

USSVI Charleston Base Meeting Minutes

The attendance for the July 2016 meeting was 68.

Opening Ceremonies: The meeting was called to order by Base Commander Rick Wise. A quorum was present and the meeting started at 1858. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Invocation and the Tolling of the Boats lost in July was given by Base Chaplain Nick Nichols. The USSVI Creed was read by Base Commander Rick Wise. Rick welcomed the members and guests to the meeting.

Guest Speaker from The Victory House: The Base Commander introduced Crystal Harrington from the Victory House in Walterboro. Crystal gave a wonderful presentation about the Victory House and answered many questions. Base Commander Rick Wise thanked Crystal for coming and asked her to leave so we could continue our meeting.

Introductions: The following was a new attendee to Charleston Base meetings: STSC(SS) Michael Roper, Qual Boat: USS Ulysses S. Grant SSBN 631 Gold Crew.

Secretary: Base Secretary Mike Ciesielko reported that the June meeting minutes had published in the newsletter and on the base website. Mike asked the group for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ken Curtis made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Charles Wood.

Treasurer: Base Treasurer Mike Welch gave a report on the Charleston Base finances. The base financial report is now located as a password protected file on the base website under Documents and Resources. The password is the same as needed for the Sailing List.

Vice Commander: Was not present

Chaplain and Webmaster: Base Chaplain and Webmaster Nick Nichols gave the following report:

Submarines Lost During the Month of July

USS S-28 (SS 133)	July 4, 1944 – Training Exercise	LOST WITH ALL HANDS 49 SOULS
USS ROBALO (SS 273)	July 26, 1944 – 3 rd War patrol	LOST WITH 77 MEN; 4 DIED AS POW'S; 81 SOULS
USS GRUNION (SS 216)	July 30, 1942 – 1 ST War patrol	LOST WITH ALL HANDS 70 SOULS

THREE Boats and 202 Men Lost

**Master Chief Radioman, Submarines, John E. 'Jack' Ilgenfritz,
United States Navy Retired
Shipmate Departed on Eternal Patrol – July 12, 2016**

July Report

Highlighted boat of the month:

USS Robalo (SS-273) Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk

- **RMCM(SS) Jack Ilgenfritz** departed on Eternal Patrol on July 12th at Trident Hospital. His viewing will be Sunday, 1600-2000 at McAlister Smith FH Goose Creek. His funeral will be

Monday, 1000 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. SUBVETS will be conducting our Bell Tolling and Presentations on Sunday evening at the Funeral Home at 1615. Muster time is 1545. Participants will be in Vest Uniform. Uniform for others is at least the vest if they have one. Jack did not have a page 2 on file.

- **RMC Wendall Calloway** departed on Eternal Patrol on June 30th in Kingstree. He was a USSVI member at large but was not a member of Charleston Base.
- **Rick Koehler's mother-in-law, Dorothy McDonald**, passed away this past Monday.
- **Roger Gibson** was just diagnosed with a cancerous ulcer. He'll have a follow-up next week and go from there.
- **Fred Woodley** will be having his right shoulder replaced again after 9 years. He is in lots of pain. It will take place in Columbia. He has another doctor's appointment on July 26th.
- **'Buddha' Nelms** was in Trident ICU for a pace maker. He is now home and at last report is doing well. It was requested no visitors or phone calls in the hospital or after he came home.
- **Don Mook** was in Trident to have a stent put in. They will wait about 3 months to make a decision to put in a pace maker. Don is doing well.
- **George Scharf** had his back surgery June 16th and went home the following day. The surgery went well and he is doing fine.
- **CS3/AW Andrew Meadows**, Don's son, is in Stage 5 Kidney Failure. No current report.
- **Grant Hammett** age 13, Jim Lowman's grandson, has t-cell lymphoma and is undergoing intensive chemo. No Current Report
- **Nancy Alkire** had cancer surgery in mid-May. She is now waiting to find out when she begins radiation treatments which will be daily for 9 weeks.
- **Clell Hutchinson** is home on hospice and not doing well but would like to have visitors and short calls. Please call Catherine before visiting.

Follow-ups were made on those who've had surgery or illnesses in the last couple of months along with the base sending additional cards.

WEBMASTER NOTES:

- 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.

Chaplain made comments about the amount of profanity being used at the meetings. He has met several people who will not be coming to the meetings due to this issue.

District Commander: District Commander Ed Stank reported that the National Convention is in Reno Nevada this year. He also mentioned that he will be traveling to the Victory House next Tuesday 19 July 2016. There were three Charleston base students that received national scholarships.

Membership: Larry Knutson reported that base membership is now 318 members.

Kaps for Kids: Bill Kennedy was not present.

Veterans Affairs: Ken Curtis reported that the VA has new ways of registering and all the information is on the website.

Public Affairs: Ronnie Kerstetter was not present.

Storekeeper: Ron Chambers had no report.

Holland Club: Bill Freligh was not present

FRA: Rick Sparger spoke for Larry Cox and announced that the Salty Dogs will be at the Fleet Reserve on Saturday 23 July at 2000.

Submarine Veterans of World War II: George Scharf acknowledged that we had two WWII SUBVETS present. The car show is going well. The advertising books are going out.

CRAMA: Butch Bryar gave us a report on the continuing progress of saving the Clamagore. Butch encouraged everyone to contact their Senators and Congressman.

Recreation Committee: Rick Sparger announced that the Christmas Party will be held at the FRA on 3 December.

Chief of the Boat: Ken Hutchison reported that the Victory House visit will be 19 July.

Special Events Coordinator: Mentioned that the Fourth of July Parade was a success.

Base Commander: Rick asked for volunteers for presenting a certificate for Eagle scouts.

Old Business: none

New Business: There was a motion made on standing rule 1-98. The motion was made by Joe Hayes and seconded by Tom Clark.

The Discretionary fund has been set at no more than \$500.00 per occurrence with a \$2000.00 annual cap. This fund may be used by officers and appointed chairman designated by the Base Commander with the approval of a minimum of four executive board members, two of which should be elected officers. The Discretionary fund shall not be used for monetary gifts: such expenditures shall be approved by a majority of members present at a monthly meeting.

The amendment was voted on and passed on a show of hands vote.

Good of the Order:

The After Battery: Steve "Buddha" Nelms was not present

Nuclear Historian:

Since it was such a crappy day, I sat in my recliner and started thinking about life and came to realize that: As I have grown older I have learned that pleasing everyone is impossible, but pissing everyone off is a piece of cake.

Condoms don't guarantee safe sex any more, a friend of mine was wearing one when he was shot by a woman's husband.

Lance Armstrong... I think it is just terrible and disgusting how everyone treated Lance Armstrong, especially after what he achieved. Hell, when I was on drugs, I couldn't even find my bicycle.

Drive by... Someone broke into my house last week. They didn't take my TV, just the remote. Now they drive by all the time and change the channels the sick bastards.

The agony of aging... On the morning that Daylight Savings Time ended, I stopped in to visit my aging friend. He was busy covering his penis with black shoe polish. I said to him "you better get your hearing checked! You were supposed to turn your CLOCK back!"

Video scam... Just got scammed out of \$25. I bought a Tiger Woods DVD titled "My Favorite 18 Holes". It was all about golf. That was a total waste of money! Pass this on so others don't get scammed.

Dr. asks a pregnant prostitute. "Do you know who the father is?" She replied Hey dumbass, if you ate a can of beans would you know which one made you fart?"

The depth charge was won by Ron Kozlowski.

The FRA red ticket was won by Walt Deal

Meeting Adjourned: Following the benediction by Base Chaplain Nick Nichols, the Base Commander adjourned the meeting at 2026.