

USSVI Charleston Base Meeting Minutes

March 2016

The attendance for the March 2016 meeting was 91 members.

Opening Ceremonies: The meeting was called to order by Base Commander Rick Wise. A quorum was present and the meeting started at 1855. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Invocation and the Tolling of the Boats lost in March was given by Base Chaplain Nick Nichols. The USSVI Creed was read by Base Secretary Vice Commander Rick Sparger. Rick welcomed the members and guests to the meeting.

Introductions: The following men introduced themselves at the meeting: MMC (SS) Dustin Aaker Qual Boat: USS Jacksonville SSN 699. MMC (SS) Herb Anderson Qual Boat: Nathaniel Greene SSBN 670. MTC (SS) Dickie Davidson Qual Boat: Henry L Stimson SSBN 655 GOLD. Garrett Griebenow Introduced himself that he was attending as a guest of Ray Bryant.

Secretary: Base Secretary Mike Ciesielko reported that the February meeting minutes had been published in the newsletter and on the base website. Mike asked the group for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ken Curtis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Rodney McKanna.

Treasurer: Base Treasurer Mike Welch gave a report on the Charleston Base finances. The base financial report is now located as a password protected file on the base website under Documents and Resources. The password is the same as needed for the Sailing List

Vice Commander: Thanked everyone for coming out to the breakfast 21 Feb.

Special Events: Subvets Picnic is scheduled for May 7th. It will be a joint FRA Subvets Picnic held at the CRP area.

The Grits festival parade is April 9th and we will not pull a float due to the Amberjack memorial service being held the same day.

Chaplain and Webmaster: Base Chaplain and Webmaster Nick Nichols gave the following report:

March Report

Highlighted boat of the month:

GRAMPUS was lost on 5 March 1943 with the loss of 71 officers and men while on her 6th war patrol. She was lost in Vella Gulf, sunk after engaging 2 Japanese destroyers.

- The SUBVETS received cards from Abe Jenkins' family, from the Funeral Home who handled Abe's service and from Carol Yates. The Jenkins' family sent \$200 which was given to the Scholarship Fund.
- **5 of our members departed on Eternal Patrol between January 9th and February 6th.**
- **Several members who have been ill are with us tonight:** CC Cager, Ray Bryant, Jimmy Kimbrell, Bill Jennings, Dick Koehler,
- **CC Cager** is still recovering from the motorcycle wreck. He is here tonight with us. They are trying to sell their house in Bonneau which is listed http://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-detail/112-Woody-Ln_Bonneau_SC_29431_M52034-66121

- **Mike & Debbie Knaub's** son, **David**, passed away on Feb. 25th.
- **Charles Woods'** mother, **Mary**, passed away Feb. 24th.
- **Beetle Bailey** has been in Tampa Memorial Hospital with a major infection that erupted from his upper leg. He is supposed to be going to a 24/7 rehab center close to the base soon and will be there about 2 weeks. He does appreciate all our prayers. I have an address if you want to send a card or you can call his cell: P.O. Box 6825, Key77, Tampa, FL 33608 / 843-906-0014
- **Thom & Linda Beach** are now out of Vanderbilt Hospital and the liver transplant was a great success. However, right after the transplant Linda had a ruptured appendix and had to spend 5 days in the local VA hospital. She's out now. I have an address if you want to send a card: Thomas Beach, Homewood Suits, 2400 West End Ave., Nashville TN 37203
- **Walt Deal's** granddaughter, Maggie Rue Medert had cataract surgery on both eyes. Surgery went well and she is being fitted with glasses that should work until she is 18.
- **Luke Murphy** is in LifeCare Morningstar rm 104 and visitors are definitely welcome. He has a feeding tube and must be on O2 but is doing much better. Please continue to pray for Luke.
- **Roy Robertson** is in Roper Rehab Downtown rm 898B for rehab from his broken hip. Visitors are OK during visiting hours 1800-2100. Should be going home on tomorrow.
- **Ray Bryant** is recovering from his liver transplant. 843.817.9510 - please call before going to visit. He is with us tonight along with his friend, Gary, who is staying with him until he can stay alone.
- **Willie Jones** is at home.
- **Clell Hutchinson** is home on hospice and not doing well but would like to have visitors and short calls. Please call before visiting. 843.553.0935. BZs to Ray Sparks who installed two smoke detectors and hung two mirrors for Catherine.
- **Lynn Cousino** is undergoing chemo treatments for liver cancer. At the latest treatment session, her lab results spiked. Since the labs changed so drastically, the Dr. has scheduled a more aggressive treatment regimen to start soon. We will have to see how this one shakes out. Lynn was greatly disappointed but insists she will continue the good fight.
- **Dot Campbell** is home with home health care helping her recovery and rehab from heart surgery.
- **Bill Jennings** is recovering from his last stay in the hospital and is with us tonight.
- **Jimmy Kimbrell** has done very well after his surgery and is with us tonight.
- **Kathleen Smith** is now a Roper Rehab Downtown rm 895. There's a lot of pain involved with her rehab.
- **Bill Hall** is at home recovering from his last tumor surgery. He is recovering well and said he could be dropped from the binnacle list.
- **Karen Ilgenfritz** has been receiving treatment for stomach cancer and it has now spread to some of her bones. A recent scan shows her condition has stabilized for the time being, meaning it has not spread any further than it already has
- **Karen McKanna** had her surgery and received great news on the results from the biopsy.
- **Fred Woodley's** brother in law, **Gordon LaVanway**, passed away in MI. His sister, Gordon's wife, is still recovering from brain surgery needed as a result of a fall at the end of 2015.

Follow-ups were made on those who've had surgery or illnesses in the last couple of months along with the base sending additional cards.

WEBMASTER NOTES:

- Website is constantly updated.

District Commander: Ed relayed that the Southeast regional convention in Mobile Alabama is 20 April to the 23th. The National convention is in Reno Nevada August 15th to Aug 21st.

A picnic for the Victory House will be on 12 April. License plates are moving right along. It will take a while.

Membership: Membership is now 315 members. About twenty members are delinquent in dues.

Newsletter: We need a volunteer for this position.

FRA: is having a Vegas Show.

Storekeeper: Ron Chambers had no report.

Rec Committee: (Al Dempster Mike Knaub and Elmer Feester) Al Dempster said Picnic is 7th May more info provided at the next meeting.

Veterans Affairs: Ken Curtis informed us that there is a 50th Anniversary on 29th April 11am at the Grace Episcopal Church downtown. Each Attending veteran will get an Eagle lapel pin.

Kaps for Kids: Bill Kennedy is going to Florence to McCloud Hospital on April 5th. He will be leaving his house at 8am. They will be making presentations to the kids at 10 am.

Holland Club: Bill Freligh said everyone that was qualified in 1966 will be inducted next month.

Scholarship: George Scharf reported that scholarship applicants must have their forms in by the 15th of April.

Submarine Veterans of World War II: George Scharf reported that Willie would love to have visitors. Stacy couldn't make it tonight because someone has to be with his wife. We had 2 other WWII vets present. Join the WWII vets at the Golden Corral 21st April.

CRAMA: Butch Bryar informed us that the Proviso is being reviewed.

Chief of the Boat: Dave Taylor was recognized for his help with Willie Jones.

Ken Pointed out that Rick Wise has been in charge of Little David for 12 Years. Now we have a new Little David Coordinator, Bob Temple.

Joe Lund is our new election Coordinator.

Base Commander: Rick will be out of the office for the next three weeks.

Old Business: By Law Changes:

On the changes submitted by the ByLaw review list them as proposed by the ByLaw Review Committee and seconded by the Board of Directors. On Ed's submission proposed by Ed and seconded by me.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP
Section 1. GENERAL

C. Dues are due and payable effective on the first day of October. After October 1st a non-renewed member is considered delinquent in arrears. Members whose national dues and/or Charleston Base dues are in arrears on January 1st of the current year will be dropped from the rolls of the organization. Members are considered to be in good standing, if National and Local dues have been paid for the current year. As of January 1st of the current year, members not paid shall be considered terminated from USSVI and/or Charleston Base.

Proposed: by the Bylaw review committee and seconded by the board of directors.

C. Dues are due and payable effective on the first day of October. **After January 1st of the following year a non-renewed member is considered delinquent and in arrears. Members whose national dues and/or Charleston Base dues are in arrears on April 1st of the current year will be dropped from the rolls of the organization. Members are considered to be in good standing, if National and Local dues have been paid for the current year. Members not paid shall be considered terminated from USSVI and/or Charleston Base when dropped from the National database.**

Mike Emerson Made a motion to table this By law Change until the next meeting.

There was a unanimous voice vote for the second.

2. BASE VICE-COMMANDER

A. Assists the Base Commander in the performance of his duties.

B. Presides over all meetings and assumes the duties of Base Commander if Base Commander is unavailable or incapacitated.

C. When possible, and in the event the Base Commander is unavailable, represent the Base at SE Regional conventions. Two nights lodging will be authorized from the general fund.

Proposed: add

D. Serves as Special Events Coordinator.

There is no cost to the base of this amendment.

Justification: Reflects the current situation and gives the Vice-Commander a duty in order to use his talents other than just to be a stand-by.

This measure failed on a voice vote.

Original

Section 4. BASE TREASURER

A. Accepts and records all income and base assets.

B. As directed by the Base Commander, distributes such funds, including the discretionary fund.

C. Ensures the tax-exempt status of the Base is maintained.

D. Provides a report at each meeting.

E. Prepares and submits the annual Base Financial Report to the national office.

F. Insures that an annual audit is conducted in accordance with Article XIII,

Section 1.

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A. Accepts and records all income and base assets.

B. As directed by the Base Commander, distributes such funds, including the discretionary fund.

C. Provides a report at each meeting. **(Original C. deleted)**

D. Prepares and submits **with the approval of the Base Commander** the annual Base Financial Report to the national office.

E. Insures that an annual audit is conducted in accordance with Article XIII,

Section 1.

There is no cost to the base of this amendment.

Justification: The Tax exempt status comes from USSVI and the Base Treasurer has no input in the status.

This measure failed on a Voice Vote

Original.:

ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any member in good standing may submit bylaw amendment proposals to an elected officer in person or by mail.

Section 2. A revision(s) must refer to the affected bylaw section and must be clear, concise and organized, complete with financial repercussions. If revision is submitted by mail, the author shall sign it.

Section 3. Revisions shall be transmitted to the general membership two (2) weeks prior to a regular monthly meeting where a majority vote will be required for adoption. The Base Commander shall inform all members of the proposed revision(s) via the meeting notice announcing time and place. Revision(s) adopted shall become effective at the close of the meeting.

Section 4. Charleston Base bylaws will be reviewed annually during the month of January or as required by the BOD. The Base Commander will appoint two (2) or more base members to assist him in conducting the review.

Proposed:

Section 3. **Revisions shall undergo a technical review by the Board of Directors to ensure the amendment is not of a frivolous nature and the wording is precise. Any recommended changes to the wording must be approved by the member submitting the amendment.** Revisions shall be transmitted to the general membership **at least** two (2) weeks prior to a regular monthly meeting **within two months of the original submission** where a majority vote will be required for adoption. The Base Commander shall inform all members of the proposed revision(s) via the meeting notice announcing time and place. Revision(s) adopted shall become effective at the close of the meeting.

There is no cost to the base of this amendment.

Justification: This provides timeliness in acting on ByLaw changes as well as a technical review by the BOD.

This measure passed on a voice vote.

Article XVII –Dissolution

Section 1

In the event the Charleston Base dissolves, all assets and monies will be donated to a non-profit organization as determined by the board of Directors.

This Article is not in accordance with Charleston Base Bylaw Article III, Section 1 which states that the Charleston Base shall adopt no policy in conflict with the laws and practices of the United States Government or with the National Constitution and Bylaws of the USSVI.

Per the UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC CONSTITUTION

Article XVI Dissolution Article 3

In the event of a Base, District or regional Dissolution, all assets and monies of the same shall be turned over to the National Senior Vice Commander.

Recommended that XVII Dissolution section 1.Be reviewed to read: In the event the Charleston Base Dissolves, all assets and monies of the same be turned over to the National Senior Vice Commander.

Proposed ByLaw change from Ed Stank This was seconded by Rick Wise

This measure failed on a voice vote.

New Business:

Good of the Order: We received \$200.00 from the Abel Jenkins family and it was donated to the Scholarship fund.

SUB Ball Tickets were donated by the weapons station and were raffled off with all proceeds going to the Scholarship fund.

Rick Wise won 2 for \$95.00

Herb Anderson won 2 for \$61.00

Larry Knutson won 2 for \$70.00

Ken Hutchison won 2 for \$70.00

Edgel Hash won one for \$40.00

Rick Sparger won one for 20.00

There were Five Dolphin Coins auctioned off as well

Ken Curtis won the first for \$25.00

Dan Hunt won the second for \$35.00

Larry Knutson won the third for \$25.00

Rick Carlson won the fourth for \$25.00

Rick Sparger won the fifth for \$30.00

The After Battery: the annual Hog roast is April 2nd.

Nuclear Historian: Rick Carlson reported:

The New Nuclear Navy Chief

Last night, some of our Shipmates and I went to a Gentleman's Club.

A Lieutenant wanted to impress the rest of us, so he pulls out a \$10 bill.

When the dancer came over to us, the Lieutenant licked the \$10 bill and stuck it to her butt cheek!

Not to be outdone, the Commander pulls out a \$20 bill.

He calls the girl back over, licks the \$20 bill, and sticks it to her other butt cheek.

In another attempt to impress the rest of us, the Chief Of The Boat pulls out a \$50 bill and calls the girl over, and licks the bill. The NUC Chief was worried about the way things were going, but fortunately the COB just stuck it to one of her butt cheeks, again.

Seeing the way things were going, the girl gyrates over to the New Nuc Chief! Now everyone's attention is focused on him , and the girl's egging him on to try to top the \$50.

What could he do?

Then the NUC in the Chief took over! He pulled out his ATM card, swiped it down the crack of her butt, grabbed the \$80 bucks, and went to the bar.

Fleet reserve drawing was won by Rich Alkire

The depth charge was won by Marty Sessler.

Benediction: Chaplain Nick Nichols gave the benediction.

Meeting Adjourned: Following the benediction by Nick Nichols, the Base Commander adjourned the meeting at 2042.