

Charleston, South Carolina, Sub Vets news letter and Minutes

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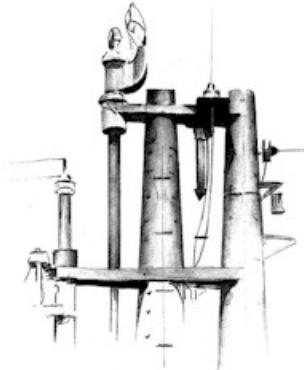
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Eternally grateful for those who preceded us and laid down their lives for our country, United States Submarines Veterans Incorporated, Charleston, South Carolina Base.

Attention on Deck! Base Commander Steve Nelms called the meeting to order. Let us pledge our allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Base Meeting:

Thursday, June 10 2004. Social hour & board of directors Meeting, held @ 1830 General meeting @1900.

Location:

VFW Post: 3433 @ 10154 Bellwright Rd." Off Hwy 78", Summerville, South, Carolina. Phone 843-871-0607

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Base Chaplin, Bill Kennedy

Opening prayer: Lord, be with us tonight as we gather in comradeship, fellowship and friendship. Help us make the right decisions, as the night grows longer. Be with our leaders and direct there wisdom and words to work in your way. Amen

Moment of silent prayer, the Tolling of the bell for those lost on patrol.

The final Patrol



Lord, this departed shipmate with dolphins on his chest is part of an outfit known as the best. Make him welcome and take him by the hand. You'll find without a doubt he was the best in all the land. So, heavenly Father, add his name to the roll of our departed ship mates still on patrol.

Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memories alive.

June Subs Lost

Hearing (SS-233) 1 June, 1944
Gudgeon (SS-211) 7 June 1944
R-12 (SS-89) June 12, 1943
Gulet (SS-361) June 14, 1944
Bonefish (SS-223) June 18, 1944
S-27 (SS-132) June 19, 1942

USSVI Creed

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their 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 Government

Cob

The board was polled; Base Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary Treasurer present. "We have a "Quorum"

Minutes of the May 13th meeting

Base Commander:

Good evening; new people will you introduce your selves: Jack Dunkin, "visiting from the Mare Island Base" Walter Up Church, Al Katon and Jack Marrow from the Main base, welcome aboard!

Vice Commander

Covered the district four conference in Jacksonville Florida, our bid for the next convention in Charleston was shot down, we were out voted by 20 to 27, the Mississippi base had more members attending, it was ironic we had a good presentation and a lot of work went into it and they had no presentation but they had the **people** there. The question was brought up for the 2006 convention if we were interested, Keith referred it would have to be brought up the members and voted on.

Article written to the American submariner magazine about Admiral Ozz it was important to get an accurate article about the Admiral, they apologized and said they got it off the internet and if they plagiarized something, they were sorry that they just got it off the internet, but the will publish the article I wrote on both the Admiral and the Hunley.

Hunley information, we have two lists one for a patch that the Aiken base has come up with "CSS Hunley Pallbearer" Base in Florida has golf shirts with the same data, let Keith know what size and how many.

Base Treasurer

Yes we have money.

Base Secretary

Motion to accept the minutes made and seconded

Cob

Convention in Florida some of the inputs: one of the bases in Florida for one of their members who had no family had died, the base made all the arrangements and had the funeral for him, they also bought a trumpet that plays taps electronically, this shows that we must follow and keep tabs on some of our older members especially the ones with no family. Tour at St Mary's museum, they have two books on Submarines also on CD's I'll research them and give you the details in the next news letter. Also! I would like to commend Roger and Rick on their little David diet on a hot day, works pretty good.

Public affairs officer

Richard Cleve, the web site is up and running with new pictures, I will be changing the web site a little to encompass all the new pictures there are hundreds and they will be put in the annex and the latest on the web site itself and a rare photo with Jim Eckles using a Vacuum cleaner with both hands. Another item discussed our roster on the web site with a security code, this will be discussed further. Base Commander, we need to talk about this anyway we are coming up with a phone tree but as everything else it will have to be updated with in a couple of weeks. "Some people don't want their names to be out there" and we understand that!

Sub-vets WWII, Barnwell Chaplin.



Next meeting is June the 17th 2004 at Ryan's in Summerville, the third Thursday in June. The bench at the cold war memorial the 600 dollars has been paid from the WW11 Subvets. Discussion on combining the Swamp Fox Chapter with the USSVI chapter "Vice Commander" bases are doing this now due to the age of the members" the swamp Fox chapter

has only thirty eight (38) members in the whole state of South Carolina. The average members that attend our meetings are four to six. Base Commander, Mac brought a copy of a letter discussing this issue, we will read and go over it. Barnwell discussed a book he was reading talked about a sub going through a mine field during war time, we laugh about it now but it wasn't funny then.

Chaplain

Submarine ball, for those who weren't there we had a good time and the guest speaker who was making Admiral gave a nice speech and recognized everyone there, a good time was had by all.

Sick people, I saw Ed Simokat wife at church and asked her how he was; she didn't know I've been out of town. So I guess he is all right. Sent a card to Tom Antos who is in MUSC with Leukemia, author O' Mealy has been under chemo treatment and on the way to recovers, George Lisle who is undergoing treatments said he feel good, and last our shipmate Jerry Farr has lost his wife a couple weeks ago our sympathy to you and your family on your loss. If anybody knows of anyone who is sick so we can get them a card, Stacy said Sy Mabie has prostate cancer keep him in your prayers. He is out of the hospital had the atomic beads treatment and is home.

Jerry Madison is in Washington DC getting a Cancer treatment; it is some new procedure they are trying.

Base Commanders Wife, question was brought up how she was doing, she will be going to surgery this Monday, and question was brought up what was wrong with her, "her neck was sore" this brought a good laugh "this is the first time I have seen the base commander **BLUSH!** She has a bad disc in her neck, and has to get an insert put in to relieve the pressure.

Base Commander:

Thank you cards, from Jerry Farr, Admiral Ozz Daughter, thanking us for the flowers and cards and support.

Special thanks to Jim Eckles for the support he gave the Admiral taking him places for years, again thank you.

Little David

The boat is done! Jerry Stafford from Santee Cooper, Anna from the Berkeley Independent, Shonda (Berkeley museum) and a lady from the News and currier were there when we were

putting on the spar and the war head on, they will write up an article in their respective papers. Santee Cooper along with the museum have a pretty big "Due" planned for the return of the CSS David, the problem not sure of the dates, it may be in June or the 3rd of July, they will let us know, this will be great occasion along with the news media and senator Mc Connell as they break for the summer so he can speak and tie in the Hunley, this will give them more press coverage with it. Jerry Stafford asked Steve to thank everyone who participated there are so many guys who put a lot of work in this project, but one individual stands out "**Vernon**

Freshour" with out him we would have been a bunch of grumpy, thirsty and hungry individuals, he cooked, stocked and made sure we went for nothing, **WE THANK YOU !** And yes Staves two dogs gained 10 pounds.

Special note;

The other day when we were closing out Little David and the news media was there, there were around twenty five of us there, and we were scattered all over the place, well as soon as the ladies come into the barn all twenty five subvets were instantly transformed into the area where the girls and everyone has a sea story to tell them, then during lunch Jim Eckles started singing to them, sort of reminds me of the old days right.

No Neck, made a comment about Jim Eckles buying him a beer. (This was about friendship)

Pictures on Little David

If you took any pictures while we were working on it please get them to Richard Cleve or Roger, we are trying to make up two album's one for us and one for the museum.

Sailing list, please note that some of you have not listed you rate, so up date the sailing, after next month if this is not done you will be automatically be come a "Torpedo man"

No: Jim the floor is not open!

Letter from Senator Mc Connell giving us thanks for our participation in the Hunley Funeral/Burial, this was read to the members.

Old business

Rodney, bench for the Cold War memorial, WW11 and Subvets USSVI along with the Admiral name this was discussed to the members, a drawing of how it will look was passed around to the members, motion to accept as shown this was seconded and passed by the members present.

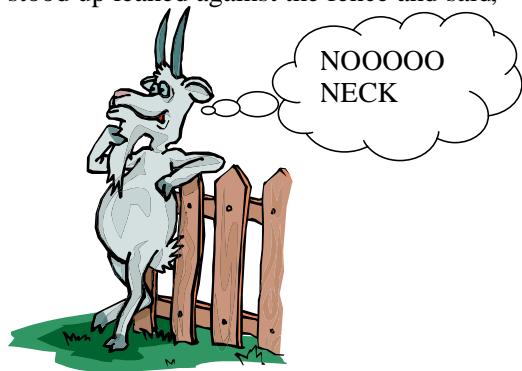
A discussion followed, there seemed to be misunderstanding on the patch's but this was resolved, it stands as voted on!

Quarterly Function

An other alternative to this is to have it to the River dogs base ball stadium, there are groups rates for over 25 or more, and we are allowed to barbecue in the picnic area, prices 12-16 dollars per person, the coconscious is to discuss this further, Stacy is still on board for the picnic, further discussion from Mike that the week end after our next meeting so our wives can see the little David before it goes back to the museum this would be June 12th we will work on that.

New Business

Chaplain, when he was out at the Farm at Steve's to check out the Little David to see how it looked, when he got out of his truck the first thing that caught hi eye was the two goats running toward me I was scared at first, then one stood up leaned against the fence and said,



Dave Muller "No Neck" said I can't believe the **Chaplain** would say that!

Back to business, when our shipmates are sick or in need it would be nice to be able to help each other out, such as being there for them is one of the most important thing we can do, we need to address this, a phone call or a card. This is going to cost us some money for flowers and cards, it is always nice to see a friendly face in the funeral home, sometimes just a pair of dolphins that would show up this would be nice the personal visit, something to show our presence, what I'm looking for are these guidelines, Hospital visit and flowers around 25 dollars, funerals around fifty dollars.

This includes spouses and children; question was brought up if we had a Discretionary fund? Motion to make a fund of 100 dollars, this was seconded and passed.

The subject of torpedo men and PMS, from the after torpedo room a voice was heard to say, "Only nukes have PMS" is this a Quote?

Memorial and Veterans Day list to help out, we are on the list for 2010 for Memorial Day, and 20006 for Veterans Day, we are asked to give 25 dollars this year to help cover the cost of food served at the VFW post for both these functions. Motion was made to accept and was seconded.

Mike, the float chairman brought up for discussion that Buddha has been real nice to us in giving us a place to gather, drink beer and so forth, we store our float there also, we need to do some more work on the trailer by cutting down the stanchions to make it easier to get down the drive, also raise the float to show it off better, we also need a better place to store it, it is parked out side in the weather, Buddha has a small pole barn that need a couple of poles and a better roof.

Discussion; a motion was made to compensate Buddha for the cost to complete this task and a motion was on the floor to go ahead with this project, the base commander said we will research the cost first then bring it to the members.

Mike discussion about the various base's along the eastern seaboard, he stopped at one in Richmond Virginia and had a good time it was a real big base 8 people but still had a good time and you meet a lot of nice people, happy hour at Hooters also, but this base would have people stand up and introduce them selves by table, maybe we need to do that at our base.

The proposal is this; one table will stand up and introduce themselves.

Elections

Stan, the slate of officers is the following, base commander, Steve Nelms, Vice Chairman Keith Schnebel, treasurer George Lisle and the new secretary is Jerry Stout, the vote of acclimation for the incumbents by all member's

Good of the order

Jim Eckles told a story again about a torpedo man.

Ed Simokat, story about Jim (again) on one of his change of orders, Good job Ed.

Skip Moore, from Goose Creek introduced himself to the members, been on a lot of Subs.

Store keeper "Curley"

Has more information on the garrison hats and a price is 28 dollars.



“Benediction” Base Chaplin, Bill Kennedy”

Thank you, God for being with us during our meeting. Please watch over all submarine veterans. As we leave this meeting tonight guide our hearts and minds to perform your task and let us remember you in our daily lives. Please take a moment of silence to remember those that have gone before us and those that are onboard the boats and away from their families now serving as we have served. Amen

**** End of the minutes for June 2004 ****

Depth charge drawing, who won?

Remember shipmates, kick in some monies for the food and clean up your mess, your mom doesn't work here!

Notes from the editor

Little David, looks like the pick up will be **July 2, 2004** that's on a Friday, we will need some help to remove the spar and stack for transport to the museum, there it will be dressed up by the staff, we are not sure if the spar will be put on for the parade, but the stack has to be put back on it will depend if they or how it is put on the lowboy. On the Saturday we will have our float there for the parade and we will be in line behind Little David after the parade we will go back to the museum and our float will be there for display. The unveiling of the David will be at some time in the afternoon after they get it on its foundation as we get more information we will pass it on to you. There will be a lot of people there and as said there will be a special unveiling with speech from Senator Mc Connell. Refreshments will follow.

Picnic on the 12th of June at Buddha's Ranch,

On line voting for National

Listen up; you must **register by June 15th** to be able to vote !

Sub-Vets Online Voting Registration now available

Dear USSVI Sub-Vet:

USSVI National elections are approaching and this year we're offering on-line voting. *No more paper or stamps!* The on-line ballot will be virtually identical to the paper ballot, but the choice is yours.

We hope you will choose to vote online because each paper ballot we don't have to print and mail saves our USSVI approx 75 cents for printing and postage. USSVI has over 6,000 members with email, so the potential savings is enormous.

[Click to choose On-line or mailed paper ballot here](#)

If the link above does not work for you, copy and paste the following URL directly into your browser:

<http://wwwsubmarinesailor.com/ussvi/email2/long.asp>

There are some very important proposed amendments on the ballot this year which, if approved, can save our organization significant annual expense. We need your support!

In mid July you will receive another email directing you to the 'online' voting booth.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you are one of 'those guys' who doesn't vote no matter what, please register for 'online voting' anyway so at least USSVI is saved the expense of printing and mailing a wasted ballot.

Anyone choosing the 'online voting' option will not receive a mailed ballot. Thank you for helping reduce expenses in USSVI.

When you enter your voting choice, please also verify your address information. If we don't have your correct address, you won't receive your copy of AMERICAN SUBMARINER.

Fraternally,

Patrick Householder, Nat'l Secretary
US Submarine Veterans Inc

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Cob input

The following email is for anyone interested in joining the International Submariners Association. If you want to join, send the requested info and money to Fred Wagner.

Hi Gents.

I understand from John Markewitz that you are interested in this organization (ISA). Basically we are dedicated to the honoring of ALL submariners that have perished and the comradeship of being a member of this unique organization and the common hazards that we have shared.

The annual dues are \$5 per year or \$25 for life (no age restrictions). We hold a meeting once a year, so far all in Europe--but we are pushing for one in the USA.

This year we will meet in Odessa, Ukraine (May 14-May 17) Next year - Argentina - Poland after that - -then St. Petersburg, Russia, and then France. Of course, all of the projected schedules are subject to change.

If you are interested, send me the dues amount you would like (life or annual) and I will send your membership card. Also, I would like to have your homes address, Tel Nr., Boats served aboard (and years).

Sincerely,

Fred D. Wagner (208) 939-6495
Sec/Treasure ISA/USA
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Boise, Idaho 83714

The little David is 99.9% complete and Santee Cooper will be picking her up on July 2nd. There will be a parade in Moncks Corner on July 3rd. We have been asked to participate with our float to be inline with the Little David. Following the parade, the Little David will be placed on a new foundation at the Berkley Museum at the Canal Park. Make plans to attend if you are going to be here over the 4th. All the local papers have had articles giving us praise for the restoration.

Picnic

Remember the **Picnic Saturday 12 June 2004**, we will have hamburger's hot dogs and barbecue the bread and rolls, the beer and soft drinks, all you have to do is bring a covered dish and a lawn chair the time will probably be around three or four for a start time and we will probably need a lot of ice!

Continue Praying for our troops Lord Keep them out of harms way be with them always send your angel's to watch over them.



For our fallen Soldiers and Marines and Airmen thank you for you sacrifice, you laid down your lives for us that we may have peace what greater gift is there then one to give his life that we may live.

**Thank you and God bless our President.
"Birthdays"**



Happy Birthday to Mc Collum, Murphy, Suddeth and Smith

Cobs reminder



Next Meeting, June 10th VFW post in Summerville, see you there



Little David the start



The finish