworking, picking on his wife, and enjoyed spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Rhonda Street. Surviving are his wife of 42 years Libby Myers; children Randy (Rebecca) Myers, Rene' (Jeff) Armstrong; grandchildren Clay Street, Ethan (Amber) Street, Amber (D.J.) McDowell, Katie (Curtis) Royal, Bo Armstrong, Aylissa Armstrong, Gabe Myers, James Warren, Laura Warren; eleven great grandchildren; two sisters Louise Simmons, Pat

Simmons; brother Sam (Patsy) Myers.

There were 13 members and 2 wives at the service from 4 of the 7 USSVI bases in North Carolina of which 6 members and 1 wife were from Nat Greene base.

Libby Myers was presented with a "Book of Remembrance" and an Eternal Patrol Certificate.

Ships/Boats Jim served on: SS-525, 1SS-406, SS-485, SS-483, FF-1072

Robert Werner Obituary



Werner, Robert H. 2/9/1933 - 9/21/2023 Robert H. Werner, age 90, of Chelsea, MI, passed away at the Chelsea Retirement Community on Thursday, September 21, 2023. He was born on February 9, 1933 in Ann Arbor, MI to the late Robert and Luetta (Horning) Werner.

He married Joyce Lorine (Edds) on February 12, 1955 in San Diego, CA. They lived in Ann Arbor, MI and Sanford, NC until her death in 2012.

Bob was a 1951 graduate of Ann Arbor High School. Served in the US Navy (Submarines) and was an active member of USSVI. Bob worked at Michigan Bell Telephone Company for 33 years.

He is survived by his daughter Jolene (David) Everard and son Mark Werner (Ann Jeffers); granddaughter Stephanie Everard (Aaron Nixon) and grandson Robert Everard (Micayla Zynda).

Bob was a dual member of Tarheel and Nathanael Greene bases (Charter Member of the Nathanael Greene Base). Qualified in submarines on the USS Razorback (SS-394) in 1951 and was a EN2(SS) when he left the Navy. He was also on the SS-417, SS-270.

Tolling of the Boats for October

USS Seawolf (SS-197) Lost on Oct 3,1944 with the loss of 83 officers and men and 17 US Army troops when she was sunk just north of Moritai by USS Rowell, a Destroyer Escort (DE). In this tragic error, Rowell mistook Seawolf for a Japanese submarine that had just sunk another Destroyer. Seawolf ranks 7th for enemy ships sunk.

USS S-44 (SS-155) Lost on Oct 7, 1943 with the loss of 56 men when it was sunk off Paramushiru, Kuriles. S-44 was on her 5th war patrol after attacking a target thought to be a merchant on the surface, S-44 found herself in a losing gun battle with a heavily armed Japanese destroyer. Two men were taken prisoner and survived the war.

USS Wahoo (SS-238) Lost on Oct 11, 1943 with the loss of 80 men near La Perouse Strait. Under command of one of the great sub skippers of World War II, LCDR "Mush" Morton, Wahoo was on her 7th war patrol. Wahoo had won a Presidential Unit Citation and ranks 5th in the number of enemy ships sunk. She was lost to depth charges dropped by a Japanese patrol aircraft.

USS Dorado (SS-248) Lost on Oct 12, 1943 with the loss of 77 men when she was sunk in the western Atlantic near Cuba. Newly commissioned, she had departed New London and was enroute to Panama. She may have been sunk by a U.S. patrol plane that received faulty instructions regarding bombing restriction areas or a German U-boat that was in the vicinity.

USS Escolar (SS-294) Lost on Oct 17, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. She was on her 1st war patrol and was most likely lost to a mine somewhere in the Yellow Sea. USS Shark II (SS-314) Lost on Oct 24,1944 with the loss of 87 men when she was sunk near Hainan. The second boat to carry this name during World War II, she was on her 3rd war patrol. Shark was sunk by escorts after attacking and sinking a lone freighter. Compounding the tragedy, it turned out that the freighter had 1,800 U.S. POW's on board.

USS Darter (SS-227) Lost on Oct 24, 1944 when she became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan and was then destroyed to prevent her falling into enemy hands intact. The entire crew was rescued by

USS Dace. Winner of one Navy Unit Commendation, Darter had sunk a heavy cruiser

and damaged another and went aground while attempting an "end around" on an enemy formation in hopes of getting in an attack on a battleship.

USS Tang (SS-306) Lost on Oct 25,1944 with the lost of 78 men in the Formosa Strait. Tang was on her 5th war patrol. Tang ranks 2nd in the number of ships sunk and 4th in tonnage, and had won two Presidential Unit Citations. During a daring night surface attack, Tang was lost to a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. Nine of the crew were taken prisoner, including CDR. O'Kane and five who had gained the surface from her final resting place 180 feet below. All survived the war, and CDR O'Kane was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

USS O-5 (SS-66) Lost on October 29, 1923 with the loss of 3 men when rammed and sunk by SS Abangarez off the Panama Canal

Tolling of the Boats for November

USS Albacore (SS-218) Lost on Nov 7, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her eleventh war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.

USS Growler (SS-215) Lost on Nov 8, 1944 with the loss of 86 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 12th war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy, probably as a result of a depth charge attack or victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes.

USS Scamp (SS-277) Probably sunk on November 16, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay. On her 8th war patrol, she may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate and destroy her with depth charges.

USS Corvina (SS-226) Lost on Nov 16, 1943 with the loss of 82 men when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was on her 1st war patrol and appears she was lost to the torpedoes of a Japanese submarine.

USS Sculpin (SS-191) Lost on Nov 19, 1943 with the loss of 43 men near Truk. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight

on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. 41 men were taken prisoner but only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT Cromwell, aboard as a potential wolfpack commander, he rode the Sculpin down, fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Tolling of the Boats for December

USS Capelin (SS-289) Lost on Dec 2, 1943 with the loss of 76 men. She was on her 1st war patrol, but her exact location, date and cause of loss remain a mystery. She may have been lost to mines or an operational casualty.

USS Sealion (SS-195) Lost on Dec 10, 1941 with the loss of 4 men. To prevent her from falling into enemy hands, she was scuttled in Manila Bay after incurring severe bomb damage during the initial Japanese attack. One other Sealion man was later captured and died in POW camp.

USS F-1 / Carp (SS-20) Lost on December 17, 1917 with the loss of 19 officers and men when it was sunk after collision with the USS F-3 (Pickerel(SS-22)) off San Clemente, CA.

USS S-4 (SS-109) Lost on December 17, 1927 with the loss of 40 officers and men when it was sunk after being rammed by USCG Paulding. Salvaged in 1928 and recommissioned