



### Old Business:

- None

### New Business:

- None

### Secretary – Gordon Long:

- The Minutes from the September Base meeting have been emailed directly to the Base membership and had been promulgated on the Base Website. There was one correction to the dates for the Friends of the Hunley Tour and Oyster Roast. A revised copy of the September Base Minutes was posted on the Base Website. The September Base Meeting Minutes were approved with the changes.

### Treasurer – Ricky Collins:

- The Treasurer's Report for September was published and promulgated on the website. There were no revisions. The report was approved as presented.

### Chaplain – Nick Nichols:

- Highlighted boat of the month:
  - USS DARTER (SS 227) was lost on Oct 24, 1944 when she became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan and was then destroyed to prevent her falling into enemy hands intact. The entire crew was rescued by USS Dace. Winner of one Navy Unit Commendation, Darter had sunk a heavy cruiser and damaged another and went aground while attempting an "end around" on an enemy formation in hopes of getting in an attack on a battleship.
- There are several shipmates and family members who have given me information which they wish to be kept confidential at this time.
- **MMCS(SS) John W. 'Bill' Kennedy, USN Retired, 75**, departed on Eternal Patrol on September 19 at home. John was known by different names, either Bill or Friar Tuck being the most common. Bill joined the Navy in 1965 and retired in 1985. He was a life member of USSVI & Charleston Base [2002], and a member of the Holland Club. Bill qualified on USS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN in 1969, and served on USS PINTADO SSN-672, USS VON STEUBEN SSBN-632, USS NATHAN HALE SSBN-623, USS STURGEON SSN-637. There were 14 CB members and wives at the service. A note of condolence from Charleston Base was placed on the funeral home website.
  - **Bill's daughter sent the following email:** Hello. My name is Sarah Roland and I am John/Bill/Friar Tuck's daughter. I really appreciated the portion of his services that which you and the other Sub Vets honored him. My brother and I learned about the several things and especially about the Holland Club. Please express my sincere thanks to your group. Please also express to all of the members that I appreciate all of them who routinely came to the hospital with the Caps for Kids program.
- **CSCM(SS) Stacy B. Power, USN Retired, 95**, departed on Eternal Patrol on September 23 at home. Stacy joined the Navy in 1943 and retired in 1969. He was a life member of the US Submarine Veterans WWII, USSVI & Charleston Base joining both in 1999. He was a Plank Owner of Charleston Base and the first Chaplain for the Base. He was also a member of the Holland Club having been qualified for 71 years, a Life Member of FRA Branch 269, a Life Member of the VFW, and a member of the American Legion. Prior to his submarine service, during and after WWII Stacy served on USS LSM-1, USS VALLEY FORGE CV-45 and the Presidential Yacht, USS WILLIAMSBURG AGC-369. Stacy qualified on USS GRENADIER SS-525 in 1951 and then served on USS SABALO SS-302 as COB, USS GREENFISH SS-351 as COB and USS SAM RAYBURN SSBN-635. He also served at the Louisville KY Recruiting District, US Amphib Base Ft. Pierce FL and Navy Recreation Station Washington DC. Stacy's funeral was held on Wednesday Sept. 28. There were 37 CB members and wives and 14 Active Duty Sailors from NNPTC at the service. A note of condolence from Charleston Base was placed on the funeral home website.
- **RMC(SS) Bobby E. Boley, US Navy Retired, 74**, departed on EP on October 5, 2022 at home. Bobby joined the Navy in 1957 and retired in 1978. He was a life member of the USSVI & Charleston Base [1997], and a member of the Holland Club having been qualified for 55 years. Prior to his submarine service, Bobby served on USS BLAIR DER-147, USS KING DL-610 Precom, USS HANSON DDR-837, AND USS BUSHNELL AS-15. Bobby qualified on USS LAPON SSN-661 in 1967. His shore duties included NAVCOMSTA Washington

DC, NAVCOMSTA Iceland, NAVCOMSTA Puerto Rico and COMSUBLANT. A note of condolence from Charleston Base was placed on the funeral home website. CB conducted the bell tolling service and there were 15 base members and wives in attendance.

- **ETCS(SS) John Hazard, US Navy Retired, 74**, departed on EP on October 7, 2022 due to injuries he sustained while on a bicycle ride in Kentucky. John joined the Navy in 1969 and retired in 1995 after 26 years of service. He qualified in on USS RAY SSN-653 in 1973 and served on USS LAPON SSN-661, USS JACKSONVILLE SSN-699, USS MEMPHIS SSN-691 and USS SILVERSIDES SSN-679. Prior to submarine service he served on USS FLORIKAN AST-9 for a year. A note of condolence will be placed on the funeral home website when it is posted. His son, Patrick, said there will not be a funeral due to John's wishes and nothing planned for Charleston.
- **EN3(SS) Robert J. Snyder, US Navy Veteran**, departed on EP on August 24. 8 CB members and wives attended his service in Manning SC.
  - **Bob's wife sent the following letter:** Dear Nick, I thank you all so very much for making the trip to Manning for Bob's service. I hope you will relay my thank you to the sub=vets who made the trip to take part in the service. I know it was what Bob wanted and that made it especially meaningful to me. He suffered so long with cancer however the last three months of his life were almost unbearable for him. I am thankful for the prayers of all those who were praying for him and for his family. Our home seems so empty without him; I miss him more each day it seems. Please let me know if I can ever do anything for the members of the Sub-Vets. Fondly, Claire Snyder
- **CWO4 John Robert Wahl, US Navy Retired**, departed on EP on October 5. He was not a member of USSV or Charleston Base. John joined the Navy in 1963 and retired in 1995 serving or 32 years. He qualified on USS NAUTILUS SSN-571 in 1963 and served on USS HARDHEAD SS-365, USS CORPORAL SS-346 and USS CLAMAGORE SS-343. After making Warrant Officer he served on USS WHITE PLAINS AFS-4 and USS MOUNT BAKER AE-34. A note of condolence from Charleston Base was placed on the funeral home website.
- **Charlotte Starr, Jerry's wife**, passed away this past Saturday. There will be a celebration of life on 5 November at their home.
- **Margie Deal [Walt's wife]** is now at home on hospice care mostly sleeping and being kept out of pain. Walt called last night to tell me. He asks for prayers
- **Sabrina Peters** passed away after a heart attack. Sabrina was the last of three children of Clyde & Sue Peters. All three children have now passed away. Sue is the widow of CB member Clyde Peters who departed on Eternal Patrol on August 22, 2014.
- **John Lookabill, 88**, was in Summerville Medical from 7 Oct to 10 Oct (Fri-Mon) due to COPD and bronchitis complications. He went home on Monday is now recovering at home.
- **Bill Roberts, 83**, had surgery to repair his aneurism stent. The surgery went well and he is recovering at home.
- **Tom Cyrek** fell and is not doing well.
- **David Wood, 80**, had 4-way bypass surgery which went well and he was up and walking the next day. He is recovering at home but a has a terrible back pain.
- **James Graham Sr., 70**, had foot surgery in August. He was able to be at Stacy's funeral.
- **Thom Beach, 75**, was able to be come home for the last week in September. According to Linda he is really enjoying his time at home. He had a neuro test while here. Not being able to drive and the storm (IAN) curtailed a lot but it has been good for him to be home.
  - **Ray Bryant's note:** I visited Thom this afternoon (6 Apr) for a while. I wanted to take him out to Dukes for lunch but he wasn't up to it. He's looking well, smiling and enjoyed a visit from Beetle and another Shipmate before I got there. He asked me to have you let the guys at the next week's meeting know he sure misses them and wishes he could be there.
- **Lee Nettles [Harry's wife]** had ankle surgery. She's home and recovering.
- **Gene Weir, 75**, is still fighting his cancer.
- **Don Londergan, 83**, is still in Cypress Place on Midland Pkwy in room 136.
- Complete/update your page 2 if you have not done so.

### **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.
- The new website is now online and National is wanting everyone to sign in and make sure they can make it work for them. The site is [www.ussvi.org](http://www.ussvi.org) (same as the old one) and everyone should have received an email telling them what to do to reset their password so they can login. If you have an issue let me know. Tools and Membership Training will be taking place soon.
  - The National Commander sent all USSVI members an email notice on how to log in on the new USSVI website at <http://www.USSVI.org> The login is the email address you have listed with the USSVI, the password that you use is a lengthy one (at least 10 characters) but is a very important security feature of our website. After you do log in, send your Base Commander an email that you have.
  - Should any have questions about the site after logging in, send it to the Questions email address listed in the forwarded email.

### **Social Media – Lewis Leal:**

- Nothing to report.

### **Submarine Veterans of WWII – Mike Ciesielko for Mike Emerson:**

- We had a reserved, but empty chair but Stacy Power was unable to attend due to departure on Eternal Patrol. His son Casey who is an Honorary Charleston Base Member is welcome to attend the Base Meetings at any time.

### **Kaps for Kids – Mike Emerson**

- Not present.
- Rick Sparger (COB) noted that all of the Kaps for Kids supplies have been moved to the storage area. He also suggested that maybe we should contact the Shriner's Hospital since access is restricted at McLeod Hospital in Florence due to COVID protocols.
- Base Commander Mike Ciesielko stated that we will discuss Kaps for Kids at the Board Meeting in November.

### **Membership – Larry Knutson**

- We currently have 262 Charleston Base Members.
- It is October and time for annual dues to be paid. Don't wait and have to be reinstated.
- If someone is a Life Member of National USSVI, but annual Base Member, National will move them to Member-At-Large. Any Annual Member of National will be dropped from that roster at the end of January.
- Nick Nichols provided Base standings: 1) Groton 1213 - 2) Hampton Roads 281 - 3) Charleston 261- 4) Bremerton 252 - 5) Requin 193 - 6) San Diego 173 - 7) Long Island 159

### **National Awards – Mike Knaub**

- Not present.

### **VA – Tom Lawson**

- Nothing to report.

### **Scholarship – Carl Chinn**

- The current Scholarship Raffle is for a Dolphin Clock which was donated by our Chaplain. The drawing for this clock will be held at the November Base Meeting.
- The raffle for the 14 carat gold Dolphin ring will be held at the January Base meeting. The tickets for this are \$10 each. The online price for a similar item is around \$2,300.
- The Rummage Sale will be held on November 12. This is the Saturday after the monthly Base Meeting. The location is at Halloween Express/Rodney's Rockets (1825 Old Trolley Road, Summerville). Carl will be there at 0530 to start setting up. The time of the sale will be from 0800 – 1300.

- The Scholarship Application is available on the Base Website. If you have children or grandchildren eligible, download and complete the form. The deadline is April 14.
- We received two donations to the Scholarship Fund given in memory of Stacy Power. One of them came from a couple in Hurricane, WV.

### **Special Events – Rick Sparger**

- Rick asked for someone else to be a key holder for the storage shed.
- Remember to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Summerville County Office Building.
- We only have to bring the sound system and ourselves.
- We need to do some work on the float to make it presentable, but we expect to have tolling of the boats at Coastal Coffee Roasters in Summerville.

### **Fleet Reserve Association – Ken Hutchison**

- Stacy Power joined the FRA on December 1 1955. Nick Nichols noted that Stacy had been qualified submarines longer than being an FRA member.
- The FRA will hold a cake cutting tomorrow in honor of the U.S. Navy Birthday (247 years).
- Beginning at 0800, The FRA will be placing flags at Plantation Memorial Gardens for Veterans Day.
- The guest speaker for the FRA Veterans Day service will be the CMC of NNPTC.
- The FRA is planning either a barbeque or an indoor picnic.

### **Recreation – Johnny Brown**

- Base Commander Mike Ciesielko introduce Johnny as the new Recreation Committee Chair.
- The Christmas Party will be held here at the FRA on December 3. It will be the same format as last year:
  - The Base will provide sandwich trays.
  - There is no cost to attend. Yes, FREE.
  - There will be a cash bar for drinks (alcohol).
  - Members are encouraged to bring desserts or other dishes as desired.
  - Karaoke will be available.
- Johnny asked the membership to let him know some events that would be fun to do.

### **CRAMA - None**

- Rick Sparger reported that at high tide tomorrow morning, Clamagore is being towed out. The picture in the paper of the boat shows the neglect that Patriot's Point had for this WWII submarine which was put in their trust.
- Rick Wise stated that the judge finally, after months, made a decision that we had no standing in the case.
- This will likely be the last CRAMA report.

### **Nuclear Power School – Rick Wise for Ray Sparks**

- The expected date for the next NPS graduation is November 11. Rick will be checking to make sure.
- He will be at the graduation if no other SubVets are there.

### **Comptroller – Rick Wise**

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Report has been posted online
- The proposed budget for next year is also available on the Base Website. We will be voting on the budget at the November Base Meeting.

### **PAO/Newsletter – NICK NICHOLS FOR Ed Stank**

- The Base Newsletter was published today. Nick noted that Ed does a lot of work putting the Newsletter together and this work is deserving of reading.
- The Base Minutes have to be published in the Newsletter.
- NNPTC invited the entire Base membership to a picnic recently, and the few that actually attended had a really good time as the Chief Selectees would not even let us throw our own trash away. Yes, we had short

notice this time, but when get an invitation, please do your best to attend. Many bases are going away and Charleston will be no different without some younger members.

### **Storekeeper – Woody Woodsmall**

- If you no longer want to be free advertisement for the dealership where you purchased your car, then get a license plate frame from the Base Storekeeper. Woody has frames that advertise for SubVets.
- The new Submarine Calendars are in. The theme is Perils in the Deep.

### **COB – Rick Sparger**

- Today is the 247<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the U.S. Navy.
- Election Day is November 8. This Please get out and vote! If there is anyone that is need of transportation, please contact COB and he will arrange for someone to get them to the polls.
- The Submarine Museum in St. Mary's, Georgia had gotten flooded during Hurricane Ian, but is back open now. They will be having the WWII Ceremony on November 4 at 1000. This will be the first event held in the last three years.

### **Vice Commander – Tom Lawson**

- With Stacy Power now on Eternal Patrol, Terry Trump has assumed the title of Senior Charleston Base member, having qualified submarines in 1956.

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

- Mike talked about the NNPTC picnic and the fact that he received lots of questions from the sailors. One young lady is volunteering for submarine duty.
- We need to see some younger members.

### **Good of the Order**

#### **Nuclear Historian – Rick Carlson**

- Not present.

#### **After Battery – Rick Wise for Ray Sparks**

- The Hog Roast is planned for April 15-22, 2023. Save the date.
- The After Battery is open each Wednesday.

#### **Gun Club – Mike Ciesielko**

- Nothing new at this time.

#### **Non-Nuclear Historian – Harry Nettles**

- Not present.

#### **Hunley Tours – Lindsay Nelson**

- Reminded everyone that tomorrow is the last day to sign up for the Hunley Tour and Oyster Roast.

#### **Drawings & Auctions**

- FRA Drawing – Lewis Leal
- Depth Charge Drawing – John Brotherton

#### **Closing Ceremony**

- Chaplain Nick Nichols led the group in a prayer of Benediction.
- Base Commander Mike Ciesielko announced adjournment of the meeting.
- Vice Commander Tom Lawson sounded three blasts of the diving alarm.
- Meeting closed at 2004.