

the roll of our departed ship mates still on patrol. Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memories alive.

February, WWII Subs Lost At Sea
USS Shark 1 (SS-174) Feb, 11, 1942
USS Amberjack (SS-219) Feb, 16, 1943
USS Grayback (SS-208) Feb, 26, 1944
USS Trout (SS-202) Feb, 28, 1944
USS Barbel (SS-316) Feb, 4, 1945
USS Argonaut (SS 166) Feb 16 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.

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The board was polled “we have a “Quorum”

Minutes of the January 13th meeting

Base Commander – Steven Nelms call to order.

INTRODUCTIONS New persons introduced including Shipmates Loveday, Bailey, Fulton, Dushane, Davis, Law and McRey. Welcome aboard.

TREASURY REPORT Financial report given by George. We continue to operate in the Black. A budget was presented for discussion and approval. Voted on and seconded.

SECRETARY REPORT December Minutes were not taken. Secretary reported the high level of success of retaining and signing up National Life Members in the Local Base.

STOREKEEPER REPORT Curly was on hand without the neck brace. Neck was jealous. Submarine Veterans jackets are still available. Cost is \$65.00. Make checks out to Curly. Be prepared for a cold winter.

CHAPLIN REPORT: I have sad news; our shipmate Robert Kotzke passed away last month our prayers are with his family. However we had some members who were down last month were not attending the meeting, one was shipmate

Snyder who had his knees operated on and is recovering. If any **veteran** has **tattered American Flags**, please forward it to Jerry Madison.

Bill Kennedy! Displayed; **extreme confidence** in his presentation he was not nervous!

PUBLIC AFFAIRS Richard Cleeve reported that additional pictures are available on the Web from the Christmas Party. He reported that there will be a new server as his regular hookup is departing for deeper oceans. The transition should go smoothly. Take a look under www.ussvicb.com.

SUBVETS WWII All members of USSVI are encouraged to join Sub-Vets of WWII. There are approximately 38 member's remaining in the State of South Carolina. Lee reported RADM Anderson passed away at 99 years old. Adm. Anderson was a former skipper of the Thresher, prior to her lost. Nothing else to report! 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. See Roger for details.

Note! Please fill up the tip jar as the food is provided free of charge at the VFW.

COB REPORT Several issues were discussed, including Casino Night, Scholarship, parties, Submarine License Plates. (Too much money and little commitment from the state)

The Christmas Party was a great success. Casino Night(s) are becoming successful several have been held so far and have brought (Us some profits which were given to the treasurer). 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.

Hans Vlam has Two Large Magnetic Submarine Car decals for sale, \$25.00 this will be sold as a set.

Parade Season went very well. Thank you to Miguel Emerson and Roger Gibson and float crew for keeping the Float ready for each parade event.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT The Amberjack Memorial does not have a set date. Stay tuned at regular bat channel, regular bat time for details. (See Page 4 for details)

The Hunley Memorial will be 17 Feb. 15 persons are needed. Event will be 17 Feb at 1900. Be there if you sign up!

Rodney McKanna showed the members the final result for the Cold War Memorial Bench inscription with Adm. Osborn Looks great, thank you Rodney for volunteering.

Oyster Roast will be held 5 March. Lee will have the steamer, Buddha will supply the trash cans, everyone else needs to bring a supply of (Oyster) knives, but we also need members to help out.

Thank you to Stacy Power, Lee Allison and Jerry Stout for putting together the food for the Christmas party. There were 120 people there. It could have cost \$5.00 a head, however was provided free of charge. Vern Freshour volunteered to research other places to have the event in 2005 and beyond. We are outgrowing the Elk's Club, thanks Vern for helping.

HOLLAND CLUB PRESENTATION
Not Held

GOOD OF THE ORDER
** A Little David Working Party is requested to make small paint touch-ups. Santee-Cooper will provide material, Sub-Vets to supply the labor.

NEW BUSINESS
Float Overhaul: More to follow.
Yard Sale! Planned for the spring, please keep you stuff until we are ready, were still looking for a location.

Meeting Adjourned by Base Commander.

End of minutes

Cobs inputs: Listen up!

Sub Vets Oyster Roast at Buddha's

1. When: Saturday 3/5/2005 at 1500 HRS until? (spend the night if you want)

2. Where: At Buddha's place in Dorchester, SC
3. How Much: Free to all Sub Vets and their guests (bring whoever you want)
4. What must I bring?: Oyster eating utensils, Gloves, Knives etc. and warm clothes. (there will be a fire but it will be outside)Also your own lawn chairs
5. Menu: Oysters, Sauce, Fish Stew, Hot Dogs, Nana pudding(Banana Pudding) Cold Beer, Soft Drinks, Wine, and non alcoholic beer(if you want hard liquor bring your own we will provide the mix)
6. What is the only thing I have to do?
7. You must notify the COB ASAP if you are coming and the number of guests you are bringing (RSVP) by email or phone or in person. Men this is a freebie to all hands but to plan and order correctly it takes a good head count, we don't want to run out of anything. My contact information is below and if you don't know who I am always look for the young, handsome, intelligent, Torpedomen with no neck.

H. L. Hunley Memorial Service

Date: February 17, 2005 (Thursday)
Time: 1900 hours (Arrive 20 to 30 minutes early)

Place: Sunrise Presbyterian Church
3222 Middle Street
Sullivan's Island, S.C, 29482
Church located near intersection of Jasper Blvd. and Middle Street by Breech Inlet
Uniform: Charleston Tuxedo, Blue Blazer w/Dolphins (large or small dolphins on breast pocket) White or Light Shirt, Dolphin Tie or dark blue tie Kaki Pants, Black Shoes, Top Coat/Overcoat Recommended (its cold on the beach)
The Charleston Base Submarine Veterans and WWII Submarine Veterans are invited to attend a Memorial Service honoring the 8 man crew of the Confederate Submarine H. L. Hunley along with the 5 crewmen of the USS Housatonic.
The Confederate Heritage Trust Committee has asked the Charleston Base to supply a *minimum* of 15 men to participate in the service. The more men (Sub-Vets) involved, the better our showing of support from the Charleston Base. Please make an effort to be there and bring your wives, girlfriends and children.

Our job (13 men) will be to sit in front of the church (in the choir loft just right of the pulpit as faced from the congregation) and at the appropriate time in the program, to step to the table at the front of the church, select a white rose from a basket, turn to the Lady Mourners seated in the front pew and present the rose to the next Mourner in succession. Presentation will start on your right as you face the Ladies. After presentation to your Lady Mourner, step back 2 paces and remain with your respective Mourner. After the preceding presenter has stepped back, the next Sub-Vet will leave the choir loft and do the same for the next Mourner. When the Rose Presentation has been completed, the Benediction will be given. After the benediction and on cue by a designated person (probably the minister) each Sub-Vet will escort his Lady Mourner out of the church and down the hall into the Sanctuary. We will start with the Housatonic Ladies first followed by the Hunley Ladies. There we will get our coats and a lantern and proceed outside to fall in for the procession to Breech Inlet escorting the Lady Mourners for the Oceanside service. During the entire Oceanside service, please remain with your Lady Mourner, escorting her as necessary. i.e.: When she goes to the waters edge to throw her rose. On completion of the Oceanside ceremony, please assist your Lady Mourner and all other quests back to the front of the church. The Confederate Heritage Trust Committee will provide period lanterns for us to carry to illuminate the way. *I would also urge all Sub-Vets to carry a mini-flashlight with them as well.* The sandy path to the beach can be tricky to negotiate in the dark. The Lady Mourners will be dressed in 1860's period hoop dresses so your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Would also like for *two* more Sub-Vet volunteers to precede the march to Oceanside to carry the two flower wreaths and stands to set up on the beach. Then these two Sub-Vets could stand on the path to the waters edge where there is a slight drop off and with flashlights, light the way on this slight obstacle. NOTE: It is usually very cold with sometimes strong winds this time of year so be sure to bring a heavy coat.

Shipmates, we received this from one of our shipmate's son:
Mr. Mueller,

My name is Keith Lanegan and I am Roger Lanegan's son. I want to inform you that my father passed away on January 15th. His obituary will be in the Charleston newspaper today, Thursday the 27th. I saw numerous e-mails from you so I thought I should let you know.

Additional COB notes

Cold War Memorial

You guys who went to the installation of the memorial bench you missed it, it was so cold that Jim Eckles was resonating at 400 hertz, it took two of us to keep him from vibrating out to the parking lot, and it was that cold! The bench looked perfect; they really did an outstanding job on the engraving, check the web site for photos.

USS Amberjack Memorial 2/12/2005

Saturday 1300 Hrs at Ladson VFW

(Same room we have our meetings in)

Uniform is khaki pants blue shirt and vest with blue ball caps Come early and help set up

More info from!

National on dues and dinks, yes they are right on top of it as we said the first of the month if you're not paid you will be dink! And April you will be dropped from the roll's.

Don't you hate this annual chase of members up to the last possible moment? Somehow we need to convince our Annual members to renew by Jan 1st rather than waiting until the last possible minute. It creates a lot more work for you, the rest of the Base leadership and for the national office.

To help mitigate that problem, nationally we've established a 5 yr and 3 year membership in addition to the standard one year membership.

Some bases are using a similar schedule for Base dues, for the same reason. For example, if Base dues are \$ 10/yr then 5 years becomes \$ 45 and 3 years becomes \$ 27. To the extent that the members take advantage of the longer terms, it makes the renewal process a bit easier in future.

USSVI National Dues are:

NATIONAL 1 Year \$20, 3 year \$55, 5 year \$90

LIFE MEMBER Age 76+ \$100, 66-75 \$200,
56-65 \$300, 46-55 \$400 thru
45 - \$500

Fraternally:

Patrick Householder

NJVC and Nat'l Membership Chair

Just FYI, according to the Nat'l Database dated
1/20/05, **your un-renewed** base (primary)
annual members include:

R04=Regular Membership paid through 2004
A04=Associate Membership paid through 2004
These are the Dinks!!! National and our base

Last Name	First Name	Status
BECKER	Gary	R05 (PD)
BLAD	R. Eric	R04
BROWN	Walter S.	R04
CHOLLET	Mark D.	R04
DAVIS	Pat	R05 (PD)
DAVIS	Danny L	R04
DENTZMAN	Richard	R04
De Witt	Jim	R04
FRIEDMAN	Gerald A.	R04
GAWRONSKI	Joseph E.	R04
HAMN	Albert S	R04
HENDRIX	Larry	R04
HUNT	Dean	R04
HUTCHISON	Kenneth M.	R04
LABBY	David G.	R04 (?)
La ROSE	Joseph	R04
LAVERGNE	R.J.	R04
LUNN	Joseph S.	R04
MADISON III	James J.	R05 (PD)
Mc CLOUD	Richard	R04
MEYERS	Robert	R04
PIERCE	Dennis	R04
RIGG	E. Duane	R04
SAULS	Ed	R04 (?)
SICKLE	James Terry	R04
SMITH	Mike	R04
STITELY	Barry K.	R04
STRUKELY	Lawrence E.	R04
YINGLING	Thomas G.	R04

From district four our Commander!

Gentlemen: For whatever reason the contact and reservation information was not provided on the Resignation form in this issue of American Submarine.

Please forward the following to your Base Members so that the **non Website members may make their reservations** and/or information contacts with the Hyatt without having to track down the contact points.

For Reservations, please call the Hyatt at 816-421-1234

Don't forget to mention you want the Submarine Veteran Convention Rate!

For other Contact information

2345 McGee Street

Kansas City, MO 64108

Phone 816-421-1234

(Fax) 816-435-4190

Replacement for District four Commander!

John Markiewicz, of First Coast Base has withdrawn his name as a candidate for Dist 4 Cdr. This leaves the position open for 2005. No one else has volunteered for the job. Talk to your members and if anyone wants to put their hat into the ring let the ERD and me know who they are. Appreciate your help on this.

For general information the National Sect. had to resign and John took his place.

Dennis D-4 Cdr.

From the editor!

I know you see me at the table at the meetings always asking you to sign the **LOG** all the time and during the meetings I and the Cob are reminding you to sign so we can get a correct head count, well the last meeting the **Cob** pulled a good one on the members it's called "**Incentive**" a **bottle of Crown Royal** was given away by calling a number from the sign in log, so take notice and sign in! (**You might win a prize**)

For those having birthdays; this and next month have a **Happy birthday**.

I didn't get any inputs for the news letter.

Boat Reunions!

Jallao, Trumpet Fish Archer Fish, and the Alexander Hamilton “isn’t it great for those of us who were a diesel boat sailor! (Remember the days when you had to leave your sea bag outside to get rid of the smell but one thing we never had bugs at our house!)

Life member cards

I know I still owe life cards to a few of you, be patient it takes time with the graphics and remember **it’s only the life members of our base**, if you are a national life and not our base, you don’t **rate one**.

Veteran’s affairs

For related news, visit the Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet Navy News stand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/sublant.

Bill Roberts “notes to the Editor”

Mans best friend!

A dog had followed his owner to school. His owner was a fourth grader at a public elementary school. However, when the bell rang, the dog sidled inside the building and made it all the way to the child's classroom before a teacher noticed and shooed him outside, closing the door behind him.

The dog sat down, whimpered and stared at the closed doors then **God** appeared beside the dog, patted his head, and said, “**Don't feel bad fella'they won't let ME in either**”

Check out www.hnsa.org as this web site lists all subs and other ships that are on display throughout the world.

Blue Angels will be in Charleston April 30th



Casino Night

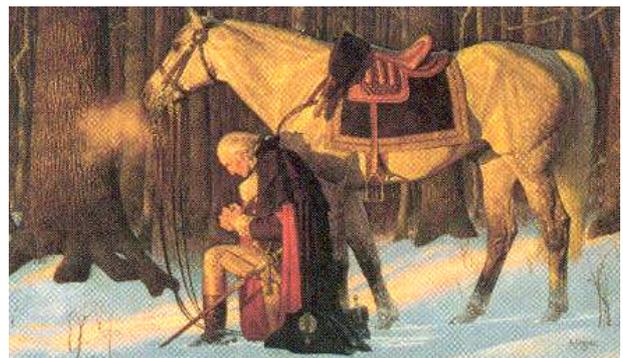
February 15, 2005 at Buddha’s place

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, Corpsman 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.



Always Remember our Heritage