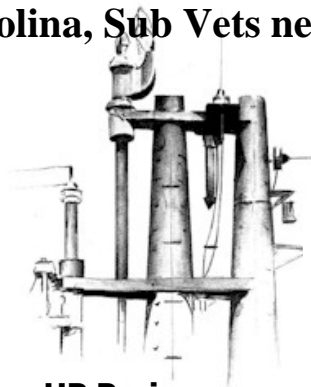
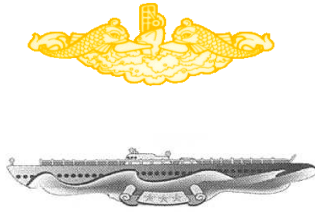


Charleston, South Carolina, Sub Vets news letter and Minutes



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, October 14 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

Base Officers Phone Number

Base Commander	Steve Nelms (Buddha) 843-563-7115
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Base Treasure	George Lisle 843-559-4242
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Nuclear Historian

Ed. Simokat

843-873-1709

Veterans affairs

John Nichols

843-873-5897

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.

October Subs Lost:

Seawolf (SS-197) October 3, 1944, SS-44, (SS-155) October 7 1943, Wahoo (SS-238) October 11, 1943, Dorado (SS-248) October 12, 1943, Escobar (SS-294) October 17 1944, Tang (SS-306) Shark II (SS-314) and Darter (SS-227) lost on October 24, 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:

The board was polled "we have a "Quorum"

Minutes of the September 9th meeting

Base Commander – Steve Nelms call to order.

INTRODUCTIONS New persons introduced including Vern Hill and Buck Owens. Welcome aboard.

TREASURY REPORT Financial report given by Base Commander. George is recuperating from medical treatments.

SECRETARY REPORT Minutes approved as written.

STOREKEEPER REPORT Curly displayed a Submarine Veterans License Plate. He also has several new items for sale. Call or see him for details.

CHAPLIN REPORT Mrs. Van Diver recently had open-heart surgery at MUSC. She is recovering normally. Remember her in your prayers. Jerry Madison has returned from Bethesda, MD and was present at the meeting.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS Richard Cleeve was not present for the report. It is possible that he is attending the Convention in Saratoga, New York. If any members have seen Richard, please call the local Sheriff's Office.

COB REPORT The Christmas Party is scheduled for 11 December 2004. We will need volunteers to help. Casino Night(s) are becoming successful. Two have been held so far and have brought in a handful of profit. COB went into detail on the upcoming events. COB stressed the importance of keeping the brotherhood alive in the organization and encouraged all to reach out to those they do not know.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: The James B. Osborn Memorial Scholarship received over \$400.00. Additional money was collected at the meeting and thus the goal has been achieved. There will be more to follow next meeting. Thank you for all shipmates whom have donated to this fund.

SUBVETS-WWII! Nothing new to report at the meeting, all are welcome to attend the monthly meeting at Ryan's Steakhouse. Additional members are needed to keep the organization going. There are only a handful of members. Meeting is held the 3rd Thursday of every month. Captain Wikeen attended the meeting. Tracker pull is scheduled for Santee Cooper Park. See Rodger for details. Please fill up the tip jar as the food is provided free of charge at the VFW.

HOLLAND CLUB PRESENTATION Jim Eckles conducted the ceremony.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

** Hopefully, Buddha will have the Little David Mirror to auction next meeting. An "About Time Celebration will be held if this happens. Keep you eye to the rail. Prepare for the worst and hope for the best. Go Buddha!

** Oyster Roast can be held around October 15th. A late Saturday Afternoon would be ideal at the Farm. The time was selected as it would not interfere with Buddha's nap time. A sign up list will be provided at next meeting.

** Stacy recommended everyone to sign up for the Elks.

** Harleystown Parade was well attended.

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

** Ed Simokat reported and told a good joke. The Chaplain visited the Flower town Restaurant and was able to witness the event. Then, the Chaplain responded with an even better joke.

** 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

** Jim Eckles reported about his experience on the Nuclear Power Training Center Chief Petty Officer Advancement. He displayed several plaques and Base Photos that he has received. Jim will sell these on EBay in the recent weeks. According to Jim, to gain access to the site will cost \$1.00. These monies will go to his "Beer Fund".

** 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 has organized a working Party to mow the SPCA front yard. Jim will take charge of the schedule.

Meeting adjourned.

Jerry Stout, Base Secretary.

** End of the minutes for September, 2004 **

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

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The last Japanese submarine to be sunk in the Pacific, the I-373, was torpedoed by Spike fish (Monaghan) on the morning of 13 Aug. 1945, in the East China Sea.

As late as July 1945 Japanese guns on the cliffs of Lombok Strait shelled the Loggerhead as she proceeded through the strait on the surface.

In July 1945 Bugara (Schade) operating in the Gulf of Siam, sank 12 junks, 24 schooners, 16 coasters, 3 sea trucks and one naval auxiliary, all by gunfire.

In the early morning hours of June 22, 1945, Barb, (Fluckey) fired a dozen 5-inch rockets into the town of Hokkaido from 5000 yards off shore.

A Japanese prisoner, recovered from a wrecked aircraft by Atule (Mauer) had the following items in his pockets: 7 packs of Jap cigarettes, 1 pack of British cigarettes, calling cards, ration books, club tickets, diary, note book, flight record and two magnetic detector tracers, with notes concerning them, a thick wad of money, a vial of perfume and a number of other personal items.

On the night of 8-9 December 1944, in a coordinated attack with Sea Devil, Redfish heavily damaged the aircraft carrier Hayataka; ten days later she sank the newly built carrier Unryu.

When Robalo was sunk, presumably by a mine, on 26 July 1944, five of her crew swam ashore and were captured by Japanese military police and jailed for guerrilla activity. They were evacuated by a Jap destroyer on 15 August and never heard from again.

On 27 Oct. 1944 Rock fired 9 torpedoes at Darter, stranded on Bombay Shoal.

Birthdays!



Looks like I put the birthdays for this month on Septembers news letter for those I missed in September "Happy Birthday"

Sub-vets WWII, Barnwell Chaplin.

Reminder to our base members you can join as an associate member WWII the cost is 13 dollars. Next meeting will be at Ryan's steak house in Summerville at 1200 on the 21st of October 2004.

Cobs Input

The campaign to get all the dinks to pay up their dues and stay current is in full swing. I know this is not **YOU** but dues became delinquent on 1/1/2005 for this year. We still have a number not paid and we need to keep our members current.

We always need new members so spread the word to any submariners that you run across and try to get them to come to a meeting. If you need information cards such as where and when and any contact info see me at the meeting. I have plenty of cards that can be passed out. Sometimes guys will put it off or forget about it. If that's the case give them a call and remind them when are meetings are and where. Also remember that all dues are going up **DRASTICALLY** in January 2005 so if you're considering Life membership! Do it before 1 Jan 2005.

If anybody needs dental x-rays done and they don't have dental insurance you can get them done at the Air Force Base Dental Clinic (843-963-6842) for free. Just get a prescription signed by your dentist as what he wants and make an appointment.

The casino nights have been real successful for our base. Thank you to all who are participating. We will keep you posted by email and also at the meeting as to when the next one will be. Final plans are being made for the oyster roast in October. Stay tuned for the time and date.

To our Base Secretary



Jerry

We take our **hats off** to you **for your good work**

He has been working to maintain the base membership and insure that everyone has had a chance to go for **life dues before they triple** at the start of the new year, we have had a good response, our last comptroller report shows **13 members** going for **life membership in National**, he also rounded up a couple of "Dinks" which brings our active membership to **164 paid up for this year**. Seven more members paid for next years dues at our last meeting. Remember we would like to have **all the dues** paid by December of this year 2004. For those who didn't elect to go for life membership in **National** your regular dues have gone up from ten dollars to twenty per year, for any questions contact either Jerry or me (Roger) for information



Store keeper "Curley"

Shirts, patches and other items are available at the meeting.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2004 at the **Elks Club in Summerville** from 1 p.m. until? A map will be published in a later issue of our monthly News Letter.

The Base will provide the refreshments i.e. soft drinks, chasers, beer and ice. If one desires something of a more potent nature, please bring your own.

We will furnish the coffee and maybe a tea bag or two for Roger and Sheila. The Base will also provide the main courses (Turkey-Ham-Potatoes and Gravy). A list will be available at the November Base

meeting, asking volunteers to bring designated assorted dishes.

The reason we are using this approach is to eliminate duplication of some dishes. If you have any questions or want to volunteer your services please call Stacy at 556-6369 or Lee at 832-8787.

I have already ear- marked some of you shipmates to help Lee and myself to make this an extra-ordinary Christmas Party. When I lay my hands on your shoulders at the next meeting, I want to hear "Yes Chief, I'll do it.

Stacy

From National!

Shipmates:

Supporting our Sub Vet Charitable Foundation is one of the ways we in USSVI honor our fallen hero's and support our creed, which reads "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. "

Our national goal is **to raise \$ 10.00 per member per year**. This amounts to less than 20 cents per week per member to support the various programs, which include our Scholarship Program, Memorials, Brotherhood; Museum Sub support, and Sub Vet library. Without the leadership and support of the Base Commander and other base officers, it just doesn't happen.

Because USSVCF is a IRS 501I (3) foundation, donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Please ask your Base Members to support our Foundation with annual donations of at least \$ 10.00.

Follow this link to a report of donations made to the USSVI Charitable Foundation for the 2003-04 year running from the Reno Convention to the Saratoga Springs Convention and post any comments you may have there.

Use this link to go directly to the discussion (scroll to the bottom):

<http://www.submarinevets.com/~ussvibaseco/cgi-bin/discus/show.cgi?6/66>

Fraternally:

Patrick Householder

NJVC & CF Board member

Cobs reminder



Listen up

Next Meeting, **October 14, 2004** same old place and time

Our attendance at the last meeting was 64 with a few that forgot to sign in.

Inputs from the convention!

Date line: from Sarasota New York. Mike Emerson reporting, Shipmates;

Saratoga Springs Re-visited

The 2004 Subvets convention being held in Saratoga Springs New York gave me the opportunity to visit a town I spent the summer in fifty years ago, so I dragged the "Better Half" along to keep me out of trouble. We arrived on Monday afternoon and checked in the B & B and with the convention. The town had changed quite a bit, when I was there in 1954 at the end of the racing season the sidewalks on Broadway were rounded up a 4 PM (that's 1600 COB). Now there are new hotels opening and great night life. Even with the convention being held after Labor Day you could find a great place to eat lunch and dinner and still have places you would have liked to try.

The Albany-Saratoga Base is to be commended for organizing the activities and tours through out the week. To entertain the wife we did tour tours and the dinner cruise on Lake George. One trip we did not take was to New London, who wants to get up to board a bus at 0400 and not return until 2200? I tried to make the model submarine demonstration but it was cancelled. The New York State Military Museum had a special display of paintings and model submarines; I'll print up some pictures and bring them to the October meeting.

One Sub Vet told me he had been attending the conventions for thirty years and this was one of the best with thing to do. This was only my second one, so I can neither confirm nor deny that, but we had a good time. (Well until we got back and the Buddha told me I should have gone to the business meetings, you know its hard satisfying two masters.) We ran into Bill Freigh, Richard Cleeve, Beetle Bailey, Gary

Semler in Saratoga and Curly Houck on the way back home, all said they had a good time.

Mike in Tubes Aft

Bill Roberts input:

2004 Sub-Vet WWII memorial at Kings Bay will be wed 3 Nov. thru Sat. 6 Nov. Make your reservations now.

I have a form and will copy it and have it available at the next meeting.

Local members of the South Carolina State Guard are looking for residents of the Moncks Corner area to join and start a chapter there. Any one interested contact Captain Charlie Ford 803-667-1012 or email him at rrcharlief@aol.com. General information about the guard can be found at the following web site. <http://www.scs.org/JoinSCSG.html>

Any one interested in the **International Submarine Association** can contact Fred Wagner, USA Sec/Treasurer, at fwagner73@earthlink.net. Next years meeting will be in Argentina. See the following web site for information. www.elsnorkel.com/ISA2005.

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Reminder to all the WWII Subvets about the Christmas Party, you are invited and we will provide all the fixings we just want your company.

Dink for 2004

ANDERSON
BORUP
BROWN
La ROSE
MAPLES
MILTON
NORTHROP
PIERCE
RYAN
STRUKELY
Walsh

Roger Gibson has 2 trees down on his property. Anyone needing firewood muster at Roger's place with your chainsaw in hand. Give him a call at 875-4933