



## Coastal Carolina Base Meeting Minutes



### Coastal Carolina Base Submarine Veterans Meeting

**When:** June 17, 2017 at 1030 hours

**Location:** Golden Corral, Jacksonville, NC

#### **Before Meeting:**

Port & Starboard Raffle Tickets: Joy Fletcher sold tickets for the Port & Starboard Raffle while members and guests greeted each other.

#### **Brunch:**

Attendees partook of the bountiful brunch buffet at the Golden Corral Restaurant.

**Call to Order:** At 10:45 Commander Fletcher called the Coastal Carolina Base meeting to order.

**Attendees:** Commander Chuck Fletcher, Base Secretary Bill Underwood, Base COB John Williamson, Dave DeLong, Kevin Kesterson, Clark Walker, Tony Shook, Richard Schrum, Bernie Maguire and guests Joy Fletcher, Arlene DeLong, Kathy Shook and Lynne Walker.

**Invocation:** Bernie Maguire gave the invocation and Blessing.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Base COB John Williamson led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **World War II Submarine Veteran**

**Recognition:** No World War II Veterans were present at this meeting.

#### **Introduction of Members and Guests:**

Each attendee introduced themselves and gave their Qualification Date and the Boats

on which they served. They also introduced their guests.

#### **Approval of the Minutes for the Previous Meetings:**

**MOTION:** Secretary Bill offered a **MOTION** to accept the minutes from the April 8<sup>th</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup> meetings as written and dispense with the reading. **Dave DeLong SECONDED the MOTION and the MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote of the attending CCB members.**

**Bills & Communications:** None presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report at this meeting. Treasurer not present.

**Storekeeper's Report:** No report at this meeting. Storekeeper not present.

**Membership & Recruitment Report:** No report at this meeting. Secretary Bill said that he has been copied on several potential new members that Butterbean is working with. Ed Streve is one who lives in the Southport area and would like to attend some of the upcoming meetings and events. He has recently had back surgery and may need some help getting to the Legacy Event or the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Dave DeLong said he lives in St. James Plantation and would be willing to help Ed. Bill agreed to send Ed and Dave an email connecting them.

#### **Old Business**

**BB-55 Legacy Series Tribute to the Submarine Service:** Commander Chuck informed attendees that the BB-55 Event organizers have asked that CCB bring it's Float to display in front of the BB-55



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entrance. John Williamson responded that the Float is currently disassembled and the trailer is up north so it would not be available for this event.

Commander Chuck asked for a headcount of those that plan to attend the BB-55 event. Bill said that John Williamson and Ron Bixby plan to attend on Friday, Dave DeLong plans to attend on Saturday and Chuck, Bill, Mike Bowers, Clark Walker and Tony Shook plan to attend both days. Joy said she will give the headcount to the BB-55 organizers.

**Wilmington Salute to the Flag:** Secretary Bill informed attendees that Charlie Backes said the event has been cancelled this year.

**Belk Charity Sale Update:** Charlie was not present to give an update, but Commander Chuck said that David May sent him an additional \$268 to add to the \$300 that he gave Chuck at the Memorial Day Event.

**Plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Southport:** Commander Fletcher said that the parade logistics will work like previous years. Attendees will meet at the Deep Point Marina at 08:30, assemble the float and proceed to the staging area by 09:00. Joy said that the spouses will also meet at the Marina and carpool to a friend of her's house on the parade route to watch the parade from there.

After the parade Gerry & Diane Rowe will host CCB members and guests at their house in Boiling Springs, 6 miles from Deep Point Marina. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and accessories will be provided but members are asked to bring a side dish and drinks. We need a headcount ASAP on who plans to

attend, how many and what side dish they will bring. Please notify Secretary Bill!

### **August CCB Meeting in Southport:**

Commander Chuck announced that the August meeting will be on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at the Maritime Museum in Southport. Joy Fletcher said that the meeting will be catered by Gourmet to Go. A sample menu is **ATTACHED** for review. You will order at the meeting. Chuck said the date was switched from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict at the Museum. Guided tours of the museum will be provided to those interested.

### **USSVI National Convention Sept 1-6:**

Commander Chuck said that the District Commander is pushing Bases to send more representatives to the convention in Orlando. He said that the national convention is a lot of fun and very informative and asked that members please consider registering.

**Holland Club Presentation:** Commander Chuck presented Bernie Maguire with his Holland Club certificate, pins and patches for 50 years being qualified in Submarines.





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At the conclusion of the presentation Bernie said that this was a significant achievement to him because his time in the Submarine Service was a very formative time for him in his life. Becoming Qualified in submarines was one of the most important achievements in his life.

### Congratulations Bernie!

**October 21<sup>st</sup> CCB Meeting:** Commander Chuck informed attendees that he has reserved Shelter #1 at Hugh Macrae Park in Wilmington for a CCB picnic on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Veterans Day Parade in Wilmington:** John reported that he has registered the CCB Float to participate in the inaugural Veterans Day Parade in Wilmington on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. He said that the only participants in the parade will be Veteran organizations, first responders and military bands. He handed out a first draft brochure which is **ATTACHED** hereto. The parade will start at 09:30 and end at 10:30. There will also be a Veterans Ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery in Wilmington.

**Veterans Day Dinner:** John suggested that, since we will participate in the parade that morning, we should consider switching the dinner to a luncheon so parade attendees can proceed directly over to the luncheon instead of coming back that evening. Attendees agreed that made more sense and John was directed to find out if Macgrooder's would host CCB at Lunch on November 11<sup>th</sup> and report back.

**Follow up on Float Insurance:** Charlie was not present to report on what he found out about insuring the CCB Float. Bill said Charlie said he is awaiting feedback.

**USS Ling (SS 297) Rescue Fund:** Bill said that he received an email asking for donations to help save the USS Ling which is in New Jersey and was seriously damaged by Hurricane Sandy. The text of the email is **ATTACHED** for CCB members to consider.

**CCB Website Improvements:** Frank Blackmon was not present to report.

**Good to the Order**  
No report at this meeting

**Open Floor**  
Richard Schrum invited attendees to come over to his office a few blocks away for donuts and coffee to see his submarine memorabilia. He also suggested that attendees take time to visit the 911 Memorial and the Vietnam Memorial in Jacksonville before leaving.



**Port & Starboard Raffle**  
John Williamson drew Lynne Walker's ticket and Lynne won \$50 which she donated to the Float Maintenance fund.





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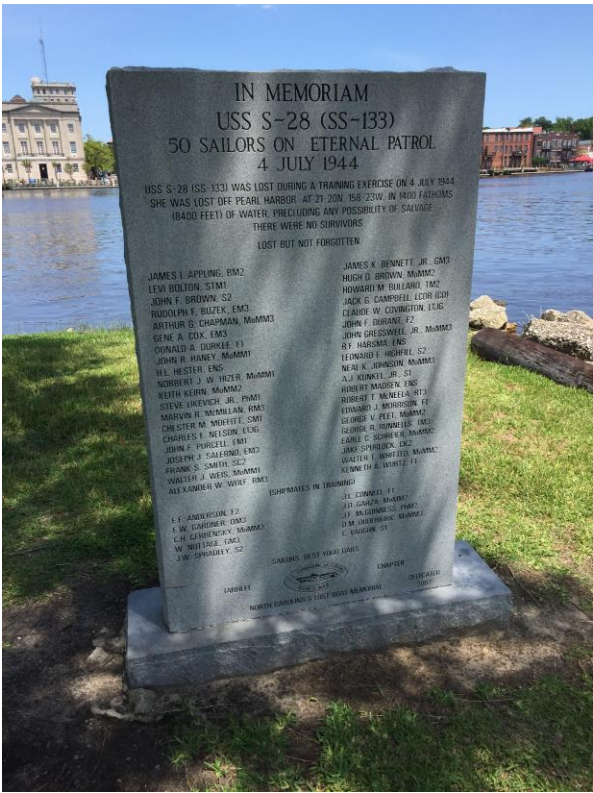
**Adjournment:**

**MOTION:** Kevin Kesterson offered a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. John Williamson SECONDED the MOTION and the MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote by the attendees and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 hrs.

**Next Scheduled Base Event/Meeting:**

The next Base Event will be on Friday and Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 08:00 hrs at the BB-55 for the Tribute to the Submarine Service at the Battleship. Then the CCB Float will participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Southport. Following the parade Gerry & Diane Rowe will host a CCB picnic at their house in Boiling Springs, NC.

## Never Forget!



## 2017 Coastal Carolina Calendar of Events

| Date              | Day     | Event   |
|-------------------|---------|---|
| February 18, 2017 | Sat     | Regularly scheduled meeting at 1130 at Charlie Macgrooder's, Leland NC  |
| March 18, 2017    | Sat     | Special Azalea Festival Prep meeting at Charlie Macgrooder's, Leland, NC  |
| April 8, 2017     | Sat     | Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington, NC and hosting District Meeting at Charlie Macgrooder's in Leland, NC   |
| April 29, 2017    | Sat     | Spring Belk's Charity Sale 6:00 am - 10:00 am. Volunteers needed.   |
| May 11-14, 2017   | Wed-Sat | Regional USSVI Convention hosted by Sea Poacher Base, Bartow, Florida   |
| May 29, 2017      | Mon     | Memorial Day Ceremony at the S-28 Monument followed by a Base Picnic at 3:00 pm and Battleship Festivities  |
| May 29, 2017      | Mon     | 50th Annual Memorial Day Observance at the USS North Carolina Battleship at 5:45 pm.  |
| June 17, 2017     | Sat     | Regularly scheduled meeting at Golden Corral in Jacksonville at 10:30 am. Afterwards Attendees invited to Richard Schrum's office for refreshments. |
| June 23-24, 2017  | Fri-Sat | Battleship USS North Carolina Legacy Series Tribute to the Submarine Service 0800 to 1600 hours   |
| July 4, 2017      | Wed     | Official North Carolina 4th of July Spectacular & Parade in Southport, NC- Luncheon after the parade at Gerry & Diane Rowe's house                  |
| August 26, 2017   | Sat     | Regularly scheduled meeting in Southport at 11:00 am at the Maritime Museum in Southport  |
| Sep 1-6, 2017     | Week    | USSVI 52nd Anniversary National Convention in Orlando, Florida  |
| October 21, 2017  | Sat     | Regularly scheduled meeting - picnic at Shelter 1 in Hugh MacRae Park or at Charlie Macgrooder's  |
| November 4, 2017  | Sat     | Fall Belk Charity Sale from 6:00 am - 10:00 am at area Belk's stores  |
| November 11, 2017 | Sat     | Veteran's Day Parade in Wilmington, NC  |
| November 11, 2017 | Sat     | CCB Member Veterans Day dinner at Charlie Macgrooder's starting at 1800 hrs with a social hour with dinner served at 1900.                          |
| December 2, 2017  | Sat     | Oak Island Christmas Parade   |
| December 3, 2017  | Sun     | Wilmington Holiday Parade   |
| December 8, 2017  | Fri     | Annual Pearl Harbor Dinner at the NC State University Club on Hillsborough St, Raleigh, NC  |
| December 9, 2017  | Sat     | Leland Holiday Parade- Followed by Lunch meeting at Charlie Macgrooder's in Leland  |



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**2017 1st Annual Southeast North Carolina Veterans Day Parade Saturday, November 11, 2017 Wilmington, NC**



**Join us in Honoring All Who Served!**  
Parade begins at 9:30 am  
Downtown Wilmington at Riverfront Park

**We Invite All Veterans Who Served in Any Branch of Service and First Responders to be in the Parade**

**FREE ADMISSION!**  
**Fun for the Entire Family!**  
For Vendor Applications, Volunteers, Participants, Sponsors, Floats, and Donations

Contact one of our team members for information:  
910-777-8514

Email: [sencvetparade@gmail.com](mailto:sencvetparade@gmail.com)  
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**Email Regarding the USS Ling (SS 297)**

From: Alan Brodie <[acbrodie@icloud.com](mailto:acbrodie@icloud.com)>  
To: ss566len <[ss566len@verizon.net](mailto:ss566len@verizon.net)>  
Sent: Thu, Jun 15, 2017 8:36 pm  
Subject: Request for Assistance from Long Island Base

Shipmate Sinacore,

As Base Secretary and Editor of "Venting Sanitary Inboard" for the Blueback Base in Portland, Oregon, I am constantly searching the internet for articles of interest to include in our Base newsletter. I recently discovered the following article [published in the New York Times on June 12, 2017](#) outlining the plight of USS Ling (SS-297), a World War II-era

**WEDNESDAY - MARKET SOUTHPORT SPECIALS**  
GOURMET TO GO & CATERED AFFAIRS Southport NC 28461 910.505.9336  
DELIVERIES WILL BE BETWEEN 11:00 - 11:15 am.  
ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE 10:00 AM.

**WRAP SPECIALS \$7.00- WRAP \$9.00 WITH HOMEMADE POTATO CHIPS**

- #1. Grilled Marinated Chicken with Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheddar, Ranch
- #2. Fried Chicken, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, Ranch, Onion
- #3. Grouper, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Dill-Ranch Dressing
- #4. Buffalo Chicken Wrap, Crispy Chicken, Buffalo Sauce, Bleu Cheese, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheddar Cheese
- #5. Eggplant, Spinach, Tomatoes, Mozzarella, Roasted Peppers, Italian Dressing
- #6. Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap Parmesan Cheese, Croutons, Caesar Dressing
- #7. Seared Ahi Tuna Wrap with shredded carrots, teriyaki sauce, lettuce, Tomato
- #8. Bacon, Egg, Cheese, Tomato & Potato Wrap...Breakfast for Lunch Wrap!
- #9. Prosciutto, Eggplant, Mozzarella, Spinach, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Balsamic Glaze
- #10. Chicken Salad Wrap with lettuce and tomato. - Choice of Gourmet Chicken Salad with grapes and walnuts or Curry Chicken Salad with apples and cranberries.
- #11. Crispy Asian Chicken with lettuce, tomatoes, shredded carrots, teriyaki sauce

**Today's Salad Offerings**

- #S1. Shrimp Caesar Salad with Parmesan cheese, homemade croutons and Caesar dressing \$8.00
  - #S2. Grilled Chicken Garden Salad with Dressing on the Side, marinated grilled chicken and veggies \$8.00 *Cash.*
- DRESSING: Homemade Italian balsamic, Bleu Cheese, Ranch, Honey Mustard

\*ALL PRICES INCLUDE TAX, PLEASE HAVE EXACT CHANGE :-)



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submarine owned by the Submarine Memorial Association which runs the New Jersey Naval Museum in Hackensack, New Jersey. Mired in the muddy bottom of the Hackensack River and damaged by Hurricane Sandy, Ling became inaccessible to the public and sadly, the museum was forced to close in 2012. Without the revenues the museum generated from admission fees and charitable donations, the Submarine Memorial Association does not have the funds to move her or to restore her. Now, not only has the boat fallen into a serious state of disrepair, she is in danger of being evicted from the berth she has occupied since the early 1970s to make room for a large real estate development project.

After reading this article I was overcome with a sense of profound sadness over the fate of this once-proud boat and a sense of urgency to do something to help. To that end, I have started a GoFundMe page to raise funds to help restore USS Ling, and have made it my goal to reach out personally to the point of contact for **every Base in USSVI** and ask each one to share this story with its members in the hope that our fellow Shipmates might consider helping with the preservation of this important piece of our submarine heritage and maritime history. All contributions made through the GoFundMe web site **go directly to the Submarine Memorial Association** – a qualified 501(c)(3) organization – **and all donations are fully tax-deductible.** Those who do not wish to contribute financially can still help by sharing the Ling's story with family, friends and colleagues via email or on Facebook, Twitter, or other social media.

A link to the GoFundMe page to restore the USS Ling (SS-297) is available [here](#). I would greatly appreciate your help in disseminating this information to your Base members and thank you in advance for your support in this effort.  
***Pride Runs Deep!***

Green Board,

*Alan*

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