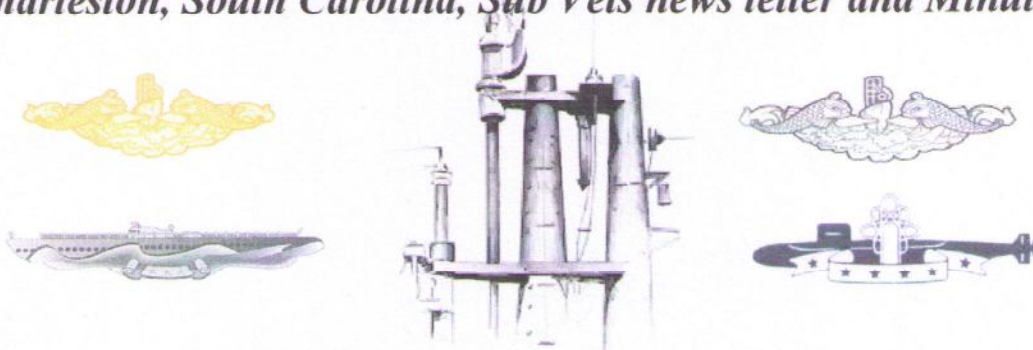


# Charleston, South Carolina, Sub Vets news letter and Minutes



## UP Periscope

Eternally grateful for those who preceded us and laid down their lives for our country, United States Submarines Veterans Incorporated, Charleston, South Carolina Base.

### Base Meeting:

Thursday June 9 2005. Social hour & board of directors Meeting, held @ 1830 General meeting @1900.

### Location:

VFW Post: 3433 @ 10154 Bellwright Rd." Off Hwy 78", Summerville, South, Carolina. Phone 843-871-0607

### Base Officers Phone Number

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**Ed. Simokat**

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**Veterans affairs**

**John Nichols**

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Attention on Deck! Base Commander Steve Nelms called the meeting to order. Let us pledge our allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

### **Base Chaplin, Bill Kennedy**

*Opening prayer: Lord, we thank you for the heritage and liberty we enjoy as Americans and for the privilege of having served in the Submarine service to protect that Liberty. We pray for blessings and wisdom for our country's leaders and those chosen to lead our base. May they seek your guidance as they serve us, our Nation and the United Submarine Veterans Amen!*

**Moment of silent prayer**, the Tolling of the bell for those lost on patrol.



### **The final Patrol**



### **June Subs Lost**

*Hearing (SS-233) 1 June, 1944*

*Gudgeon (SS-211) 7 June 1944*

*R-12 (SS-89) June 12, 1943*

*Golet (SS-361) June 14, 1944*

*Bonefish (SS-223) June 18, 1944*

*S-27 (SS-132) June 19, 1942*



### **USSVI Creed**

*To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, Pledge loyalty and Patriotism to the United States Government*

#### **Cob**

The board was polled; "We have a "Quorum"

#### **Minutes!**

Base Commander – Steven Nelms call to order.

**INTRODUCTIONS** New persons introduced including Ed Johnson and Chuck Martin. Welcome aboard.

**TREASURY REPORT** Financial report given by George. All is well with our finances.

**SECRETARY REPORT** Minutes approved as written.

**STOREKEEPER REPORT** Curly's displays are located at the rear bar.

**CHAPLIN REPORT** Carmon Webb did pass last month. A contingent of Sub Vets attended the funeral Memorial service. Mac McCollum is still in the Hospital. He has moved rooms and is still taking visitors. Barnwell Chaplin had successful open heart surgery soon and is recovering at a Nursing center.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS** Nick Nichols has joined the team and will be drafting Web Site articles. A new Link has been established for the James B. Osborn Memorial Scholarship. Take a look under [www.ussvicb.com](http://www.ussvicb.com).

**SUBVETS WWII** June 16<sup>th</sup> is the next WWII meeting at Ryan's. All are welcome to attend. Additional members are needed to keep the organization going. There are only a handful of members. Meeting is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. They are also planning the 2006 Southern Regional Convention.

**COB REPORT** Business Cards are being made to handout. Please continue to help out with clean-up after the meeting. The Tolling of

the Bell was made for Carmen Webb. The Convention in Biloxi was discussed. Casino Night(s) are becoming successful;. Several have been held so far and have brought in a handful of profit. COB went into detail on the upcoming events.

If any members need business cards! (generic), they available from the COB.

Keep the faith on our troops over in Iraq.

Confederate Veterans completed the memorial to mount plaques for the Little David. They did an outstanding job. A working Party was called for the Little David to repaint the Grey and Black. It has been completed. Looks great!

DAV was in town on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. If you missed it, see John Wall at the Dorchester County Government Building on M/W/F from 0900 to 1400. Other days, he is in St. George.

Bill Burke won the Booze. All Right!

District Four (4) conference! Was held 5—7 May 2005 at Biloxi Beach Resort Information was available by contacting; [blado4west@bsc.net](mailto:blado4west@bsc.net). Buddha briefed the Attendees on the Conference. There were several Lessons learned that will be applied to Charleston Base's sponsorship of the 2006 Convention that will be held here. Specifics include: Ran out of booze early, Hotel was not a great value for \$72.00 a night; Hospitality Room was not manned 24 hours. And staff was not fully aware of events that were going on in the Hotel.

A steering committee is being called that will nominate a Planning Committee. Buddha will need lots of help from all members to make this convention a gallant success. We will do a much better job that National will be proud of.

**HOLLAND CLUB PRESENTATION** Held with the following members: Buxton, Hayes and Lookabill. Bobby Lowe will be held in June 2005.

**OLD BUSINESS** The Garage Sale has been cancelled until further notice.

Steering Committee will have a meeting within a week.



Submarine Birthday Ball was not attended very well this year. Mark your calendars for 2006. Everyone is invited to attend. Jim Eckles volunteered to pay half of all attendees for 2006. Thanks Jim!

NEW BUSINESS this was Election Month and the following Officers have been reelected to Office: Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary and Treasurer were installed.

A motion/recommendation was made to purchase an additional Canopy for our outings, including the Picnic and Oyster Roast. Rodney to purchase!

A discussion around purchasing a brick for the FRA ensued. No decision was made.

Emerson will be visiting the Mayor of Charleston to discuss a plan to improve Amberjack/White point Gardens. Jim Lord won the Depth Charge Drawing.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

No members raised their hands for the Joke. The Nuclear Orator was silent tonight. Cell Phone Block number was given out.

Meeting adjourned.

*Jerry Stout, Base Secretary.*

**\*\* End of the minutes for May, 2005 \*\***

#### From the COB

At present Charleston Base has; 184 members. We are averaging almost 80 members on meeting night. That is about a 44% turn out on meeting night. According to National these are impressive numbers. On researching this I find many bases have a much lower turnout on a percentage basis to their membership. I think that this speaks well for our elected officers as well as the quality of our members. You as a group have constantly supported whatever endeavor Charleston Base has decided to be involved in. Such as the Osborne Scholarship Fund, the casino nights, the depth charge drawings, the submarine ceremonies, funerals and the visiting of our sick members. I have noticed recently that on casino nights members that don't play at all just come out to have a

bowl of chili drink a beer or soda and harass the troops. Sometimes it makes you feel like your sitting in the after battery or the crew's mess. This is what it's all about men. You can't have a good group without having good members and I salute you.

I received an email from Mrs. Webb thanking the Charleston Base for the card and the attendance at Carmon Webb memorial service.

On Saturday June 11 at 1500 HRS we will be having a cookout at Buddha's. Charleston Base will supply the beer, wine, soft drinks, hot dogs and hamburgers. All you have to do is bring a chair to sit in and a covered dish or desert that will feed 4-5 people. I won't even ask you to tell me that you are coming nor will I tell you what to bring. Experience has taught me that you will bring whatever the little woman tells you to bring so I won't push you on that and if I ask for a commitment ahead of time I'll get 60 calls on picnic day and I will already have bought the meat. If we run out of meat because more people come then we thought then we will provide NAVY ISSUE SPAM OR CAN TUNA (your choice) as for running out of beer you can forget it. It won't happen. I stake my reputation on it. I hope to see you all there. Bring the whole family and enjoy the company of your shipmates.

You're friendly COB,

"Neck"

#### Minutes from Steering Committee Meeting

Strafford High School Scholarship Presentation!  
Be there by 9:30

Float - Going to Aiken Base, Emerson is In Charge.

Picnic - June 11 Saturday 1500 Hrs. bring a chair and a covered dish

Advertisements in the Newsletter - Must be approved by Buddha

Memorial Monument - discussed on how well the Confederated re-in-actors did on the project.



Recommend making them honorary members.  
Passed  
New members would be **Randy Chinners** and  
**Mark Dangerfield**

Yard Sale – Cancelled

Funeral Procedures – Sever minutes of discussion ensued facilitated by the Chaplain, All in favor of setting up a permanent group of shipmates who will train on the procedure. Standbys will also be recruited.

Dolphin Flag/Plaque – should be presented to deceased significant other (Spouse)

Memorial Day – Set-up is 0800 – 0900, Starts at 1000. All are welcomed. No Neck will put out an email.

Committee for the upcoming District Four Convention is Buddha, Carl Chinn, Neck, Keith, Lee Allison, Rep from Aiken Base and Gopher.



Convention will be held 4-5-6-7- May 2006. More details to follow. Buddha went over a shopping list of lessons learned from the Biloxi Convention.

*JS*

**Stuff for sale**

Mobile Home Frame 60 Foot with 4 axles and tires \$150.00 Call Ben Heber 871-4089

Working party on Wednesday last for Little David at Moncks Corner, good turn out for those who attended thanks.

**Sick people**

Mac is in Trident hospital room 619, I saw him a couple of days ago and he is holding his own but has a hard fight so visit him show him we care. Barney Chaplin is in rehab to get his strength back the operation has left him weak, check with Lee Allison on where and the time you can visit.

**WWII Swamp Fox patch's** for the associate members are available see Lee or Roger at the next meeting.

**Continue Praying for our troops Lord Keep them out of harms way be with them always send your angel's to watch over them.**

**For our fallen Soldiers and Marines and Airmen thank you for you sacrifice, you laid down your lives for us that we may have peace what greater gift is there then one to give his life that we may live.**

*Something to think about*

Hi Guys, Just a reminder that there are not many members of National have been nominated for any awards this year. I don't believe any has been no nomination from District 4. There are many of our members who are very active in the civilian community and should be nominated for awards. How about getting with your members and discuss someone who has done so much for USSVI and the civilian community. We are a VERY active District with all the e-mails I receive and what I read in your news-letters of how much the Base or an individual does, there has to be a nomination from one of your bases. I think the National and USSVI needs to know how much Dist. 4 does in the Civilian Community to promote Sub-Vets.

Appreciate any ideas you may have.

Dennis D-4

