

Quarterly News

Welcome to Spring from the SSN 777 Club,

Our *USS North Carolina* left the drydock in February, always a welcomed evolution by sailors and ships!

STSCS Walker, Chief of the Boat, published a thorough summary of the 777's status, which you can find here on [the Boat's Facebook page](#).

Highlights are:

- Even for those accustomed to life aboard a sub, the shift from living and working ashore to operating within the confines of a modern submarine is a process of incremental adjustment — like moving from your home to your car, maybe!
- Good news is that the galley and berthing spaces are back in business, as are the associated sanitary and water systems.
- And everyone, everywhere needs WiFi and Internet access to function in the modern world. The Local Area Network of the 777 is up and running.
- After nearly two years shut-down, the reactor is on-line, a complex and challenging process of restoring all related systems.
- Culinary and Supply Division continue to provide outstanding service to the crew ensuring that their gear gets fixed quickly and all are well fed. Operating back on the ship is a big challenge for them too.



Photo taken just as the 777 was about to leave drydock.

All in all, the 777 is returning to life and dependable operations. The spring and summer will be preoccupied with the necessary inspections and certifications.



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The "Tarheel Boat"



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All Hands Working Party

Our current Club initiative in support of the 777 is to provide items such as sports memorabilia and berthing space curtains that the crew can use to outfit the 777 with a touch of home. As well, the Club will purchase 77 game tickets for the Navy at University of Hawaii football game over Labor Day weekend.

The 777 Club continues to supply "Time Aboard" plaques made of *Battleship North Carolina* teak to each departing crew member. Your donations pay for this entire process of material procurement, machining, engraving and FedEx to Pearl Harbor, and the plaques are a valued memento of each crew member's time of service about the 777.

New Flooring for the 777

As a result of donations by two SSN 777 Club supporters, the crew will now be walking on new NC-provided wood flooring.

Friends of the SSN 777 Club, [Edwards Wood Products](#) of Marshville, North Carolina, donated North Carolina white oak for flooring in the Chief's berthing spaces.



North Carolina white oak, donated by Edwards Wood Products of Marshville, NC, being installed in the Chief's berthing spaces.

In addition, the Coastal Carolina SubVets purchased and donated 26.5 feet of original teak decking from the *Battleship North Carolina*. This teak will be planed for use in the crew's messing and berthing spaces (we'll provide a photo in our next newsletter). A big thanks to these two donations!



The Mission of the SSN 777 Club

1. Support the crew
2. Promote the USS North Carolina, SSN 777, across the state
3. At end of service-life, bring the 777 home to North Carolina

For more information about the SSN 777 Club, visit our [website](#) and the [777 Facebook page](#).

To donate to the SSN 777 Club, visit our website www.ssn777club.org/donate

Ongoing Outreach to Community Groups

One of the missions of the SSN 777 Club is to connect the submarine across North Carolina. This past quarter, we've had the opportunity to speak with these groups:

- Saints & Sinners Club of Saint Phillips Lutheran Church; Mrs. MaryEllen Wrisley sponsored
- Duke University's Lifetime Learning Institute; Captain Jim Kinney USN (ret) sponsored
- NC Veterans Quarterly Coffee; Brooke Dickhart/The Joel Fund sponsored
- NC SubVets TarHeel Chapter; David Campbell sponsored and Captain Bruce Cavey USN (ret) spoke on behalf of the 777 Club

Please refer the SSN 777 Club to civic or community organizations who may be interested in learning about the *USS North Carolina*.



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