

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



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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.

**September Subs Lost** USS Grayling (SS-209), 30 September, 1943. USS Cisco (SS-290) September, 28, 1943. **Remember September 11, 2001, Attack on America.**

### **USSVI Creed**

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**Cob:**

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

***Minutes of the August 12th meeting 2004***

*USSVI CHARLESTON BASE, Thursday, August 12, 2004*

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

**INTRODUCTIONS** New persons introduced including Dale Pressley, George McCoy, George Cage, Pedro Casio, Carmon Webb, and Jim Palmer. Welcome aboard.

**TREASURY REPORT** Financial report given. Details are not disclosed.

**SECRETARY REPORT** Minutes approved as written.

**STOREKEEPER REPORT** Curly has several items from Ron Martini. See Curly for details.

**CHAPLIN REPORT**, Bob Kotzke was released from the Summerville Medical Center. Remember him in your prayers. Jerry Madison has been making trips to Bethesda, MD for treatments.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**, The WEB Site is up and running. The Cold War Memorial was the host to the tolling of the boats. There was an excellent turnout for the ceremony and all whom attended are thanked for their participation.

**COB REPORT** The Christmas Party is scheduled for 11 December 2004. We will need volunteers to help.

**STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT** The committee met at Buddha's and discussed several topics. The James B. Osborn Memorial Scholarship was discussed and approved. A challenge was made and over \$500.00 was collected that will put toward this scholarship.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**\*\* Buddha's will have the Little David Mirror to auction next meeting.**

**\*\* SUBVET OF WWII All members of USSVICB is eligible to join the WWII group.**

**\*\* Oyster Roast can be held Oct/Nov 2004. A good time for the event would be 14 Oct – 30 Nov. Give some more input at next meeting.**

**\*\* Jaime Clayton was inducted as an Honorary Member of USSVI. A Certificate was presented in recognition of the welding services that he provided during the Little David Restoration. He was also presented with a Little David Ball Cap. Great Job Jaime!**

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

**\*\* Anyone knows any shipmates that were on the Corporal in the 50's. If so, contact the COB.**

**\*\* A new Local USSVICB membership card will be introduced at the Sub-Vets Convention. This will be a plastic card that will last more than a year, with stickers for subsequent years as a member.**

## **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.**

**\*\* Jim Yates reported the results of the Steering Committee in reference to the Scholarship. There will be a James B. Osborn Memorial Scholarship for 2005. The amount will be \$500.00. A discussion ensued that the USSVICB would like to be more involved in the community. This will be a great start.**

**\*\* Jim Eckles will be organizing a working Party to mow the SPCA front yard. Jim will take charge of the schedule.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

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

<b>** End of the minutes for August, 2004 **</b>
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**"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, Amen.

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

**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!** It will be 11 December 2004 at the Elks Club in Summerville, Stacy and Lee are in charge.

### **Cob input**

Casino Night # 2 turned out to be successful for Sub Vets Charleston Base. We had about 25 of our own members' show up and also a few guests. After all the beer and soft drinks were paid for we showed a profit of \$158.00 that will go into our fund. 2 cases of beer were not used but are paid for and are chilling as you read this so that we can sell them the next time you visit Buddha's barn. Everybody now wants to know when the next one will be. Some of the guests will probably turn into members. So in that respect we got a double return on our investment. Many of you replied to the emails or called me that you were coming or not coming and I thank you for that. It gave us an idea just how much beer and drinks to procure. (I know you are all impressed with this Torpedo man using a big word like "procure". I learned those years ago when I graduated first in a class of 10,000 at Rocket Scientist "A" School, which was a prerequisite of becoming a "TM designated striker.) We also had some delicious snacks that were brought. The next Casino Night #3 is planned for 1800 Friday September 10,2004 at Buddha's barn (that's the night following

the Sub Vets meeting) Please let me know if you are coming so I can order the beer and drinks. Reply by email (whiskey58@comcast.net) to me or phone (843-276-3507) or tell me at the meeting. Most people have been playing Blackjack and Poker. If there is another game that you want to play (Euchre, Pinochle, Old Maid, etc.) be sure you bring enough players with you to play that game. Call them and round them up before you come so that you will have enough to play. That's not necessary for Poker or Blackjack because we have plenty of players and we can run all the games we need. As always bring a snack to share with your friends. Men thank you for your support on this. We have made in both casino nights total \$194.00 to our fund.

The Sub Vets at Aiken Base are trying to get a Submarine Vets South Carolina Tag. Would you be interested in purchasing one or two for your vehicles? Think about it and what you would like to see on the tag. I will have all the details at the next meeting. Thank you. May God bless all Submarine Sailors, Our Troops, and Our Commander and Chief!

"Neck"

**Base Chaplin** inputs and sick list; Keep Robert Kotzke in your prayers along with George lisle and James Madison. 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.**

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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.

The first man to die in submarine gun action was Michael Harbin, on Silversides, May 1942.

The first rest camp for submarine crews was established at a military encampment at Malang, in the mountains of Java, 89 miles from Soerabaya. Three days were allotted to submarine crews there in January 1942.

The first TDC (Mark 1) was installed in the Cachalot. "Buddha has the torpedo tube gauge block from this boat".

The Plunger was the first boat to sustain an "arduous" depth charge attack and survive.

In September 1936, Cdr. C. A. Lockwood Jr., assumed command of Sub Div. 13 composed of the new

boats Pike, Porpoise, Shark and Tarpon.

On December 31, 1941, Captain Wilkes evacuated Corrigidor on board the Seawolf to establish a new base at Soerabaya, Java. Simultaneously Capt. Fife boarded Swordfish and sailed to Darwin, Australia.

Expressing the view that Japan could not hope to be victorious in a war with the U.S., Admiral Yamamoto was "shanghaied" to the post of Commander of the Combined Fleet (from the Naval Ministry) to thwart a possible assassination at the hands of his many dissenters.

A survivor of the Jap carrier Kaga, at the Battle of Midway, told how some of his shipmates saved themselves by clinging to the air flask of a torpedo fired from Nautilus which hit the carrier and failed to explode, the concussion separating the warhead from the air flask.

Lt Cdr. Francis White was the only skipper who lost two submarines in combat, the S-39 and the S-44.

The IJN I-176 (Cdr. Kosaburo Yamaguchi) was the only Japanese boat to sink an American submarine (Corvina) during the war.

### **Birthdays!**



Altando, harden, Hostettler, Lindbergh, Lisle, lord, Lookabill, Skorepa, Wilson berry, yingling, hope I didn't miss anybody.

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

Reminder to our base members you can join as an associate member WWII the cost is 13 dollars.

**The Admiral Osborne Scholarship!** This fund is for the children or grand children of Dolphin wearers in our area to assist them with collage expenses. A steering committee was appointed to draft the qualifications needed to be considered for this award. This was presented to the base members, a discussion followed as to where the monies would come from, monies will not come from the base treasurer but from raffles, garage sales and donations, this was approved by the base. Monies were donated by base members for the first Admiral Osborne Scholarship, to all members who donated Thanks.

### **Jim Yates**

Proposal: The Steering Committee of the Charleston Base USSVI in order to acknowledge our 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.*) does hereby propose the following:

That the Charleston Base USSVI establishes and manage the James B. Osborn memorial scholarship as reminder of the sacrifices made by dolphin wearers everywhere.

That the scholarship be; a one-time annual award of \$500 to a graduating senior, from a tri-county high school.

That the Base Commander appoints 5 committee members who will elect a chairperson, and all will have the responsibility to administer this scholarship.

That the scholarship recipient be judged on the following criteria:

1. Current Grade point Average at the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> semester of high school.
2. SAT/ACT exam results (not required for 2 year college)
3. Volunteer civic activities and scholastic awards.
4. A 400 word essay (topic to be determined by the committee)
5. (All of the above shall be given equal weight and graded on a scale of 1-5 for each applicant. The highest total scoring applicant will be the winner.)

That this scholarship! be a cash award to the recipient upon proof of acceptance to college.

That the funds for this scholarship be raised annually by the members of the scholarship committee. Some suggestions are raffles, sponsorships, arm twisting, etc. Furthermore, if the \$500 is not in escrow by January 1 of each year then the scholarship announcement will not be sent out and no scholarship will be awarded for that year.

We make this proposal with the understanding that Charleston Base USSVI wishes to become involved in civic activities and promote and recognize the youth of America.

**I still need volunteers to help with the committee if you are interested contact the base commander.**

**Received this from the Aiken base:**

I need a contact in your base to see how many of your members are interested in **sub vet state auto license plates**? I will need information on members' ideas of License plate logo which can be put up for a vote between our bases. The price has not been determined but the first 100 plates will pay a additional amount which some amount will be refunded once 200 plates have been sold. Our members will be counted in the first 100 plates. At our next meeting: I will get our count of how many we expect to buy. We have made contact with the State Government in Columbia on these issue. I will be looking forward to hearing from your base contact.

Thanks,

Ken Ellsworth (803-279-8277)

**Holland Club Presentation**



**Holland Club Members! 50 years Qualified in Submarines are, Linn Rogers and Vernon Hill at the next meeting**

**Harleyville Parade**

We won second place, good job to all who participated.

Dennis D-4

Just for general information I would like a count of how many of your members voted in the 2004 elections. I am hoping it is better then last year. Last year was good but, hoping this year was better. Thanks Guys, appreciate your help on this.

I haven't been able to travel much this year because if personal problems. I have missed not being able to visit the Bases as I have done in the past. I have made plans to attend the National Convention in Sarasota this year and if there is anything you want me to bring up at the Business Meeting let me know. Waiting to hear from all of you!

**“Our base turned in 62 votes”**

Shipmates: **(From National)**

Recently I received the sentiment shown below from a Base Commander I like and respect.

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"But we all know that our National Ballot is a huge joke. That very few people read the issues, that they just blindly vote yes to any thing that is on the ballot."

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Frankly, I was stunned by the pessimism and **implicit lack of faith in our membership**, but being an optimist by nature, I could be wrong. I'd like to hear your opinion as to the correctness of this comment as it applies to your own base membership. I will post the results of this informal survey on the Base Officers BBS.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts.

Pat Householder  
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PS: HAVE YOU TALLIED YOUR BASE BALLOTS AND SENT THE RESULTS TO STEVE RUSSO YET? IF NOT, IT'S TIME.

On the comment, "But we all know that our National Ballot is a huge joke. That very few people read the issues that they just blindly vote yes to any thing that is on the ballot."

Use this link to go directly to the discussion:

<http://www.submarinevets.com/~ussvibaseco/cgi-bin/discus/show.cgi?7/197>

IF you have further comments, please post them there.

Thanks

Pat

Shipmates from the editor:

We are in the midst of the hurricane season and looks like we are going to get hit again, be sure we check on one another and render assistance to who need it, and more so draw strength from the Good Lord, because we need all the help we can get.

*Roger*