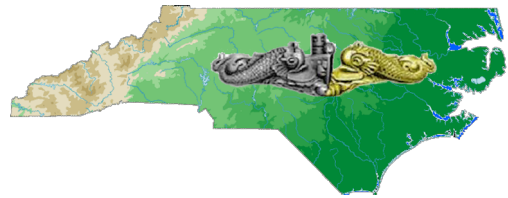


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North Carolina State University Club venue for the 2023 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner

Our guest speaker for the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner 2023. CMDCM Matthew R. Harris. He was the Enlisted Advisor to the Vice-Chief of Naval Operations

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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.

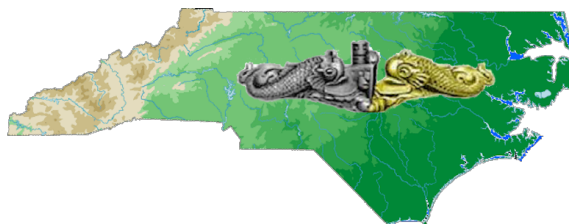
The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

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North Carolina Subvets Commander's Report

SHIPMATES, HAPPY NEW YEAR,

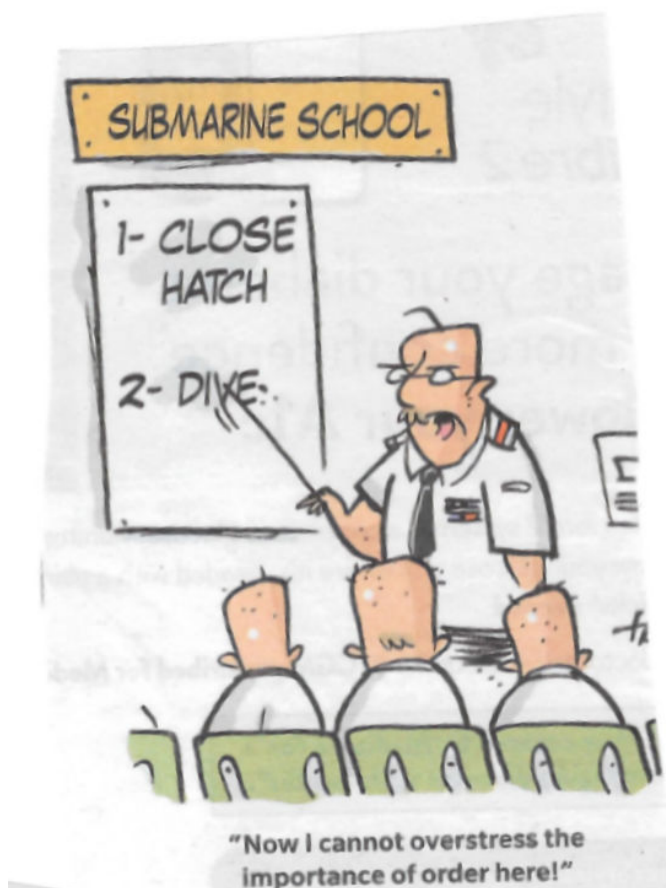
I hope this is a much better year than 2023. The Torpedo float was utilized quite a lot last year and it's permanent home location was changed to the Winston/Salem area provided by the Nathaniel Green base Commander.

A reminder that in February the yearly dues for NC Subvets have to be submitted, NC Subvets has a balance of about \$481, repairs are needed to the Torpedo Float and will be sending in the yearly ad for the National Convention.

For the last couple of years, I have been requesting someone relieve me as the NC Subvets State Commander, well age is catching up with me and I intend to resign at the Moonshine Mountain event in May.

I hope someone will step up and volunteer.

Thank You
Jerry Emerson
NC SUBVET STATE COMMANDER



North Carolina Submarine Veterans Leadership

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Vice Commander: Wade Cooper

Secretary: Leland Kuntzman

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Secretary: David Lemy

Treasurer: Chuck Jensen

NC SubVets Calendar of Events

1. March 14th, 2024 Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade
2. March 17th, 2024 Nags Head 33rd St. Patrick's Day Parade
3. May 17-19 Burnsville Submarine Memorial Gathering (Moonshine Mountain)
4. May 27th Thomasville Memorial Day Parade

**For updates to NC SubVets Calendar - visit ncsubvets.org
to have events added - ncsubvets.org@gmail.com**



August 19-24, 2024

Tarheel Base All Weather Picnic 2023

The Tarheel Base Picnic was held October 21st at Ransdell Hall, 309 N. Ennis St, Fuquay Varina. Here are photos taken up to the bingo part. Good job to Rich for filling in for Jim Davis and Jim Wallace for finding "I Got Lunch" who did the catering. Welcome to new member Norm Everhart and new District Commander Mike Sears.



Lunch is served ↑



Norm Everhart →



Rich Cimino - Did a fine job conducting the meeting.



While Jim Wallace checks on the caterers, Bob and Bill are telling sea stories.

Parades 2023

Carteret County Veterans Day Parade November 9th -Albemarle Sound had the torpedo float in the parade in Morehead City was established to allow Veterans, Veterans Service Organizations, individuals, and any other group/organization the opportunity to remember and to honor our nation's Veterans who have proudly served this country. This parade has grown from only a handful of participants to over 2,000 participants honoring our Veterans and is the largest Veterans Day Parade in North Carolina. there were 108 entries, with one of the main attractions being the U.S. Air Force Presidential Honor Guard Drill Team and Ceremonial Marching Unit from Washington, D.C.

The **Asheboro Veterans Day Parade November 11th** had the members of Nathanael Green and Tarheel Bases manning the torepedo float through downtown.



L-R Joe Peek, Bill Lowe, Frank Gardner, Driver-Duane Searle, Richard Gant, Jim Davis, Tony Van Schaick, Wolfgang Fredrich, Bob Govern



Christmas Parades

Fuquay-Varina Christmas Parade - December 3rd, 2023

The 2023 Fuquay-Varina Christmas Parade! A unique parade that traveled throughout the Historic Downtown Fuquay District. With over 80 floats and/or vehicles, this parade draws a huge 1500+ crowd from Fuquay-Varina and all across surrounding municipalities.



Front Row L-R – Rich Cimino, Ron Dickert, Jim Davis , Jerry Emerson, Wade Cooper, Leland Kuntzman, Norman Everhart.

Top Row L-R – John Murray, Tom McFadden, Bill Lowe, Bob Govern, Tony Van Schaick, Paige Wood, Vince Sievert, and Jerry Emerson's Great Granddaughter Sophie.





1 Jack Murray & Page Wood



2. Jim Davis & Jerry Emerson



3. Jack, Wade Cooper, Tony Van Schaick
Norm Everhart

Sharpsburg Christmas Parade - December 9th, 2023



L-R: Vince Sievert, John Murray, Richard Graves, Mike Sears, Will Iwaniuk

A selfie by Vince Sievert of the Old North State Base Crew



Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner December 9th, 2023

The Reception/Social at the North Carolina State Club came to a close at 1800 and the Meeting Called to Order - Dive the Boat by Tarheel Base Commander Jim Davis. He solemnly read the Purpose of USSVI and the

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner. Chaplain Gene Rutter gave the Invocation and singer Diana Blaine sang "God Bless America". Wade Cooper is the Presentation of Colors and Diana Blaine sang our "National Anthem."



The Remembrance Ceremony started with Chaplain Gene Rutter reading the list of NC Submarine Veterans who went on Eternal Patrol in 2023. Then Tony Van Schiack provided a great Lost Boats presentation giving a more in-depth appreciation lost during WWII and concluded with a moment of silence. After which there was a round of introductions first by WWII Members and guests, then all members and guests.

1900- Buffet Served

Jim Davis then introduced our guest speaker CMDCM Matthew R. Harris. Master Chief Harris was the senior enlisted advisor Vice Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Lisa Franchetti. Before speaking he delivered letters from the VCNO thanking Marty Kirwan and Don Moyer for their service during WWII. He then gave an informative talk about the Navy's recruiting shortfalls and how veterans can help. Matt also covered how important funding for the Columbia class submarine is.

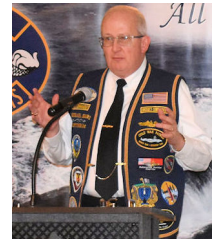


Former Tarheel Base Commander and now USSVI Secretary Dave Campbell was able to attend the Remembrance Dinner this year. He discussed the on-going battle with the USSVI website and how USSVI is seeing membership start to grow again.

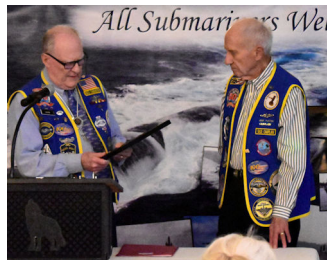


Here Tarheel Base Commander inducts new Holland Club Member Norman Everhart. Norm is a recent newcomer to Tarheel Base

District Commander ES1 Mike Sears was also in attendance talked about his goals for the district before swearing in the new Tarheel Base officers.



L-R Mike Sears, Tony Van Schaick (Tarheel Base Commander), and Wade Cooper (Vice Commander).



Jim Davis presents Gene Rutter and Jim Wallace with the "Tarheel Base Commanders Award as Lifetime Submariner Emeritus". Well deserved awards for Gene and Jim!



Keith Simpson mans the raffle ticket table while Wade Cooper and Master Chief Harris await their tickets for bidding on raffle items.

Great job by Tom McFadden and his wife Susan for another year of great prizes and setting up the raffle

Final Raffle Drawings
Benediction Chaplain Gene Rutter

Surface Surface Surface

Tom McFadden hands Marty Kirwan his letter from Admiral Lisa M. Franchetti. Looking on is Marty's son Gary and his wife Robin. Marty is 102 years old and served with Commanding Officer John McCain (Sen. John McCain's father) aboard the USS Gunnel (SS-253)



Don Moyer reads the letter of thanks for his service from VCNO Lisa M. Franchetti. Don qualified on the Chopper SS-342 in 1947.

Wreaths Across America

On December 16, 2023 at 12:00 pm (Wreath Placement Immediately Following Ceremony), Wreaths Across America was held at Hillcrest Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.



Tarheel Base Wreaths Across America Volunteers:

L-R Tony Van Schaick, Bob Govern, Norm Everhart, Bill Lowe, Marilyn and Jim Davis



Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) is a USSVI Community Outreach Program that brings joy to the Children visited as well as to the Sub Vets who visit them! It also provides positive local awareness for USSVI and is in keeping with our organization's creed.

Submarine Veterans belonging to USSVI Bases voluntarily visit children in Cancer Hospitals, Children's Hospitals, Child Psychiatric Units, Ronald McDonald Houses, Medical Camps for Children, Hospices, and other locations. They give sick children caring attention during the visit, and Honorary Submariner Certificates, embroidered ball caps, challenge coins, temporary tattoos, and other gifts. All gifts are approved in advance by the child health care facility.



Mike and Dennis set up this booth at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner to raise awareness for the KapSS 4 KidSS USSVI program. Dennis spoke at the dinner and showed a great USSVI video on KapSS 4 KidSS.

On a recent visit to ECU Health Maynard Children's Hospital in Greenville, Old North State Base KapSS 4 KidSS advocates Mike Sears and Dennis Cloutier presented Honorary Submariner Certificates and a Kap(SS) 4 KidSS embroidered cap.



2023 North Carolina Subvets On Eternal Patrol

1. Larry Gordon, Dobson, NC, EM2(SS), Nathanael Greene Base. Saw duty on two Submarines. Eternal Patrol Date April 19, 2023.
2. John H J Cunningham, Youngsville, NC, OM3(SS), Tarheel Base. Saw duty on two submarines. Eternal Patrol Date May 19, 2023.
3. Roland E Miller, Melissa, TX, EMCM(SS) dual member Thresher And Carolina Piedmont Bases. Saw duty on submarines. Eternal Patrol Date June 9, 2023.
4. James R Myers III, East Bend NC, GSCS(SS), Founding member Nathanael Greene Base and member Tarheel Base. Duty On Four Submarines And One Surface Craft. Eternal Patrol September 9, 2023.
5. Robert H Werner, Chelsea, MI, EN2(SS), Plank Owner Nathanael Greene Base and member of Tarheel Base. Duty On Two Submarines. Eternal Patrol Date September 21, 2023.
6. Larry Wayne Hauser, Winston-salem, NC, MS1(SS), Founding member Nathanael Greene Base. Saw duty on two Submarines. Eternal Patrol November 4, 2023.
7. Robert J Bickford, Rock Hill SC, STS2(SS), Carolina Piedmont Base. Saw duty on one Submarine. Eternal Patrol November 6, 2023.
8. Bernard A Maguire LT(SS) Coastal Carolina Base. Saw duty on five Submarines. Eternal Patrol December 1, 2023

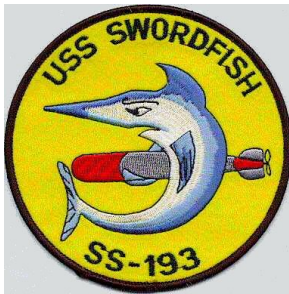
“Let Down the Sail”

I felt the wind's direction shifting, I must sail this voyage alone.
Goodbye my loving family, my ship is going home.
In the distance I see a lighthouse, there are people on the shore.
Angels are rejoicing, I see family, I see more.
I can hear a voice calling, I've heard that voice before.
It's calling me from the lighthouse, now I know - It is my Lord.
He said let down the sail, you need the wind no more.
For you've reached your destination, where you'll live forevermore.
~Jeff Messick

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.

