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### United States Submarine Veterans Creed

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



[www.ussvi.org/base/firstcoast.asp](http://www.ussvi.org/base/firstcoast.asp)

### *Base Commander's Corner*



I hope everyone is getting into the swing of the New Year. I'm still writing 2010 but getting better! The meeting was yet another success with great food and friendship. Hank Morgan President of the Gator Base, WW II SubVets was present and Jim Sweany brought his famous SOS red and there was nothing left at the end. Thanks to Jim and Dave who brought food and Marty for helping with funding.

There will be information forthcoming from our Secretary, Phil Costello regarding the summer picnic so be on the lookout for that. At the picnic we will also be awarding Longevity Pins and inducting two more members into the Holland Club. Check your calendars and reserve June 18 for the picnic.

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We had three members arrive in “poopie suits” for our monthly theme and Marty’s wife Mary even came in support. Our theme for March is “Miscellaneous Memorable Appropriated Items from past commands” Foreign items could also prove to be interesting!

Hope to see you March 19<sup>th</sup> for our next meeting.

v/r  
Steve

### *Meeting Information*

Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month at the American Legion Post 316 Atlantic Beach, FL., 11:00am. Come early and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow submariners over a light snack and beverage. We always welcome your favorite dish to pass.

### February Birthdays

Fred Marshe – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Frank Stroup – 13<sup>th</sup>  
Herb Stafford – 21<sup>st</sup>  
JJ Lynch – 25<sup>th</sup>

### **The Binnacle List**

Ed Clausner  
Howard Wise

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

## Beaches Veterans Memorial Park Update

Information may be obtained by going to  
[www.beachsveteransmemorialpark.org](http://www.beachsveteransmemorialpark.org).

## Other Web Site Links

Military Report 21 February 2011

[http://www.military.com/NL\\_MR\\_d/1,16887,9003,00.html](http://www.military.com/NL_MR_d/1,16887,9003,00.html)

Commander Submarine Force, US Atlantic Fleet  
<http://www.navy.mil/local/sublant/>

Commander Submarine Force, US Pacific Fleet  
<http://www.navy.mil/local/subpac/>

ISA Congress – Turkey Site

<http://www.isa-turkiye-2011.com/>

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From Hank Morgan, President, Gator Chapter World War II SubVets. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Mandarin Ramada Inn, 1300.

There will also be a WWII Convention, May 11 – 15, 2011, Saint Augustine Beach at the Holiday Aisle Resort. More information to follow.



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### Meeting Fun Times!

The Theme for this month's meeting was Poopie Suites and three of our members were able to find a set that fit and wear them to the meeting. Here are some photo's.



(WWII Gator Chapter President Hank Morgan with an Old time cover)



(Left to Right – Dave Rifkin, Marty Lussier and Phillip Costello were the only three to find and fit into their suits!)



(Mary Lussier (L) and Hank Morgan 2<sup>nd</sup> fm left, join the fearsome threesome!)



(Marty and Mary Lussier – What's with the brown shoes?)





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### Funny Stuff!!

After the meeting was done and we were sitting around reminiscing, we happened on the subject of the effects of radiation over the career of a submariner. We were not able to get the whole pictorial transition but we did get a before and after shot!

Below is Phil aboard his first boat!



This is what he looked like after just a couple of years aboard!



### Four Chaplains Memorial Service

#### **FOUR CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL SERVICE**



**American Legion  
5<sup>th</sup> District of Florida  
Four Chaplains  
Memorial Service**

On February 6, 2011 a memorial service was held in honor of the four chaplains connected with the sinking of the USAT Dorchester and attended by our base Chaplain, Jim Amason. From the service program:

*On February 3, 1943, the USAT Dorchester was tragically sunk by the German U-Boat U223. Of the 902 young men onboard, only 230 survived. Many of those survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership exhibited by the heroic Four chaplains, who, in sacrificing their lives created a unique legacy of brotherhood.*

*This service honored all who have served and whose courage and faith have sustained our country.*

For more information on the Four Chaplains, please visit:

[www.fourchaplains.org](http://www.fourchaplains.org) or  
[www.immortalchaplains.org](http://www.immortalchaplains.org).