

## USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**October 1, 2020**

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1801 by Commander Mike Ciesielko. Attending were Board of Directors members Gordon Williams, Bill Freligh, Rick Wise, Nick Nichols, Lou Leal, Larry Knutson, Gordon Long, Ken Hutchison, Harry Nettles, Rick Sparger, Carl Chinn, Tom Lawson, Glenn Little, Don Ort, and Ed Stank.

### **Base Commander – Mike Ciesielko:**

- Mike welcomed members to the meeting.

### **Treasurer – Gordon Williams:**

- Reported that the Investment Fund showed a loss \$400 in value during the month of September.

### **Holland Club – Bill Freligh:**

- Bill reported that he has twelve names to read at the October Base Meeting for 2020 Holland Club induction. Due to COVID gathering restrictions, the actual presentation of these awards shall be delayed until April 2021.

### **Newsletter – Rick Wise:**

- The Base Newsletter was sent out today.

### **Little David – Rick Wise:**

- Rick wants to do some painting and board replacement this month. He also stated that he intends to let the museum know that this is the last year that Charleston Base can do these repairs and maintenance. [Rick does need a relief from spearheading this work – Is there a volunteer? Perhaps someone a bit younger?]

### **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.
- **ENCS(SS) Linn Reid Rogers Sr.** departed on Eternal Patrol on 15 September. He joined the Navy in 1951 and retired in 1972. Linn was a Life Member of USSVI National [2003], Life Member of Charleston Base [2003], and a Holland Club member. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge Number 401 and a Shriner. He qualified on USS CONGER SS/AGSS 477 in 1953, and served on ENTEMEDOR SS 340, BANG SS 385 and as COB [70-72] on TRUMPETFISH SS 425. A note of condolence from Charleston Base was placed on the funeral home website. CB conducted a bell tolling service at the funeral on 17 September.
- **TM1(SS) Robert John McCollem Jr., aka Mack the Hat,** departed on Eternal Patrol 21 September. He joined the Navy in 1956 and retired in 1974. Robert was a Member of USSVI National [2016] and Charleston Base [2016], and a Holland Club member. He was also a member of the FRA Branch 269, the American Legion and the USS TULLIBEE SSN-597 Association He qualified on USS CORPORAL SS-346 in 1957, and served on TULLIBEE SSN-587, RUNNER SS-476, ULYSSES S. GRANT SSBN-631 and MARIANO G. VALLEJO SSBN-658. He also served a POMFLANT Charleston. A note of condolence from Charleston Base has been placed on the funeral home website: CB conducted a bell

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tolling service at the memorial service on 26 September. I want to thank Rick Wise for leading that service.

- **QMC(SS) James Fred Loveday** departed on Eternal Patrol on 28 September. He joined the Navy in 1952 and retired in 1973 after 21 years of service. Jim was a Life Member of USSVI National [2005], Life Member of Charleston Base [2005], and a Holland Club member. He qualified on USS CLAMAGORE SS-343 in 1960, and served on TRUMPETFISH SS-425 and SIMON BOLIVAR SSBN-641. Prior to submarine duty, Jim served on USS MISSOURI BB-63, USS BAYFIELD APA-33, USS TARARA CVS-40 and USS LEYTE CVS-32. He also served at NRTC Davenport IA. Jim was a Korean War Veteran. A note of condolence from Charleston Base was placed on the funeral home website. There will be funeral service on 3 October and CB has been requested to conduct a bell tolling service and to also supply pall bearers. Mike Emerson will present the flag to the family on behalf of the SUBVETS.
- **James Graham** had knee surgery on 15 September. It was successful and he's doing well with his PT.
- **Gary Williams** had lengthy back surgery on 10 September. Have not heard how he's doing.
- **George Burton** is undergoing treatment for lung cancer. His most recent scans shows great improvement.
- **Rick Wise** is having the seeds implanted tomorrow, 2 October.
- **Bob Snyder** is home with palliative care.
- 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.

### **Social Media – Lewis Leal:**

- Nothing to report

### **Membership – Larry Knutson:**

- Charleston Base currently has 276 members.
- Annual National and Base Dues are due in October.
- Larry mentioned that some men are Life Members at National but are Annual Members at Charleston Base. A few have not paid their Charleston dues on time and risk being dropped from the Charleston sailing list and placed as Members-At-Large, which would result in loss of benefits from Charleston Base.

### **Secretary – Gordon Long:**

- Nothing to report

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### **Storekeeper – Ken Hutchison:**

- Calendars are on order and could possibly arrive in time for next week. If not, they will be available for the November Base Meeting.

### **Hunley/Housatonic – Harry Nettles:**

- The Hunley Memorial service will be on a Wednesday night.

### **Special Events – Rick Sparger:**

- Discussed plans for the Charleston Base picnic at Bushy Park on October 17. Several members offered to help with the event.
- Rick noted that the coolers in the storage shed are in bad shape; missing hinges/latches and drain covers. Rick recommended that we replace two of these soon and keep them only for Charleston Base sponsored events.

### **FRA – Rick Sparger:**

- Nothing to report

### **Scholarship – Carl Chinn:**

- The raffle for the Top Dawg Tavern gift cards will be at the Charleston Base meeting next week.
- Carl won the FRA raffle for a shotgun. He has donated it to Charleston Base as a raffle item to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Tickets for the shotgun are \$10 each. The drawing will be held at the Charleston Base meeting on February 11.
- The new Scholarship application is on the Base website.
- The Rummage Sale to benefit the Scholarship Fund is scheduled for November 14, with a rain date of November 21. The Committee no longer has the storage unit, so please hold your items until the sale. The start time is 0800, but Carl and others will be there at 0500 to start setting up. We will get as much money as reasonably possible from the donated items to benefit the Scholarship Fund, but it is a “Rummage Sale”. Once the sale is done, the Kidney Foundation truck will pick up all other remaining items.

### **Recreation – Mike Ciesielko for \*\*\*:**

- Mike informed the group that Bill Roup and Bill Hayes volunteered for work on the REC Committee. Ed Stank will offer them assistance as requested.

### **Photographer – Glenn Little:**

- Glen will attend the funeral for Jim Loveday, but will only take pictures if allowed. Nick will clear the photography with the family beforehand.

### **National Awards – Don Ort:**

- Don had taken on the task of submitting information to National for award recognition. He had some health issues, but is back and ready to work. He and Vice-Commander Tom Lawson will team-up for this effort.

### **Nuclear Power School – Rick Wise:**

- Nothing reported

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### **Comptroller – Rick Wise:**

- Nothing reported

### **VA – Tom Lawson:**

- Nothing to report

### **Kaps for Kids – Mike Emerson:**

- Not present – No activity until hospitals request visits

### **CRAMA – Rick Wise for Butch Bryar:**

- Not present

### **PAO – Jerry Stout:**

- Not present

### **Base Commander – Mike Ciesielko:**

- Mike will contact Joe Lunn concerning duties of COB before the Base meeting next week. If Joe is unable, then Rick Sparger will assume the duties as Acting COB until Joe's return.
- He is planning a gun shoot at Twin Ponds on Saturday 10 October.

Meeting was adjourned at 1859.