

Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) is Underway!

The Wahoo Base has initiated their Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program and admits to having a great time especially with the younger kids. Base Commander Jim Van Vranken said, "I was so surprised when I realized how little other people know about submarines. I guess we really are the Silent Service. We are trying learn the ropes as to how we could work close at hand with the Hospital. Three of us made the presentation The 3 involved are Tom Barrans, Base Sec/Trea., Myself and the wife of a member who made an anonymous donation for 7 hats before we brought it up in the meeting. My wife wanted to be there but she volunteers at the hospital and could not attend." We gave out 15 hats. Our next run we will try for Local TV coverage and I will get the information to the Fresno paper and the Local Chowchilla paper.

KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS)

The Submarine Veterans of Charleston Base recently presented Honorary Submariner ball caps to children at the Medical University of South Carolina. The presentation was made August 16th in the Atrium on the 7th floor of the Children's Hospital. Chief of the Boat Marty Sessler, Vice Commander Carl Chinn and shipmate Tom Lufkin presented the KAP(SS) to the children under a national outreach program of United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. The program was

initiated to provide suitably embroidered caps to children who are undergoing any sort of treatment that causes a loss of hair. The caps were embroidered with the submarine service dolphin insignia with the words "Honorary Submariner" above and "Charleston Base" below the dolphins. The special embroidery was donated by Vicki and Bill Gannon, owners of Oakbrook Custom Embroidery located in Summerville SC. Sub Vets Charleston Base plan on presenting the KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) on an annual bases.

Waiting for the command to begin firing.

On the 8th of October, Len Heiselt and Michael Bircumshaw of Scamp Base in Escondido, CA. attended a tour of the Loma Linda Children's Hospital, located near Riverside, CA. The invited visit was hosted by Melissa, Special Events Coordinator for the hospital. The hospital and

the works that are being carried out there are both sad and yet hopeful as children of all ages, 262 presently, are undergoing various treatments ranging from cancer to pre-mature births to heart transplants. Both shipmates were wearing their Sub Vets Vests and were questioned by staff and children alike as to to meaning of the paraphanelia on the garment. One young patient exclaimed, "Wow, what neat charms!" Michael told her that they were Submarine charms and she asked the natural question, "Were you on Submarines?" To which both Sub Vets replied to in the affirmative. Her next question was, "Did you catch a lot of fish on the submarine?" And Len explained the difficulty of doing that and asked her if she liked to fish. She admitted that the only fishing she had ever done was "Video Game Fishing". When asked how those Video Game Fish tasted, she replied, "Oh, you're silly. You can't eat Video Game Fish."

The Scamp base has a donation of Kap(SS) from the Cyber Space Internet Base and Kap(SS) from Scamp Base to give to children at the hospital and are just waiting for the appointed day to be arranged.

For the upcoming presentation the Scamp Base members will be wearing their vests and taking pictures, models and submarine memorabilia to share with the children. In addition to the Kap(SS) it is planned to present "Honorary Submariner" certificates or cards and photographs of submarines



Charleston Base is on board! B. Z.