

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"
Base Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary and treasurer present.

Minutes of the February 2005 Meeting

Base Commander – Steven Nelms call to order.

INTRODUCTIONS New persons introduced including Shipmates Chinn, Lamers, Healy, Sesser, Johnson, Roup, Orgavee, Cossin and Williams. Welcome aboard.

TREASURY REPORT Financial report given by George. We continue to operate in the Black. Dues are still owed that will add to the account.

SECRETARY REPORT January minutes were read, motion made to accept and seconded.

STOREKEEPER REPORT Curly reported that Submarine Veterans jackets are still available. Cost is \$65.00. Make checks out to Curly. Standby for an early spring!

CHAPLIN REPORT Our thoughts go out to the Family of Roger Lanegan who passed away in January. A donation was made to the American Cancer Society in memory. Rudd Cline was in the Hospital for a double Hernia Operation. Get well soon! If any veteran has tattered American Flags, please forward to Jerry Madison. Bill Kennedy displayed extreme confidence in his presentation.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS Richard Cleeve reported that Admiral Osborne Bench was installed and looks great. See the WEB Site for details. He reported that the new web server is functioning well. The transition has gone smoothly. Take a look under<www.ussvich.org>

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. Barnwell Chaplin was present to make the report. Great to see you back! Nothing new to report at the meeting! All are welcome to attend the monthly meeting at Ryan's Steakhouse on Feb. 18th. 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 Rodger for details.

COB REPORT Several issues were discussed, including Casino Night, Signing the book, Several Casino Nights have been held and have brought in a handful of profit. 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.

In addition, give the COB updates on who is attending the Oyster Roast. 60 Members have signed up so far. We are looking forward to a great turnout.

Randy Bognar reported on the Amberjack Ceremony to be held at the VFW. All are encouraged to attend. Hans Vlam has sold the two large Submarine Car decals.

We are still looking for a location for the Yard Sale. More to follow!

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

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, Subvets to supply the labor.

NEW BUSINESS

Float Overhaul: Emerson and Deal are working together and will make more arrangements. More to follow!

All of the Amendments to the National USSVI have been passed.

Pick up fire extinguishers on your way out tonight. They are supplied by Hosteller. THANK YOU!

Does anyone know Don Wenzel, whom was stationed at Fleet ASW Training Center San Diego in the 1970's?

Meeting Adjourned by Base Commander.

End of the minutes for February 2005

From the COB

I appreciate the good response we got on the oyster roast. At present we have 109 people that are coming. If you're not receiving email from me and you have signed up to receive it please let me know. Those that don't have email capabilities we are getting other members to call them with the reminders of special events or functions of the base we don't have a phone tree because email is the fastest way to get out information. Those that don't have email will be called by a member that does. We only have about 26 of our 186 members that don't have email. At each meeting I will have a list of members with out email and I will be trying to get someone to pick a name off the list and call that one person with the latest email info. Thirteen of you have signed up to do it already. You will call the same person every time to keep him updated. If you are not being called and you want to be, make sure I get your name and number. Email is our best source of staying connected with each other and knowing the latest events and functions between meetings. Also be sure those with computers check our base web page for info also. www.ussvicb.org Richard Cleeve does a

SUPER job updating it with our latest pictures and information, so be sure and check it out

(Reminder)

Sub Vets Oyster Roast at Buddha's

1. When: Saturday 3/5/2005 at 1500 HRS until
Where: At Buddha's place in Dorchester
2. How Much: Free to all Sub Vets and their guests (bring whoever you want)
3. 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
4. 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)

Inputs from National

Subject: ZAP Note - Link to 2005 Convention site / Help while USSVI Site is down

Please let your members know that the official 2005 USSVI Convention page is NOT affected by the temporary problems we are having with the USSVI website.

It can be accessed at:

<http://www.tjcsubbase.org/convention/>

Also, please let your members know that they can contact me for any questions they have, and I will do my best to answer them, or forward them to someone who can answer their questions. My e-mail address is: gstitz@mindspring.com

Another useful address is the USSVI National Office (they are MUCH smarter than me about most USSVI matters). The National Office e-mail address is: ussvi@telebyte.net

Fair winds and following seas,
Greg "Gunner" Stitz

Birthdays! Barnett, Buxton, Chollet, Dentzman, Gallagher, Mckanna, Miller, Mueller, Munoz, O'Brien, Pease, Power, Stevenson, and Viering happy birthday

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 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.

New Members



**Please show proper respect to our Chaplain
Bill Kennedy**

Hunley Memorial



Breech's Inlet

Cobs reminder; Listen up! Next meeting 10 March, 2005, same time! Same place!



HOLLAND CLUB;

Prior qualification to become a member was, you must be a **life member** in national **one (1) year or** a active member for five years in National and have been Qualified for 50 years this is now **no longer in effect!** If you join and become a life member in National and have been Qualified for 50 Years you are eligible.

DOD. Hearing Aid Program

The [Retiree-At-Cost Hearing Aid Program](#) (RACHAP) provides **retired** service members the opportunity to purchase hearing aids at government cost. The hearing aids are purchased directly from the manufacturer at substantial savings over the cost for the same hearing aids sold and fitted in the civilian community (often as much as 300% savings). Unfortunately, the RACHAP is not available to family members. Retirees are encouraged to call and inquire as to availability of the RACHAP at the nearest Military Treatment Facility (MTF). If the RACHAP is available, the retiree will be instructed on how to obtain an appointment in the Audio logy Clinic. At the appointment, a complete diagnostic evaluation will be performed by the MTF Audiologist, along with any necessary medical referrals. If it's determined that the retiree may benefit from the use of amplification, the Audiologist will recommend a specific hearing aid(s) and prescription, along with the total cost. At most MTF's, the retiree will be asked to provide payment at the time the hearing aid(s) is ordered. Upon receipt, the retiree will be scheduled for a Hearing Aid Fitting appointment.

This site lists the military bases that have the Hearing Aid Program available. **Please consult the list**, because a few of them **do not** provide for Retirees and **not all** bases have the program!

The site address is:

<http://www.militaryaudiology.org/rachap/state.html>

AS ALWAYS = The VA also has a Hearing Aid program for all veterans, but it is extremely crowded and takes quite awhile to get the service unless you are **service connected** for hearing loss.

The top 10 driving distractions are:

- Rubbernecking (looking at a crash, vehicle, roadside incident, or traffic): 16 percent
- Driver fatigue: 12 percent
- Looking at scenery or landmarks: 10 percent
- Passenger or child distraction: 9 percent
- Adjusting radio or changing CD or tape: 7 percent
- Cell phone: 5 percent
- Eyes not on the road: 4.5 percent
- Not paying attention, daydreaming: 4 percent
- Eating or drinking: 4 percent
- Adjusting vehicle controls: 4 percent

Fascinating facts:

Fully 62 percent of the crashes involving driver distraction occurred in rural areas. Top distractions in rural areas were driver fatigue, insects, animals, and unrestrained pets. Top distractions in urban areas were rubbernecking, traffic, other vehicles, and cell phones. Pay attention out there!

----- Original Message -----

From: [Rontini/Ron Martini](#)

To: [Greg Stitz](#)

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2005 10:05 PM

Subject: Re: USSVI POC BROADCAST No. 05-006

Books for Boats, Program Termination!

I am swamped with over 2000 books. Please discontinue sending books for this year's collection. If you would like to help, then send funds to help with shipping costs to our Base Treasurer: Chuck Prickett, 1705, South Coolidge, Mason City, IA. 50401-5514.

Thanks-Ron Martini-Base CO-Lockwood Internet Base

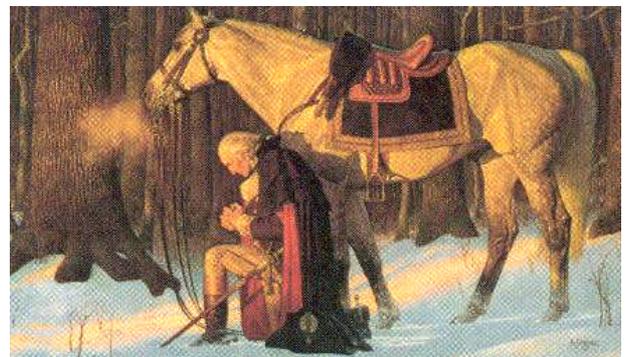
Life Membership cards:

For those who have life cards I made for you, check the back of your card, the ones I have our creed on them and see if you have a **type error on "CREED" I noticed there is a "G" in stead of a "C" it should say Creed not "GREED" if so I'll redo your card, sorry! Roger**



Closing Prayer Chaplin Bill Kennedy

Dear God we approach you again at the end of this meeting, with reverence we are grateful for whom you are and what you do in our lives our strength comes from you Lord. We are grateful for the privilege we have of meeting as veterans of the Submarine service. Bless us as we go our separate ways, watch over us and keep us out of Harms way, bless our nation keep it strong, in your name we pray, Amen



Always Remember our Heritage and where our strength comes from

OUR WEB PAGE HAS CHANGED IT IS NOW

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