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

Base Meeting:

BOD: February 4, 1800
 Membership: February 11, 1900
Location:
 FRA Branch 269
 Low Country Home
 99 Wisteria Rd.
 Goose Creek, SC



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Upcoming Charleston Base Events

Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting	Thursday March 4	1800	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek
Charleston Base Meeting (Social Hr starts 1800)	Thursday, March 11	1900	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek

Information of all Charleston Base Events is on www.ussvicb.org

From the Editor

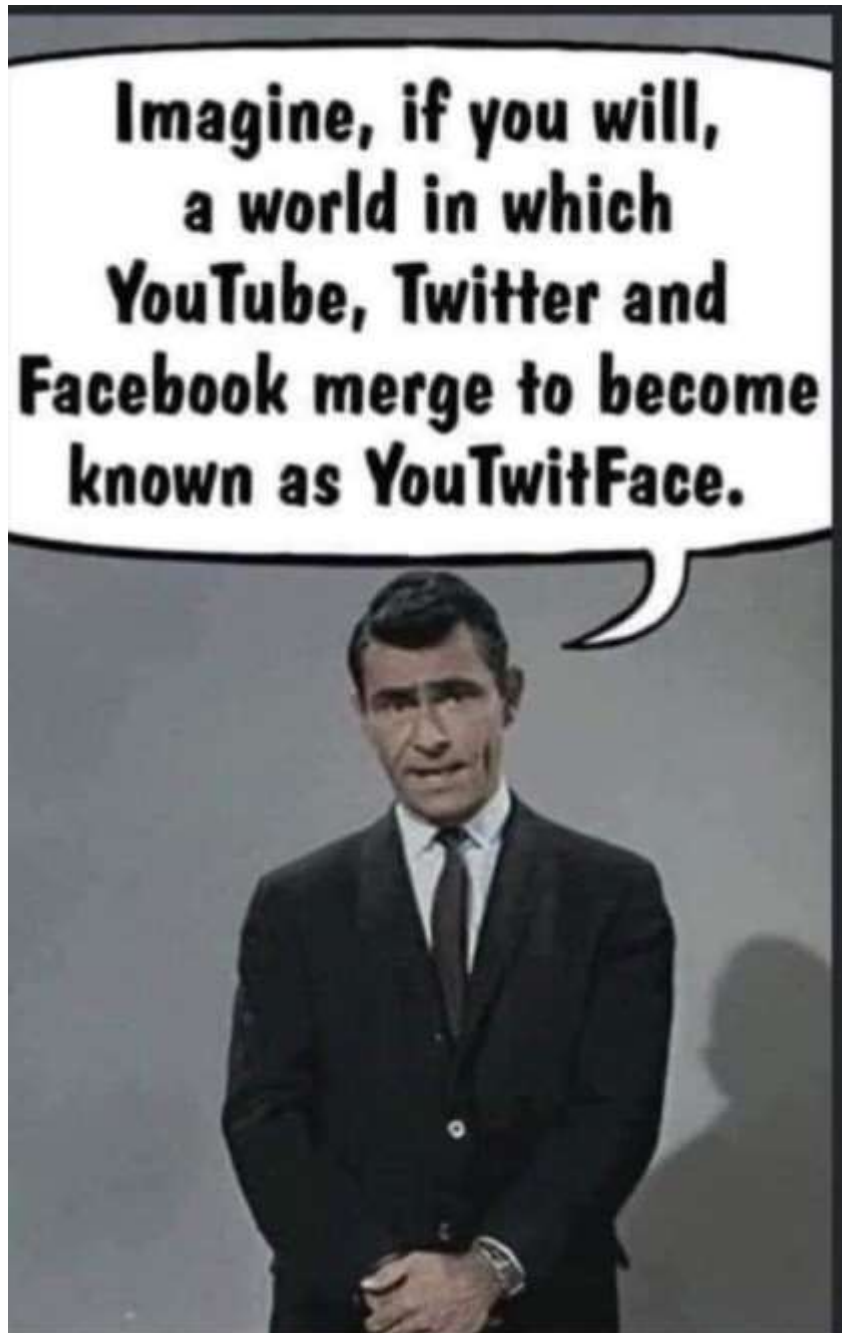
I have relieved Rick Wise as the Newsletter Editor and hope I can only do half the job Rick has done over the years. As I am new to this endeavor, your suggestions and recommendations are welcome and needed. I hope to continue the fine work Rick has done and look forward to this, my first edition.

From USSVI National

Normal message traffic from USSVI will be published each month in the newsletter. If the message is of immediate interest to the membership it will be sent out by the Base Secretary. Messages are arranged in the order received.

Nothing to Report

HUMOR



Japanese submarine collides with commercial ship while surfacing in Pacific

Tokyo (CNN)A Japanese submarine collided with a commercial ship as it attempted to surface off the country's Pacific coast.

Three crew members from the Maritime Self-Defense Force submarine Soryu suffered minor injuries, and pictures from the Japanese Coast Guard showed it sustained damage to its fairwater planes, the wing like structures on its conning tower.

The accident occurred off the main island of Shikoku in southern Japan.

The Soryu, commissioned in 2009, is the first in its class of Japanese diesel electric-powered submarines. It displaces about 3,000 tons and has a crew of around 65.

The Defense Ministry said communications equipment on the sub was also damaged, although it was still able to operate.

"Soryu scraped the hull of the vessel as it was surfacing. It is extremely regrettable the MSDF submarine has collided with a commercial ship," Defense Minister Nobuo Kishi said.

The commercial vessel -- the Hong Kong-registered bulk carrier Ocean Artemis -- reported no damage, Coast Guard officials added.

Bradley Martin, a RAND Corp analyst and former US Navy captain who analyzed images of the damage, said the impact would have restricted the submarine's capabilities.

The incident comes almost 20 years to the day after a US nuclear-powered attack submarine accidentally hit and sank a Japanese fishing vessel, killing nine people -- including four high school students -- near Honolulu.





Defense Finance and Accounting Service Providing payment services for the U.S. Department of Defense

****Retirees: Mailed 1099-Rs Have Incomplete Payer's FIN – Corrected print 1099-Rs will be mailed no later than February 1****

Please note: Retiree 2020 IRS 1099-Rs mailed in early January contain a Payer's Federal Identification Number (FIN) that is missing the last digit because of a printing error. The correct Payer's FIN is: 34-0727612. We apologize for the inconvenience.

We will mail you a corrected 2020 IRS 1099-R with the correct Payer's FIN no later than February 1.

You can also download a correct 2020 1099-R from myPay. It is available now.

If you're not using myPay, or if you haven't logged in for a while, see "[Use myPay](#)" in the information below for helpful guides and links.

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Did you know you have options for getting the information you need to prepare for the annual April tax deadline?

Options for getting your 1099-R

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If you've never used myPay, go to <https://mypay.dfas.mil> using the internet from your computer or your mobile device browser and click "Forgot or Need a Password" to have a temporary password mailed to you. The password will be mailed via regular mail to the address you have on file with DFAS and you will receive it in about 10 business days. Once you have received a password, return to the [myPay home page](#) and click "Create your myPay Profile" to get started. Enter your SSN and temporary password.

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Use our telephone self-service option

If you are a retiree, don't use myPay and your mailing address on file with DFAS is current, you can get a copy of your 1099R through our telephone self-service option.

Please note that 1099-R reissues requested through the telephone self-service option cannot be mailed prior to February 10, 2021.

Use the quick and easy AskDFAS online option

If the address you have on file with DFAS is out of date and you are not a **myPay** user, you can get your 1099R sent to an updated address by [submitting your request online at AskDFAS](#). You can request your 1099R be sent either to your current address or to a new address using an online form. Plus, you can request prior year 1099Rs. You will receive your 1099R in the mail in seven to ten business days.

Please note that 1099-R reissues requested through AskDFAS cannot be mailed prior to February 10, 2021.

Find instructions at: <https://corpweb1.dfas.mil/askDFAS/ticketInput.action?subCategoryID=9725>

Mail or fax your written request

If you prefer postal mail or fax, you can send us a written request, but please make sure you leave time for processing. It may take 30 days to process requests received by mail or fax. And remember to send your written request to our [correct mailing address](#).

Find instructions at: <https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/manage/taxes/getting1099r/viawrittenreq>

Speak with one of our customer care representatives

Members with unique situations can speak directly to one of our customer care representatives. Depending on call volume, you may have to wait on hold while we assist other customers. Keep in mind that tax season is our busiest period. Please note that 1099-R reissues requested from our customer care center cannot be mailed prior to February 10, 2021.

For more information, check out: <https://dfas.dod.afpims.mil/Retired-Military-Annuitants/about/aboutus/customer-service/>

Getting a 1095-B

Please note: IRS Form 1095-B will only be available online via myPay, unless a request is received for a copy by mail.

As required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), DFAS continues to provide IRS Forms 1095-B or 1095-C via individual myPay accounts. These forms are created for military, retiree and federal civilian employees who receive healthcare insurance coverage through Tricare or Federal Employee Health Benefit programs. **According to the IRS, these forms are not required to prepare or file income tax returns** but will be available via myPay no later than Jan. 31, 2021.

Getting a 1042-S

If you receive a Form 1042-S instead of a Form 1099-R, call 800-321-1080 for assistance.

Other helpful tax-related information

[Is Your Pay Taxable or Not?](#)

[Federal Income Tax Withholding](#)

[State Income Tax Withholding](#)

[Correcting Your 1099-R](#)

Tax Levies and Debt Recoupments

Military retirees who owe federal taxes may be subject to a levy in order to pay an overdue tax bill. Military retirement payments are subject to the Federal Payment Levy Program through the Internal Revenue Service. Military retirement payments could be levied (reduced) by 15 percent through the Federal Payment Levy Program. The Federal Payment Levy Program only goes into effect if you have not paid your taxes on time or made arrangements to pay your overdue tax bill. Before a levy is issued, you will receive an initial tax bill with information on what you owe and how to pay it. You will also receive a final tax bill with information on what you owe, how to pay it, what can happen if you don't pay and an explanation of your appeal rights. The IRS will not issue a levy if you pay what you owe, or make payment arrangements, within 30 days after the final billing notice is sent. The federal tax levy could remain in place until the debt is satisfied.

Please click [here](#) for more information from irs.gov.

In the case of garnishments, the collection action is mandatory and any rebuttal concerning the levy must be addressed to the IRS.

NOTE: Annuity payments are not subject to IRS tax levy collections.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS AT N. CHARLESTON VA CLINIC

On Feb. 1, 2021 the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center opened a portion of its new North Charleston VA Outpatient Clinic, located at 6450 Rivers Ave., to serve as a temporary COVID-19 vaccination clinic for Veterans.

Full clinic operations are scheduled to open summer 2021, but in the interim, the Charleston VA is making use of this space to efficiently and effectively vaccinate Veterans ages 70-years-old and older. Vaccinations are by appointment only, and eligible Veterans can make an appointment by calling 843-789-6900. You do not need to be in the VA system to get this vaccine.

Extend360

Free Shredding Event

Shred360 Free Shredding Event In North Charleston SC: Please help everyone enjoy the “Free Paper Shredding Event” in North Charleston, SC. In an effort to shred your sensitive documents in a timely manner, Attendees are limited to (3) three boxes (copy paper box or smaller) or (3) three bags (kitchen trash bag or smaller) per vehicle. There is no need to remove binder clips, paper clips, staples, rubber bands or CDs/DVDs prior to shredding.

Wednesday March 10, 2021

10:00am – 1:00pm

Location: 5001 Coliseum Drive, Lot “E” North Charleston SC 29418 (North Charleston Coliseum)

2021 NC SUBVETS BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

FRI 14TH - SUN 16TH May 2021

DINNER SAT MAY 15TH

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Pre-Registration Form – Cutoff Date 22 Apr 2021

Last Name: _____ First _____ Chicken ___ BEEF ___ TROUT _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Primary Base: _____ Email: _____

Guest Last Name: _____ First _____ Chicken ___ BEEF ___ TROUT _____

Telephone: _____ Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

			NO	<u>TOTAL</u>
Pre-Registration	Per Person	\$25	___	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	Per Person	\$25 if not rooming at Hotel	___	\$ _____

Breakfast and Dinner is include in the Room Rates

CHECK # _____

Dinner count selection Chicken ___ Beef ___ Trout _____

CUT ON DOTTED LINE ABOVE KEEP THIS RECEIPTS FOR YOUR RECORDS

ARMED FORCES DAY NEXT YEAR IS MAY 15TH 2021

Please make checks payable to: ASHEVILLE BASE – USSVI

Mail check to: James A. Seacord III, 311 Colony Lane, Hendersonville, NC 28791

828-458-3651

			<u>NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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Total Included			___	___

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Host Hotel: Big Lynn Lodge NC Hwy 226A (milepost marker 331 on the Blue Ridge Parkway), between Little Switzerland and Spruce Pine, 10860 N Carolina 226A, Spruce Pine, NC 28777 **Phone:(828) 765-4257**

Directions to Hotel: I-40, Exit 86 (Route 226). Take this bending, curving road all the way to Little Switzerland. When you see the Blue Ridge Parkway overpass, take a left turn, go 2 miles to the lodge.

Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of the individual. **DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL RATE IS 22**

Apr 2020. Web site <http://www.biglynnlodge.com/>

Orlando, FL

August 30 – September 04, 2021

Welcome To Orlando, Shipmates!

Central Florida & Snug Harbor Base

are your hosts for the 2021 USSVI National Convention



We have a group rate of **\$105.00** per night per room.

Attendees can also contact the hotel reservations department directly at 866-996-6338 and use code USSVI-2021 National Convention.

The cut-off date for the Room Block is August 01, 2021.

Reservations made after this date may be made at the Convention rate based on room availability.

Our annual convention is one of the largest and most exciting annual gatherings of submarine veterans in the U.S. This event offers attendees the environment, the setting and the unique opportunity to meet with fellow submariners to exchange ideas, reminisce and keep up to date on important information. Details about the convention, available services and calendar of events can be found on this site.

Orlando, FL August 30 – September 04, 2021

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., Charleston Base Minutes of Business Meeting 11 February 2021

Opening Ceremonies:

The February 2021 Base Meeting was called to order by Base Commander Mike Ciesielko with a quorum of three officers and a total of 49 members.

The meeting started at 1900 with the sound of the diving alarm. Vice Commander Tom Lawson was not present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Base Commander Mike Ciesielko and recited by the members in attendance.

The Invocation and the Tolling of the Boats lost during the month of January was given by Base

Chaplain Nick Nichols.

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Second Class Petty Officer Fire Control Technician Ballistic, Submarines, Richard H. Stevenson, US Navy - Departed on Eternal Patrol January 24, 2021

Chief Electronics Technician, Submarines, Joseph M. Kosater, US Navy Retired – Departed on Eternal Patrol February 3, 2021

Senior Chief Quartermaster, Submarines, Dennis W. Fuqua, US Navy Retired – Departed on Eternal Patrol February 7, 2021

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Secretary – Gordon Long:

The Minutes from the January Base meeting were published in the Base Newsletter and promulgated on the Base Website. No additions or changes were noted. The Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer – Base Commander for Gordon Williams: The Treasurer's Report for January was published and promulgated on the website. There were no changes and was accepted as published.

Chaplain – Nick Nichols: Highlighted boat of the month:

AMBERJACK was lost on February 16, 1943 with the loss of 72 officers and men on her third war patrol. While off the coast of Babaul, she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane, attacked by a torpedo boat and then depth charged by a subchaser. One additional man was killed earlier on the last patrol.

There are several shipmates and family members who have given me information which they wish to be kept confidential at this time.

QMC(SS) Gerald 'Jerry' L. Farr, USN Retired, 87, departed on Eternal Patrol on Jan. 24. His funeral service was on Jan. 31 with a good number of Charleston Base members attending. He joined the Navy in 1952 and retired in 1975, was a Life Member of USSVI National, Life Member of Charleston Base, the Holland Club and Life Member of FRA Branch 269. He qualified on SEA OWL SS-405 in 1963 and served on DANIEL WEBSTER SSBN-626 and MARIANO G. VALLEJO SSBN-658. He also served at COMNAVFOR MARIANAS GUAM, NAVAL TRAINING COMMAND GREAT LAKES IL and NTC SAN DIEGO CA. A note of condolence from Charleston Base has been placed on the funeral home website.

ETC(SS) Joseph M. Kosater, USN Retired, 71, departed on Eternal Patrol on Feb. 3 at Trident Hospital. His burial will be at a later date. Joe joined the Navy in 1973 and retired in 1993. He was a member of USSVI National and Charleston Base. He qualified on USS HADDOCK SSN-621 in 1974. He also served on POLLACK SSN-603, NARWHAL SSN-671 and GUITARRO SSN-665. My original email listed him as a former member but was in error according to National.

FTB2(SS) Richard H. Stevenson, USN Retired, 77, departed on Eternal Patrol on Jan. 24. His services will be held in Colorado. Dick joined the Navy in 1961 and left in 1968. He was a Member of USSVI National [2007], Member of Charleston Base [2014], and a Holland Club member. He qualified on USS SAM HOUSTON SSBN/SSN-609 in 1964

QMCS(SS) Dennis W. Fuqua, USN Retired, 74, departed on Eternal Patrol on Feb. 7. IAW his wishes there will not be a funeral service. Frenchy joined the Navy in 1964 and retired in 1989. He was a Life Member of USSVI National, member of Charleston Base, member of Bonefish Base, member of the Holland Club, and a member of the FRA Branch 269. He qualified on USS BREAM SS/SSK/AGSS-243 in 1968. He also served on RONQUIL SS-396, SEGUNDO SS-398, VOLADOR SS-490 and BONEFISH SS582.

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LT Bernard C. Krafsg, USN Retired, departed on Eternal Patrol on Jan. 8 in Mount Pleasant. He served on the Benjamin Franklin SSBN as the Supply Officer. He was not a member of USSVI.

CAPT John F. Jordan, USN Retired, departed on Eternal Patrol on Jan. 28 in Aiken. He qualified on LEWIS AND CLARK SSBN644 in 1966, served for 27 years in a number of submarines and was the CO of USS Mendel L. Rivers. He also served at many shore stations and was COMSUBRON 4 Commodore 1987-1988. He was a member of USSVI and Naval Submarine League.

Ronny Vandiver is out of ICU at SMC and in a regular room. When he is more stable he will start rehab but not sure where.

Ray Bryant has been down with his back since 20 January. He went in on 3 Feb for lumbar injection. MRI shows L2, 3, 4, and S1 bulging discs. L5 herniated and mashing on sciatic nerve.

Gene Weir continues his cancer treatments. He started Chemo and pills in September 2020 and has treatments every four weeks. Don't know how many more he has to do. Things are going well with very little side effects from the Chemo. He thanks everybody for their prayers. They do work. Don't know when he will be able to attend a meeting.

Don Ort had heart surgery on December 15th to correct heart blockages and heart valve. Don drove his truck for the first time on Tuesday. He starts cardiac rehab on Monday. Things are moving along.

Bill Jennings was in the hospital mid-January after falling while at church. He is home and on the mend.

Rodney McKanna is 5 weeks out from his knee surgery. No cane and is now driving.

George Burton is undergoing treatment for lung cancer. His most recent scans show great improvement.

Bob Snyder is home with palliative care. He would like to come to our meetings if someone can drive him from Mt. Pleasant and back.

Please complete/update your page 2 if you have not done so. Of all the Eternal Patrol this reporting period, no one had a page 2 on file.

Webmaster – Nick Nichols:

Website is constantly updated.

Make use of the EVENTS page on the Charleston Base website. All events that are put out to the membership via email will be listed and updated on the events page. Pictures will now be on the USSVI National website. Please take a look at your profile on the National site and update it if needed. Many have missing info.

Submarine Veterans of WWII – Mike Emerson for George Scharf

We gladly recognized Stacy Power here tonight for the second month in a row.

Kaps for Kids – Mike Emerson: Nothing to report.

Social Media – Lewis Leal: We are attempting to record the Base meeting tonight. If the quality is good enough, it will be uploaded.

Membership – Larry Knutson: We now have 263 Charleston Base Members after USSVI National removed members from the list for nonpayment of dues. Charleston Base ranks third in membership behind Groton and Hampton Roads.

VA – Tom Lawson: Not present

Scholarship – Carl Chinn: As of tonight, the Scholarship Fund has just short of \$6,000. This does not include the shotgun raffle, which will happen at the end of the meeting tonight. There are three hats donated – Nautilus, Pennsylvania and SubBase New London. There is a box of books and other submarine related items on the table. Take something and make a donation to the scholarship fund. We received a very generous donation of \$1,000 from John Lookabil to get next year's Scholarship Fund underway. Thank you John! Carl introduced his son, who is a U.S. Navy Captain. He has been here before and it was good to see him again.

Special Events – Rick Sparger: There are no immediate plans for parade entries, but we would like to pull the float earlier this year and not wait until Christmas. We plan to present a letter of thanks to the young lady who was so helpful for us to get into the Goose Creek parade.

CRAMA – Butch Bryar: We were supposed to have a meeting with the SC Governor, LT Governor, Treasurer and Attorney General but it was cancelled. A new meeting should be scheduled next month. We are still waiting on the judge's ruling. The courts are backlogged. Butch encouraged all who have not joined CRAMA, to do so in order to help save the Clamagore.

Nuclear Power School – Rick Wise for Ray Sparks: The date for the next NPS graduation is February 26. They sent invitations out for this event, but did not say where it will be held. Two performance awards from Charleston Base SubVets will be provided to the top officer and enlisted submarine designated individuals.

Fleet Reserve Association – Rick Sparger: The FRA has no current activities on the schedule. Nothing to report. Stacy Power reported that the 65 year FRA pin presented at the last USSVI Charleston Base meeting was the only acknowledgment that he received. Directly from the FRA, he received nothing.

Recreation – Bill Hayes: We are still trying to get a spaghetti dinner on the schedule. It looks as if March 6 will not happen. Rick Sparger explained that if the FRA holds a pool tournament on that day, the kitchen will be in full use and unavailable to us. In fact, most days other than a Sunday, the kitchen is usually busy. Rick suggested that we find another location.

Newsletter – Ed Stank: Ed has relieved Rick Wise as Newsletter Editor.

Storekeeper – Ken Hutchison Nothing to Report

Comptroller – Rick Wise The approved Charleston Base annual budget is available on the Base website.

HUNLEY/HOUSATONIC – Harry Nettles The February 17 Hunley/Housatonic ceremony is cancelled. For all of those who volunteered to be presenters – Thank You!

Public Affairs – Ed Stank Last month we presented Stacy Power an award for 65 years as FRA member. Ed has submitted an article to American Submariner and FRA. He has received an acknowledgment back from American Submariner but has yet to hear from the Fleet Reserve.

COB – Rick Sparger (Acting): Rick reminded everyone to lock your cars when you are parked at the FRA. Recently an individual had opened one of the cars and was going through it. His current whereabouts are unknown.

Base Commander – Mike Ciesielko: As everyone can see, schedule changes occur frequently and often at the last minute, so please keep up with your emails. We will keep up with the changes as best that we can.

Good of the Order

Nuclear Historian – Rick Carlson: Not present

Prescriptions – Rick Sparger: There was a computer problem at Naval Heath Clinic and the Air Force base causing several days of shutdown.

Secretary's Note: This should be corrected long before publication of the Minutes.

After Battery – Ray Sparks: The Hog Roast originally scheduled for April 2021 has been cancelled. Perhaps 2022 will be a better year for the annual event to be held. The August event in New London is still on schedule but the area up there is still locked down.

Gun Club – Mike Ciesielko Nothing to report

Can Tabs – Nick Nichols Nick asked everyone to collect aluminum can tabs for a project that his church is involved in.

Friends of the Hunley – Lindsay Nelson: Lindsay reminded everyone of the items received as thanks for the support to Friends of the Hunley. Our Storekeeper Ken Hutchison has these items available for sale. Since Charleston Base already paid for the membership, money generated will go directly back to the Base General Fund.

Drawings & Auctions Finally, after several months of the Challenge Coin Door Prize drawing, using a random number chosen for the sign-in sheet, Rick Collins was the winner of the bottle of bourbon.

Shotgun Drawing - Our Base Chaplain, Nick Nichols was asked to pull a ticket for the shotgun. Gene Williams was the name written on the ticket.

Our Base Treasurer Gordon (Willy) Williams produced the matching ticket stub for verification. Congratulations Willy. Secretary's Note: Following the close of the meeting, Carl and Willy completed paperwork noting transfer of the shotgun.

FRA – winner not identified.

Depth Charge – Ken Lutz – donated \$52 to the Scholarship fund.

Closing Ceremony—Chaplain Nick Nichols led the group in a prayer of Benediction. Base Commander Mike Ciesielko announced adjournment of the meeting with three blasts of the diving alarm. Meeting closed at 1946.