

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 2nd, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Rick Wise. Attending were Board of Directors members Rick Wise, Ron Chambers, Bill Freligh, George Scharf, Nick Nichols, Joe Lund and Larry Knutson, Rick Sparger

Base Commander Rick Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Rick Wise discussed the Amberjack Ceremony with the board. Working Party will be Friday April 7th. The Ceremony for the Amberjack will be 1000 on April 8th.

The COB mentioned that the Distinguished Submariner award will be presented next week at the base meeting.

Ron Chambers discussed the Patch is going to have to be made and we will have 50 made. He will have ties with Silver Dolphins soon.

George Scharf reported that we will have possibly two Scholarships awarded this April. George informed us that Stacey Power is doing Better. Ken suggested that we show the Victory at sea video at the April 20th WWII meeting.

Membership: Larry reported that we have 299 members.

Nick Reported:

Larry Cox was back in Trident Hospital with pneumonia. He is home recovering.

Luke Murphy was in the VA for pneumonia. After replacing his PEG tube he was moved to rehab and is now home recovering.

Ava Daughtery's surgery has been postponed until a later date

Herb Anderson had nasal surgery at the VA on Friday, 24 Feb. Haven't heard anything from him.

Rusty Pickett knee replacement has been postponed.

Lee Young will be having cancer surgery on March 6th.

Stacy Power went into the hospital with pneumonia and flu. He was contagious so we depended on his family to keep us informed. He is now in Roper rehab rm 3913 and can be called at 843.724.2390 after 1400 when therapy is done. Roger Gibson sent me a text to let me know Stacy is not eating due to mouth ulcers but he is not contagious now. Roger talked to him and Stacy said he's coming home on March 9th.

Richard Cleve's son emailed us to tell us that he is moving Richard to Missouri to an assisted living memory care facility. Richard doesn't know anyone anymore. During the same week I will be disconnecting his email account so the account will no longer receive emails. For any emails that you want to send, I have setup an email account for him on my server to keep things more organized. The new email address is rwc@borgx.com. Thanks again for the prayers! I will inform you of any major changes to his health going forward as well. James Cleve 314-795-8862

* Chaplain Note: Even though this change will not take place until next week the Charleston Base website has been updated to indicate Richard's new address, phone number (his son) and email address (his son will print all the emails that are not SPAM and give them to him.)

James Graham had thyroid surgery and it went well. Now waiting on the results to see if there was any cancer.

Sonny Rash had hernia surgery and is now home recovering.

BM3(SS) / LTCOL Andrew Edward Palenchar, US Army, Ret, now on Eternal Patrol. He was a CB member but was living in CO with family and also a member of Rocky Mountain base. He qualified on the FINBACK and was one that pulled George HW Bush out of the water.

MTCM(SS) Gary Frederick Brown, USN Ret., now on Eternal Patrol. Gary was a member of USSVI and Charleston Base between 2009 and 2012. He was COB on SIMON BOLIVAR SSBN 641B and CMC on PHILIPPINE SEA CG58.

LCDR(SS) Ralph Edward Stobart USN Ret. now on Eternal Patrol. Ralph served 30 years all in submarines but not a member of CB.

Rick Sparger will be having back surgery at St. Francis on March 16.

There was a discussion about the upcoming elections and people running for office.

Joe Lunn reported that the Combined FRA/Subvets picnic is the 6th of May.

Bill Freligh commented on the Holland Club. He has 12 inductions taking place in April.

There was a discussion that we should get a Subvets brick to go out in the FRA Foyer. Nick Nichols made a motion that we purchase a brick and George Scharf seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

The golden roosters discussed the placement of a port a let for the Amberjack ceremony. Cackle Cackle.

There was a discussion about the Amberjack and Hurricane damage more info to follow.

There was a discussion about having a Submarine memorial Highway. 54 Miles in each State. More information to follow.

The State Submarine License Plates is still an ongoing process.

Rick asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. George Scharf made the motion and Joe Lunn seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1852.