

# SubVets Newsletter Charleston, South Carolina



*First in Submarine warfare, CSS Hunley February 17<sup>th</sup> 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"*

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**Base Meeting:**

Thursday September 8, 2005  
Social hour & board of directors Meeting @ 1830  
General meeting @1900.

**Location:**

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**Minutes of the August 11 meeting**

**OPENING CEREMONY:** Base Commander, Steve Nelms calls to order. A quorum was present and the meeting was commenced at 1900.

**COB REPORT:** COB went into the complete history of establishing the "Casino Nights at Buddha's" and how through his and Buddha's efforts have made the Casino Nights a success. He explained there is a core group of guys whom attend every event, along with non-gamblers. In addition, last month's event created a new theme of a Pot Luck Affair and it

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Mick Forger, Glenn Little, Mike Adinolfi, Don Heinle, John Hazard, Dave Hartley, Fred Daugherty, Fred Simmons, and Dennis Lanier. Welcome aboard to all new members.

**TREASURY REPORT:** Financial report given by George.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** July minutes were presented as published in the August Newsletter. A motion was heard, and with no discussion the minutes were approved.

**STOREKEEPER REPORT:** Curly introduced the new Storekeeper to the group. Paul Viering has volunteered to take over the position.

**CHAPLIN REPORT:** No report given.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS:** The USSVICB website now contains the complete sailing list. The officers' section has been updated and the official application has been added as a download.

**SUBVETS WWII:** Lee Allison gave the report for Barnwell Chaplin who is recovering at home. All members of USSVI Charleston Base are encouraged to join SUBVETS WWII. There are approximately 28 members remaining in the state of South Carolina. He stated that the group is going downhill and soon there will be very few members left in the organization. WWII group needs new members to join as Associate Members and all are encouraged to attend their functions. Lee displayed the Sub Vets WWII ball cap and patch that can be purchased when a new member joins.

The spreading of the remains of Mac McCollum went very well. There were 12 submariners who were able to make the event. The Official Deck Log is available for anyone to see.

**VA REPORT:** No report

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

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Carl Chinn has been doing an outstanding job in restructuring the database and updating all members on date qualified, birth date, year's service, etc. Carl is the only member of USSVICB who is authorized to make changes to the official sailing list.

**NUCLEAR HISTORIAN:** Joke was lame.

was well attended. Pot Luck included hamburgers, soup, desserts, stale chips and warm beer. There are plans to obtain a couch, pool table, more comfortable chairs and a working refrigerator for the barn. Much more is planned and the COB encouraged more members to participate.

**BASE COMMANDER REPORT:** Another reminder for the Eastern District 4 and 6, in conjunction with WWII Southern Region Conference that will be held in Charleston, May 4-7 2006 at the newly renovated Radisson Hotel. Buddha is expecting to book over 150 rooms at the hotel. Details on the Banquet will follow.

Buddha asked members for assistance in obtaining registration bags, along with free items to be placed into the bags for attending members. He gave examples of items including key chains, note pads, small flashlights, stress balls and different sundry things. He is looking for at least 300 each of these items, including the bags. Lee Allison stood up and spoke about the Conference Program Booklet. Lee will be selling advertising with the following rates: Full= \$100.00, ½= \$60.00, ¼= \$35.00, Business Card= \$25.00 and booster= \$15.00. All members are encouraged to donate.

Kenny Sewell will be the guest speaker in October. He has recently written the book "Red Star Row" and will be on hand to discuss and autograph copies.

A Pig Roast will be held on October 15, 2005. Get the word out now by calling fellow members who did not make the meeting. Buddha expects a great turnout. More information to follow!

**STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was a question brought up on when will USSVI start building the Shed for the float. Buddha decided to table the comment.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Old School House that was moved near the Little David location (Berkley Park) needs painting. Any interested party, please contact Richard Cleeve.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Jim Eckles grunted "Can't we all get along" and then he fell asleep. There were moans and groans from the gallery; however no one went over to help. Albert Stoll was the winner of the Depth Charge Drawing and Sam Vlam won the bottle of Jack Daniels for signing the book.

Meeting was adjourned by the Base Commander at 1950.

*Jerry Stout, Base Secretary.*

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

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**Holland Club:**

Bob Lowe Holland Club chairman, note to all hands on the Qualifications for this award, these are the rules as per the National By laws. Join National as a life member and if you have been Qualified for 50 years in submarines you are eligible for this award, no one year waiting period. Second option, if you don't elect to join National as a life member and you pay you dues for five years continuous and are Qualified for fifty years in submarines on this anniversary date you can become a Holland Club member. We would like for you to be a member of our base so we can hold a ceremony for you.

**From the COB:**

At the past meeting we had 76 members present that signed the book. Numbers 1 thru 76 were drawn from a hat and Sam Vlam, who signed in like all good Charleston Base sailors do, walked off with a jug of Jack Daniels. Moral to that story is ALWAYS sign in. Out of 182 members that was a pretty good head count for meeting night. That's a 42% attendance rate and we thank you. Next month you might win Crown Royal or Jim Eckles...oops, sorry, that was a typo. I meant Jim Beam. Damn what a surprise that would be.

Saturday, October 15 2005 will be our hog roast at Buddha's. I will put out more detailed info on what you need to bring within the next week by email. As usual it is free to all members and any guests they so desire to bring. But there is one hitch and that is I must know by phone or by email by October 1, 2005 on how many are coming. We tried this at the last oyster roast and some people waited to call me that day to tell me they were coming with 8 people. That wouldn't be a problem if it was only one call because sometimes things do happen, but if I get 10 calls like that on the day of the roast were talking 80 people that I hadn't planned on coming. Yep, you guessed we break out the SPAM just like third call on steak night underway. Sub Vets pays for all the beer and wine and soft drinks and there is NEVER a danger of running out of that. Nobody likes Spam so please if you are coming you have plenty of time to let the little woman decide if you can come, but please let me know by October 1 2005.

The USS Alexander Hamilton SSBN 617 is having a reunion October 19 thru October 23 at the Holiday Inn Patriots Point in Mt Pleasant, SC. I am the contact man for that reunion and at present I have 103 people registered and paid. If you know of any body interested in the reunion please have them get in touch with me. All my contact information is below. Also if any of you desire to drop by the hospitality room and see us or a shipmate that you know that may be there even if you aren't a Hamilton sailor. As a submarine sailor you are certainly welcome. Wear your vest, jock straps and machine guns, with a light coat of oil and come over and harass the troops. We will even provide a tip jar for non-registered guests if you feel the need. Submarines are all about camaraderie and it's our job to keep that alive.

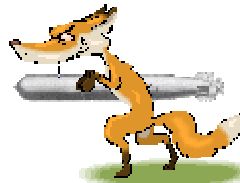
**John Nichols VA Rep:**

Veteran's Administrative Health website (NEW)

To all that utilize the VA, we have a new website that the VA has added to the System. The Website is: [www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov). I have registered and now I can access my VA Health records and more. When registering you are not required to give your SSN but it gives you access to a lot of things that you won't be able to without it. It will give you full explanations to all of your questions. Let all our Vets know about this website. If you have any doubts about this site, call the VA to verify it.

It's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years.

--Abraham Lincoln

**Inputs from the editor:****"Birthdays"****September Subs Lost**

Chaplin	Gravley	Hutchinson	Ingebretson
Katen	Lanier	Law	Mc Rae
Sims	Stump	Villegas	Votta
Wardean	Willis	Lloyd Wilson	William Wilson

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

Swamp Fox Chapter WWII has hats and patches for sale. See Lee Allison at our next meeting!

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Later man, "Neck"

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**National convention in Kansas City**

Our fearless leader will represent us and I'm sure he will be listened to! They haven't heard such an "eloquent" speaker as our Steve.

District Four base Commander will be visiting our base at the September meeting, be sure to shower and shave.

**Reminder!!**

We voted on and passed the "NO SMOKING Ban" during the meetings; this was voted on a couple of years ago and passed by all hands! Let's follow this rule!

**Things for sale:**

Roger has a generator, 3000 watts 120 volts, new Kawasaki industrial engine Homelite generator, \$235.00

**Store Keeper Paul:**

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

George Washington



Always showing respect to the Father, do we?



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.**

**DUES FOR NEXT YEAR:** So we don't get swamped at the last minute start early and see Carl at the next meeting; this helps us with the book work.

**Just a reminder:**

Membership Dues Information

*National Annual Dues:*

5 yr: \$903 yr: \$551 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.

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