

SubVets Newsletter Charleston, South Carolina



First in Submarine warfare, CSS Hunley February 17th 1864

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”

Base Web page www.ussvicb.org
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Base Meeting:

Thursday August 11, 2005
Social hour & board of directors Meeting @ 1830
General meeting @1900.

Location:

VFW Post: 3433 @ 10154 Bellwright Rd. “Off Hwy 78”
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Minutes of the July 14 meeting

OPENING CEREMONY: Base Commander, Steve Nelms calls to order. Prayer by the Chaplain, Boat Toll by the Vice Commander and Roll Call by the COB made. A quorum was

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Richard Cleeve reported that he is still living in Pinopolis and that the Web Site is up and running. Several new photos and articles have been added, including recent picture from the Little David Oyster Boat and the

present and the meeting was commenced at 7:00 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS: New persons introduced included Shipmates Bill, Carl, Jim, Doug and Dave. Newly joined member Kenneth Fuhr introduced himself. Welcome aboard to all new members.

TREASURY REPORT: Financial report given by George. Our investment fund continues to grow. The Scholarship Fund currently has \$125.55.

SECRETARY REPORT: June minutes were read to the group. A motion was entertained to pass the minutes as written. No discussion was necessary and the minutes were approved by a majority. Base Commander made it law.

STOREKEEPER REPORT: Curly was not present at the meeting, so report was not made. USSVICB is still looking for a volunteer to take over this position. Curly will continue in the position until a replacement is found.

CHAPLIN REPORT: Our Base vice Commander was in the VA for a procedure. He was present at the meeting and is recovering very well. Chaplain reported on Shipmate Mac McCollum's funeral. It was well attended with over 24 Submarine Sailors present. A thank you goes out to those that attended and to the group who participated in the small ceremony held at the memorial service. Our thoughts continue to go out to Barney Chaplin who is now home recovering from a lengthy Heart Operation. He stays very close to his home and will not venture out at night until her feels up to it. All of our shipmates were very thankful for the cards and letters sent to them while being laid up. If any shipmate knows of any other shipmate who is in the Hospital and/or is not well, please call the Chaplin or any other staff member. The more thoughts and prayers go out, the sooner they will recover and return to health. Get well all!

NUCLEAR HISTORIAN: The joke was not as good as usual, so little information has been written. Hopefully next month, our Nuclear Historian will improve.

COB REPORT: COB reported on the following: \$98.00 to the winner of the Depth Charge Fund; Buddha is now on email; business cards are available from the COB to hand out when meeting other shipmates in the area. Directions to Buddha's are now available on the web site and BZ to Richard Cleeve for updating and maintaining the USSVICB Web Site. In addition, Poker night will be held Wednesday, July 20, 2005 and all are welcome. It will be free Submarine Sandwiches. Tube Steaks will be served to the Nukes. This will commence at 1800 sharp.

BASE COMMANDER REPORT: District 4/6 Southern Region Convention will be held in Charleston in May 2006. A hotel has been chosen. It will be at the newly renovated Radisson Hotel on Rivers Ave in North Charleston. They will be able to accommodate 125-150 persons for the conference. Details on the banquet will be handled by a committee. Bus Transportation will be needed. If anyone knows of the availability of a bus that can be provided either free of charge or limited expense, please call Buddha. More information was discussed that will be detailed by the Committee in place. If you are interested in joining the committee, please call Buddha.

recent picture from the Little David; Oyster Roast and the Summer Parade activities. In addition, the RAO (Retired Affairs Officer) information is now presented on the site. In addition, the updated Web site is operational. Address is www.ussvicb.org. If you have not seen it lately, go on and enjoy the information.

SUBVETS WWII: All members of USSVI are encouraged to join SubVets of WWII. There are approximately 38 members remaining in the State of South Carolina. Lee Allison made the presentation. Jack and Lee were present at the regular meeting. There was nothing new to report. All are welcome to attend the bimonthly meeting at Ryan's Steakhouse. Additional members are needed to keep the organization going. Rules have changed for WWII and now regular members can hold other positions. If interested, please give Lee Allison a call. The meeting is scheduled for 11 Aug 05 at 1200 at Ryan's Steakhouse in Summerville.

VA REPORT: Nick Nichols reported that the USSVICB Web Site is updated with Veterans Affairs Information. He handed out information to all interested parties. There are Sub Links available on the site, including information on Tri-Care and other good to know information. If you would like to be on the list to receive the RAO, please call, write or email Nick.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: By-Laws have been rewritten to establish a Membership Chairman. Carl Chinn has volunteered to take over membership responsibilities. He has been busy cleaning up the database and making it user friendly. Only one list will be maintained. Carl reported that he needs exact qual dates for over 50 shipmates. Having this information will expedite being awarded the Holland Club Membership Award. If you are on this list, please see Carl Chinn. Carl reported that Ken Fuhr and Bill Narowski have recently joined Sub Vets.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing to report.

HOLLAND CLUB PRESENTATION: Bobby Lowe was present, however no presentation was made.

OLD BUSINESS: Our group is growing quickly, a copier has been purchased. A vote is needed to reimburse Roger Gibson. Vote taken and passed.

NEW BUSINESS: By-Laws updated. Changes include adding new National membership dues, changing responsibilities of the Base Secretary and adding a Base Membership Chairman. This new position is a volunteer position. Motion made to append and the motion was passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: A small ceremony was held with the wife and son of Mac McCollum during the regularly scheduled meeting. A letter was read by Stacy Powers and then over \$1,000.00 was donated to the Education Scholarship Fund. It was accepted and noted by Jim Yates. Thank you to the entire family for this donation.

There will not be a Ladies Auxiliary started at USSVICB. Jim Eckles reported that he has been invited to the pinning of the new Chief Petty Officers at the Nuclear Power School. It will be held at 0600. Thank you Jim for representing us.

Panama Jack received a suspended sentence for his little encounter with the Law. He was present at the meeting.

Other news included that there is a 2 million dollar insurance Policy that National has available to all bases. This would cover any parade that we as a base participate in. Especially Charleston Base is interested, as to the great number of parades that we are in each year. The Secretary will register the base with National.

The USSVICB Sailing list will be posted on our web site. If there is any shipmate who does not want some or all his information posted, please call (875-3098) or e-mail (carlc@sc.rr.com) Carl Chinn. This is only for the web site and does not affect membership.

New Members see Buddha right after the meeting for a Fireside Chat on the base's activities.

Groceries were great tonight. COB appreciates the TIPS that are given by members for the VFW.

Again, check the qual list and ensure your information is up-to-date. Walter Bailey was the winner of the Depth Charge Drawing.

Meeting adjourned.

Jerry Stout, Base Secretary.

**** End of the minutes for July, 2005 ****

Base Commander

Tolling of the bell for boats lost.

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*

From the COB

At the last meeting we had 59 members present that signed the book. Please remember if you're present to sign in. It aids us in making reports to national on how many are present at the meetings and gives us a gauge on how things are going attendance wise. National has been impressed at our meeting attendance numbers. So if at last meeting we had 79 present and only 59 signed in (79-20= 19) so that means we shorted our selves 19 people on the report. What do you want to bet some Nuclear Engineering Dixie Cup will try to correct my figures? Also you never can tell! You might win a bottle of booze if you sign in. So it will behoove you to sign in.

Since we are growing by leaps and bounds we must be able to communicate better as a group. Email is the fastest and cheapest way to go. Of our 182 members only about 25 don't have email and that is fine but we must be able to communicate with them also. I can send out a memo or even the newsletter to 182 members in about 60 seconds by email. If I call on the phone 182 members that will take considerably longer plus I will have to listen to everybody's problems like "my parakeet got the clap from the cable man who was a retired Nuke and the price of Depends is going sky high and how many times you had diarrhea in the last week". While I thank you for sharing and caring I really don't have a need to know all this. So if you do not have email then just get with a shipmate and have him call you when little updates and reminders come out between meetings and newsletters. If you find your own person and have them call you I think it will workout much better. I tried to generate a list but that didn't seem to work out. So I encourage you to find a shipmate with email and have him call you when pertinent information comes out. The more you know about the different things going on in our base it will make you feel more of being apart of it. We don't want anybody falling through the cracks and not getting

Just a reminder:

Membership Dues Information

National Annual Dues:

5 yr: \$903 yr: \$55 1 year: \$20

National Life Dues:

Age	Cost
45 and under	\$500
46-55	\$400
56-65	\$300
66-75	\$200
76 and older	\$100

Charleston Base Annual Dues: \$15

Charleston Base Life Dues:

Age	Cost
45 to 54	\$325
55 to 64	\$175
65 and older	\$100

Start thinking about your 2006 dues! Pay early and avoid the rush! Deadline is January 1.

"Birthdays"

Adinolfi	Allison	Cates	Chinn, R.
Cleeve	Davis, D.	Freligh	Gawronski
Graff	Hardaway	Hutchinson, C.	Irving
Kirby	LaRose	Larsen	Lowman
Mulkey	Nelms	Roberts	Wise
Young			

the word. We value your membership and the camaraderie we have as submarine sailors and we never want to lose that and good communication will keep that strong.

Love and kisses and all that touchy feely stuff,

Your Friendly COB

Notes from the Editor

A thank you from Mac's family, for the thoughtfulness and consideration given to them during the passing of Edger McCollum RMCS (SS)

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Lillian and Vance McCollum present a check of one thousand dollars to the Admiral Osborne Scholarship fund, in honor of Mac McCollum. Jim Yates the chairman of the Admiral Osborne scholarship fund accepted this gift with thanks to the WWII Sub Veteran. Pictured are Vance Lillian McCollum and Jim Yates.

Dear Submarine Veterans,

When faced with the sudden passing of a loved one, there is no greater comfort than knowing that your friends and family members are close by, offering heartfelt condolences and support in so many ways. My father was very fortunate to have a second family that cared about him; one he shared a kinship with for over 63 years....his submariner family.

On the very first day after my father passed away, the subvets my father cared so deeply for were at the door, offering their support and help in every way they could. My mother and I were deeply touched by the genuine concern they expressed, and the sorrow they felt over losing one of their own was evident. Arranging for a Navy Chaplain to conduct the service was just the beginning of their thoughtfulness. The display they created with all of my father's military ribbons, medals and pins honored my father in a way that we would never have been able to express as beautifully.

My father's life was largely defined by the time he spent aboard submarines in the U.S. Navy. His finest stories, some of his best friendships, and his fondest memories were the results of the years he spent aboard the subs and while on shore duty. My father was the type of person who was easily touched by acts of true friendship, loyalty and compassion. He would tap his fist on his chest over his heart whenever he wanted to show that he was deeply touched. And I could so easily see him doing just that when his shipmates honored him with such a fine military ceremony at his memorial. What greater honor could any departed submariner ask for?

When people asked where to send flowers to my father's memorial, my mother and I immediately decided to ask people to send a donation to a charitable cause instead. When I asked the subvets if they supported any particular organization, the answer I received was the most appropriate I could have ever asked for. My father was a great believer in education and he often told me that he would like to support a scholarship foundation some day. When I was told that a Submarine Veterans Scholarship Fund had been set up after Admiral Osborne passed away, I was truly amazed to hear this. There were few people in the navy that my father respected more than "Admiral Oz", as he called him, and I

Continue Praying for our troops. Lord Keep them out of harms way, be with them always. Send your angels 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 than one to give his life that we may live.

Thank you and God bless our President.

Quiz Time

Match the name with the picture

Membership Chairman

Holland Club Chairman

Veterans Affairs

Carl Chinn

Bob Lowe

John Nichols

U.S. to Bar Exploring of Sunken WWII Sub

Philadelphia Inquirer - *Free Registration Required* (BANGKOK, Thailand JUL. 11)

Divers in Thailand have sought U.S. approval to explore the purported wreck of an American World War II submarine, but a U.S. official says the vessel is a war grave that must remain undisturbed. The wreck, thought to be of the USS Lagarto, was discovered in May by divers now trying to obtain Pentagon permission to film and conduct research on the Balao class submarine, Jamie MacLeod, 43, a professional shipwreck diver from Chichester, England, said Saturday. Eighty six sailors perished when the Lagarto sank in May 1945, reportedly after being hit by Japanese mines about 115 miles off the eastern coast of Songkhla province in the Gulf of Thailand. MacLeod, who is based on the Thai resort island of Tao, said that he was virtually certain the wreck was of the Lagarto, and that he was waiting for U.S. military permission before further exploring the 311 foot boat. "It's a war grave. It belongs to the military," said MacLeod, who wants to film the vessel for a documentary. "We've known this was in the gulf since the end of World War II."