



**USSVICB Award Party**



**Presentation of Legacy Award  
to EM3 Dick and Ens Kohl**

Good Morning, (recognize the dignitaries and guests) and Class 1505. I am the Base Commander of United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. – Charleston Base and represent our 330 some members who are honored to participate in your graduation.

Our creed: To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of 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.

I know that you're probably thinking "Here's an old guy that doesn't understand what I went through or face." Well, know this, 48 years ago I graduated with Naval Nuclear Power School Class 6704, so I do have a pretty good idea. Many members of our base are Nuclear Trained.

Let me give you a short history of the Submarine Service. In the 115 years since the US Navy received the first submarine the force progressed from coastal defense to long-ranged scouting for the fleet, to an offensive weapon that slowed the Japanese during WWII to the impressive tactical and strategic force they are today. Since the first seagoing nuclear power plant was placed on a submarine, USS Nautilus SSN 571, more plants have been operated safely for millions of hours on submarines than any other type of ship.

Those of you going to submarines will have this great legacy to uphold. This is why Charleston Base has chosen to present these awards.



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**Class 1505 Presentation of Legacy Award to EM3 Dick**

