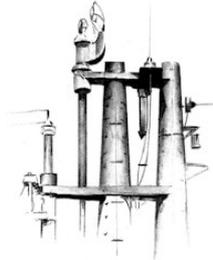


# Charleston, South Carolina, Sub Vets news letter and Minutes August 2004

## UP PERISCOPE



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, August 12 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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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**



Opened base meeting with a prayer:

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.

### August Subs Lost:

**Bullhead (SS-332) August 6, 1945. Flier (SS-250) August 13, 1944. Grunion (SS-144) August 16 1942. S-39 (SS-144), August 16, 1942. Harder (SS-257) August 24, 1944. Pompano (SS-181) August 29, 1943.**

### 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. Treasurer!  
Absent.

### Minutes of the July 8th meeting

*USSVI CHARLESTON BASE, Thursday, July 8, 2004*

**Base Commander – Steven Nelms call to order.**

**OFFICIAL, COB'S RELIEF TMC (SS) David Mueller (Neck) has officially taken over as COB.**

**INTRODUCTIONS New persons introduced including Bob Meyers, George Steele. Welcome aboard.**

**TREASURY REPORT Not present**

**SECRETARY REPORT Minutes approved as written.**

**COB REPORT, Bob Kotzke is in the Summerville Medical Center. Visitors are limited. Remember him in your prayers. Ed Simokat had eye surgery. Larry Sims had foot surgery and Rick Wise brother passed away recently.**

**RAFFLE**, Emerson made motion and seconded by Keith Schnabel to raffle off a Mirror at next meeting.

**STOREKEEPER** See Curly to purchase Dolphin Neckties.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**\*\* Stacy Power spoke about the added benefits of belonging to the VFW. See Stacy or Curley for information.**

**SUBVET OF WWII** The next meeting is 19 August at Ryan's Steakhouse. All are invited.

**\*\* Razorback will return to Little Rock, Arkansas on 18 JUL 2004.**

**\*\* 2005 Convention is scheduled for district 4 at Biloxi, MS**

**\*\* Harleysville Parade scheduled for 28 AUG 2004. Lineup is 0930 and the parade starts at 1100. All are invited to attend.**

**\*\* Steering Committee scheduled. All are required to attend.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**\*\* Richard Cleve reported on the coverage of the Little David that is present on the USSVICB Web Site. All are encouraged to review.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

***Jerry Stout, base secretary.***

**\*\* End of the minutes for July, 2004 \*\***



**"Benediction" Base Chaplin, Bill Kennedy"** Roger in his absence

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, Amen.

**Notes from! Base Commander, Cob and the editor,** the next few months we will have various functions, the first will be in;

**August the 28<sup>th</sup>** the see saw parade in Harleyville, line up at 10 then the parade at 11, and yes we can throw candy,

**September** is our National Submarine Convention and Boat Reunions  
**Saratoga Springs, New York**  
**September 14-19, 2004**

**October or November,** oyster roast the time and date to follow.

**November 11, 2004** Veterans Day parade and functions, time and where we will meet will be following.

**December;** various parades, date and locations will be put out.

**Christmas Party!** When and where and location will be will be determined.

## **Sub-vets WWII, Barnwell Chaplin.**



Lee Allison for Barnwell, reminder August 19<sup>th</sup> at Ryan's at 1200.

### **Cob input**



**I accept the "COB" position and look forward to it. This wouldn't have been possible without the strong backing from James Eckles (HAR) (HAR). I appreciate all the info I received from Bill Roberts on the turnover except that he failed to tell me #2, Sanitary was full and coming out the deck drains in the "back battery head". Oh well my first "by the way". Some things never change.**

**TM Bob Kotzke is out of the hospital and at home and is doing better. He really appreciated the card and the prayers and expressed his thanks to everyone. We can't wait to get him back on the working party list. The Torpedo Room head needs scouring. We miss you Bob.**

**I voted online and it was pretty fast and simple. There have been numerous changes as well as the mistake on the paper ballot as was noted at the last meeting. Now you can also vote online even if you received a paper ballot and did NOT previously register. If you want to vote online do the following:**

- 1. Go to the national web page**
- 2. Click on "all online documents"**
- 3. Click on "national voting here"**
- 4. Click on "election 2004" and vote**

**We have a fall project to build a cover over the Thresher at Buddha's and we will be needing lumber. So if anybody has any contacts where we can procure (cumshaw) lumber for free or at a discount. Let me know.**

**God Bless and may all your Grandkids be TORPEDOMEN, "Neck"**

### **Sick list, base Chaplain**

John Nichols, who is home and recovered from Gall Bladder operation, Robert Kotzke who has been fighting a long term illness, keep him in your prayers and Gary Semler wife who has lost her Mother our prayers and heart felt sympathy are with your family.

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 than one to give his life that we may live.

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

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*Inputs from Robert Hopkins*

**Little known facts about Submarine History,** From *Polaris* magazine Editor! Bill Wolfe.

The first Japanese casualty to American arms during WW-II was an aircraft shot down on Dec. 7th, 1941 by the *Tautog*.

The first submarine force casualty suffered in WW-II was G. A. Myers, Seaman 2, shot through the right lung when *Cachalot* was strafed during the Pearl Harbor raid.

The first "live" torpedoes to be fired by a Pearl Harbor submarine was fired by the *Triton* (Lent), 4 stern tubes fired on the night of Dec. 10, 1941.

The first Pearl Harbor boat to be depth charged was the *Plunger* (White) on Jan. 4, 1942 - 24 charges.

The first "down the throat" shot was fired by *Pompano* on Jan. 17, 1942.

The first Japanese warship to be sunk was torpedoed by *Gudgeon* (Grenfell) at 9 AM on Jan. 27, 1942, the IJN I-173 (SS).

The first major Japanese warship lost to submarines during WW-II was the heavy cruiser *Kako* which fell victim to *S-44 Moore* on Aug. 10, 1942.

The first submarine to fire on a battleship was *Flying Fish* (Donaho) Sept. 1942, damaging a Kongo class BB.

The first submarine to fire on an aircraft carrier was *Trout* (Ramage), Damaging *Taiyo*, August 28, 1942.

The first Japanese ship to be sunk by gunfire was by *Triton* (Kirkpatrick), near Marcus Island on Feb. 17, 1942. At the time, Kirkpatrick was the youngest skipper to get command at Pearl.

#### **From our District 4 commander Blado;**

Morning Guys, the Voting in D-4 in 2003, for the National was great. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. It is that time of year again and I calling on all the Base Commanders to take the extra time and get with your Members to check to see if they have Voted . You should remind them that this is THEIR Organization and it can only run smoothly if they contribute to the cause. Let's have another or better showing for the 2004 voting. Thanks Dennis D-4

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Just a reminder that our **voting record for last year was not good** out of a 150 + members **only 17** voted I hope it is better than that for this year!

## "Birthdays"



Happy birthday to Wise, Rigg, Nelms, Mulkey, Lowman, La rose, Kotzke, Kirby, Irving, Hutchinson, Graff, Gawronski, Freligh, Davis, Cleeve and Lee Allison.

## Cobs reminder



**Next Meeting, August 12<sup>th</sup> at the VFW post in Summerville, see you there**

**Dues**, regular member dues are 20 for national, 15 for local base dues regardless. When you pay them, **please** pay before January, 2005. If you want to pay National life before they double/triple you can pay them "Prior" to January 2005. If you wait to 2005 to join life National they are double or Triple what they are now, this is a good opportunity to join life National.

**Example:** this year (2004) age 65 is \$50 for life, next year (2005) age 56-65 is \$300, age 66-75 is \$200, and you do the math. Get in before **January 2005**, or pay the new price, I can't make it any plainer then that!

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Items for sale or items for a garage sale to help the subvets raise some monies to help the community so far all I have is a "set of aching bones from our ex-cob Bill Roberts" well if you add mine to that we might get 5 cents between both of us (Ha).

We are still looking for wood/or donations toward the roofing needed to protect our sub; we have the poles, as the Cob said keep your eyes open and don't ask Eckles how to install the poles or you will hear an-other story.

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## Casino Night

There will be a casino night at Buddha's place, mid to the end of August. Purpose is to make a little money for the subvets. We will let you know the date at the meeting. Anyone interested let me know at the meeting. There will be poker games and black jack, anyone who wants to play acey-ducky cribbage, pinochle and ect. is welcome. Really just a good excuse, to get together and drink beer! You can also bring outside people as long as you know them well they must understand what they see and what they hear here what happens here stay's here.

**A redneck ENC (SS)**, a sheep, and a dog were survivors of a shipwreck. They found themselves stranded on a deserted island.

After being there a while, they got into the habit of going to the beach every evening to watch the sun set. One particular evening, the sky was a fiery red, with beautiful cirrus clouds, the breeze was warm and gentle; a perfect night for romance. As they sat there, the sheep started looking better and better to the redneck.

Soon, he leaned over to the sheep and put his arm around it, but the dog got jealous and began growling fiercely until the ENC (SS) redneck took his arm from around the sheep. After that, the three of them continued to enjoy the sunsets together but there was no more cuddling.

A few weeks passed by, and lo and behold, there was another shipwreck. The only survivor was a beautiful young woman, the most beautiful woman the redneck had ever seen. She was in a pretty bad way when they rescued her, but they slowly nursed her back to health.

When the young maiden was well enough, they introduced her to their evening beach ritual. It was another beautiful evening; red sky, cirrus clouds, a warm and gentle breeze--perfect for a night of romance. Pretty soon, the redneck started to get "those feelings" again.

He fought them as long as he could, but he finally gave in and leaned over to the young woman, cautiously, and whispered in her ear...

"Would you mind taking the dog for a walk?"

End

We still have some Dinks; if you don't know who you are call Jerry Stout the base secretary

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