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Newsletter of Charleston Base, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

**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.ussvich.orgNational web page: www.ussvi.org**Base Meeting:**

Thursday, November 9, 2006
social hour & Board of Directors meeting at 1800
General meeting at 1900

Location:

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**Minutes of the October 2006
meeting**

Chief of the Boat: Dave Mueller was not present.

Opening Ceremony: Base Commander, Steve Nelms was not present. Vice Commander Carl Chinn called the meeting to order. A quorum was present and the meeting was commenced at 1900.

Introductions: Eight new persons were introduced: Mark Morgart, Daniel Tischler, Derek Haines, Donald Wolfe Jr., Robert Hubert, Steven Borgesen, Erik Carlson, and Mike Drentlaw. Welcome aboard.

Treasurer: George Lisle reported that there is money in the bank.

Secretary: Ronnie Kerstetter asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from last month. A motion was made and seconded; no discussion. Minutes approved.

Torekeeper: Paul Viering gave the torekeepers report. Paul asked that "if you ordered anything, pay for it, and pick it up".

Chaplain: Bill Kennedy was not present. Marty Sessler reported that Jim Yates is recovering from multiple bypass heart surgery. Contact either Bill Kennedy or Marty Sessler for chaplain support.

Public Affairs: Richard Cleeve has added January, February, and March activity pictures to the website.

Sub Vets WWII: Lee Allison shared the following article from the Polaris magazine under the heading Scholarship Fund Report:

"Alan D. Swain, Linda Swain and brother and sister in memory and honor of Robert Swain Sr. SS(401) who passed away in Berkeley, CA. " We were fortunate and thankful to have members of the South Carolina Swamp Fox Chapter of Submarine Veterans WWII attending my father's funeral memorial service on 8 July in Santee, SC. Their presence honored my father and his service to a great nation".

by Maybie, Swamp Fox Chapter president, mentioned the Memorial Service by Kings Bay Subase and St. Mary's Submarine Museum. This will take place 1-4 NOV 2006. Sy has more information for anyone interested.

Carl Chinn reminded members of the Hog Roast on Saturday October 21st. Cost is five dollars a person. Your kids under 21 are free. We will start about 1300. Bring a covered dish (this can include anything that you wish to bring). RSVP the COB by phone or e-mail.

The Charleston Veterans' Parade will be Sunday, November 5th, 2006. Details to follow. Veterans' Day Ceremony at the Summerville County Building on 11 November. Set-up time is 0930.

Base Commander: Base Commander was not present. Two trailer axles without brakes are available to anyone interested. See Buddha for details. We are in need of the following donations: Gray paint and building insulation for the After Battery.

District Four Report: Jerry Stout discussed 3 items:

1. Voter turnout was less than 35% of all National USSVI members in the last National election.
2. District 4/6 convention for 2007 will be April 24-28 in Daytona Beach, FL. WWII will not participate.
3. Opened a new Sub Vets base in Rustin, LA with 10 members.

Old Business: Christmas Party

Carl Chinn and Paul Viering have been working on Christmas Party planning. Plans are to have everything catered. No one has to work; no one has to bring a dessert, or set up or anything. Saturday December 2nd is the date of the party. Social hour will start at 1700; dinner will be served at 1830. We can stay as long as we like up to midnight. This will be held in downtown Dorchester at a place called Gatherings. It will hold up to 300 people. Food is traditional Christmas fare. Please plan ahead, there will be no ticket sales at the door and no one admitted without a ticket. The deadline for purchasing tickets is November 9th. **Please** get your tickets early. Contact Carl Chinn or Paul Viering for more information and tickets.

New Business: Motion made to buy four new round 4-foot tables for use at functions. The total cost will be approximately \$400. Motion seconded and vote carried.

A motion was made and seconded to provide a Charleston Base Sub Vets ceiling tile for the VFW. Cost will be approximately \$35. Motion carried.

A motion made and seconded to provide automatic life membership to any member reaching the age of 75.

Veteran's Affairs: John Nichols gave the atest on new VA information. There are many updates that are posted on our website which is of interest to veterans.

Membership: Carl Chinn reported that Charleston Base has 232 members as of onight. We are the fifth largest USSVI base in the number of members and growing. We are within 20 members of being the #3 largest base. Keep on recruiting.

Nuclear Historian: No report.

Scholarship: Jim Yates was not present. Carl Chinn announced that a hand made Afghan will be raffled out starting next meeting. The Afghan is red, white, and blue and was made by Clyde Peter's sister-in-law.

Fleet Reserve News: Up and running in the new building. Meals Monday-Saturday nights and lunch Monday-Friday.

The motion was tabled for study by the board of directors to assess financial impact. The current cost for life membership for anyone over age 65 is \$100.

VFW Life memberships are \$80 through the end of this year then will go up to \$170.

The L. Mendle Rivers reunion will be held in May at the Mt. Pleasant Holiday Inn.

Trying to verify the notices for Ship Yard and Civil Service retirees' communication of class action law suit.

Good Of The Order: The depth charge drawing was held. The winner was Sy Mabie.

The Base Vice Commander adjourned meeting at 1945.

**** End of the minutes for October 2006 ****

From the Base Commander



The Hog Roast on 21 October was a great success! We had nearly 200 show and a good time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who helped in setting up, cooking, organizing and clean up. I can't thank each one individually because I'm sure someone would get missed, however, there are a few who need recognition. Thanks to Bill Freligh, Gloria Kratz, and Lois Sparks for all their hard work in getting the food line organized which made everything run very smoothly. Thanks to John Paul Pardo, Richard Sparger and their assistants who did the cooking. Thanks to our bartenders also. Still looking for hard brass tubing. The requirements are:

1 1/2" to 2" in diameter with a wall thickness of 1/16" or less. I need 5 pieces, each 4 to 6 feet long.

Desire free or REALLY CHEAP!

We're still in need of approximately 750 square feet of

November Submarines Lost:

USS Corvina	SS 226	November
USS Sculpin	SS 191	November
USS Capelin	SS 289	November
USS Albacore	SS 218	November
USS Growler	SS 215	November
USS Scamp	SS 277	November

The Final Patrol

Lord, this departed shipmate with dolphin chest is part of an outfit known as the best. Make him welcome and take him by the hand. find without a doubt he was the best in all the So, heavenly Father add his name to the roll of departed shipmates still on patrol. Let them know that we who survive will all keep their memories alive.

nsulation for the ceiling of *The After Battery*.

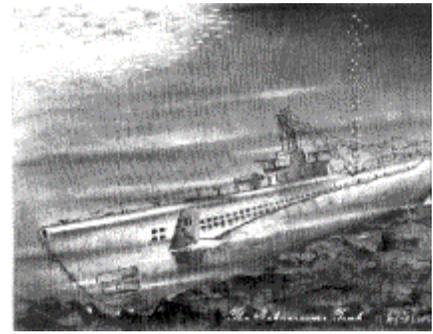
****November Happenings!****

November 5 – Charleston Veterans Day Parade. Line up 1330, starts 1400

November 9 – Deadline to purchase Christmas Party tickets

November 11 – Walterboro Veterans Day Parade. Line up 0730, starts 0900

November 30 – Harleyville Christmas Parade. Line up 1700, starts 1900



From the Storekeeper

I have in stock the 2007 USSVI Calendars each. The theme this year is “Transitions of the Diesels and the first of the Nucs. If you have ordered anything, check with me if it has come in and then pay for and pick up.”



Barnette	Buxton	Campbell, G	Chollet
Dentzman	Gallagher, R	Kerstetter	McKanna
Miller	Mueller	Munoz	Narowski
O'Brien	Pease	Power	Rader
Seal	Starland	Stevenson	Viering
Wolfe			

Christmas Party 2006



Membership and Dues Information:

We're up to **239** members! We slipped a notch to number 6 on base size, but we are only 10 fewer than number 3. We can do it! Keep on recruitin'!

Time to pay your 2007 dues. If you are unsure of what you owe (regular national or base) please ask me! See me at the meeting, e-mail or call.

Dues are payable no later than January 1, 2007.

Remember...No regular meeting in December.

So far only 17 have paid for 2007. **There are currently 149 members who still owe dues (local or local & national)!** We dropped 8 members last year...let's not let that happen again! Pay early and don't get on the dink list! Annual dues are \$20 for National and \$15 for Charleston Base.

If you have any changes to your membership info (address, phone, e-mail, etc.) you can now make those changes directly on-line in the Sub Vets national database. If you make changes, please let me know at hasbasemembernews@sc.rr.com or carlc@sc.rr.com or call 875-3098. This is so we can keep our local information current and accurate. If you want, I can make the changes for you...just let me know.

Membership Drive

When: December 2nd
 Place: Gatherings in Dorchester, SC
 Time: 1700 Cocktails, 1830 Dinner
 Dress: Casual
 Cost: \$5 each for Charleston Base men
 guest (wife, girlfriend, etc.)
 \$10 each for any other non-member

Catered meal	Soft drinks, beer, liquor
Door Prizes	Depth Charge draw
Ample parking	Beautiful country setting

Tickets are available from either Paul V or Carl Chinn. Ticket purchase deadline is November 9th meeting. If at all possible, please purchase tickets before the deadline.



Target: *New Members*

Starting immediately is a membership drive for 2007. We have the potential of becoming the second largest base in the country with just a little bit of work. It will be easy to be number 3 'cause we're only 10 behind them. Who knows, we might someday surpass Groton Base!

Here's the deal: Recruit as many new members as you can. The guy who recruits the most new members before 1 April 2007 will get 2 years Charleston Base membership dues paid. If that guy is already a Charleston Base Life member he will get \$30 cash. In case of a tie, there will be a random drawing for the winner. Make sure that you let me know when you recruit a new guy, if he joins you get credit and I can track the numbers.

Carl

From the PAO

Keep watching the photos on the web site for updates as well as the flash news items. I'll put a group of pictures from April thru July on the TV at our next meeting.

Terminology Trivia

Bully Boys

Bully boys, a term prominent in Navy shanties and poems, means in its strictest sense, "beef eating Sailors." Sailors of the Colonial Navy had a daily menu of an amazingly elastic substance called bully beef, actually beef jerky. The term appeared so frequently on the messdeck that it naturally lent its name to the sailors who had to eat it. As an indication of the beef's texture and chewability, it was also called "salt junk," alluding to the rope yarn used for caulking the ship's seams.

Carry On

In the days of sail, the Officer of the Deck kept a weather eye constantly on the slightest change in wind, so sails could be reefed or added as necessary to ensure the fastest headway. Whenever a good breeze came along, the order to "carry on" would be given. It meant to hoist every bit of canvas the yards could carry. Pity the poor Sailor whose weather eye failed him and the ship was caught partially reefed when a good breeze arrived.

Through the centuries the term's connotation has changed somewhat. Today, the Bluejackets' Manual



**There will be
No Ticket Sales After November**

You MUST have a ticket to attend



No ticket sales at the dock



PLEASE plan early and [buy your tickets](#) early. Don't lose your tickets...tickets are re-entry and will also be used for the drawings.

If you need a map, see Paul or Carl.



Veterans Pride

A Message from Secretary of Veterans Affairs R. James Nicholson

America's veterans are the face of America. They come from all walks of life, all ages, all ethnicities. They served our Nation honorably and we honor that service, but how do we honor the individual veteran – the individual who put on the uniform and gave his or her all for our country?

Last spring I had the privilege of attending ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps)

defines "carry on" as an order to resume work -- work not so grueling as two centuries ago.

USS Hyman G. Rickover Returns From Final Deployment

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) -- Amid the cheers of joy there was sadness as members of USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN 709) returned home to Norfolk Naval Station, after completing the ship's final deployment, Oct. 11. Scheduled to be inactivated in a ceremony Dec. 14, the end of this deployment marks the last homecoming after 22 years of successful service.

The ship's sponsor, and widow of Adm. Rickover (for whom the submarine is named), retired Cmdr. Eleonore Rickover, was on hand to welcome the ship home for the last time.

"This homecoming is happy and sad. I'm sure Hyman would have liked to see the submarine stay in service longer," said Mrs. Rickover.

However, even after the submarine which carries Adm. Rickover's name is inactivated, the name Hyman G. Rickover will carry on within the navy's nuclear propulsion program.

"Once the ship's decommissioned, the Rickover name will remain with us. Adm. Rickover will always be considered the father of the nuclear navy and be a part of every nuclear-powered submarine," said Rickover's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Robert Cosgriff.

Submarines like Hyman G. Rickover, and other Los Angeles-class submarines, have comprised the front line of defense for the United States for decades, and Cosgriff is proud of the crew's final deployment.

"We were out for a long time, from Norway...to Spain and the crew did a great job," said Cosgriff. "I would like to think Adm. Rickover would be proud."

Surpassing the underwater capabilities of any class of ship before her commissioning, the Rickover crew demonstrated the flexibility of the fast-attack submarine, by conducting stealth, endurance and agility operations for the last six months in support of the global war on terrorism and maritime security operations.

During the North Atlantic deployment, Rickover made port visits to Haakonsvern, Norway; Faslane, Scotland; and Rota, Spain. Rickover is 360 feet long, displaces 5,900 tons of water, and can travel in excess of 25 knots.

Things We Already Knew...

A Soldier, a Sailor, an Airman and a Marine got into an argument about which branch of the service was "The Best." The arguing became so heated the four service men failed to see an oncoming truck. They were run

Corps) Day ceremonies in Sydney, Australia. ANZAC Day is the most important nation in Australia, a combination of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

It was established to commemorate the more than 8,000 Australians killed in the battle of Gallipoli during World War I, and now honors all Australian and New Zealand veterans.

One of the things that stood out during the ceremonies was how all of the veterans and surviving family members wore their medal campaign ribbons. It focused public pride attention on those veterans as individuals and their personal histories of service and sacrifice for a common good.

That is why I am calling on America's veterans to wear their military medals this Veterans Day on November 11, 2006. Wearing their medals demonstrate the deep pride our veterans have in their military service and bring Veterans Day to all American citizens.

Veterans, wear your pride on your left side this Veterans Day! Let America know who you are and what you did for freedom.

Disappointed & Mad As Hell CPO

I found your 27 Aug 06 article titled "Chicago Selectees in Europe to take academy's first in Stars and Stripes, European edition, disappointing and offensive. I attached it in case you need a reference.

First, I'd like to point out that the proper title for the service song is "Anchors Aweigh", not "Away". If an anchor goes away, it's a bad thing. We at sea understand that.

Second, why focus the quotes on personnel who have yet to actually wear khakis and anchor selectees you quoted seemed sadly misguided, especially the selectee who believed he'd be a well-rounded and "better equipped" for the job simply because of a classroom CPO Academy. How would he know? Has he walked the deck with the Navy CPO yet?

Your article portrayed CPOs, via quotes, as a bunch of screamers, and "do as I say, not as I do" Syndrome. How could you be so irresponsible as to publish an article that degrades the thousands of excellent, committed, and professional leaders of the hundreds of CPO Messes worldwide? I'd also like to know if you had any insight into how much work each CPO Mess puts into each CPO

over by the truck and killed instantly.

Soon, the four servicemen found themselves at the Pearly Gates of Heaven. There, they met Saint Peter and decided that only he could be the ultimate source of truth and honesty. So, the four servicemen asked him, "Saint Peter, which branch of the United States Armed Forces is the best?"

Saint Peter replied, "I can't answer that. However, I will ask God what He thinks the next time I see Him. Meanwhile, thank you for your service on Earth and welcome to Heaven."

Some time later the four servicemen see Saint Peter and remind him of the question they had asked when first entering Heaven.

The four servicemen asked Saint Peter if he was able to find the answer.

Suddenly, a sparkling white dove lands on Saint Peter's shoulder. In the dove's beak is a note glistening with gold dust. Saint Peter opens the note, trumpets blare, gold dust drifts into the air, harps play crescendos and Saint Peter begins to read the note aloud to the four servicemen:

MEMORANDUM FROM THE DESK OF THE
ALMIGHTY ONE

TO: All Former Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines

SUBJECT: Which Military Service Is the Best

1. All branches of the United States Armed Forces are honorable and noble.
2. Each serves America well and with distinction.
3. Being a serviceman in the United States military represents a great honor warranting special respect, tribute, and dedication from your fellow man.
4. Always be proud of that.

Sincerely,

GOD

MCPO (SS), U.S. Navy (Retired)

Season every year. Did you know that CPO Messes actually have classroom curricula already? Did you realize that we sit down with prospective CPOs, and conduct formal classes ranging from evaluation report writing, to counseling, to career development boards, to uniform standards, to physical fitness and nutrition? Did you know we already use 10 scenarios, such as "moral dilemmas" and "how would you handle this" seminars, to help prospective CPOs prepare for the greater responsibility, authority, and accountability they will have as Chiefs? Do you not believe in the form of CPO

Hopefully, the days of Chiefs interacting 1-on-1 face will never be "long gone". A thumbs-down replacement for a CPO Mess, and even in an asymmetrical war fighting environment, where two Navy Chiefs exist in the same area, that is a CPO Mess.

Your article mentioned this is the first time in years that "chief's transition has gone through change". That statement is simply not true. Training is in a continual state of change, and it always will be. There was a time when CPO Initiations evolved into drunken, pornographic Fear Factor-type eating contests. That was a brief period in our history. In fact, our transition seasons have evolved back to the "old" traditions, such as a genuine "chicken book", in which each prospective CPO receives written advice and counsel from as many Chiefs or she can find, gleaning their insight to help them to be better Chiefs.

Chief Petty Officers of yesterday and today had many duties and responsibilities. One of our great duties is that we are caretakers of our heritage, and stewards of our traditions. In the mantle of responsibility we enthusiastically embrace, with both arms, with a firm and determined determination. Your article boiled CPOs down to a group of has-beens who need to change. If we need to change, we want to change. We want to be better. We want to leave behind a legacy of professionalism and esprit-de-corps unrivaled by any armed force. We want the U. S. Navy run with both efficiency and effectiveness, but all the while remembering those who have gone before us.

I am humbled to be among the ranks of so many of the finest people I've known in my lifetime w



been positively affected by the CPO transition training long before "CPO Academy". The time an article must be written about it, I recommend you speak to some of us, do your homework, and present a professional piece of reporting that will not denigrate, but enlighten.

CMDRCM(SW/FMF) Dan Whiting
 Command Master Chief
 USS ELROD (FFG 55)
 "War Ready to Preserve Peace"

Here's the article:

Chief selectees in Europe to take academy classes

New transition process an indicator of CPO changing role

By Sandra Jontz

Stars and Stripes European edition, Sunday 27, 2006

Sandra Jontz & Petty Officer 1st Class Kim and her fellow chief petty officer selectees Support Activity Naples, Italy, practice skills "Anchors Away" for the much-anticipated ceremony Sept. 15.

And they're more than OK with that.

"We're moving along in the 21st century, we have to be changing with the times, even in a very traditional process," said Kim Roman weeks into her transition from an E-6 to a Navy's coveted rank of chief petty officer. "I'm in the first class of the new CPO Academy a plank owner," beamed the 35-year-old I with the Regional Legal Service Office in Italy.

This year, of the 19,870 petty officers first Navywide eligible for promotion, 4,744 were selected.

Now, many of them and other sailors worldwide will be watching the roughly 100 sailors in European theater to see whether the new CPO Academy concept makes the grade. If it does, other commands might join in.

"Any time you're the first in something, it's a deal," said selectee Adam Dye, 28, a cryptologic technician assigned to the Navy's Fleet in Naples. "We're going to be more rounded, better equipped to handle the ever-changing missions before us."

On Monday, for the first time in the rank's

than 100-year history, newly selected chief officers will be going to school - a formal structured, sitting-in-a-classroom school. It's a stark contrast to the transitions of years in which students studied on their own.

The curriculum will cover subjects ranging from war fighting to nutrition. Much of it will be computerized for quick reference.

Master Chief Petty Officer Anthony Evans, fleet master chief for U.S. Naval Forces Europe Fleet, said in these days of asymmetrical warfare fighting, the days in which a chief could get a group of other chiefs in person for advice is gone.

"Now they'll have that thumb-drive in their pocket and will be connected to the Navy's mess from anywhere in the world," he said. Up until now, the first three weeks of the transition from petty officer first class to chief has remained relatively the same for this year's batch of chiefs in Europe: an icebreaker to introduce your family to the chief's mess; daily, group physical training as the sun comes up; study group; uniform shopping spree; and chorus practice prepare for renditions of "Anchors Away" pinning ceremony on Sept. 15. The new curriculum marks a change.

The introduction of the academy is not the time in the rank's 114 years of existence that the chief's transition has gone through change. In the past decades, it was called an "initiation," but several years ago, Navy leaders directed a change in the term that connoted drunkenness and prankstering. Being chief is serious business.

Young sailors like the academy concept.

"We like the idea that it's going to change the reason is because now, they want smarter, louder," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Shaun ---who owns this one???

"Anybody can yell at people all day or use discipline as fear. But now, they're asking the chiefs, the new chiefs, to educate sailors as better role models, and that is going to change the image of the chief's mess forever.

"Somehow, 'Ask the chief' doesn't mean what was used to, when the chiefs knew everything," a 20-year-old sailor said. "A lot of chiefs today go more into discipline than training. 'Do it because I said so.'

"Now, it'll be like the old days. 'Do it because I said so, and I'll show you how to do it.' "

