

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2026

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1802 by Vice Commander Art Sattler and attended by Fred Bolz, Woody Woodsmall, Ricky Collins, Larry Knutson, Gordon Long, Greg Landry, Lewis Leal, and Nick Nichols. Many of the BOD Members are in Manitowoc, WI for the July 4 parade.

VA – Fred Bolz:

- Art Sattler introduced new Charleston Base Associate Member Fred Bolz to the Board. He was appointed by Base Commander Dave Harvey at end of the Base Meeting last month.
- Fred advised the Board that VA disability is available for those who are CPAP users. Fred will provide info for the Base Newsletter.

Storekeeper – Woody Woodsmall:

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Ricky Collins:

- Ricky reported that he had to revise the Treasurer's report due to receiving another check from SC. We, so far, have received almost \$350 for license plates.
- Ricky explained the color coding in the Treasurer's report.

Membership – Larry Knutson:

- We currently have 241 members and are still fourth in membership of USSVI.
- Nick Nichols discussed annual renewals and the delay each year from some members.
- Base Standings [those with more than 200 members]: Charleston is #4 in USSVI membership. [AM = associate member]
 - o Groton 1049 w/39 AM - 2) Hampton Roads 299 w/12 AM – 3) Bremerton 268 w/13 AM – 4) Charleston 241 w/19 AM

Secretary – Gordon Long:

- Nothing to report.

NPS Awards – Gordon Long for Phil Nunnally:

- The next NPS graduation will be July 17. Meet at NEX at 0800 to carpool if you would like to sweat it out in the heat with him.

Newsletter – Gordon Long for Phil Nunnally:

- Phil is traveling in Florida and has been visiting various veteran's memorials. He will be including photos and info in the upcoming Newsletters.

Little David – Gordon Long for Phil Nunnally:

- Nothing to report.

COB – Greg Landry:

- Greg visited the Navy Recruiting office in Summerville. They had been outside at the Coastal Carolina Fair but had to move inside due to their material blowing away with the wind.

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- Nick Nichols reported that the Armed Forces Career Center on Rivers Ave. is expected to relocate to Northwoods Mall in August.

Social Media – Lewis Leal:

- Nothing to report.

Recreation – OPEN

- OPEN

PAO – OPEN:

- OPEN

Chaplain – Nick Nichols:

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

ETERNAL PATROL

- Jerry Stout departed on Eternal Patrol on Tuesday, 9 June 2026. Family visitation will be held on Wednesday July 15 at 1100 at John the Beloved at 28 Sumter St., Summerville. His funeral will follow at 1200 at the same place. His burial with full Military Honors is Friday July 17th at 12:00 PM at Beaufort National Cemetery. A luncheon will follow the service in Madden Hall and that's where we will conduct the EP service along with the FRA Two Bell. More info will be put out before the meeting.
- MMCS(SS) John Glave Jr., 82, departed on EP on 22 June 2026. He joined the Navy in 1963 and retired in 1986. He served on USS Irex, USS Skipjack, USS James K. Polk, USS Bluefish, USS Daniel Boone, and USS Ray. He was a member of the Denizens of the Deep Base since its founding in 2000. His services will be private.
- Nick read a request which he received from Miriam Wolf to Charleston Base for attendance at her husband's funeral mass. He had been a member of the Perch Base.

BINNACLE LIST

- **Ed Simokat** is in really bad shape. The family has been called in and I've been to see him. Judy will keep us informed. She did say they have discussed it and the service will be in the fall.
- **Rick Wise** reported the results of the PET scan he had on 29 June were not promising. It showed a new enlarged lymph node that will be biopsied through a Bronchoscopy on July 14. There are some questionable areas in my lungs that will need to be watched. The lesions in my spine and pelvis have increased in size but since these are adding material and not bone loss I'm not very concerned. I will be taking a break from chemo to see if that may be causing some of the problems. Please keep me in your prayers. [843.276.0899]
 - o He will need someone to take him for the Bronchoscopy on July 14. I need to be there at 0830 so we should leave from my house at 0715. The procedure will take about 3 hours.
Anyone that can help Rick out with transportation please call and talk to him [843.276.0899]
- **Bill Hayes** had a heart cath on Monday 22 June. One artery was 70% blocked and he was told he needed a 3x bypass. On Thursday 25 June he had surgery and only needed a single bypass. He is recovering at home with very little pain.

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LONG TERM / ASSISTED LIVING / HOMEBOUND

- **Steve Curry** has AFIB and congenital heart failure and is on 24/7 oxygen. Also diagnosed with stage 3 cancer and began chemo on 15 April. Phone calls are welcome [843.270.9905]
- **Dave Woods wife, Fran**, is still recovering from a stroke in 2024 during a heart bypass.
- **Don Meadows** is confined to his bed much of the time but he hopes to make some base meetings. Has had foot surgery, with many more to come, to correct his problem. [843.475.7043]
- **Mike Knaub** is in assisted living on Daniel Island. His address is 514 Robert Daniel Dr. Rm 310, Daniel Island SC 29492-7375. You can contact Mike on his email mlk91444@yahoo.com or [843.795.6665].
- **Bill [Becky] Roberts** in D409 in the Villages of Summerville. Becky in the Greenhouse Memory Care Unit. His mailing address is: William Roberts, 201 W. 9th North Street, D409, Summerville SC 29483-6715. Bill's email is cbussvicob@yahoo.com and his cell phone is [843.509.3962]
- Complete/update your page 2 if you have not done so.

Webmaster – Nick Nichols:

- The National Election Master has sent an email stating voting will begin on July 7th. It appears we will not be voting using the new website but a program called “Election Buddy”. Nick read the email regarding the voting procedure.
- We received an email discussing the new USS Groton Sail Monument that is being planned to be placed in Groton CT. The email is requesting based make a base donation and solicit individual donations. At the next BOD we can discuss the base donation part but, in the meantime, I will be sending the email out to our members so they can donate if they want to.
- Any changes to your info on National you can be updated by your or send the info to either Larry or me to get them made on National and local.

Base Job Descriptions – Nick Nichols:

- I have received 12 of the updated D&R pages and still need 7 more. I won't get those until several return from travel. I hope we can go over them at the August board meeting.

Contacts – Nick Nichols:

- You should have the names, phone numbers and email addresses of all BOD members in your phone contacts or use the link to the officers' page to get contact info.

Base Business Cards – Nick Nichols:

- Always carry a couple of the new base business cards at all times. On the back of the card are two QR codes, one for the Base and one for National.

FRA– Nick Nichols:

- Remember the rules we must follow at the fleet when attending a SUBVET meeting regarding non-FRA members. [SECRETARY'S NOTE: If you need to review what these are, please go to the Base Website and look at the May/June BOD or Base Meeting Minutes.]

Vice Commander – Art Sattler:

- Wayne Phillips has resigned as USSVI Southeast Regional Director.

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Kaps 4 Kids – Art Sattler:

- Nothing reported.

NNPTC Coordinator – Anthony Mazza:

- Not present.

Scholarship – Tom Lawson III:

- Not present.

SC License Plate Coordinator – Ed Stank:

- Not present.

Float Coordinator – Dave Harvey:

- Not present.

Base Commander – David Harvey:

- Not present.

Holland Club – Bill Freligh:

- Not present

FRA – Ken Hutchison:

- Not present.

Social Media – Lewis Leal:

- Nothing to report.

Special Events – Tom Holcombe:

- Not present.

Comptroller – Tom Holcombe:

- Not present.

HL Hunley – Tom Holcombe:

- Not present.

USSVCF – Bob MacPherson:

- Not present.

Photographer – Glenn Little:

- Not present.

Meeting adjourned at 1836.