

USSVI Charleston Base Meeting Minutes

11 May 2017

The attendance for the March 2017 meeting was 82 members.

Opening Ceremonies: The meeting was called to order by Base Commander Rick Wise. A quorum was present and the meeting started at 1858. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Invocation and the Tolling of the Boats lost in May was given by Interim Base Chaplain Rick Sparger. The USSVI Creed was read by Base Secretary Mike Ciesielko. Rick welcomed the members and guests to the meeting.

Introductions: The following introduced themselves at the meeting: RMCS (SS) Ronald Lamon, Qual Boat: USS Stonewall Jackson SSBN 634.

Secretary: Base Secretary Mike Ciesielko reported that the April 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. Rick Sparger made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Ed Stank.

Treasurer: Base Treasurer Mike Welch gave his 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

Chaplain:

Submarines Lost During the Month of May

USS LAGARTO (SS-371)	May 3, 1945 – 2 nd War patrol	Lost with All Hands – 86 Souls
USS SCORPION (SSN-589)	May 22, 1968 – returning from deployment	Lost with All Hands – 99 Souls
USS SQUALUS (SS-192)	May 23, 1939 – during test dive	33 survivors – 26 Souls Lost
USS STICKLEBACK (SS-415)	May 30, 1958 – under tow	NO LOSS OF LIFE

FOUR Boats and 211 Men Lost

May Report

Highlighted boat of the month:

USS STICKLEBACK SS-415 was lost on May 30, 1958 with no loss of life.

STICKLEBACK sank off Hawaii while under tow after collision with USS Silverstein (DE-534). The entire crew was taken off prior to sinking.

- **Connie Roup** passed away Sunday, April 2nd. Her memorial service was held on April 29th.
- **Stacy Power** is at NHC West Ashley Rm 108 while recovering from his time in the hospital.
- **Art Hance** is recovering from gall bladder surgery which he had this past Tuesday.
- **Steve Curry's** father, Mervil 'Hap' Curry, passed away in Kansas City.
- **Don Petersen** has been diagnosed with throat cancer and is having both chemo and radiation treatments.
- **Andrew Meadows**, Don's son, is scheduled to have a transplant on May 4th. Donnie's testing is complete and he is cleared to donate. Andrew must remain at Walter Reed for 2 months and a family member has to be there to ensure med compliance.
- **Barbara Lynn Curtis**, Ken and Barbara's daughter-in-law, had a kidney and pancreas transplant. She is now home and doing extremely well.

- **Lorraine Curtis**, Walt & Maureen's daughter, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and began chemo in early March.
- **Jim Loveday** is home with hospice care.
- **June Kennedy**, Bill's wife, is home recovering from her recent hip replacement.

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:

- Currently there are 6 ads on the Web site. I would like to encourage anyone that has a business to consider advertising through the base website and newsletter. The cost for an ad is \$25 for 12 months. If you would like to know more please see me or the Base Commander.
- Website is constantly updated.
- Make use of the EVENTS page on the Charleston Base website. All events that are put out to the membership via email will be listed and updated on the events page.

District Commander: Ed mentioned he will be visiting the Victory House Tuesday 16th May. Ed mentioned that people have go fund me accounts. If you want to donate check the website. Ed went to the District Commanders meeting and he took a great deal away from it.

Veterans Affairs: Reported that the Audiology Hours have been expanded Mon thru Saturday 8am to 6pm.

Holland Club: Bill Freligh reported that next month coins will be handed out to living Holland Club Members

Membership: Larry Knutson reported that there are now 301 members.

Kaps for Kids: Bill Kennedy reported that the Visit to the Shriners Hospital will be Tuesday August 15. There will be about 14 attending and around 50 Kids will be visited. Bill is asking for Coloring Books and Crayons to be donated at the June and July meeting. The Florence Hospital visit will be June 20th.

NPS Awards: Ray Sparks announced that the graduation will be next Friday 26 May. Meet at the exchange parking lot at 0800.

FRA:

Special Events: Rick reported that we will not be attending the Harleyville Parade.

Submarine Veterans of World War II: George Scharf reminded us we have 2 WWII vets attending tonight's meeting. George reported that the next Luncheon is at the FRA in June. We are going to have videos at the luncheon.

Scholarship: George reported that there are two people getting Scholarships.

Storekeeper: Ron Chambers had no report

CRAMA: No Report

Chief of the Boat: Make sure you bring coloring books and crayons to the next meeting. We will be hosting the Summerville Memorial Ceremony Monday 29th at 1030 muster at 1000

Base Commander: Little David will need another working party to be determined at a later date.

Old Business: None

New Business: Elections for Base Commander and Treasurer were held. Ralph Rhorsen was elected as Base Commander and Willy Williams was elected as base Treasurer. Marty Sessler Made a motion to accept them by acclamation and George Scharf seconded. They were passed on a voice vote unanimously

Good of the Order: Larry Rosselot has storage units and is offering 100 dollars per referral if you know someone who needs storage give them your name and tell them to see Larry.

The After Battery: Bhudda had nothing to report.

Nuclear Historian: Has Been Rick Carlson reported:

This a true Naval Experience:

Now this is no shit, while in an exotic foreign port, in a small establishment – next door to the young men’s Christian Science Reading Room.

I struck up a conversation with a bar maid, she was telling me about an African Doctor she had met, that promised she could enlarge her breast without surgery, he was Dr. Mubutu.

The Doctor advised her, every day after your shower, rub your chest and chant “Scooby, Doobie Doobies, I want bigger boobies.

She did this faithfully for several months and to her utter amazement, she grew to a terrific D-Cup Rack.

One morning she was running late, got on the bus, and in a panic realized she had forgotten the morning ritual. Frightened she might lose her lovely boobs if she didn’t recite the little rhyme, she stood right there in the middle aisle of the bus, closed her eyes and said scooby Doobie Doobies, I want bigger Boobies.

A guy sitting nearby looked at her and asked, are you a patient of Dr. Mubutu? Yes I am. How did you know? He winked and whispered “Hickory Dickory Dock!

In the event you didn’t know, a week ago last Saturday was Willie Nelson 83 Birthday.

As you know, Willie was/is a farmer. But he only grows weed and Bio-Fuel for his bus.

That is why his farm aid concerts were so popular.

Will is also a poet. Here is my favorite “I have outlived my pecker”.

My nookie days are over, my pilot light is out, what used to be my pride and joy, is now my water spout.

Time was when, on its own accord, from my trousers it would spring. But now I’ve got a full time job. To find the Friggin thing.

I used to be embarrassed. The way it would behave. For every single morning. It would stand and watch me shave.

Now as old age approaches, it sure gives me the blues. To see it hang its little head, and watch me tie my shoes

Mike Ciesielko announced that the Charleston Base Gun club will have a shooting Therapy session Saturday Morning Meet at the FRA at 0815

The red FRA ticket was won by Ken Curtis.

The depth charge was won by Larry Cox

Benediction: Interim Chaplain Rick Sparger gave the benediction.

Meeting Adjourned: Following the benediction by Rick Sparger, the Base Commander adjourned the meeting at 2005.