

# TORPEDO ALLEY



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**Newsletter of Charleston Base, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.**

**Base Meeting:**

BOD: August 3 1800  
 Membership: August 10 1900

**Location:**

FRA Branch 269  
 Low Country Home  
 99 Wisteria Rd.  
 Goose Creek, SC



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			Webmaster	Nick Nichols	843.452.3189
			Kaps for Kids	Bill Kennedy	843.875.3109



## Submarines Lose During the Month of August

<b>USS BULLHEAD (SS 332)</b>	August 6, 1945 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> War Patrol	LOST WITH ALL HANDS – 84 SOULS
<b>USS FLIER (SS 250)</b>	August 13, 1944 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> War Patrol	LOST WITH 83 SOULS; 8 MEN SURVIVED
<b>USS S-39 (SS 144)</b>	August 13, 1942 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> War Patrol	NO LOSS OF LIFE
<b>USS HARDER (SS 257)</b>	August 24, 1944 – 6 <sup>th</sup> War Patrol	LOST WITH ALL HANDS – 79 SOULS
<b>USS COCHINO (SS 345)</b>	August 26, 1949	NO COCHINO LOSS OF LIFE; ONE CIVILIAN LOSS; USS TUSK LOST 6 SOULS DURING THE RESCUE

**FIVE Boats and 253 Men Lost**

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### Upcoming Charleston Base Events

Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting	Thursday, Sep 7	1800	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek
Charleston Base Meeting (Social Hr starts 1800)	Thursday, Sep 14	1900	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek
Victory House Visit	Tuesday, Sep 18	1000	VFW Ladson to carpool
NPS Class 1704 Graduation	Friday, Sep 15	0800	Muster in NEX Parking Lot

## FROM THE BASE COMMANDER

I would like to personally thank all the members of the base that have stepped up to the plate with the many activities you perform. Without their volunteering we would be unable to serve our membership and community. Thank You ALL. Our Regional Director ( Steve Bell ) has requested that the Charleston Base sponsor the South East Regional Convention in 2019. It would be a great honor for our Base and our Submarine community to perform this function. To be successful, the full involvement of the base is necessary. Anticipate the convention to occur in the April May timeframe 2019. The BOD will begin forming some committees to work the issues. Thank you all, in advance, for your support.

### From the Editor

A new feature I have added is a For Sale page for items that Charleston Base members want to sell. The base is not liable for the condition or description of the item. Items will run for 3 months or until the member informs me the item has been sold.

## From USSVI National

Normal message traffic from USSVI will be published each month in the newsletter. If the message is of immediate interest to the membership it will be sent out by the Base Secretary. Messages are arranged in the order received

**Subject:** FW: Florida 2017 Proclamation: U.S. Submarine Veterans Appreciation Week

I received the below notification from the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs that Governor Rick Scott has signed the attached proclamation designating September 1 – 6, 2017 to be U.S. Submarine Veterans Appreciation Week in the State of Florida in honor of our National Convention and the 117<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Submarine Service.

Let's give this the widest possible distribution throughout our membership.

JOHN MARKIEWICZ  
UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS NATIONAL COMMANDER



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

### *U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS APPRECIATION WEEK*

WHEREAS, the United States Submarine Veterans Incorporated (USSVI) will hold their National Convention in Orlando, Florida on September 1-6, 2017, which marks the 117th anniversary of the Submarine Service; and

WHEREAS, the creed of Submarine Veterans is, in part, "to perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country"; and

WHEREAS, today the U.S. Submarine Service Fast Attack boats play a critical role as a "First Strike" force, and ballistic missile submarines roam the ocean as a deterrent against enemy attack; and

WHEREAS, nearly 4,000 Submarine Sailors have given their lives while defending this great country; and

WHEREAS, the USS Florida (SSBN-728/SSGN-728), an Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine, is the sixth ship of the U.S. Navy to be named for the Sunshine State; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida proudly honors all Submarine Sailors who have served our nation in appreciation for the critical role they have played, and will continue to play, in the defense of the citizens of the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 1-6, 2017 as *U.S. Submarine Veterans Appreciation Week*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 27th day of July, in the year two thousand seventeen.

  
Governor

NEWS-01: USS SCORPION, SSN-589  
50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL  
Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz on 8/9/2017

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A request has been received from the subject Memorial Committee for assistance from USSVI to make this milestone event a very memorable experience for the widows, families and former USS SCORPION crew. The event will take place from May 25 - 27, 2018 in Norfolk, Va. Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral John m. Richardson has graciously agreed to serve as keynote speaker for the memorial service.

USSVI was extremely generous with assisting in the 45th USS Scorpion SSN-589 Memorial Service by supporting the "99 for 99" fundraising efforts. They are again asking our support for this endeavor for the 50th Anniversary with the focus of the program being for each USSVI Base to donate \$99 in honor of the 99 crewmembers lost on SCORPION on May 22, 1968.

All monies donated go directly to offsetting the cost of presenting the memorial service and providing a Saturday evening banquet for SCORPION families, former crew and specially invited guests.

To support the "99 for 99" program, please make donations payable to "USS SCORPION, SSN-589 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION" and mail your checks to:

MaryEtta Nolan, Treasurer  
USS SCORPION, SSN-589  
50TH Anniversary Memorial Committee  
487 Sandhill Rd.  
Greenfield Center, NY 12833-1118

All USSVI Bases are encouraged to support this event to the extent they are financially able so to do.

John Markiewicz  
National Commander

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NEWS-01: US SUBMARINE VETERANS WWII NATIONAL MEMORIAL WEST  
Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz on 8/9/2017

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Set Your Personal Military Legacy in Stone

...or rather, in a beautifully engraved brick, when you join the Legacy Brick

Project at the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII National Memorial, West, just outside the Naval Weapons Station in Seal Beach, California.

Whether you served—or are currently serving—in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard or Merchant Marine, or are perhaps one of the submariners for which this hallowed ground was initially established, here's your opportunity to preserve an honored military legacy—your own, or that of a friend or loved one—by donating a personalized Legacy Brick to the "Corridor of Courage" Walkway here at the site. For as little as \$125, your Legacy Brick can be inscribed with any name or message, and will go on display at our nationally recognized military memorial for all to see. Meanwhile, your generosity will also help us to maintain, preserve and expand this unique national treasure for the reverence of generations to come.

Go to submarine [submarinememorial.org](http://submarinememorial.org) and click on the "Bricks" menu tab for information on sizes and specifics. Online ordering through PayPal™ makes the process easy.

Don't miss this chance to preserve a beloved legacy in perpetuity. Thank you.

NEWS-01: 2017 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA AND ANNUAL REPORTS  
Submitted by: Ray Wewers on 8/15/2017

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THE 2017 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA FOR THE 2017 CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN ORLANDO FL IS NOW POSTED ON THE USSVI WEBSITE. ("DOCUMENTS" THEN "ORGANIZATION")

THE ANNUAL REPORTS RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL OFFICERS, REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ARE ALSO POSTED UNDER "ORGANIZATION".

JOHN MARKIEWICZ  
UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS NATIONAL COMMANDER  
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NATIONAL VA VOLUNTARY SERVICES REP VAMC LAKE CITY  
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS DEPARTMENT OF FL JUDGE ADVOCATE  
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER 1 ADJUTANT  
NATIONAL ORDER OF TRENCH RATS SECTOR OF FL HOSPITAL PROGRAM CHAIR  
PAST DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS DEPARTMENT OF FL COMMANDER  
PAST ELKS DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER  
PAST NATIONAL ORDER OF TRENCH RATS SECTOR GOLDEN RODENT

**From:** Delphine Metcalf-Foster, DAV National Commander and William C. Johniken, DAVA National Commander  
[<mailto:lbogle@dav.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2017 10:49 AM  
**To:** JOHN MARKIEWICZ <[jemjax2@att.net](mailto:jemjax2@att.net)>  
**Subject:** The New Forever GI Bill

The *Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017*, H.R. 3218, passed by the House and Senate was signed by the President on August 16, 2017. Also known as the *Forever G.I. Bill*, the legislation improves provisions in the existing G.I. Bill and provides more flexibility for using educational benefits. The measure contains a number of provisions that specifically impact disabled veterans and their families, including:

- Increases monthly Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA) payments by about 40 percent effective October 1, 2018 (note: effective August 1, 2018, DEA decreases from 45 to 36 months to be consistent with other VA educational programs);
- Eliminates the 15-year limit for using the G.I. Bill, allowing for the use of the educational benefits for life, for those who were discharged after January 1, 2013;
- Grants full G.I. Bill benefits to Purple Heart Recipients, regardless of total time in service effective August 1, 2018;
- Provides G.I. Bill eligibility for reservists undergoing medical care for active duty injuries effective August 1, 2018;
- Restores used G.I. bill benefits to enrolled students whose school permanently closes after January 1, 2015, effective November 14, 2017; and

Allows veterans who are National Guard members and Reservists who are receiving Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) benefits, to "pause" their eligibility so their time under the VR&E program is not negatively affected while called up for active duty orders. This provision takes effect immediately.

To see the complete text of the *Forever G.I. Bill* [click here](#)

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

[https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/cpJgbmA\\_DgUejeMSTI20ng](https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/cpJgbmA_DgUejeMSTI20ng)

**From Southeast Regional Director and District Commander Steve Bell:**

All:  
Attached is the Panama City Beach Christmas Party flyer. This is really a good get together (with "NO" USSVI meetings at all) and very reasonable cost. Hope to see you there.

Steve Bell  
SERD and Acting SERD2 and SERD3

***Submarine Veterans' Gulf Coast  
2017 Annual Christmas Party  
Thursday Dec 7th -- Sunday Dec 10th 2017***

***Holiday Inn Resort  
(Thirteenth year at this great Hotel)  
11127 Front Beach Rd, Panama City Beach, FL 32407  
1-850-234-1111 or 1-800-633-0266 (toll-free)***

**Rooms \$59.00 plus tax**  
Hospitality Room **and** Banquet **\$45.00**  
(Hospitality Room includes Morning Coffee & Donuts, Free Libations & Assorted Snacks)  
Hosted by **Jim Hunnicutt, Drum Base** ([mcpo.ss@peoplepc.com](mailto:mcpo.ss@peoplepc.com))  
and **John Duncan, Seawolf Base** ([narwhalssn@yahoo.com](mailto:narwhalssn@yahoo.com))

***This is a Christmas Party – Gifts Optional (to receive a gift, you must bring a gift)***  
Everyone Bring a Present (around \$15) - **Men bring a Guy's gift and Ladies bring a Gal's gift**  
Banquet Christmas Party Saturday Night  
Banquet will have a **Cash Bar** starting at 5 P.M. followed by Dinner and Party at 6:30 P.M.

**MENU – SANTA'S FAVORITE BUFFET**

Garden Fresh Salad  
Tender Roasted Tom Turkey with Giblet Gravy - Spiral Honey Glazed Ham  
Country Style Sausage Cornbread Stuffing - Whipped Potatoes - Candied Yams  
Green Bean Almandine - Fresh Whole Kernel Corn - Freshly Baked Rolls  
Dessert Selections - Freshly Baked Pumpkin, Apple Pie or Cobbler - Iced Tea or Coffee

Memorial Service 11 A.M. Saturday December 9th  
Nightly Bar 50/50 Raffles (w/extra prizes) - 6 for \$5.00  
Large Split the Pot 50/50 Saturday Night Raffle (w/extra prizes) - 6 for \$5.00  
(This is not a profit maker - Any Residual Funds will go to a Submarine Related Project)

**Mail Reservations for Banquet and Hospitality Room to**  
Jim Hunnicutt – 1800 Beach Dr Unit 184, Gulfport MS 39507-1581  
Make check payable to J.A. Hunnicutt - (on ck Memo line – Xmas Party)  
**Reservations have to be in hand NLT November 30th to guarantee your banquet seating**  
*(Refunds for Banquet after December 1st, 2017 cannot be guaranteed)*  
*Problems or Questions? Contact Jim Hunnicutt – ph 850-457-3584 or email [mcpo.ss@peoplepc.com](mailto:mcpo.ss@peoplepc.com)*

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse /Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

(Tel) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter/Base \_\_\_\_\_

Number Banquet & Hospitality Room: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Number for Hospitality Room Only (***Not Attending Banquet***): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday Night 50/50 Raffle (6 tickets for \$5) How Many: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Remitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Commanders:

While I was at a Charleston Base BOD meeting last week, one of the members there (and I cannot remember who it was) mentioned that having these type of gatherings at submarine places instead of the other available places within our region would probably bring in better attendance. After thinking about it, it makes sense to me. We happen to have four places where that would apply really well in our region. And that would be Norfolk, Charleston, Kings Bay, and Cape Canaveral. With that thought in mind, I thought I would throw out the idea to the District Commanders and those Base Commanders where this responsibility would fall to see what your thoughts on this are. I have included those Base Commanders on this e-mail as well. Again I cannot take credit for the basic idea. Ralph can thank whoever is was at his base that planted that seed.

Here is my initial thoughts. Have the meeting cycle each year from Norfolk, to Charleston, to Kings Bay, to Cape Canaveral, then back to Norfolk and so on. This would make the rotation simple and easy to remember. I would suggest we have it in March/April timeframe each year, with the host base choosing the dates. We can either stay away from those Submarine Birthday Balls in those areas or we could just couple the banquet night with the ball and just attend that dinner. I realize in some cases that might be a little more expensive. If we did that, on that morning our "All Hands" meeting could occur and any items to be presented would happen at that time. We have had issues with trying our Convention/Conference in the other districts with not much success.

I would like each of you to think about this and provide any/all comments/recommendations back to me but using "reply to all" so that maybe between all of us we can come up with something that works and works well. I don't know what the Northeast Region does, but I do know the Central Region does not even try to have a conference due to the large geographical area they have. And the Western Region now has theirs in Las Vegas each year (wish we had such a place). Not too concerned about their Convention/Conference but want to improve drastically on ours overall.

We currently have \$1800 that we pass from base to base each year for "seed" money. We almost lost some of that this year but I ended up being able to use my admin budget to cover our loss. I only would ask that each host base make every effort not to lose that money so that it could be passed on to the next base. Of course any profit you make is for the base. We can improve attendance by keeping the cost down but I surely don't want anybody losing any money either.

I look forward to getting comments back from each of you, especially the Base Commanders. They are the main players here. Also, I have asked the Charleston Base to host the 2019 Convention/Conference. They have not provided an answer as yet, but it looks promising at this time. If we go this way, we would actually be starting this cycle off next year, since 2018 will be in Norfolk. We have plenty of time to work the "kinks" out on this but let's don't kick the can too far down the road.

One other thing, this will have little to no impact on me as I plan on stepping down as the Regional Director next year (at the ABM). I stated that when I first started and that plan has not changed for me. So this would be taking us past my tenure but would sure make it easier for all those down the road. Even so, I plan to attend these functions as long as I am physically able.

Thank you for your support and your participation in this effort.

Steve Bell  
SERD and Acting SERD2 and SERD3

**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2017 5:59:04 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Kings Bay Memorial Service

Commanders:

Please share with your membership.

As stated before, this is one of the really good events to attend. If you plan to go, get your hotel reservations in early.

Steve Bell  
SERD and SERD2 and SERD3

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following information and forms for registration are also on the Charleston Base website [WWW.USSVICB.ORG](http://WWW.USSVICB.ORG) .



10 August 2017

## **2017 SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WWII MEMORIAL INVITATION, INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION**

Dear WWII Submarine Veterans, Submarine Service Veterans, Family and Friends,

On behalf of the men and women of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay and the members of the Trident Base USSVI, we are extremely pleased to provide this invitation to the 2017 World War II Submarine Veterans Memorial Ceremony on Friday, November 3, 2017. We are also providing you the registration forms for the entire week's events, which will begin on Wednesday, November 1st and end on Sunday, November 5th. This year as is custom, the Memorial Service itself is on Friday morning November 3rd at 10:00 am at the Submarine Veterans of WWII Pavilion onboard Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in front of the TRIDENT TRAINING FACILITY. You will find other details about the week on the enclosed registration forms and a 'DRAFT' Plan of the Week, which are being sent on behalf of the USSVI Trident Base, the Museum and in partnership with the Kings Bay Naval Base.

This year, we look forward to welcoming members of the USS DACE (SSN 607) who will be holding their 2017 Reunion on the Navy Base at the Trident Conference Center, and will be joining us for some of our events as well.

The Museum celebrated its 21<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 30 March 2017. For those of you who have been steadfast supporters of the Museum, we are extremely grateful and thank you for that support as we celebrate this important milestone. Most of you renewed or joined as Members of the Museum again last year, and for that we THANK YOU! If you are not a member as yet, we hope you will consider joining us. If you would like to purchase a Gift Membership for a family member or friend, we would be happy to do that as well and will send a Gift Card to your designated person(s) announcing your gift to them.

This year in May, thanks also to your collective generosity last year, we funded two \$500.00 College Scholarships here in Camden County, and one \$750.00 Scholarship in partnership with USSVI in honor of long-time Museum Manager John Crouse who passed away in 2010. One of our local Scholarships named in honor of longtime Board Member John Means who passed away in 2016, was awarded to Samantha Wenum, daughter of Navy Senior Chief Rob Wenum and his wife Bridget.

On the next page are some very important items to pay attention to so PLEASE take a few moments to review them. We have set a deadline for Registrations to be submitted and for Sub Tours to be scheduled. Due to security requirements, we need time to process those requests, so PLEASE pay attention to those dates.

We wish you all safe travels and look forward to welcoming you back to our corner of this great country! Please come hungry for some great Bar-B-Que prepared by our NSSC CPO's, Breakfast and Lunch at the Base Galley provided by our award winning CS's, Steak at the Goat Locker cooked by our TRF CPO's and Low Country Boil with the Eagles. We look forward to sharing lots of sea stories and hosting a few beers together!! If we can be of assistance to you in any way before or after you arrive,

please do not hesitate to contact the museum by phone or email, or anyone else listed on the contact information sheet. We look forward to welcoming you back to Camden County in November !

Green Board!!

*Keith*

Keith F. Post, Executive Director

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT ITEMS \*\*\***

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2017

**BOAT TOURS:** REMEMBER – TOURS are **NOT GUARANTEED!** Operations at the base may force the cancellation of some or all of our tours even at the last minute. We were fortunate last year this did not happen and we had two days of great tours on the USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738)! The Subase, SWFLANT and Group TEN are most generous to us with these tours, and we have to be understanding of the mission and operational needs of our force, so please keep that in mind. A couple of things to remember: (1) You **MUST** be a US Citizen to request and go on a tour. (2) **NO CELL PHONES** or **CAMERAS** are allowed, period!! **DO** not bring them! (3) You must wear covered shoes, no flip-flops or open toed shoes. (4) Please arrive early or on time for your tour so as not to delay everyone or miss your tour altogether. (5) You must be in good health and physically able to go up and down ladders (6) And last, please be respectful of the effort that goes into this by so many people. If you ask for and are scheduled for a tour, please show up. It is not fair to our team and the base for all the work that goes into putting these tours together, for folks to just not show up or not call due to an emergency.

**THURSDAY MORNING CMC/COB's BREAKFAST:** We are again having the traditional Thursday morning breakfast at the Galley. It will be hosted by and with the CMC's and COB's from the various Commands on base and we will have a sound system this year for the speakers! It is at the same time, same location, and the same hosts.

**BASE GALLEY CO's LUNCHEON:** Those of you who were with us the past three years know that we have had a special lunch hosted by the Base Commanding Officer following the Ceremony at Pirate's Cove, the Base Galley. The base is doing that again for us this year, and we are continuing our normal process by having you sign up if you want to go to lunch. You will be given a color-coded ticket in your packet and instructions at the end of the ceremony Friday Morning on how to proceed, so that we do not have such a long line at the Galley and can get everyone through.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:** In 2015, we unfortunately had a submarine veteran pass away on Friday evening. It was critical that we had his next of kin information to be able to contact family members. We hope we don't ever need it, but **PLEASE** fill out the next of kin or an emergency contact listed on the registration form, so we know who to reach and how if we should need to. **THANK YOU!**

**2017 Memorial Registration Information and Points of Contact**

St. Marys Submarine Museum Museum Executive Director	912-882-2782 Keith Post 912-674-2620	gift_shop@tds.net keithfpost@tds.net
SUBASE Command Master Chief COMSUBGRU TEN CMC USSVI Kings Bay Chapter Base Commander	Mitch Burgin Eddie VanMeter George Maheiu 706-312-9216	mitcheal.burgin@navy.mil eddie.vanmeter@navy.mil gmmahieu@gmail.com

### St. Marys Area Accommodations

Gateway Inn & Suites (On Base TVQ)	912-573-4871	<a href="http://www.dodlodging.net">www.dodlodging.net</a>
Eagle Hammock RV Park (On Base)	912-573-5262	<a href="mailto:eaglehammock@tds.net">eaglehammock@tds.net</a>
Navy Lodge Kings Bay (On Base)	912-319-5919	<a href="http://www.navy-lodge.com">www.navy-lodge.com</a>
Cumberland Inn & Suites ( <b>Host Hotel</b> )	912-882-6250	<a href="http://www.cumberlandislandinn.com">www.cumberlandislandinn.com</a>
	800-768-6250	
Riverview Hotel	912-882-3242	<a href="http://www.riverviewhotelstmarys.com">www.riverviewhotelstmarys.com</a>

### St. Marys Bed and Breakfasts

Emma's Cottage Suites	(912) 882-4199
The Spencer House	(912) 882-1872
The Goodbread House	(912) 882-7490

### Kingsland Hotels

Best Western Plus	(912) 882-8200
Comfort Suites	(912) 576-7555
Country Inn & Suites	(912) 576-1616
Days Inn	(912) 729-7666
Econo Lodge	(912) 673-7336
Fairfield Inn & Suites	(912) 576-1010
Hampton Inn	(912) 729-1900
Hawthorn Suites	(912) 882-4170
Mariner Suites	(912) 882-3004
Baymont Inn	(912) 729-9600
La Quinta Inn & Suites	(912) 882-8010
Microtel Inn & Suites	(912) 729-1555
Motel 6	(912) 729-6888
Red Roof Inn	(912) 729-1130
Sleep Inn & Suites	(912) 673-7116
Springfield Inn & Suites	(912) 729-3000



*The Men and Women of  
Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay  
the St. Marys Submarine Museum and the Trident Base of  
United States Submarine Veterans Inc.  
request the pleasure of your company at the*

***SUBMARINE VETERANS  
of WORLD WAR TWO  
MEMORIAL CEREMONY***

*on Friday, the Third of November 2017  
at ten o'clock at the*

*Submarine Veterans of World War II Pavilion  
Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Georgia*

*R. S. V. P. no later than  
Close of Business  
20 October 2017 to  
keithpost@tds.net  
912-882-ASUB (2782)*

*Military Guests: Khakis*

*Civilian Guests: Appropriate Attire*





# 2017 WWII SUBMARINE VETERANS MEMORIAL REGISTRATION

WEDNESDAY, November 1 through SUNDAY, November 5, 2017

This is a Combined Pre-Registration Form & Subbase Privacy Act Release Form (PARF) for the 2017 WWII Memorial Service, Dinners, SSBN Tours & Subbase Access. This form in NO way guarantees an SSBN tour or access to Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base. **PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO ENTER THE SUBBASE AT ALL TIMES.** *All guests* must be United States Citizens.

## Veteran and Guest(s) Information

Veteran Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ( Home / Work / Cell ) DOB Mo/Dy/Yr \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT Name/Relationship/Tel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Military Retired? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_ USSVI Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Holland Club Member? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_ Highest Military Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Boat "SS" Qualified On: USS \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

USSVI Positions Held: \_\_\_\_\_

WWII Veterans - Pearl Harbor Survivor: \_\_\_\_\_ WWII POW: \_\_\_\_\_ WWII Sub CO: \_\_\_\_\_

WWII National Positions Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Names: (1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

Note - PLEASE list all Guests attending with you - Use additional sheet if necessary

**\*\* IMPORTANT NOTE – 2017 REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup> ! \*\* Please, Register early! \*\***

# 2017 WWII SUBMARINE VETERANS MEMORIAL REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, November 1 – SUNDAY, November 5, 2017

**WWII Submarine "War Patrol" Veterans Only:** We honor our WWII War Patrol Veterans and Submariners. For all WWII Veterans your Registration Fees and Meals are on us! All you are responsible for is your hotel expenses and transportation. We do however ask that any spouses or other guests attending with you pay for their registration and meals.

WWII VETERAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check all events that you will be attending so we have an accurate head count:*

\_\_\_ CMC/COB Breakfast \_\_\_ BBQ \_\_\_ Base Galley Luncheon \_\_\_ Steak Night \_\_\_ Memorial Ceremony \_\_\_ Eagles

## **Other SUBMARINE VETERANS and all Other Guests:**

REGISTRATION FEE: \$18 Each

Total Number of Veterans/Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 18.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ People = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

*02 November - Thursday - Breakfast*

CMC/COB's Breakfast at 'Pirates Cove' Base Galley \$ 3.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ People = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

*02 November – Thursday - BBQ Dinner*

Local Officials Meet and Greet Evening @ Cumberland Inn & Suites \$ 15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ People = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

*03 November - Friday - Lunch*

CO's Luncheon at 'Pirates Cove' Base Galley \$ 5.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ People = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

*03 November - Friday - Steak Night*

Come Join Us @ The Goat Locker on Base for Steak Night \$ 20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ People = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

*04 November – Saturday - Eagles Low Country Boil:*

(To assist with the cost and to provide the Eagle's with a head Count, you may make an additional donation if you like when you arrive for the Low County Boil) \$ 5.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ People = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

## **Opportunities to Support Museum:**

St. Marys Submarine Museum Membership:

Circle: NEW / RENEW Check One: INDIVIDUAL \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

Donation(s) to St. Marys Submarine Museum:

(All donations are tax deductible)

*Support of our Scholarship Fund* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

*Support of our Building Fund* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

*Support of our General Fund* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

TOTAL Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

**Please make checks payable to and mail completed forms to:**

St. Marys Submarine Museum  
ATTN: 2017 WWII Memorial  
Post Office Box #5640  
St. Marys, GA 31558-5640

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## 2017 WWII Memorial Submarine Tour Information

As part of the 2017 WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial, two submarine tours have been scheduled for Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, one at 0900 and one at 1300. Please place #'s 1 and 2 in order of your preference for the tour time you would like to go on in the section below and we will do our best to accommodate your time slot request, on a first come first serve basis. **Reminder:** Children must be **10 years** of age to go on a submarine tour.

**04 November – Saturday**      AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM \_\_\_\_\_

Please ***PRINT CLEARLY*** and ***LEGIBLY*** the names and age of all People in your group requesting a SUBMARINE TOUR:

Name: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Everyone** will be screened by the folks at Subase Security through a database. If the base needs any additional information on anyone or clarification of anything flagged on someone's record, we will let you know individually. REMEMBER, you must be a U.S. CITIZEN to go on a submarine tour! The day of the Tour, remember: **NO CELL PHONES, NO CAMERAS** and you must have closed toed shoes, no flip-flops, no open toed shoes. A reminder to all, **NO PERSONAL WEAPONS** are allowed on Base at any time on your person or in your vehicle period!

Please feel free to call/email the Museum with any questions you may have.

**IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER - Please note that ALL Submarine tours are subject to change/cancellation at any point due to operational changes or security conditions onboard Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. Registration for the 2017 WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial does NOT in any way guarantee a tour for anyone. As the person submitting this form for you and/or your group, please sign below that you have read and understand this disclaimer. Unsigned requests will not be processed!**

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2017

Date



## 2017 MEMORIAL **'DRAFT'** PLAN OF THE WEEK

Hello Veterans and Friends! On behalf of all the men and women of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, the submariners of the Trident Chapter of USSVI, the St Marys Submarine Museum Staff and Volunteers, and all of our citizens, we look forward to **WELCOMING** you back to Camden County and Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base in November for the 2017 Submarine Veterans of World War II Memorial. Below is a **DRAFT** schedule of events for the week. An updated Plan of the Week with any last minute changes will be included in your packet when you arrive, and will be posted at both the Museum and in the Hospitality Room at the Cumberland Inn and Suites Hotel. We appreciate your flexibility and we wish you safe travels here and look forward to sharing a wonderful week with you all!

### TUESDAY – 31 October 2017

1000 - 1700 - Submarine Museum Open for Registration Packet pick-up

### WEDNESDAY – 01 November 2017

1000 - 1700 - Submarine Museum Open for Registration Packet pick-up  
(Registration Packets taken up to Host Hotel at 1630)

1200 - 2400 - Cumberland Inn and Suites Hospitality Room Open – Welcoming Reception/Food

1700 - 2100 - Registration Packet pick-up at Cumberland Inn and Suites with Museum Staff

### THURSDAY – 02 November 2017

0630 - Vans Depart Cumberland Hotel, Navy Lodge and Gateway Inn and Suites for those attending Breakfast at Base Galley

0700 - 0800 - **Breakfast with SUBASE, GROUP TEN, TRF, TTF, SWFLANT and Other CMCs / COBs** at Base Galley (COST Included on Registration Form)

0830 - Vans Depart from Galley (for those at breakfast) to Cumberland Inn and Suites Hotel, Gateway Inn (TVQ) and Suites and Navy Lodge

1000 - 1700 - Submarine Museum Open for Registration Packet pick-up  
(Registration Packets taken up to Host Hotel at 1630)

1200 - 2400 - Cumberland Inn and Suites Hospitality Room Open

1700 - 2100 - Registration Packet pick-up at Cumberland Inn and Suites with Museum Staff

1700 - **NSSC CPOA Bar-B-Que** and Local Officials Welcome at Cumberland Inn Hotel

### INFORMATION SITES

[www.stmaryswelcome.com](http://www.stmaryswelcome.com) – St Marys \* [www.visitkingsland.com](http://www.visitkingsland.com) – Kingsland

<http://cnic.navy.mil/Kingsbay/index.htm> - Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base

[www.nps.gov/cuis](http://www.nps.gov/cuis) - Cumberland Island National Seashore

## FRIDAY – 03 November 2017

- 0830 - Vans Depart with WWII Veterans and their Guests for VIP Reception
- 0900 - Vans Depart Cumberland Hotel, Navy Lodge and TVQ for Memorial Ceremony
- 0900 - 0945 - **VIP Reception for WWII VETERANS only** at TRIDENT TRAINING FACILITY (TTF)
- 1000 - 1130 - **MEMORIAL CEREMONY – WWII SUBMARINE VETERANS PAVILION**
- 1130 - 1500 - TTF Tours
- 1130 - 1330 - **Special CO's LUNCHEON** Honoring all Submarine Veterans at Subbase Galley
- 1300 - 1700 - Submarine Museum Opens at **1300** following Memorial Ceremony/Lunch
- 1200 - 2400 - Cumberland Inn and Suites Hospitality Room Open
- 1300 - 1700 - CPOA Goat Locker Open – Coffee and Sea Stories
- 1245 - 1330 - Vans Depart BASE GALLEY continually, for Cumberland Hotel, Navy Lodge and TVQ
- 1630 - Vans depart from Cumberland Hotel, Navy Lodge and TVQ for TRF CPOA Steak Night at the Goat Locker
- 1700 - **TRF CPOA Steak Night** at Goat Locker on Base

## SATURDAY – 04 November 2017

- 0930 - 2400 - Cumberland Inn and Suites Hospitality Room Open
- 0830 - Vans Depart Cumberland Hotel, Navy Lodge and TVQ heading to Goat Locker for **Morning SUBMARINE TOUR**
- 0900 - 1100 - **Morning SUBMARINE TOUR on Lower Base**
- 1000 - 1700 - Submarine Museum Open
- 1230 - Vans Depart Cumberland Hotel, Navy Lodge and TVQ heading to Goat Locker for **Afternoon SUBMARINE TOUR**
- 0900 - 1100 - **Afternoon SUBMARINE TOUR on Lower Base**
- 1300 - 1400 - 'Unofficial' SubVets Inc. Meeting – Cumberland Inn and Suites
- 1500 - **Low Country Boil** – Eagles Club in St Marys
- 1800 – 2100 - **USS DACE (SSN 607)** Reception and Banquet, Subbase Triplex Conference Center

## SUNDAY – 05 November 2017

- 1200 - 1700 - Submarine Museum Open

### OTHER PLACES TO VISIT WHILE HERE

Historic Orange Hall, 311 Osborne Street, Downtown St Marys \* 912-576-3644  
The St. Marys History Walk – Next to Historic Oak Grove Cemetery Downtown  
The St Marys Welcome Center, 111 Osborne Street, Downtown St Marys \* 912-882-4000  
Cumberland Island National Seashore Visitors Center, 220 West St Marys Street \* 912-882-4339  
(Downtown St Marys diagonally across from the Submarine Museum)  
The Kingsland Welcome Center 1190 East Boone, Kingsland \* 912-729-5999

### CONTACT INFORMATION WHILE AT MEMORIAL

George Maheiu	- Trident SubVets Base Commander	Cell: 912-409-9054
CMDCM(SS) Mitch Burgin	- Subbase Command Master Chief	Cell: 912-674-6349
CSC(SS) Brian Anderson	- Base Memorial Coordinator	Cell:
Keith Post	- Executive Director Submarine Museum	Cell: 912-674-2620
Submarine Museum	- 102 West St. Marys Street, St. Marys	Off: 912-882-2782

# USSVI Charleston Base Meeting Minutes

10 August 2017

The attendance for the August 2017 meeting was 80 members.

**Opening Ceremonies:** The meeting was called to order by Base Commander Ralph Rohrssen. A quorum was present and the meeting started at 1859. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Invocation and the Tolling of the Boats lost in August was given by Base Chaplain Nick Nichols. The USSVI Creed was read by Base Vice Commander Mike Knaub. Ralph welcomed the members and guests to the meeting.

**Introductions:** The following introduced themselves at the meeting: Future Submariner Donovan Gordon. He is entering sixth grade and goes Pacific Cascade Middle School.

**Chief of the Boat:** Joe Lunn mentioned that we will be visiting the Victory House Aug 17<sup>th</sup>. The COB is gauging interest for an Oyster Roast, He will keep us updated as events unfold for this.

**Secretary:** Base Secretary Mike Ciesielko reported that the July meeting minutes had been published in the newsletter and on the base website. Mike asked the group for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ken Curtis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Butch Bryar

**Treasurer:** Base Treasurer Gordon Williams gave his report on the Charleston Base finances. The base financial report is now located as a password protected file on the base website under Documents and Resources. The password is the same as needed for the Sailing List

**Chaplain: August 12, 1958 - USS Nautilus completes first undersea voyage to North Pole – 58 years ago**

**August 12, 2000 - Soviet Submarine KURSK sank in Barents Sea – loss of all hands – 16 years ago**

**August 14, 1945 - VJ Day – Victory in the Pacific – 71 years ago**

## August Report

### Highlighted boat of the month:

COCHINO was 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.

- **RM1(SS) Ronald "Ron" Keith Pool, USN Ret., departed on Eternal Patrol July 29<sup>th</sup>.** Ron was not a member of USSVI. He served on the USS ALBACORE AGSS-569 as a Radioman First Class. A condolence message to the family was placed in the online Guest Book from Charleston Base and Swamp Fox Chapter WWII SUBVETS.
- **TM1(SS) Frederick C. Grisham, USN Ret., departed on Eternal Patrol August 4<sup>th</sup>.** He was not a member of USSVI. Fred (or Tac as he was known) served in the Navy for 21 years, then worked for the Goose Creek Police Department for 18 years. He also worked with Joe O'Saben at Carolina One. A condolence message to the family was placed in the online Guest Book from Charleston Base and Swamp Fox Chapter WWII SUBVETS.
- **Steve Curry's mother, Jerry Baker,** passed away unexpectedly on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Rodney McKanna** was diagnosed with a detached right retina. Had a procedure last Friday on the eye. He is with us tonight and is doing well.
- **Jimmy Kimbrell** had a cardiac ablation on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The next day he was able to breathe again, his vitals had stabilized and his pacemaker was doing its job. I am sure that all the prayers lifted up for me was a big help. I wish to thank all of you for your help, God bless.
- **Steve Everett's SIL, Aaron Stansbury,** had spine surgery on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Aaron was moved to Health South on the 28<sup>th</sup>. It has been confirmed the growth was cancer and he will begin his treatments soon. We thank our submarine family for their prayers.
- **Don Peterson** is now clear of throat cancer as reported in the FRA newsletter.
- **Beetle Bailey's daughter, Diane,** has had her cancer recur. She has two spots on her liver and is having chemo treatments again.
- As I've told you before, I attempt to acknowledge the passing of every Submariner Brother by sending a note, email

or message on the funeral home website when possible. These messages come from you, the base members.

Someone asked me before why I do this. Here's an email from a WWII SUBVET's wife that will tell you why:

○ FRANKLIN McCULLOCH GATES 1926 - 2017

○ Message from Betty Gates: I'm sorry to say that I just now looked at my husband's obit in the Herald-Dispatch. We were married for 63 years and I am having a very difficult time. Thank you so much for your kind words. Mac would be so pleased to know a submarine veteran responded. I appreciate it so very much.

If you have a change of mailing address, phone number, email address please let the base leadership know about it. We need to make sure all of our records are updated so we can make contact with you if we need to.

Follow-ups were made on those who've had surgery or illnesses in the last couple of months along with the base sending additional cards.

#### **WEBMASTER NOTES:**

- Currently there are 5 ads on the Web site. I would like to encourage anyone that has a business to consider advertising through the base website and newsletter. The cost for an ad is \$25 for 12 months. If you would like to know more please see me or the Base Commander.

- Website is constantly updated.

Make use of the EVENTS page on the Charleston Base website. All events that are put out to the membership via email will be listed and updated on the events page.

**Membership:** Larry Knutson reported that there are now 305 members.

**Kaps for Kids:** Bill Kennedy reported that the Kaps for Kids will be visiting the Shriners Hospital, Tuesday August 15th. There will be about 14 attending and around 50 Kids will be visited.

**Veterans Affairs:** Ken reported that The funding of the choice program will still be around. Veterans were asked to vote on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**FRA:** Larry Cox was not present. No report

**Submarine Veterans of World War II:** George reported that the Luncheon is 17<sup>th</sup> August. Walt Curtis was the only WWII member present.

**Scholarship:** Scholarships are due 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2018

**NPS Awards:** Ray Sparks was not present. No report.

**CRAMA:** Butch Bryar mentioned that the Clamagore is still here.

**Public Affairs:** Rick Wise is trying to get our base meeting announcements in the local papers.

**Storekeeper:** Ron Chambers had some items donated from ED Stank. Ron asked for donations for the items and all proceeds go to the Scholarship fund.

**Special Events:** Rick had no report.

**Base Commander:** Ralph Rohrssen informed us that the Newsletter is where Nationals Information will be posted. Ralph has asked for someone from our base to fill the District Commander Vacancy. Chronic care charge from Palmetto Primary care is still an issue. Ralph informed us that the NMPTC Graduation is 15 Sept.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Good of the Order:**

**The After Battery:** Buddha let us know that there was a dolphin pinning ceremony up in CT two WWII vets pinned the Dolphins on. Buddha mentioned about national and Groton having a difference that is now involving Lawyers.

**Nuclear Historian:** Ed Stank reported:

### **When Periscopes Were Periscopes**

When Periscopes were periscopes, The men I knew were bold. We plied the oceans depths unseen, For missions still untold. When diesel boats were diesel boats The fuel was our friend. Now neutrons make the steam, And Dinky's oil rarely spends. When the klaxons were actual klaxons, We managed the ticks and tocks, Not they depend upon something that sends Alarming electrons from a box. When surfacing was surfacing, The hammer-valves would ring, Our negative and Safety tanks Were just a passing thing. When Control was in Control, More manual functions then. Remote monitors and waterfalls Perform for many men. When Sonar was a new thing, And Radar was a babe, You stand upon our shoulders now With technology at your trade. When forward ratings came to pass, Why dd the lately remove, QM's, FT's, RM's, TM's and Ic's Now just ET's and MM's, now what was improved? When Quartermasters were Quartermasters The charts and tools of the trade, Manipulated by the best, Their knowledge made the grade. When Ward roomers were officers, Their esteem and respect would rule. Now the yes –men riding on the boats, Only wish they were that cool. The seaman gang is still the same, The topside chores remain. The WEPS has total dominance, O'er all the nubbies brains. When enginemen were engine men, They were stout and hearty then; The likes of which, compared to now Will never be again. When Topside Watch was Topside Watch Cold New London winters were felt. We'd eat chow, and then watch the brow, With .45 and a gun belt. When IC-men were IC-men, You never had to fear. Their expertise and acumen, Kept up the needful gear. When Battle stations were battle stations, The Captain would never fail; To Conn from the most crowded tower Not the fairwater or the sail. When Radiomen were Radiomen, Their shack was oh so small. Now the space they have is lacking, To try and hold it all. When Machinist Mates were Machinist Mates, They had so many tricks, But let something break, they would never take, Much time to give it the fix. When Maneuvering was Maneuvering, Men threw the sticks to go, Now clipboards, gauges, and seats immobile, Set film badges aglow. The Sonar Shack our blind man's ears, Back then they had more respect, Now they call them girls, but let me say, Your giddiness should be checked. When ET's were ET's Loran and Radar they knew. Now components fail and they but have, To insert a module new When the bow planes were bow planes, The quicker descent ruled the day. I see they've back to what worked best, No sail planes which diving delays. When TM's were TM's Their muscles brought to bear, The heavy bullets of the past, Now deadly missiles of the air. When dungarees were dungarees, We'd muster on the pier. Now poopie-suits nor camouflage, To make us look so queer. Still submarines are submarines,

And one may surely bet, An Enemy will yet be met, With an ominous stealthy threat.

Gun Club: Mike Ciesielko announced a gun shoot this Saturday.

The Red FRA ticket was won by Chuck Gravley.

The depth charge was won by Ronnie Vandiver Ronnie Donated 100 Dollars to the Victory House Lowcountry Boil.

**Benediction:** Chaplain Nick Nichols gave the benediction.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Following the benediction by Nick Nichols, the Base Commander adjourned the meeting at 2002.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** At the base meeting Butch Bryar reported that based on statements made by Patriots Point Director Mac Burdette to the volunteers that the Cold War Submarine Memorial was included in the Bennet Lease being approved.

As you can see in the map on the next page the Cold War Submarine Memorial is NOT in the leased area.

S.C. GRID (NAD83)

PARCEL 9  
MEDAL OF HONOR MUSEUM

# Preliminary Parcel Illustration

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CHARLOTTE LEASE PARCEL

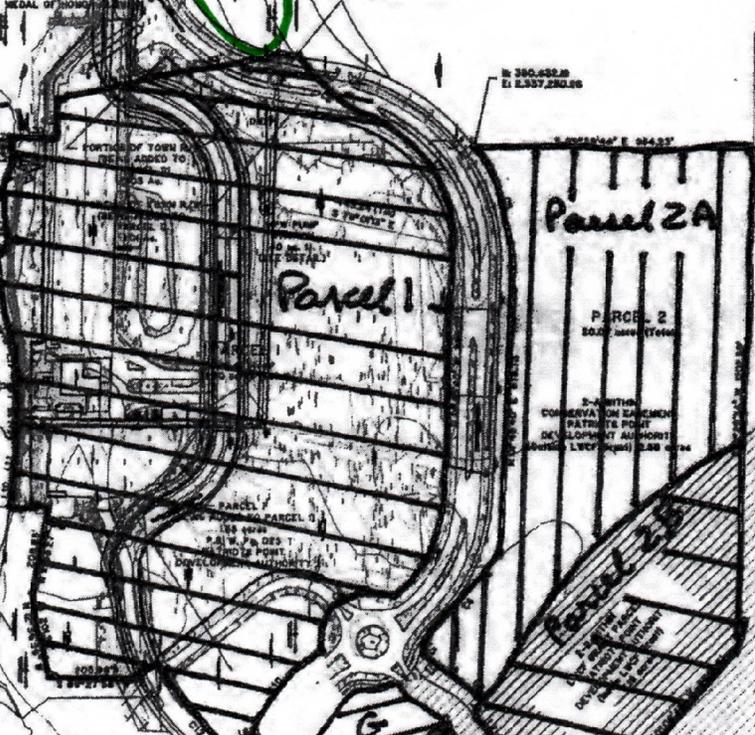
COLD WAR SUBMARINE MEMORIAL

LWCF GRANT PARCEL  
TRACT II



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Parcel 2A

Parcel 1

PARCEL 2  
80.02 acres (Total)

LWCF GRANT PARCEL  
TRACT I

PATRIOTS POINT GOLF COURSE  
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PATRIOTS POINT  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

PARCEL C  
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P.B. EC. Pg. 088

PARCEL E  
TIMPSON-00-00-18  
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Parcel E

Parcel 3A

PARCEL 3  
87.00 acres (Total)  
PATRIOTS POINT  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Parcel 3B

Parcel 3C

PARCEL 3-A (Outside LWCF Grant)  
183 acres (Original Parcel 3-A) 176  
acres (Divided Area Parcel 3-A)  
3.09 acres (Total Parcel 3-A)

PARCEL 3-B (Inside LWCF Grant)  
8.87 acres (Original Parcel 3-B)  
5.06 acres (Divided Area Parcel 3-B)  
6.63 acres (Total Parcel 3-B)

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*Profile in Courage: The Most Decorated Enlisted Sailor in Navy History*

In the history of the United States Navy, only seven men have earned all of the big three valor awards: Medal of Honor, Navy Cross, and Silver Star. Six were World War II officers, including one aviator. The seventh was James Elliott "Willy" Williams - considered the most decorated enlisted man in the history of the Navy.



Williams, a Cherokee Indian, was born November 13, 1930, in Fort Mill, South Carolina. Two months later he moved with his parents to Darlington, South Carolina where he spent his early childhood and youth. He attended the local schools and graduated from St. John's High School.

In August 1947, at the age of 16, Williams enlisted in the United States Navy with a fraudulent birth certificate. He completed basic training at Naval Training Center San Diego. He served for almost twenty years, retiring on April 26, 1967, as a Boatswain's Mate First Class (BM1). During those years, he served in both the Korean War and Vietnam War.

During the Korean War, was stationed aboard the Destroyer USS Douglas H Fox (DD-779) from November 1950 to June 1952. He was detached off the Destroyer and operated off the coast of Korea by taking raiding parties into North Korea on small boats. From 1953 to 1965 he served tours on a variety of naval vessels.

In 1966, with only a year before he was to retire from the Navy, the burly man, 5-foot-8 and 210 pounds Williams volunteered for combat duty in Vietnam.

Williams arrived in Vietnam in April 1966 as a BM1. He was assigned in May to the River Patrol Force, River Squadron Five, in command of River Patrol Boat 105 (PBR-105). The force's mission was to intercept Viet Cong and North Vietnamese arms shipments, supplies, and personnel on the waterways of South Vietnam's swampy Mekong Delta and to keep innocent boat traffic on the river and canals safe.



This photo of Williams was taken during one of his numerous patrols on board the "Elaine." He is holding an M-60 machine gun.

On July 1, 1966, Williams led a patrol that came under fire from the Vietcong sampan. His deft maneuvers and accurate fire killed five VC and resulted in the capture of the enemy boat, earning Williams a Bronze Star Medal with a V for Valor. Twenty-two days later his crew captured another sampan, earning Williams a second Bronze Star Medal for Valor. Less than a month later, he received his Silver Star and the first of three Purple Hearts he would eventually receive.

On the night of October 31, 1966, Williams was commanding PBR 105 alongside another PBR searching for Viet Cong guerrillas operating in an isolated area of the Mekong Delta. Suddenly, Viet Cong manning two sampans opened fire on the Americans. While Williams and his men neutralized one sampan, the other one escaped into a nearby canal. The PBRs gave chase and soon found themselves in a beehive of enemy activity as the VC opened fire on them with rocket-propelled grenades and small arms from fortified river bank positions.

Williams, who knew the area well from months of patrols, directed his two boats in a high-speed detour to a spot he knew the fleeing sampan would eventually emerge. Both threaded an alternative channel too narrow for the boats to reverse course. At nearly 35 knots they roared up the twisting passage, the heavily jungled bank passing in a green blur. Then as they rounded a bend to an area of more open water, to the surprise of all aboard, they stumbled into a major staging area for the North Vietnamese Army. Thirty to forty sampans were crossing the channel, each loaded to the gunwales with NVA troops and supplies.

The enemy was equally surprised and sprang to their guns. Along the shore, the familiar

"thunk" of mortars could be heard. Williams had no choice but to gun his engines straight at the enemy! Tracers streaked across the water. Williams ran his boat directly at several sampans, splitting them in half under the sharp bow of his rocketing speedboat. The PBR's twisted and jinked blazed their weapons and spilled hundreds of dead and dying NVA troops into the water. The speed and maneuverability of the Americans kept them ahead of the enemy return fire. They blasted through the enemy formation and back into the narrow channel beyond.

Momentarily safe, the PBR's sped onward. Williams called in heavily armed UH-1B Huey helicopters from the Navy Helicopter Attack (Light) Squadron 3 "Seawolves" for air support, but as his speedboats rounded another bend they found themselves smack in the middle of a second staging area as big as the first. Again, the narrow channel determined their fate, and both PBR's sped boldly at the enemy. For a second time, their machine guns blazed and splinters flew from enemy sampans and NVA soldiers spilled into the water. And for a second time, the two American gunboats sliced through the enemy, blasting and ramming as they went. Secondary explosions from several of the larger junks confirmed Williams' suspicion that they were ammunition and supply vessels.

Despite three hours of intense combat, Williams' crew received only two casualties--one gunner was shot through the wrist, and Williams himself was wounded by shrapnel. For his conspicuous bravery above and beyond the call of duty he was put in for the Medal of Honor - which he received from President Lyndon B. Johnson on May 14, 1968, during the dedication ceremony of the Pentagon's "Hall of Heroes."

On January 9, 1967, the Navy dredge Jamaica Bay was blown up by mines and PVR-105 arrived to pick up seven of the survivors. Another man was wrapped in the rapidly sinking dredge. Williams dove into the water and, with a rope attached to a nearby tree, pulled clear an obstruction, then swam through a hatch to recover the Sailor. For this, he was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal.

Six days later Williams was wounded while leading a three-boat patrol that interdicted a crossing attempt by three VC heavy weapons companies and 400 fighters. He and his boat accounted for 16 VC killed, 20 wounded in the destruction of nine sampans and junks. Williams was awarded the Navy Cross and his third Purple Heart.



Williams transferred to the Fleet Reserve in April 1967 and returned to his native South Carolina with a list of awards unmatched by any enlisted man in Navy history. His awards included the Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross, two Silver Stars and the Legion of Merit, three Bronze Stars, and the Navy Commendation Medal. He also received three Purple Hearts and was twice awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for rescue operations under fire.

He retired after 20 years of service and was appointed in 1969 by President Richard M. Nixon as United States Marshal, serving more than a decade in the Marshals Service. His initial assignment was U.S. Marshal for the District of South Carolina where he served until May 1977. He then transferred to Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia as an instructor and National Armorer. He was called back to South Carolina in July 1979 to resume his appointment as U.S. Marshal and functioned in that position until April 1980. His next assignment was

with the U.S. Marshal service Headquarters, Washington, D.C. as Program Manager, Health and Safety and In-District Training Officer where he performed his assigned duties until his retirement from the U.S. Marshal Service.



USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS (DDG 95)  
*"Lead from the Front"*

In the fall of 1999, he was in Florence, South Carolina where he suffered a heart attack and died on the Navy's birthday, October 13th. He was buried with full military honors at the Florence National Cemetery in Florence, South Carolina. The procession of dignitaries at his funeral included seven Medal of Honor recipients and state and national legislators.

In addition to his wife Elaine, he was survived by three sons, James Jr., of Darlington, S.C.; Steven, of Dorchester, S.C., and Charles, of Charlotte, N.C.; two daughters, Debbie Clark of Palm Coast and Gail Patterson of Florence, and seven grandchildren.

## **Navy Plans Massive Acceleration in Adding New Attack Submarines**

**Kris Osborn, Scout Warrior, July 31**

A newly completed comprehensive Navy analysis says producing more Virginia-Class attack submarines on a much faster timetable is "achievable" and necessary to ensure future undersea dominance for the US - in an increasingly contested strategic global environment.

The Navy report, titled *The Submarine Industrial Base and the Viability of Producing Additional Attack Submarines Beyond the Fiscal Year 2017 Shipbuilding Plan in the 2017–2030 Timeframe*, was delivered to Congress on July 5, 2017, Navy officials told Scout Warrior.

The current or previous status quo had been for the Navy to drop from building two Virginia-Class boats per year to one in the early 2020s when construction of the new Columbia-Class nuclear armed submarines begins.

The completed study, however, maintains that the Navy and industry can produce two Virginia-Class boats and one Columbia-Class submarine per year, increasing the current plan by one Virginia-Class boat per year.

Navy leaders have consistently talked about an expected submarine shortfall in the mid 2020s and that more attack submarines were needed to strengthen the fleet and keep stay in front of near-peer rivals such as Russia and China.

"The sustainment of the two per year Virginia-Class submarine production rate during the procurement years of the Columbia-Class SSBNs is achievable and provides significant benefit to the Navy and the SSN (Attack Submarines) force structure," Lt. Lauren Chatmas, Navy Spokeswoman, told Scout Warrior in a written statement.

Maintaining a two-per year Virginia Class build-rate will help the Navy reach its goal of 66 SSNs, as identified in the December 2016 Force Structure Assessment, Chatmas added.

Increasing production will, to a large extent, rely upon the submarine-building industry's capacity to move up to three submarines per year.

"Producing these additional submarines will be a challenge to the submarine industrial base that can be solved only if the shipyards are given sufficient time to adjust facility plans, develop their workforces, and expand the vendor base," Chatmas said.

The Virginia-Class Submarines are built by a cooperative arrangement between the Navy and Electric Boat, a subsidiary of General Dynamics and Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries.

Each industry partner constructs portions or "modules" of the submarines which are then melded together to make a complete vessel, industry and Navy officials explained.

### *Virginia-Class Attack Submarine Technology*

Virginia-Class subs are fast-attack submarines armed with Tomahawk missiles, torpedoes and other weapons able to perform a range of missions; these include anti-submarine warfare, strike warfare, covert mine warfare, ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance), anti-surface/ship warfare and naval special warfare, something described as having the ability to carry and insert Special Operations Forces.

"Future Virginia-Class submarines (VCS) provide improved littoral (coastal waters) capabilities, sensors, special operations force employment, and strike warfare capabilities, making it an ideal platform for the 21st Century security environment," Chatmas said.

Compared to prior Navy attack subs like the Los Angeles-Class, the Virginia-Class submarines are engineered to bring vastly improved littoral warfare, surveillance and open ocean capabilities, service officials said.

For instance, the ships can be driven primarily through software code and electronics, thus freeing up time and energy for an operator who does not need to manually control each small maneuver.

The Virginia-Class submarine are engineered with this "Fly-by-Wire" capability which allows the ship to quietly linger in shallow waters without having to surface or have each small move controlled by a human operator. With this technology, a human operator will order depth and speed, allowing software to direct the movement of the planes and rudder to maintain course and depth.

Also, unlike their predecessor subs, Virginia-Class subs are engineered with what's called a "Lock Out Trunk" – a compartment in the sub which allows special operations forces to submerge beneath the water and deploy without requiring the ship to surface.

Unlike their "SSBN" Columbia-Class counterparts to be armed with nuclear weapons, the Virginia-Class "SSN" ships are purely for conventional attack, Navy officials said.

Development of Virginia-Class submarines are broken up into procurement "Blocks." Blocks I and II have already been delivered.

The Block III subs, now under construction, are being built with new so-called Virginia Payload Tubes designed to lower costs and increase capability.

Instead of building what most existing Virginia-Class submarines have -- 12 individual 21-inch in diameter vertical launch tubes able to fire Tomahawk missiles – the Block III submarines are being built with two larger 87-inch in diameter tubes able to house six Tomahawk missiles each.

Although the new tubes were conceived and designed as part of what the Navy calls its “Design for Affordability” strategy to lower costs, the move also brings strategic advantages to the platform, service officials say. Specifically, this means that the submarines are constructed such that they will be able to accommodate new technologies as they emerge - this could mean engineering in an ability to fire upgraded Tomahawk missiles or other weapons which may emerge in the future.

“VCS are designed to remain current with technology advances for their entire operational life through extensive use of modular construction, open architecture design (uses industry common design), and commercial off-the-shelf components,” Chatmas said.

The Block III Virginia-Class submarines also have what’s called a Large Aperture Bow conformal array sonar system – designed to send out an acoustic ping, analyze the return signal, and provide the location and possible contours of enemy ships, submarines and other threats.

### *Virginia-Class Block V – Virginia Payload Modules*

For Block V construction, the Navy is planning to insert a new 84-foot long section designed to house additional missile capability. “Virginia Payload Modules.”

The Virginia Payload Modules, to come in future years, will increase the Tomahawk missile firepower of the submarines from 12 missiles up to 40.

“The VPM submarines will have an additional (approximately 84 feet) section with four additional Virginia Payload Tubes (VPTs), each capable of carrying seven Tomahawk cruise missiles, for a ship total of 40 Tomahawks,” Chatmas said.

The idea is to have additional Tomahawk or other missile capability increased by 2026, when the “SSGN” Ohio-Class Guided Missile Submarines start retiring in larger numbers, he explained.

Early prototyping work on the Virginia Payload Modules is already underway and several senior Navy leaders, over the years, have indicated a desire to accelerate production and delivery of this technology – which will massively increase firepower on the submarines.

While designed primarily to hold Tomahawks, the VPM missile tubes are engineered such that they could accommodate a new payload, new missile or even a large unmanned underwater vehicle, Navy officials said.

The reason for the Virginia Payload Modules is clear; beginning in the 2020s, the Navy will start retiring four large Ohio-class guided-missile submarines able to fire up to 154 Tomahawk missiles each. This will result in the Navy losing a massive amount of undersea fire power capability, Navy officials explained.

From 2002 to 2008 the U.S. Navy modified four of its oldest nuclear-armed Ohio-class submarines by turning them into ships armed with only conventional missiles -- the USS Ohio, USS Michigan, USS Florida and USS Georgia. They are called SSGNs, with the “G” designation for “guided missile.”

## **North Korea's submarine fleet is a big threat**

**Tom Rogan, Washington Examiner, August 1** On Monday, CNN reported "highly unusual" North Korean submarine activity. Put simply, Kim Jong Un's regime is deploying more submarines in different ways and on longer missions.

This is not too much of a surprise. North Korea has aggressively focused on submarine development and operability for the last five years. What's different now is that the regime is reaching a new level of submarine competence. And that matters for a few reasons.

First, it represents a new era. For a long time, North Korea's submarine fleet has relied on archaic Russian vessels from the early Cold War era. Those ships are now four generations out of date and easily detectable by even the most basic anti-submarine sensors.

In recent years, however, North Korea has embraced self-made submarines. These ships are far-inferior to their U.S., South Korean, or Japanese counterparts, but they have been mass produced. As such, the North Koreans might be able to overwhelm individual allied vessels by their sheer numbers. Consider that Kim Jong Un already has around 70-90 submarines. As he builds and deploys more, he will strain allied monitoring efforts.

After all, while the U.S. Navy has approximately 30 attack submarines in the Pacific (though some are always in maintenance), the South Koreans have only about 15, and Japan around 17. Over 6,000 personnel are on each U.S. aircraft carrier, so it's a pretty big problem if even just one North Korean submarine gets through.

That said, what's most concerning for U.S. security is North Korea's new "Sinpo-class" ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs). Based on Russian ballistic missile submarines, the Sinpo-class carry North Korea to the next level of submarine warfare. The challenge posed by SSBNs is their disruption of an adversary's confidence in detecting and destroying nuclear weapons before they can be used. While the U.S. tracks North Korean submarines, sometimes, as in 2010 when a North Korean submarine sank a South Korean corvette, they slip through the net. The Sinpo appears likely to provide a nuclear ballistic missile capability (SSBN) within 3 to 4 years, but it may be sooner.

One final problem? Based on North Korea's recent and rapid improvements in its land-based ballistic missiles, the U.S. cannot take anything for granted. As we saw last week, North Korean ballistic missiles can likely already strike the outskirts of Chicago.

Ultimately, this is just another wake-up call. The threat posed by North Korea is immense and it is growing. In turn, the Trump administration must prepare to strike North Korean ballistic missile development and combat forces. Absent that, it will never be able to get China to apply adequate pressure to Kim Jong Un.

Regardless, we're running out of time. Resting on a patient posture of missile defense is not an option."

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