



## The 7MC

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### Our Creed

“To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward the greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its constitution”.

### Commander's Corner

Welcome to the Commander's Corner. I want to take a minute and thank Jim Van Vranken for the great job he has done as POC. The messages were put out in a timely manner. He worked hard at getting the job done. Thank you Jim! My E-board has been busy trying to think of ways to get people to come to the meetings and get new members. If any of you have any ideas please Speak up! Please enjoy your Independence Day and remember what this day means. Last Independence Day my family took turns reading the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. It kind of puts things into perspective for me at least. We all took an oath years ago to defend the Constitution. This year I plan to read it.

Del Bowlby Wahoo Base Commander

## July Meeting

The time and place for the July Meeting has not been determined yet. A notice will be sent out at a later time

## June Meeting Minutes

At the time of publishing there were no minutes available.

## July Anniversaries

Art & Kerry Brice	7/13
Steve & Cherese Schiltze	7/16
Tom & Arlene Adams	7/21
Jim & Barbara Van Vranken	7/23

This month my Wife and I celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We like to say it's been 40 good years and in this 50 we include 7 plus years in the Navy. While we cdon't remember much about most years, but we clearly recall those 7 naval years: Couple of do clearly recall WesPacs tours, they were two long also some shorter trips to the yards and of course port and starboard duty in port. The fifty years is our accomplishment but the Navy years are hers. Our wives serve as much as any of us. Maybe more! I think it is always easier to go then be the one who stays. We should never forget to honor their service as we meet to celebrate ours.

Art Brice Wahoo Base Vice Commander

## July Birthdays

Arlene Adams	7/1
Barbara Barrans	7/11

Del Bowlby	7/12
Paul Adams	7/12
Steve Bloch	7/17

## Thought for July

The best argument against democracy is a five minute conversation with the average voter

*Winston Churchill*

## Boats Lost in July



USS Grunion (SS 216) lost July 30, 1942 with the loss of all hands (70 men) off Kiska Island Aleutians (Alaska) to unknown causes.



USS S – 28 (SS 133) Lost July 4, 1944 with all hands (49 men) when she foundered of the Hawaiian Islands



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USS Robalo (SS 273) Lost July 26.1944 with the loss of (77 men 4 men were taken as POW's but were never recovered) by a possible Japanese mine off Palawan.

## USSVI News

### **New American Submariner Editor**

This is to notify the membership that Chuck Emmett has asked to be replaced as the editor of our American Submariner Magazine. The AS Magazine editor is considered one, if not the most demanding and difficult positions to fill in all of USSVI. In the latter part of 2013 Chuck stepped up and volunteered to assume the responsibility of producing our publication. The untold hours and energy Chuck has devoted in the last five and half years fulfilling these obligations is well documented and we all owe him a large debt of gratitude. Past NC and AS Editor Michael Bircumshaw has again stepped up and volunteered to take on the responsibility as our magazine editor. His past history of successfully managing and improving our National Publication while previously in this position, assures our magazine will be in good hands. Please use the following Contact Information for future American Submariner Magazine inquires:

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NEWS-01: From the American Submariner Editor Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 6/12/2018  
Shipmates, Need your help here. One day I am sitting in the back of the clubhouse, quietly drinking my favorite brew and the next thing I know I'm the National Editor of the finest Veteran's Magazine on this planet (I will explain why in the next two or three editions.) You may wonder what might even begin to qualify

me to do such a job. Please ask your shipmates. At least one of them in your Base has some reason to think they know me. My name is T Michael Bircumshaw and I somehow managed to qualify in early '62 onboard the Comm Crew of the USS Scamp SSN-588 (which was the hottest running Attack Boat in the water, and my Skipper, Cdr. Buck Dietzen said so and at the time I tended to pretty much believe whatever he said about whatever subject except the Sperry Mk 1 Mod 0 analog SINS, maybe more on that later. Enough about me, What I really need is your help and assistance for the rest of my natural life, anywhere from a couple weeks to ten years. I want whatever material you have ever sent to whatever National Editor of the American Submariner and has not been printed. Send it me by email or letter if you can afford the stamps. I will acknowledge the receipt thereof. I will print it if I have space and I like it, sometimes even if I don't like it, depends on how darn good you are a writer. If you are sending me a letter, please type it, almost any font will do. Handwritten I will probably not be able to translate, I have my limits. Also, please remember to go into the Sub Vets membership website, new or old and change your address, or have your membership chair at your base, or try the National Office, if you dare, but change it if you are moving or are a Snow Bird so that your magazine gets to you. If you have e-mail, please consider opting for electronic delivery, it costs you nothing.

T Michael Bircumshaw

NEWS-01: USS Thresher Memorial  
Submitted by: William C. Andrea on  
6/13/2018

Thank you to all donors who have contributed to the USS Thresher Arlington National Cemetery Memorial both online and offline. \$20,296, or 40% of our \$50,000 fundraising goal has been met in two weeks, with just under 5 weeks to go. If you have not yet made a donation on behalf of the men lost aboard USS Thresher (SSN-593) and their SUBSAFE legacy, please do so now either online at;

<http://ThresherMemorial.Flipcause.com>

or by sending a check made out to USS Thresher ANC Memorial Foundation to:

USS Thresher ANC Memorial Foundation

c/o Kevin Galeaz

1465 Hooksett Rd. Unit #239

Hooksett, NH 03106

Our USS Thresher commemorative monument approval request package will be submitted to ANC on July 16th. A bank statement containing the total donations received on July 15th will be included in our proposal package in order to meet the ANC requirement that "Certifications of funds" be provided to cover all costs associated with monument construction, placement, installation, and perpetual care. With your help, a memorial to the men lost aboard USS Thresher, and their SUBSAFE legacy will be realized in Arlington National Cemetery!

With respect,

Kevin Galeaz

President of the USS Thresher Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Foundation

<http://ThresherMemorial.org>

ENCOURAGEMENT Submitted by:  
NEWS-01: CRUISE LETTER OF /18  
MICHAEL BIRCUMSHAW on 6 /2018  
Let's Cruise. If you have done it, you know how you will not go hungry or

thirsty. If you haven't done it then think of it this way. No watches.. I stood Port and Starboard for 8 years and continued even after making the Hat. The only thing that got me off the watch list was becoming COB aboard 620 in '67. Virtually no valves or hatch combings to introduce your ball cap to. Private rooms, no need to lock the door on the head to scan your Playboy. No mess cooking, no compartment cleaning, everybody has Liberty whenever we anchor out or go into port. You can even take your better three quarters with you, no hot bunking, you do not have to drink Gilly or do odd things to Maraschino Cherries. No drills or WSRT. Well, you will most likely have a lifeboat drill and a life jacket put on just before you sail, but that's it. You can even drink or visit the casino under way; there is a bar and a casino on board! And maybe the best part is no Poopy Suits, no FBM Love Calls, and you don't have to put up with the same 95 to 125 same old faces every day. Plus, you can eat all day long every day somewhere and there are no Wardroom meals or Chief's and most of your meals are served to you. There might even have rooms service available. Note: I am not sure about that one, but in any case, you could send out your partner to bring you something. Everything is included except the extra alcohol you may deem necessary, plus there is entertainment and dancing (if you are still willing) and you will not be going to Guam or Augusta Bay, or Iskenderun, or even Pollensa Bay. You will not be into the ocean for swim call, there is at least one pool aboard, no shark watch needed. What Boat were you on where you could play Shuffle Board topside? Which one did you sail on where you had a window or a balcony to use underway? C'mon, this is a real

vacation from the ordinary, you need this. If there is a non-qual in your party, I'm pretty sure you can get Dramamine on almost every corner, or bring your own. Now is a great time to sign up for the 2018 USSVI National Convention aboard the new Holland Cruise ship. You're gonna love it; you may want to ship over. Not sure you can do that.

T Michael Bircumshaw, National Editor

## Base News

Shipmates, this is my last edition of the 7MC. To those of you that I have been sending the electronic copies to that are not base members then you need to contact Del Bowlby and have him put you on the electronic list if you still want to receive the 7MC. To my friend Jonathan thank you for all of the jokes and information you have sent me. I have had a lot of fun being editor but I think the Wahoo Base needs some SSN opinions and not the old diesel boat thinking. I hope you all support the new editors as you have supported me. See you next cruise.

Jim Van Vranken

## The Lighter Side

### A little Fathers Day humor for you.

*I know it is after Father's Day but I just thought this should be included in the 7MC*

A retired older couple returned to a Corvette dealership where the salesman has just sold the car they had been interested in to a beautiful, leggy, busty blonde in a mini skirt and a halter top. The old man was visibly upset. He spoke to the salesman sharply, "Young man, I

thought you said you would hold that car till we raised the \$85,000 asking price. Yet I just overheard you closed the deal for \$72,000 to the lovely young lady there. And if I remember right, you had insisted there was no way you could discount this model." The salesman took a deep breath, cleared his throat and reached for a large glass of water. "Well, what can I tell you? She had the cash ready, didn't need any financing help, and, Sir, just look at her, how could I resist?", replied the grinning salesman sheepishly. Just then the young woman approached the senior couple and gave the car keys to the old man. "There you go," she said. "I told you I could get that idiot to lower the price. See you later Dad, Happy Father's day." Once again don't mess with seniors.

The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands. The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier. Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface like grass." "Gentlemen, remember you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both." The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information. After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand. "Yes?" said the Instructor. "I was just wondering if it would be all right, if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

Brings a tear to your eye, doesn't it?  
This level of sensitivity can't be taught.

