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Submarines lost during the month of November

USS Albacore(SS-218)	7 Nov 44	85 Souls Lost
USS Growler (SS 215)	8 Nov 44	86 Souls Lost
USS Scamp (SS 277)	16 Nov 44	83 Souls Lost
USS Corvian (SS-226)	16 Nov 43	82 Souls Lost
USS Sculpin (SS-191)	19 Nov 43	42 Souls Lost, 41 Men Taken Prisoner, 21 Survived

5 Boats Lost, 399 Men Died, 21 Survived in POW camps

USS Sculpin Medal of Honor

Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. 41 men were taken prisoner but only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT Cromwell, aboard as a potential wolfpack commander, he rode the Sculpin down, fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional

Missing submarine found 83 years after it was torpedoed in WWII battle

Wreckage likely belonging to a British submarine that sank during World War II was found off the coast of Norway, researchers said this week. The wreckage was found in the spring of 2023, according to a news release, but it wasn't until earlier this week that it could be identified as the HMS Thistle. The discovery was made by Norway's Institute of Marine Research and MAREANO, a program that maps sea beds in the country's waters, while on a routine cruise.

See more details at [Missing submarine found 83 years after it was torpedoed in WWII battle \(aol.com\)](https://www.aol.com/news/missing-submarine-found-83-years-after-it-was-torpedoed-in-wwii-battle-2023-11-15)

Submarine Contract News

This is from the October 2023 issue of High Frequency Electronics:

General Dynamics Electric Boat Corp., Groton, Connecticut, is awarded a \$10,682,315 cost-plus-fixed-fee modification to a previously awarded contract (N00024-20-C-2120) to support the detailed design, prototyping, and qualification of Virginia Class submarine capabilities. Work will be performed in Groton, Connecticut, and is expected to be completed by Nov. 30, 2025. Fiscal 2021 shipbuilding and conversion, Navy funds in the amount of \$5,341,158 (100%) will be obligated at the time of award and will not expire at the end of the current fiscal year. Supervisor of Shipbuilding Conversion and Repair, Groton, Connecticut, is the contracting activity.

Contributed by Base Member Glen Little

55 Chinese Sailors Dead After Vessel Hit Trap

A leaked UK intelligence report suggests that a planned ambush by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) on US and British vessels in the Yellow Sea backfired when a Chinese nuclear-powered submarine fell into its own trap. The submarine's oxygen system malfunctioned, resulting in the death of at least 55 sailors.

See more details at [EXCLUSIVE: 55 Chinese sailors are feared dead after nuclear submarine 'gets caught in a trap intended to snare British and US vessels in the Yellow Sea' | Daily Mail Online](#)

Note: This report has not been conformed by any Chinese official

From the Editor

*This year is the 26th Anniversary of Charleston Base.
The Base was chartered on July 24, 1997.*

*Remember all the hard work members of our base, past and present
have put forth in her creation and continuance.*



I'll start with a huge thanks to many members who sent articles to me in October. Keep them coming! Over the next few of months I will be posting the June through August minutes which were missed since there wasn't a newsletter published over the summer. I will also publish the "current" minutes a month behind going forward to ensure I can always have the newsletter published by the start of the month. **Do you have other suggestions for the newsletter?** Contact me at: newsletter@ussvicb.org

The November base meeting will be the last official meeting in 2023. The Christmas party will be our December base meeting. If you need to pay dues directly, this meeting is your last chance in 2023.

The Storekeeper will not be available for the November meeting so contact him directly if you are waiting on a patch or other orders.

Ed Stank took a new position as our License Plate Coordinator. Since Charleston was one of the largest USSVI bases for years, it makes sense that SC should have a license plate honoring submarine veterans. Ed will investigate the process and coordinate with other SUBVET Bases in SC. Contact Ed if you have input or ideas.

The war to end all wars resulted in the recognition and remembrance of all those who have served our great country and especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Remember all veterans on November 11



A thought for our Sub Sailors during Thanksgiving



Upcoming Base Events
See www.ussvicb.org for details

Upcoming Charleston Base Events

Board of Directors Meeting	November 2, 2023	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek
Base Meeting	November 9, 2023	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek
	(Social Hour—1800)	
Veterans Day Ceremony	Nov 11, 2023 1000	Summerville, see details below
Veterans Day Lost Boats Tolling	Nov 11, 2023 1300	Coastal Coffee Roasters below
4th Annual Rummage Sale	Nov 18, 2023	See <u>FLYER</u>
Base Christmas Party	Dec 1, 2023 1700	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek

Veteran’s Day Events
See www.ussvicb.org for details

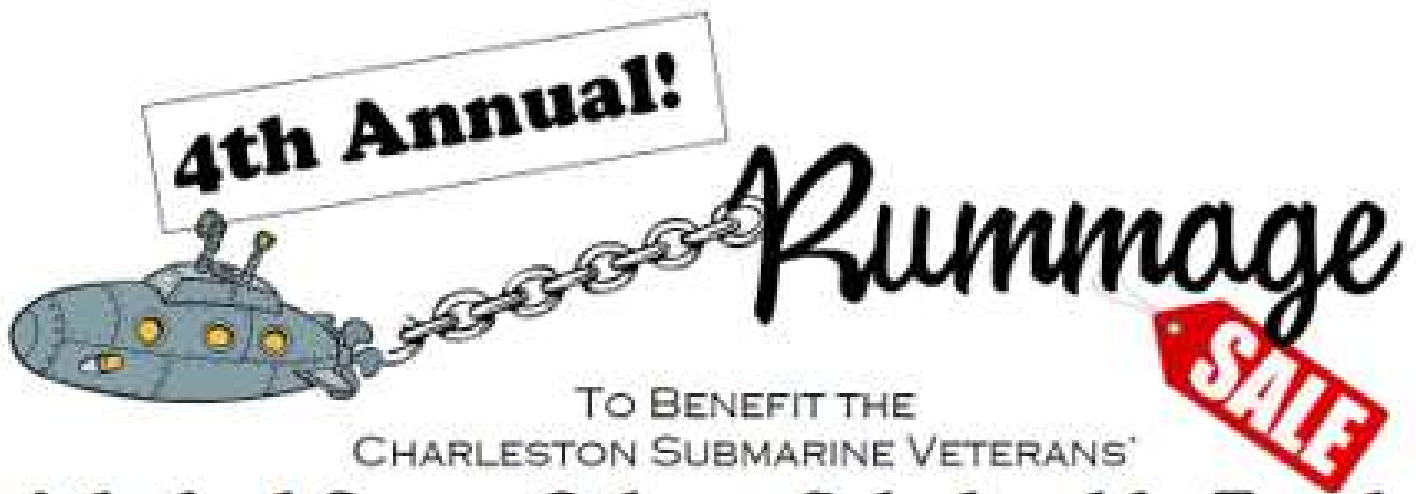
Dorchester County Veterans Day Ceremony: Honoring Our Heroes

The Dorchester County community is invited to join us for a special Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 11th, at 10:00 AM. This event will take place at Ashley River Park, located at 200 Renken Road in Summerville. Veterans and their families, as well as the general public, are encouraged to attend as we honor all our military men and women. The keynote address will be given by Superintendent of Dorchester School District Two Dr. Shane Robbins, retired Colonel, U.S. Army. Following the ceremony, there will be a free lunch provided to attendees and admission to the park is also free for veterans and their guests as we express our gratitude for their service.

Coastal Coffee Roasters, 108 E. Third North St., Summerville
 1300 Start.

The plan is to have the float there and toll the lost boats.





TO BENEFIT THE
CHARLESTON SUBMARINE VETERANS'

Admiral James Osborn Scholarship Fund

Date: Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023

Where: 1825 Old Trolley Rd

Summerville, SC

(Halloween Express / Rodney's Rockets)

Time: 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

**Charleston Base Christmas Party
December 1, 2023**

- 1700 Meet and Greet
- 1800 Finger Food and Music
- 2000 Depth Charge Drawing
- FRA Home

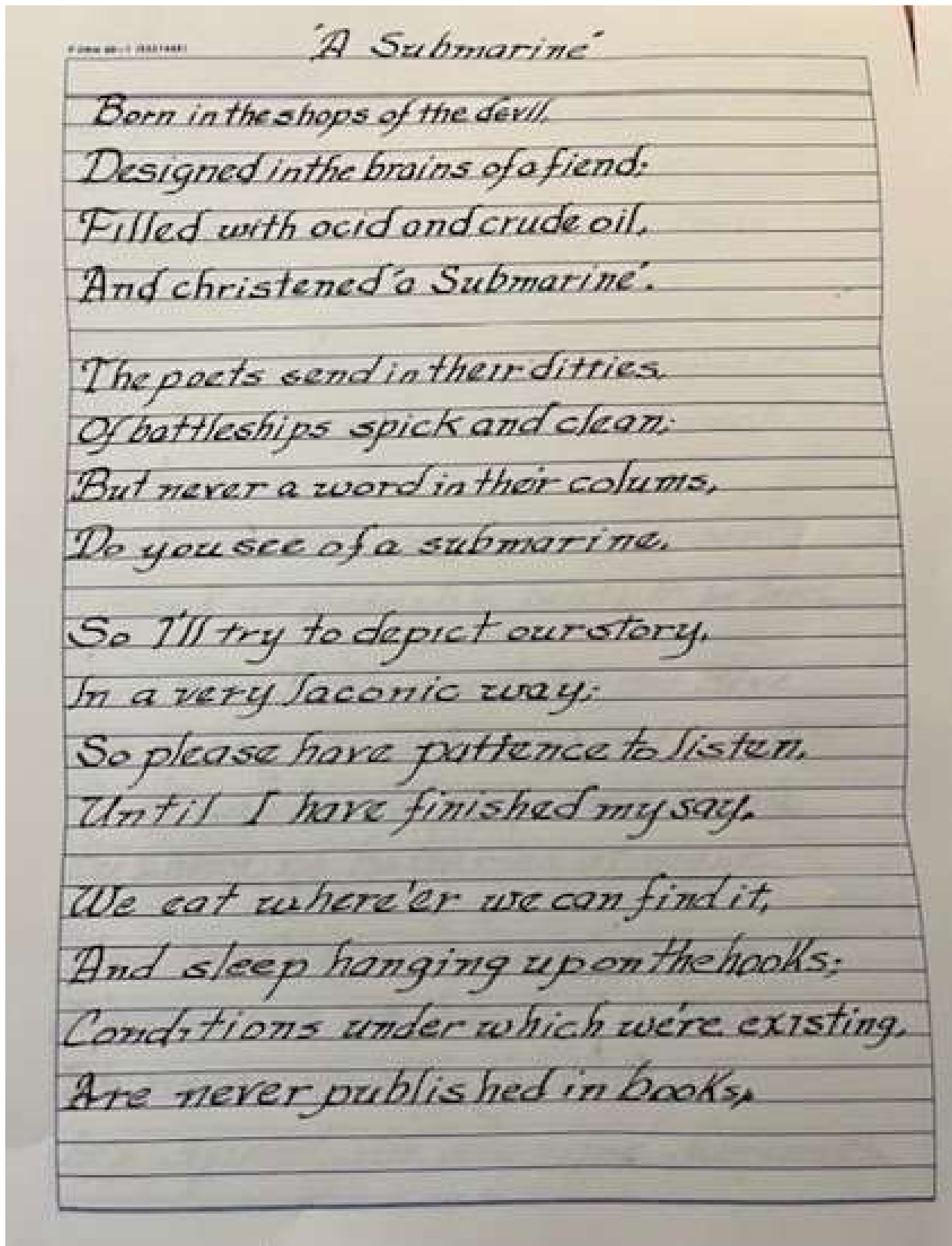
There is no cost but attendance is limited to Charleston Base members and their immediate families. There are no reservations so come early to get a seat as attendance is limited

Christmas Parades

There is more information to come for the Goose Creek and Harleyville Christmas parades!

"A Submarine"

Contributed by Base Member Woody Woodsmall



Life on these boats is obnoxious.
And that is using mild terms;
We are never bothered by sickness.
There isn't any room for germs.

We are never troubled with varmintz.
There are things even a cockroach
can't stand,
And any self-respecting rodent.
Quick as possible beats it for land.

And that little one dollar per dive.
We receive to submerge out of sight;
Is often earned more than double,
By charging batteries at night.

And that extra compensation,
We receive on boats like these;
We never really get at all,
It's spent on soap and dungarees.

Machinists get soaked in fuel oil.

Electricians in H₂SO₄;

Gunner's mates with 600w.

And torpedo slush galore.

When we come into the Navy Yard.

We are looked upon with disgrace;

And they make out some new regulations

To fit our particular case.

Now all you Battleship sailors,

When your feeling disgruntled and mean,

Just pack up your bag and hammock.

And go to "a Submarine".

(Author unknown)

from a 1918 Submarine Base, New London, Conn.
newspaper.

Little David Update

Phil Nunnally inspected Little David late September for a possible working party in October. Overall, Little David looked good only needing a quick power wash. Boards were chosen for replacement during a spring 2024 working party. No working party was needed in October.

Little David before and after power washing





Senior Citizens

Senior citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary. We know we take responsibility for all we have done and do not try to blame others.

HOWEVER, upon reflection, we would like to point out that it was NOT senior citizens who took:

The melody out of music,
The pride out of appearance,
The courtesy out of driving,
The romance out of love,
The commitment out of marriage,
The responsibility out of parenthood,
The togetherness out of the family,
The learning out of education,
The service out of patriotism,
The Golden Rule from rulers,
The nativity scene out of cities,
The civility out of behavior,
The refinement out of language,
The dedication out of employment,
The prudence out of spending,
The ambition out of achievement
or God out of government and school.

And we certainly are NOT the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from personal relationships and interactions with others!

And, we DO understand the meaning of patriotism, and remember those who have fought and died for our country.

Just look at the Seniors with tears in their eyes and pride in their hearts, as they stand at attention with their hand over their hearts, as the American Flag passes by in a parade!

YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN!

I'm the life of the party....Even if it lasts until 8 p.m.

I'm very good at opening childproof caps...With a hammer.

I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.

I'm smiling all the time, because I can't hear a thing you're saying.

I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe secure place, somewhere.

I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg.

I'm beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps.

Yes, I'm a SENIOR CITIZEN and I think I am having the time of my life! Now if I could only remember who sent this to me, I wouldn't send it back to them.

Or, maybe I should send it to all my friends anyway. They won't remember, even if they did send it. Spread the laughter Share the cheer Let's be happy While we're here.

MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA AND MAY AMERICA CONTINUE TO THANK GOD !!

Contributed by Base Member Jim Lewis

Getting to know our Base Members

As Editor, I asked our base members who joined since 2022 to provide some information about themselves so we could get to know our base members better. I started with two questions mentioned below and any personal information they wanted to share. Thomas was the first to respond and is highlighted in this newsletter.

Thomas Holcomb LT(SS), joined our Charleston Base in 2022.

Why I joined SubVets? To continue congregating with “Brothers of the Phin”. I can still remember and stay in touch with many friends that I made while “punching holes” and I recognized early on that there is a special bond between all of us.

Where would I like to help within the base? I haven’t really given it much thought but am capable and willing to help out where I can be of value. Let me know where help is needed.

- Born and raised on the Gulf Coast under the leadership of my parents. My dad was an EM2(SS) aboard USS Moray (SS-300) and influenced my decision to join US Navy in July 1971. Volunteered for Sub duty and went Navigation ET (forward puke) route. Duty Stations as follows:
- USS Canopus (AS-34) at Holy Loch, Scotland in 1972 – 1973.
- USS John C. Calhoun (SSBN-630) Gold Crew in 1973 - 1976. Qualified SS in Feb 1974 and made 5 patrols.
- USS John C. Calhoun (SSBN-630) Blue Crew in 1976 – 1979. Trident Backfit Yard Period in Portsmouth, NH.
- FBM Training Center, CHASN Navigation Electronics Instructor 1979-1982. Promoted to Chief while attached to FBMSTC.
- Left Active duty in late 1982 and went to The Citadel full-time until May 1984 when I graduated with BS Electrical Engineering degree.
- Joined Navy Reserves as Engineering Duty Officer in 1986. Spent active duties in Mare Island and Charleston Naval Shipyards until civilian job took me to Brazil in 1993.
- Retired from Navy as O-3 in December 1995.
- Retired from civilian job with General Electric in 2018.

Noteworthy Accomplishments:

In 1972, while attached to Damneck, VAA and C schools, I designed and made a transmitter that overrode the local bars electronic dart game and played lots of darts without paying! Also made several enemies that paid for my dart gaming. In 1973, while attached to Damneck, VAA and C schools, I participated in a prank to broadcast porn movies on the C school barracks walls and was apprehended by shore patrol as Linda Lovelace performed her special talents. In 1975, almost missed ship's movement for John C Calhoun departure on patrol when staying overnight in Dunoon. I came running down the brow as the crane was lifting it away and jumped 3 feet down to land on Calhoun's topside. I was given 72 days confinement to the boat (it was also a 72-day patrol!) In 1979, passed the Chiefs test at 25 years of age. From 1993 to 1998 lived in Brazil and led a production department of 75 persons, none of whom spoke English.

Family Life:

Married to the same "lucky" lady (Lisa) for 35 years.

Have 3 beautiful, well-behaved daughters, all are married with a total of 5 grandchildren.

Am a volunteer at HL Hunley Museum.

When you can't "see" at sea

I'll start by saying I didn't do a good job of asking for your sea stories so you're stuck with one of mine again.

While stationed on the Sand Lance SSN-660, we operated with NATO subs in the Norwegian Sea including transfer ops with the DSRV Avalon. Then we headed to the North Pole for scientific research. While transiting under the ice we suddenly lost our temporarily installed forward looking sonar used to detect ice. We went to all stop and hovered while investigating. Sonar Techs did several checks of the system in Control to no avail. They started tracing power back to the source in the Torpedo Room and viola, they found the issue. A Seaman Apprentice who had joined the crew days before the cruise was in his bunk under a torpedo happily listening to tunes on his Walkman. He had unplugged an unknown 120v plug to power his Walkman. Power was quickly restored to the sonar and we were on our way. Sonar decided it was wise to place a caution tag on the plug for the duration of ice operations. The SA learned the age old adage, *"If you don't know what it does, don't touch it"*.

Survivor Benefit Plan changes

There is a once in a lifetime opportunity to change your Survivors Benefit (SBP) coverage. Either starting it or stopping it. See [**SBP Open Season**](#) for details.

Veterans still eligible for the PACT Act

Even though the deadline to receive retroactive benefits from the Honoring our PACT Act has passed, veterans and survivors still are eligible to submit a VA disability claim related to the landmark legislation... The PACT Act covers more than 20 conditions and cancers that are presumed to have been caused by toxic exposure. Note 1

Note 1: Excerpt from the current VFW Magazine.

See all details about the PACT Act online at [**The PACT Act And Your VA Benefits | Veterans Affairs**](#)

VA COLA Benefit changes

On June 14, 2023, President Joe Biden signed into law the Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Act of 2023, which directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide a cost-of-living adjustment for Veterans benefits in 2024 equal to the COLA applied to Social Security benefits, as determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA).

The legislation, passed with bi-partisan support in the House and Senate, is an annual procedure for Congress but an important one, as it must be accomplished to ensure Veterans receive a COLA, and that it keeps pace with inflationary costs.

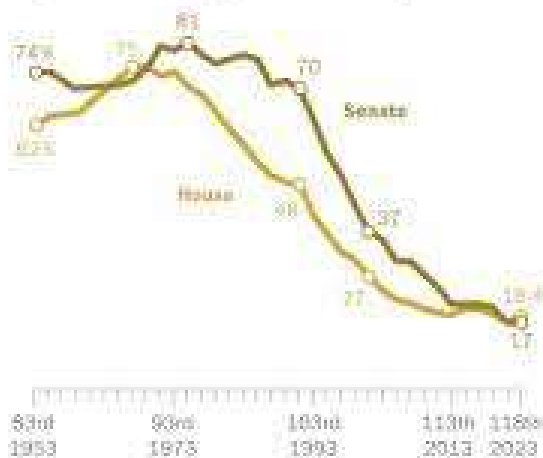
What's NOT going on in Washington?

Wow, when I stated last month that Washington was broken, I had no idea how bad. I hope Congress gets their act together and approves a permanent spending plan for 2024. I hope they can even decide on what they want to decide on.



Share of members in Congress who are veterans has fallen in recent decades

% of members with previous military service



Note: Data does not include nonvoting delegates or commissioners.

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of data from Military Times, Congressional Research Service, Brookings Institution and House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Veterans as share of population



Source: Census Bureau

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

After Washington, we all need a little humor

For those SubVets who are also computer or math geeks, like me.

There are 10 types of people in the world, those who understand binary and those who don't.



United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., Charleston Base
Minutes of Business Meeting
8 June 2023

Opening Ceremonies:

- The June 2023 Base Meeting was called to order by Base Commander Mike Ciesielko with a quorum of four officers and a total of 48 members. The meeting started at 1900 with the sound of the diving alarm.

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Base Commander Mike Ciesielko and recited by the members in attendance.

- The Invocation and the Tolling of the Boats lost during the month of June was given by Base Chaplain Nick Nichols.

- Submarines lost during the month of June:
 - USS HERRING (SS-233) June 1, 1944 – 8th war patrol Lost with All Hands – 83 Souls
 - USS R-12 (SS-89) June 12, 1943 – practice torpedo approach near Key West FL. Lost with 42 Souls – 21 Survivors
 - USS GOLET (SS-361) June 14, 1944 – 2nd war patrol Lost with All Hands – 82 Souls
 - USS BONEFISH (SS-223) June 18, 1945 – 8th war patrol Lost with All Hands – 85 Souls
 - USS S-27 (SS-132) June 19, 1942 – grounded off Amchitka Island Alaska. No Loss of Life
 - USS O-9 (SS-70) June 20, 1941 – foundered off Isle of Shoals NH Lost with All Hands – 33 Souls
 - USS RUNNER (SS-275) June 30, 1943 – 3rd war patrol Lost with All Hands – 78 Souls
 - Seven Boats and 403 Men Lost

- The Creed of USSVI was read by Vice Commander Tom Lawson.

- Base Commander Mike Ciesielko welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

ADMIRAL OSBORN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

- Carl congratulated the Base members for the contributions to the Scholarship Fund; having an historic high this year – more than \$14,000.
- The Scholarship Committee Members – Chairman Carl Chinn and Rick Sparger presented four awards. Only one was presented in person:
 - o Gilliane Russell – Granddaughter of Tom Lawson III – Graduated from Charleston County School of the Arts – She was accepted at College of Charleston, Clemson and University of South Carolina and will attend University of South Carolina
- The other three recipients will receive their awards separately:
 - o Chase Bonniwell – Grandson of Ed Stank – Lives in Virginia Beach – Graduate of Kellam High School – He was accepted and will attend Tidewater Community College at Virginia Beach – Ed Stank accepted the award on behalf of his grandson.
 - o Allison Brewer – Granddaughter of Ed Simokat – Graduate of Wilson High School in Florence – She was accepted to Charleston Southern University, Clemson University, North Greenville University, Francis Marion University, University of South Carolina, Presbyterian College and Anderson University. At this time it is unknown which of these schools she will attend.
 - o Samuel Chinn – Grandson of Carl Chinn – Lives in Crofton, MD – Will attend The Citadel □

Carl thanked his wife – not in the room – for all the work that she did for the Scholarship Committee.

Base Commander Mike Ciesielko congratulated the Scholarship Committee for great effort this year.

The guests were dismissed for the remainder of the meeting.

Introductions of New Attendees:

- Four men were present at the Base meeting for the first time:
 - o Paul Bechtel – QMCS – Qualified on USS Kamehameha SSBN642 – 1955 – Also served aboard USS Queenfish SSN651, John C Calhoun SSBN630 and Woodrow Wilson SSBN624
 - o Tyler Bullock – EMN3 – Qualified on USS Albuquerque SSN706 – 2014
 - o Bob Lehman – MM2 – Qualified on USS Requin SS481 – 1961
 - o Ralph Ford – TMC/CWO4 – Qualified on USS Theodore Roosevelt SSBN600 – 1961 – Also served aboard USS Ulysses S Grant SSBN631, USS John C Calhoun SSBN630, USS Holland AS32, USS Simon Lake AS33 and POMFLANT

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

PAO Needed – Base Commander Mike Ciesielko:

- Mike Congratulated Ed Stank for his outstanding work as PAO. Ed wishes to pass on this task to another Base member. Charleston Base has been represented well to the public during his tenure. We have had numerous articles printed at this time.

Freedom Fest – Tom Lawson (Reported out of normal order due to family requirements this evening)

- The Base Float will be taken to Locklear Park for Freedom Fest on June 30. We need folks to attend. Games/Food/Beverages and Fireworks. No ID card needed. Flyers will be available.

Tom has recently received several requests about how to obtain copies of DD214s. These can be obtained by visiting www.archives.gov and completing the application. The local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans Association can be of assistance if needed.

Secretary – Gordon Long:

The Minutes from the May Base Meeting were emailed directly to the entire Base membership, published in the Base Newsletter and have been promulgated on the Base Website. The Base Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer – Ricky Collins:

The Treasurer's Report for May 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:

- o USS R-12 (SS-89) was lost on June 12, 1943 with the loss of 42 men near Key West, FL during a practice torpedo approach. The cause was probably due to flooding through a torpedo tube. The CO and 2 other men on the bridge survived, as did 18 crew members on liberty at the time of the accident.

There are several shipmates and family members who have given me information which they wish to be kept confidential at this time.

Amy Clark Korngiebel, Tom Clark's daughter, passed away on May 18, 2023 while surrounded by family, at the Low Country Hospice (Agape) on Myers Road in Summerville. Amy was born Feb 15, 1966 at Langley AFB Hospital. Her service was held on May 23, 2023 at Carolina Memorial Park

Rick Wise has recovered extremely well from his cancer surgery and is in great spirits. He is able to drive himself to his doctors' appointments. Larry Knudsen has gone by his house and installed a second fan for him.

- On Thursday, May 25, seven NNPTC Sailors, members of the FCPOA, that's First-Class Petty Officers Association for those who like to know what the acronym means, descended on his humble abode and conducted field day on his yard doing an excellent job. Pictures will be on the website by the meeting next week.
- Rick Wise provided more details and thanked the FCPOA for their assistance.

Hauns 'Sam' Vlam is in the Oakbrook Health & Rehabilitation Center Rm 315 for rehab. Sam has Parkinson's and is doing as well as can be expected. After the Holland Club meeting, Bill Freligh and Robby Roberts tracked him down and presented his Holland Club certificate and hat. He doesn't get many visitors so if you are able, he would enjoy a visit.

Woody Woodsmall is doing well in his rehab from shoulder surgery.

Howard 'Andy' Anderson is in cardiac rehab at Summerville Cardiac Rehab ctr after having 4 heart attacks & then 3 separate heart procedures earlier in the year.

Mike Knaub is getting out now. He has been attending the after battery.

Joe Lunn is still battling his Parkinson's Disease.

Don Petersen can't take phone calls however he does text. If you want to text him the number for text only is 843.532.6464.

Thom Beach is still at the VICTORY HOUSE in Walterboro. His phone number is 843.809.9417. He called me Tuesday to say he's doing OK and to also say he is asking for pictures of submarines to hang at the Victory House. He has talked to those in charge and they have agreed to use pictures if he can get them. These should be similar to those the Scholarship committee has now if possible.

Beetle Bailey had knee surgery on Monday and in a lot of pain.

Webmaster – Nick Nichols

Until told differently, continue to use the website of <https://ussubvets.org>

Social Media – Lewis Leal:

Nothing to report

Membership – Nick Nichols for Larry Knutson

Base Standings [those with more than 200 members]:

1) Groton 1151 – 2) Hampton Roads 275 – 3) Charleston 255 – 4) Bremerton 237

National Awards – Mike Ciesielko

Nothing reported.

VA – Tom Lawson

Nothing to report

Scholarship – Carl Chinn

The awards presented this evening totaled \$10,000, so it is time to replenish the coffers. The bourbon raffle will be held tonight.

A raffle for four season tickets to Flowertown Players in Summerville. These tickets normally cost \$97 for Senior/Military. The drawing for these tickets will be held next month.

We still have Challenge Coins for sale.

The Rummage sale will be held on November 18.

Special Events – Rick Sparger

The only event coming up is Freedom Fest at Locklear Park.

Fleet Reserve Association – Ken Hutchison

The FRA will hold a picnic on July 4.

Ken has been reelected as FRA 269 President.

Nuclear Power School – Phil Nunnally

The next graduation for NPS will be held July 7. Rick Wise will actually make the presentation.

Recreation – Johnny Brown

The River Dogs game will be July 7. At this point, we have 21 planning to attend.
 We are planning a Christmas party this year. Location TBD.

Storekeeper – Woody Woodsmall

Woody had some dolphin window decals, but they are all gone now.
 Woody has some “Salt Life – Amuses Me” merchandise

Newsletter – Ed Stank

Nothing reported.

PAO – Ed Stank

Two articles have been submitted to / accepted by American Submariner, so they should be coming out soon:

- Holland Club Induction
- Submarine Birthday Ball / Amberjack

COB – Rick Sparger

Nothing to report.

Vice Commander – Tom Lawson

Nothing reported.

Base Commander – Mike Ciesielko

Nothing reported.

Good of the Order

Nuclear Historian – Rick Carlson

Not present.

After Battery – Ray Sparks

Nothing reported.

Gun Club – Mike Ciesielko

Mike expressed the desire to schedule another shoot at Twin Ponds Rifle Range.

NNPTC CPOA

The Chiefs at NNPTC are also offering assistance to Charleston Base members as needed.

Non-Nuclear Historian – Harry Nettles

- Not present.

Drawings & Auctions

- Auction for USS Bonefish Carving – Carl Chinn presided – Won by Lewis Leal for \$20.
- Bourbon Raffle – JW Smith in Maryland
- FRA Drawing – Johnny Brown
- Challenge Coin Drawing – Won by Carl Chinn – Donated back for drawing at later date.
- Depth Charge Drawing – Jerry Stout – Contributed some to Scholarship Fund

Closing Ceremony

- Base Chaplain led the group in a prayer of Benediction.
- Base Commander Mike Ciesielko announced adjournment of the meeting.
- Base Commander Mike Ciesielko sounded three blasts of the diving alarm.
- Meeting closed at 1957.