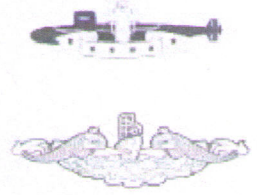
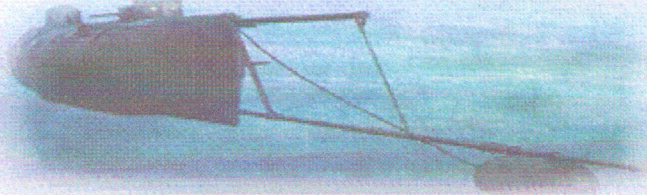
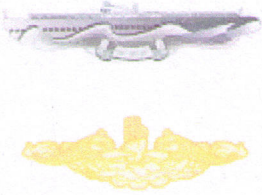


To: <whiskey58@comcast.net>
Subject: Sub Vets October Newsletter

SubVets Newsletter Charleston, South Carolina



First in Submarine warfare, CSS Hunley February 17th 1864

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"

Base Web page www.ussvicb.org
National: www.ussvi@telebyte.net

Next Meeting:

Thursday October 13, 2005
Social hour & board of directors Meeting @ 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
Commander	Steve Nelms	843-563-7115
Vice Commander	Keith Schnebel	843-851-7334
Secretary	Jerry Stout	843-871-9533
Treasurer	George Lisle	843-559-4242

Minutes of the September 2005 meeting

OPENING CEREMONY: Base Commander, Steve Nelms calls to order. A quorum was present and the meeting was commenced at 1900. District 4 Commander W. Ray Rausch present.

INTRODUCTIONS: New persons introduced including shipmates George Burton, Mike Johnson, Roy Morrow and Ray Rausch. Welcome aboard to all new members.

TREASURY REPORT: Financial report given by George Lisle.

Special Officers

Phone Number

Chief of the Boat	Dave Mueller	843-553-2775
Public Affairs	Richard Cleeve	843-899-4563
Sub Vets WWII	Barnwell Chaplin	843-762-6945
Nuclear Historian	Ed Simokat	843-873-1709
Veterans affairs	John Nichols	843-873-5897
Chaplain	Bill Kennedy	843-875-3109
Membership	Carl Chinn	843-875-3098
Holland Club	Bob Lowe	843-573-9045
Little David Project	Rick Wise	843-875-5559
Roving Reporter	Rick Wise	843-875-5559
Scholarship	Jim Yates	843-873-0246
Newsletter Editor	Roger Gibson	843-875-4933

COB REPORT: COB reported on the following: Business cards are available through him. Poker Night is September 21 at 1800. Hog Roast is October 15. He laid out the 4 B's that include: 1). Bring your own chairs. 2). Bring a dish to pass to feed 3-4 persons, 3). Bring a guest or two. 4). Bang on your computer keyboard or telephone and give the COB a headcount.

The Alexander Hamilton will be having their Boat Reunion on October 19, 2005. Even if you were not a crewmember, all are welcomed to attend the functions. Currently, USSVICB has 187 paid members and there were 77 members and 1 guest present. That is an excellent turnout, thank you members for supporting Sub Vets.

BASE COMMANDER REPORT: Rick Wise is now the

SECRETARY REPORT: August minutes presented as published in the July Newsletter. Corrections to the minutes include a misspelling in paragraph three (3) of the Base Commanders Report. It should read "Red Star Rouge". Upon correction of the minutes, a motion was heard, seconded and approved.

STOREKEEPER REPORT: Paul Viering reported he has completed the inventory and the vests have arrived for new members.

CHAPLIN REPORT: Chaplain has received more checks for the Scholarship Fund. Ray Binion, WWII Submarine Sailor passed away this month.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: The USSVICB website has been redesigned with photos (mug shots) of USSVICB members who are current. Pictures were displayed on the back table during the meeting. If any member needs a photo, make an effort to attend the October Meeting.

SUBVETS WWII: Lee Allison; gave the report for Barnwell Chaplin, who is recovering at home. WWII group needs new members to join as Associate Members and all are encouraged to attend their functions. Currently, there are 28 USSVI members who also are Associate Members of WWII. Lee displayed the seven (7) Sub Vets WWII ball cap and patches that can be purchased when a new member joins. There will be a bi-monthly meeting at Ryan's Steakhouse on October 20, 2005 at 1200.

Lee and Panama Jack attended the Southern Regional Convention in Orlando, Florida the past month. Lee reported that the event was very informative and all present appeared to be having a good time.

Lee told the story about the 52 Diesel Boats lost during the war and how each state in the Union received a Boat Memorial. South Carolina was assigned the USS Amberjack. Only 2 states received two (2) memorials, including California and Texas. Anyway, Charleston mayor agreed in July 2005 to restore the Amberjack Memorial to its original condition and allow better accessibility; however the plan would not be completed until 2008. Lee then recommended that the Memorial be moved to Patriot's Point to a more suitable area, however this is not an option. The mayor has agreed to push up the refurbishment with handicap access; in order to have it completed by May 2006.

VA REPORT: For survivors of Retired Military, there is a program that allows 50% retainer for spouses. This is recent legislation and is available on the VA Web Site or contact Nick Nichols directly.

HOLLAND CLUB PRESENTATION: No presentation was made.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Carl Chinn reported that it is time to renew Base and National Membership for 2006. All members must be paid by January 1, 2006, in order to stay in Good Standing.

NUCLEAR HISTORIAN: Joke was an improvement over August.

American Submariner Representative for the Base.

Buddha reported on the 2005 National Convention that was held in Kansas City, MO. He attended the Base Commander's Breakfast and participated in small group discussions. Buddha reported out on membership and retention with several ideas that have made the Charleston Base successful. He was upfront with all members, even though he received some heat from another member about our Nuclear Historian. Overall, the convention went well and was well organized. Announcement of the next five conventions were 2006 - Little Rock, 2007 - Alaska Cruise, 2008 - Fort Worth, 2009 - TBD and 2010 - Northern Kentucky. He mentioned that Charleston Base might be ready in a few years to host this event, however need to reevaluate after May 2006. Other details included several awards that were presented, including runners up in all categories. It appeared to be time consuming; however the intent was to recognize as many Bases as possible. He strongly wants Charleston Base to be recognized in future years for these awards.

A USSVI Commemorative Book is available this year. Any Submariner can have their name, biography and picture published in this book. Questions see any member or check on the National Web Site.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Jim Eckles commemorated his own wedding anniversary and the anniversary of the USS Cochino going down after a seaboard accident. In the rescue, USS Tusk returned back to New London, CT with the survivors. The story is written well in the first chapter of Blind Man's Bluff.

NEW BUSINESS: History Channel has a DVD available for \$30.00 that includes the special mini series on Submarines. It was recommended by a member.

District 4 Commander W. Ray Rausch was introduced and gave the following report to USSVI Members present: He has been a member of the USSVI for over 20 years, joining as a Life Member in 1987 in St. Paul Minnesota. Currently, he is a Life member of the Minn. / St. Paul Base and a regular member of First Base in Jacksonville, Florida. He currently lives with his wife in Oak Vie, FL. Over 175 members were affected by Hurricane Katrina in LA, AL and MS. Fred Borgman has collected over \$3000.00 in the Brotherhood Fund that will be sent to these bases for relief. This will be an ongoing collection of monies, as the storm was so devastating. USSVI Calendars are now available. The Storekeeper should be receiving them soon for members to purchase. All proceeds are used for scholarships of member's families.

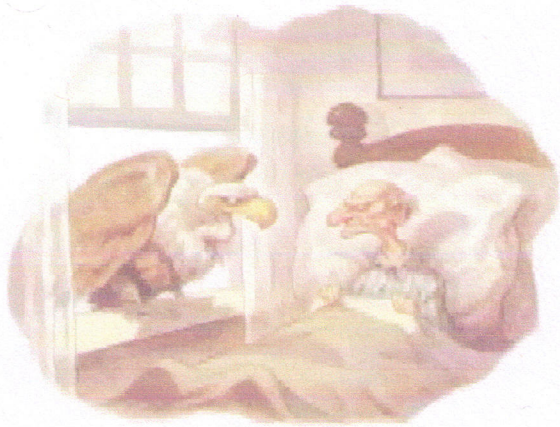
GOOD OF THE ORDER: There will be a Flag Burning in St. George on November 11, 2005. Jerry Madison will receive any faded, old or discarded flag. In this burning, the flags are respectfully discarded in a memorial. Military and pro-military groups have been participating in these events for years. Depth Charge Drawing won by XXXXXX and signing the book prize won by XXX.

Meeting was adjourned by the Base Commander at 2100.

Jerry Stout, Base Secretary.

**** End of the minutes for July, 2005 ****

Chaplin, Bill Kennedy



If you are going to get sick please let me know!

Combined Conference

USSVI Southern Region Districts Four and Six and the Southern Region WWII Veterans will be hosting the May 2006 combined conference in Charleston. We are in the planning stage and have made contacts and commitments, with all the inputs we have been receiving and the do's and don'ts learned from past conventions/conferences we aim to make the best ever. Friendly with no hidden charges, friendly hosts with the knowledge of what is going on and the ability to direct our guests to the proper functions, especially the hospitality suit for refreshments!

The Book! District Four and Six along with the WWII

We will be formatting a book with advertisements from various businesses, sub veterans organizations, private and whom ever wishes to be a part of our conference. This will help us cover the cost!

October Subs Lost

USS 05 (SS-55) 11 Oct 1923, Seawolf (SS-197) October 3, 1944, SS-44, (SS-155) October 7 1943, Wahoo (SS-238) October 11, 1943, Dorado (SS-248) October 12, 1943, Escobar (SS-294) October 17 1944, Tang (SS-306) Shark II (SS-314) and Darter (SS-227) lost on October 24, 1944.

Possible Prescription Fraud

Veterans are receiving calls from a company identifying itself as the "Patient Care Group." This company is claiming that the veteran's prescriptions are now being dispensed through them and if they wanted to continue to receive their meds, they would need to provide a credit card number.

The VA HAS NOT changed the process of receiving and dispensing prescriptions. This company is a FRAUD.

Please share with employees and veterans.

Thank you, Cindy Gaylord.

Boat reunion! "BOONE"

John Nichols VA Rep:

A U.S. Navy submarine collided early Monday with a Turkish merchant ship in the Gulf, the U.S. Navy reported. No one was hurt on either vessel.

The USS Philadelphia was traveling on the surface of the Gulf when it hit the Turkish-flagged M/V Yaso Aysen, a cargo ship, at around 2 a.m. local time, the U.S. Navy 5th Fleet Headquarters in Bahrain reported in a statement.

No sailors or merchant seamen were injured, the Navy said.

The Philadelphia was conducting surface operations on its way to Bahrain for a scheduled port visit, the Navy said.

The submarine continued to Bahrain where inspectors will check it for damage. There were no immediate reports of damage to the Turkish ship.

The Navy statement did not say exactly where the collision took place.

The Philadelphia is part of a fleet of U.S. and allied navy vessels patrolling the Gulf, conducting what are called "maritime security operations" against weapons and drug smuggling. Reminder To all that utilize the VA, we have a new website that the VA has added to the System. The Website is: www.myhealth.va.gov

Inputs from the editor:

"Birthdays"



Lord
Lindberg
Lookabill
Lisle

Harden
Bailey
Alkire
Johnson

Roup
Alfano
Peters

Hostettler
Barry Wilson
Skorepa

Continue Praying for our troops. Lord Keep them out of harms way, be with them always. Send your angels to watch over them.

Frank Morgan (former) Lt., USND. Boone 1/67-7/70

The purpose of this email is to give you ADVANCE notice of the next reunion, to be held in conjunction with the 2008 USSVI Convention in Fort Worth, Texas. I know that seems like a long time from now, but "time flies". Just think about how long it's actually been since you rode the Boone – I bet it doesn't seem THAT long! To the best of my knowledge, this will be the first Reunion since the one held in Charleston in 1993 when the Boone was inactivated. I want to build an email list of former Boone sailors who are potentially interested in attending, so please let me know if you THINK you might. It won't commit you to anything, but will allow you to get updates as plans for the reunion progress. I would also ask that you let me know if and when your email addresses changes. That's all or now – the next step is yours! Member, Dallas Base USSVI

True story told by L.A.P.D.

An old Mexican man lived alone in East Los Angeles. He wanted to spade his garden, but it was very hard work. His only son, Jose, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament.

Dear Jose:

I am feeling pretty bad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my garden this year. I'm just too old to be digging up a garden. If you were here, all my troubles would be over. I know you would dig the garden for me. Tu Padre

A few days later, he received a letter from his son.

Dear Papa:

Por Dios, Papa, don't dig up the garden. That's where I buried all my drugs and money. Tu hijo, Jose

At 6 a.m. the next morning, the L.A. Sheriff's showed up and dug up the entire area without finding any drugs or money. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day, the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Papa:

Go ahead and plant your garden now, papa. It's the best I could do under the circumstances. Love, Jose XOXO



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

Thank you and God bless our President.

Just a reminder:

Membership Dues Information

National Annual Dues:

5 yr: \$90 3 yr: \$55 1 year: \$20

National Life Dues:

Age	Cost
45 and under	\$500
46-55	\$400
56-65	\$300
66-75	\$200
76 and older	\$100

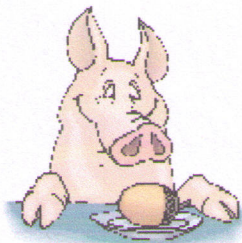
Charleston Base Annual Dues: \$15

Charleston Base Life Dues:

Age	Cost
45 to 54	\$325
55 to 64	\$175
65 and older	\$100

Start thinking about your 2006 dues! Pay early and avoid the rush! Deadline is January 1.

If you have any changes to your membership info (address, phone, e-mail, etc.) please let Carl Chinn know at carlc@sc.rr.com or 875-3098. You can let the Base Commander and/or the COB know, but I provide them with the sailing list so it would cut out an unnecessary step.



Hog Roast



October 15 Saturday at 1300 hours I hope you have RSVP'd the COB. It's nice to know who is going to be there. Don't forget your covered dishes. Everything needed to go with a hog roast and especially the deserts, ease off on the green beans.

See ya at the Hog Roast 15 October. You know the time and the place, if you need a map contact the COB or me, the COB is on the left and I'm on the right

Remember the set up crew prior to the picnic; be sure the COB knows who you are!

