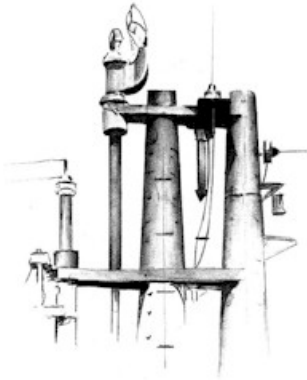


Charleston, South Carolina, Sub Vets news letter and Minutes

July 2004

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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.

Base Meeting:

Thursday, July 8 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

<u>Base Officers</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
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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 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



Samuel Gerard

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.

July Subs Lost
S-28 (SS-133) July 4, 1944
Robalo (SS-273) July 26, 1944

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:

Polled the board! "We have a "Quorum;" Base Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary and Treasurer present.

Minutes of the June 10th meeting

USSVI CHARLESTON BASE
Thursday, June 10, 2004
Regular Meeting, 1900 hours

Base Commander – Steven Nelms Presiding

Members Participating Members Absent

Keith Schnebel	None
Jerry Stout	
George Lyle	

USSVI Staff

Bill Roberts (Cob)
Roger Gibson
Bill Kennedy

Call to Order.

Commander Steven Nelms called the meeting to order at 1900 hours and welcomed the following guests: Jim Lord, David Hendrix and Terry Trump.

Subvets WWII

Next meeting scheduled for 17 June 2004 at Ryan's Steak House, Summerville, SC

Chaplain

Several members remembered by Bill Kennedy for needing our concern and prayers during surgery and recovery.

A moment of silence was offered for Former President Ronald Reagan.

Treasury

Checking Account

Monies and checking account were discussed by George Lyle.

Secretary

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the may Meeting.

COB

Email voting for National, registration must be complete this week. A Saturday Working Party is scheduled for the picnic. Stacy is In Charge.

Base Commander

Vests are not ready for purchase. Dolphin Ties are on order. Your Mom does not work here and please tip the ladies who provide the snacks and party favors.

Voting will occur with national in the next month. Ensure your vote counts. Currently there are 140 paid members. Last year only 18% voted.

Dues for national will be going up on 1 Jan 2005. Consider going Life membership prior to that time.

Base Picnic scheduled for this Saturday @ 1400, Be there.

Little David plans are coming together quickly. A parade is scheduled along with a formal reception for all members that worked on the replica. Buddha appreciates the cleanliness of the barn.

Introduction of current members

Mac McCollum, Bobby Lowe, Lee Allison, Stacy Power and Jeff Lord introduced themselves in a new tradition at USSVI

New Business

Recruiting was discussed in order to drive membership to 200 paid members.

Working Party is scheduled for the picnic, Stacy is In Charge.

Good of the Order

Roger Gibson recognized for his services as Secretary.
Ed Simokat will research additional jokes..
The COB is retiring from his duties with USSVI. A replacement is needed
Sign the log. The next meeting will be July 8th.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned

Benediction by the Chaplain

Jerry Stout Base Secretary

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

Chief of the Boat



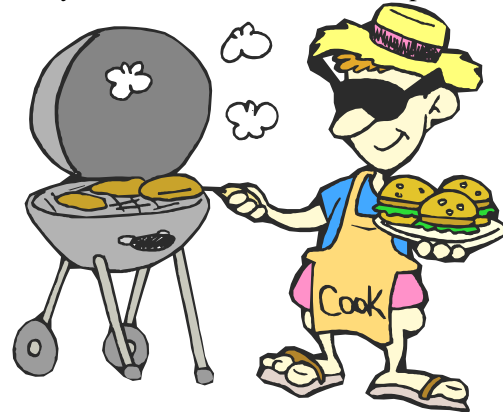
For those who were not at the last meeting **I am resigning as COB at the end of July**. Becky is going to (?) retire the end of July and we are planning on traveling for awhile. I think it only fair to have someone that will be around more than I am planning on. I also learned on the Little David that my joints don't bend as well. It took me a long time to get down in her and then out. I also keep forgetting to do my most important job at the meetings, taking the officer roll call.

We need a little new blood to come up with ideas as to what we do as a group. Please let Buddha know if you are the least bit interested. I know it's a hard job but someone has to try and keep the Base Commander going in a straight line.

Please Vote! It is important that your voice be heard. Also review the upcoming change to National Dues that take effect 1 January 2005.

Ships picnic

The picnic was a success!! The shipmates from the Aiken base showed up and had a great time, our thanks to Stacy for getting things set up and to Lee Allison and Stacy for cooking, again thank you. **Special thanks to Guido Allegretto** for donating the hamburger and Dogs, and everyone else who worked on this picnic.



Remember shipmates **Guido has a meat market** just outside of St George and his prices are far better than the local super stores and "Fresh"



Guido

Notes from the editor!

“The American submariner 2004-02” page 13 and 14, read the proposed amendments and understand what you are voting to “change”, if you don’t understand we can discuss this at our meeting.

Dues, listen up! They are due prior to January 1st of each year.

Information was also sent out on the newsletter and emails on the changes on dues, **National** has given you a **window to get in** before next January 1st 2005 for **life membership only**, and we are talking about a 150% raise read pages 10-11 under **“membership dues to increase”**

Age 45 and younger \$500
Age 46-55-\$400
Age 56-65-\$300
Age 66-75-\$200
Age 76 and older \$100

Normal dues, listen up!

They have gone up to **\$20** per year, **\$55** for three years or **\$90** for five years, existing and new members if you are not life members even if you pay early they are **“Still \$20 per year” Read and heed!**

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 your 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:

Bognar, Cowman, Deal, Fledderjohn, Kennedy, Madison, Menefee, Simpo, Yates, Stuffle, Strukely, Stuffle, Stoll, Petersen, Freshour, Dash, , Menefee, Kennedy,

Cobs reminder



Next Meeting, **July 8th** VFW post in Summerville, see you there.

Chaplain

Sick list and Chaplains report, Mike Stuffle in hospital with heart problems, keep him in your prayers

What a picnic! Hot food with cold drinks and Hot weather what else would you want, Thanks Steve.

A few notes if you would, Rick Wise brother died right before the picnic. Larry Sims has had foot surgery and is at home. ED the torpedo/man had eye surgery and is doing fine at home. Finally Mike Stuffle has had some leg problems and was going home the last time I talked to him. Keep our shipmates in your prayers it doesn’t cost anything but the rewards are great. I Will be on vacation for a while Roger will stand in for me. Have a safe and happy fourth and take care.

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

Steering committee

We need to have a steering committee meet at least once a Quarter to discuss up coming events for the following Quarter and discuss up coming functions such as parties and other vents which come up from time to time. Anyone who brings up at item at the meeting that requires research and discussion the steering committee will look into it and bring recommendations to the next meeting, present those recommendations to all hands, then everyone can vote on it! This will be much easier then holding long discussions at the meetings. I would like the following people to be on this committee: all elected officers, chief of the boat, Stacy power, Jim Eckles, Bill Freligh, Vern Freshour Gerry Selmer, Jim Yates and Elvin Standrich anyone else who wish's to be a part of this committee let me know

V/R Base commander

Working party at the Nelms ranch on June 30, 2004 we had a good turn out and managed to get the area cleaned up where we are going to store the float, the area is staked and marked and waiting for the boom truck with the drilling attachment so we can set the poles, we only had one snake encounter "Vern" didn't notice it as it slid across his foot, I did!

During one of our breaks a group of us discussed who we should we have to replace the Chief of the Boat, No Neck volunteered to take the job with no hesitation the base Commander assigned this task to **Dave Muller** "No Neck"

Our new Cob is Dave Muller, TMC (SS)

If you have anything to swap trade or sell let me know before the next news letter so I can get it in the paper.

I also want to start a column and call it "My most embarrassing moments" I know some of you have a good story to tell, so let me know what you think, I heard a couple good ones today and I never laughed so hard in a long time so lets share these stories, but I need you to send it to me so they wont get distorted.

Roger
