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

Base Meeting:

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Submarines lost during the month of November/December

USS Albacore (SS-218)	7 Nov 44	85 Men Lost
USS Growler (SS-215)	8 Nov 44	86 Men Lost
USS Scamp (SS-277)	16 Nov 44	83 Men Lost
USS Corvina (SS-226)	16 Nov 43	82 Men Lost
USS Sculpin (SS-191)	19 Nov 43	43 Men Lost, 41 Taken Prisoner, 21 Survived the war

Submarines Lost during the month of December

USS Capelin (SS-289)	2 Dec 43	76 Men Lost
USS Sealion (SS-195)	10 Dec 41	4 Men Lost, 1 Taken Prisoner And died in a POW camp
USS F-1/ Carp (SS-20)	17 Dec 17	19 Men Lost
USS S4 (SS-109)	17 Dec 27	40 Men Lost

9 Boats, 538 Men Lost

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Upcoming Charleston Base Events

Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting	Jan 6	1800	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek
Charleston Base Meeting (Social Hr starts 1800)	Jan 13	1900	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek

From the Editor

I have enjoyed publishing the news letter each month and hope it has been not only informative but spirited. This month I combined both November and December as no official meetings were held in December.

**From USSVI National
Nothing to Report**

HUMOR

The doctor said, "Alfie, the good news is I can cure your headaches. The bad news is that it will require castration.

You have a very rare condition which causes your testicles to press on your spine, and the pressure creates one hell of a headache. The only way to relieve the pressure is to remove the testicles."

Alfie was shocked and depressed. He wondered if he had anything to live for. But when he thought about it some more, he decided he'd rather be free of pain. He had no choice but to go under the knife.

When he left the hospital, he was without a headache for the first time in 20 years, but he felt like he was missing an important part of himself. As he walked down the street, he realized that he felt like a different person. He could make a new beginning and live a new life.

He saw a men's clothing store and thought, "That's what I need... A new suit."

He entered the shop and told the salesman, Abe "I'd like a new suit."

The elderly tailor eyed him briefly and said, "Let's see... Size 44 long."

Alfie laughed, "That's right, how did you know?"

"Been in the business 60 years!" the tailor said.

Alfie tried on the suit; it fit perfectly.

As Alfie admired himself in the mirror, the salesman asked, "How about a new shirt?"

Alfie thought for a moment and then said, "Sure."

The salesman eyed Alfie and said, "Let's see, 34 sleeves and 16-1/2 neck."

Alfie was surprised, "That's right, how did you know?"

"Been in the business 60 years," the man repeated.

Alfie tried on the shirt, and it fit perfectly.

Alfie walked comfortably around the shop, and the salesman asked, "How about some new underwear?"

Alfie thought for a moment, then said, "Sure." Abe said, "Let's see... Size 36."

Alfie laughed, "Aha! I got you, I've worn a size 34 since I was 18 years old."

Abe shook his head, "You can't wear a size 34. A size 34 would press your testicles up against the base of your spine and give you one hell of a headache."

A HERO AND HIS SON



Charleston Base remaining WWII sailor, MSCM(SS) Stacey Power has been recognized over the past few months for his service. Most recently Stacey was presented the Quilt of Valor for his service during WWII. This may have not be possible without the help of his son Casey, who each month drives from his home in Atlanta to bring Stacey to our base meetings. Asked why he does this and he replied that it is a way to honor his father and everything he has done for our country.

RUMMAGE SALE

The second annual Rummage Sale was conducted by the Scholarship Committee on Saturday 13 November at Rodney's Rockets/Halloween Express parking lot from 0800 until 1300. Setup for the event started at 0430 which was supported by Carl Chinn, Marty Sessler, Rick Sparger, Connie Chinn, Ricky Collins, Julian Villegas, Gloria Villegas, Larry Knutson, Glenn Little and Dave Harvey. The event raised over \$1600 dollars for the Scholarship Fund and any remaining donations after the sale were donated to the National Kidney Foundation Thrift Store, Summerville.





VETERANS DAYS CEREMONY

The Summerville Veterans Day Ceremony, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Assembly 1900, at the Dorchester County Administration Building, 500 N. Main Street, at the corner of Hwy 78 and North Main Street in Summerville. Other organizations participating include American Legion Post 21, Disabled American Veterans David McWhorter Chapter, Summerville Elks Lodge 2719, VFW Post 3433 and Post 3433 Auxiliary, and United States Submarine Veterans Inc. USSVI Charleston Base Chaplain and Hunley/Housatonic Coordinator supported the event which was highlighted by a moving dissertation by the QMCM(SS) Harry Nettles who gave the keynote speech.

CPO BREAKFAST

The annual CPO breakfast was held at Cracker Barrel on Ashley Phosphate Rd the 10th of November. Charleston Base members attending included Mike Emerson, Ed Stank, Glenn Little, and Harry Nettles. Many sea stories were traded and us old-timers learned much about the new navy. Our new chiefs were eager to learn about our experiences during our service and how they could apply them.



HARLEYVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE



Charleston Submarine Veterans participated in two wonderful Christmas parades over the holidays. The first was in Harleyville SC on 2 Dec. The weather was unusually warm but still brisk for this time of the year. Charleston Base has been a staple of this parade for many years and the Harleyville folks always give us a warm and patriotic welcome. We provide candy for the many children who line the parade route adding to the excitement.

On Saturday, the 11th of December Charleston Base participated in our 2nd trip to the Goose Creek parade and was greeted enthusiastically by the local residents who remember when the "Creek" was home to many sailors who served about submarines both at the Weapons Station and the Main Base. Many veterans saluted the boat as it passed through the streets.



CHARLESTON BASE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2021 Charleston Base Christmas party was held on 4 December at the Fleet Reserve Association in Goose Creek. The party was attended by about 50 Subvets and their better halves. Free finger food and sides were provided by the members and base recreation fund. Background music was provided and a cash bar was available. The Scholarship committee provided mini-bottles free of charge. A cake cutting ceremony was performed by Stacey Powers. Looking forward to next year when we can provide a full blown party.



Admiral James B. Osborn Memorial Scholarship Raffle

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