

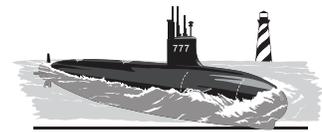
# Quarterly News

## Ahoy Friends of the USS North Carolina, SSN 777,

Good news is that in late June the crew and their families celebrated separately and nearly simultaneously 1/2 Way Night, the mid-point of the 777's approximate 6-month deployment at sea. Who would have imagined 90 days ago that the *families* would also experience constrained quarters, restricted movement and inhibitors to regular social interaction!

Currently, family members who wish to visit Pearl Harbor require a 14-day quarantine. On August 1st, this requirement will be relaxed if visitors show proof of negative CV 19 testing. The children will return to school for the fall term in a combination of on-line and in-classroom learning. Certainly an unprecedented time where coping techniques are learned on a near daily basis.

This edition of our newsletter rightly focuses on the 777's Family Readiness Group (FRG) in a modest display of its character, good humor and splendid example of mutual support. Please know that all enclosed photos were reviewed for publication by the FRG.



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**“Keep Pounding”**

## 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, as feasible, add the 777 to the Battleship Park in Wilmington



The 777 crew celebrated 1/2 Way Night with the packages supplied by family and friends as we reported in our April newsletter. These photos depict the variety of activities at 1/2 Way Night including crafts for the children; messages and photos for delivery to the 777; virtual gatherings. As you can see, spirits are high and everyone does the best that they can to make the most of the moment. A great example for all. Included is a copy of the note that the 777 Commissioning Sponsor, Mrs. Linda Bowman, mailed to the FRG. It expresses exactly how our Club feels about the FRG and the impressive contribution that these Navy families make in helping us all feel proud to be Americans.

Dear Mrs. Martel,  
 Chris Ferrier told me you are "hosting" half way night on Saturday. Would you please share this note with the spouses. Hope I am not imposing by asking you to do this.

It's a wonderful celebration to be "half way"! But what unbelievable strange times you have endured.

In my eyes, you are heroes. But probably the reality is that you would give anything to once again be regular people who could go anywhere and be with friends whenever you want.

Being able to connect by all that computers and phones offer does help so much, but we will all be looking forward to the time when we can connect in person.

My thoughts are with you, and here's hoping the second half goes by quickly.

Most Sincerely,  
 Linda Bowman, sponsor





**All About My Dad**

By: Adalee

My dad is 35 years old.

He has black eyes and black hair.

His job is he fights pirates in a submarine

He loves to eat super spicy food

His favorite drink is coffee

He is really good at trying to help us

He always says lets go to the store

He is happy when he plays with us

He is SUPER because he loves us and keeps us safe



Dear Uncle Kariem,  
 it is with great intrest that I'm Curious if your  
 feeling good after all the lookouts and Stuff. Can't  
 wait too see you love you, miss you, Sincerely, Carter

 A hand-drawn sketch of a smiling face with sharp, pointed teeth, drawn on lined paper.



*“I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: ‘I served in the United States Navy.’”*

PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
1 AUGUST 1963



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