

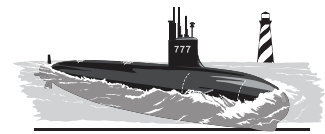
Quarterly News

Ahoy Friends of the USS North Carolina, SSN 777,

Welcome to 2022. Since our last update in summer, it's been a predictably busy and, on occasion, challenging time for the crew, families and friends of our 777. In partnership with the North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution, the North Carolina Chapters of the US Naval Academy Alumni Association, the Josephus Daniels Charitable Foundation and numerous friends of the Club, we were able to fully support the 777's 1/2-Way Box campaign. The 777 was at-sea for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and likely will not return home to Pearl Harbor until spring. Happily, the crew and families will simultaneously celebrate the half-way point of the deployment. This newsletter intends to present the talented and loyal variety of those who support our Navy and its sailors. Indeed, the success of our Navy is more than ships at sea. Thank you for your reliable support of our 777 Club. Best wishes for a healthy and safe new year.

SSN 777 Successfully Deployed

The *North Carolina* departed on schedule for deployment including its first complement of female officers as well as a contingent of Navy SEALs. The 777 is equipped with a Dry Deck Shelter that can be used to deploy a SEAL Delivery Vehicle submersible or Navy divers. The reputation of the 777 is well known across the fleet as it was featured on the cover of the US Naval Institute's *Proceedings* magazine in October of 2021.



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“Keep Pounding”



Preparing for 1/2-Way Celebration

We read about the national supply chain issues over the holiday season. The Family Readiness Group developed its own supply chain for the identification, ordering via Amazon, receipt, sorting, re-packing and delivery to the 777 of items required for nearly 150 1/2-Way Boxes. Such a detailed process required a dedicated, creative and good-spirited effort by all-hands.



Housing Water Supply Problem

You may have read about the contaminated potable supply at the military housing in Pearl Harbor?! The associated impact necessitated that more than 3,000 military, civilian and retiree families move into area hotels over the holidays as the Navy continues to resolve this matter. Our 777 families relocated to facilities across the island of Oahu, further complicating social interaction amidst the COVID-19 precautions. Spirit seems to be good despite the unfortunate inconvenience to our FRG families. As a small token of our Club's support, we sponsored a curbside pizza party just prior to the temporary relocation of families from base housing.



Coach Williams 777 Honorary Crew Member

As noted in our summer newsletter, Roy Williams retired as the Head Coach of Men's Basketball at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Under his leadership, the basketball program became a reliable and enthusiastic supporter of the 777, especially welcoming for home-state visits by the crew. We're confident that such mutual respect and support will continue with his successor, Hubert Davis.



Congratulations Admiral Bowman

Admiral Skip Bowman, husband of our 777 Sponsor, Mrs. Linda Bowman, is a 2021 recipient of the Naval Submarine League's Distinguished Submariner Award for lifetime service and achievement. A graduate of both Duke University and MIT, Admiral Bowman served our country as a submarine officer for 38 years. His last active duty assignment was as director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, a position he held for more than eight years.





New Year's Greetings

from the
Family Readiness Group

If you're interested, you may keep in touch with the [FRG on Facebook](#). Access to the site requires permission, so please identify yourself as an SSN 777 Club member when requesting access.

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

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

If circumstances permit and you're able to donate to the SSN 777 Club, visit our website www.ssn777club.org/donate

Support the SSN 777 Club

We're pleased to report that the SSN 777 Club is now a charity available on Amazon Smile. For those not familiar with the Amazon Smile charity program, you can link your existing **amazon**smile Amazon account to the SSN 777 Club at [smile.amazon.com](#). There are no fees, no extra cost to you. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of any eligible products to our club. It's a simple way to support the crew and families of the SSN 777.

To designate our club as your charity:

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Our club's name is:

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