October 2026

Newsletter of Charleston Base, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Base Meeting:

BOD: Oct 1, 2026
Membership: Oct 8, 2026

Location:

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Goose Creek, SC

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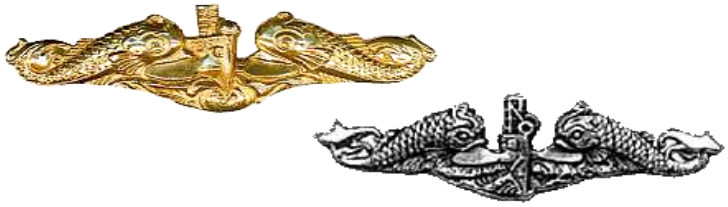

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Submarines lost during the month of October

USS Seawolf (SS-197)	**Oct 3, 1944**	**100 Souls lost, 17 were Army**
SS 44 (SS-155)	**Oct 7, 1943**	**56 Souls lost, 2 POW**
USS Wahoo (SS-238)	**Oct 11, 1943**	**80 Souls lost**
USS Dorado (SS-248)	**Oct 12, 1943**	**77 Souls lost**
USS Escolar (SS-294)	**Oct 17, 1944**	**82 Souls lost**
USS Darter (SS-227)	**Oct 24, 1944**	**No loss of Life**
USS Shark (SS-314)	**Oct 24, 1944**	**87 Sous lost**
USS Tang (SS-306)	**Oct 24, 1944**	**78 Souls lost, 9 POW**
USS O-5 (SS-66)	**Oct 28, 1923**	**3 Souls lost**

9 Boats Lost, 563 Souls Lost, 11 POW

Submarines lost during the month of October

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CHARLESTON SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

Shipmates Lost or Reported Lost
Since our 2025 Base Christmas Party Bell Tolling

MMCM(SS) Jay Miller Rowland III., USN Retired	11 Jan 2026
STS2(SS) Charles Spencer Wood, USN Veteran	24 Jan 2026
QM2(SS) Christian Louis La Force, USN Veteran	22 Feb 2026
TMC(SS) Robert Kenneth ‘Ken’ Curtis, USN Retired	23 Feb 2026
FTCS(SS) Thomas W. Lawson, USN Retired	19 Mar 2026
MMCS(SS) Marvin D. Miller, USN Retired	22 Apr 2026
ETCS(SS) Joseph Barnes Van Swearingen Jr., USN Ret	16 Sep 2024
CWO4(SS) Jerry K. Stout, USN Retired	09 Jun 2026
TMC(SS) Steven H. Curry, USN Retired	04 July 2026
TMC(SS) Edward J. Simokat II, USN Retired	07 July 2026
MMCS(SS) Richard O. 'Rick' Wise, USN Retired	27 July 2026
RMCS(SS) Harry E. Kirk, USN Retired	02 Aug 2026
MM2(SS) / CM1(SS) Thomas L. Skorepa, USN Retired	14 Aug 2026
EMCS(SS) Kwock Gong Kam, USN Retired	23 Mar 2025

UPCOMING BASE EVENTS
See www.ussvicb.org for details

Upcoming Charleston Base Events		
Board of Directors Meeting	October 1	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek
Base Meeting	October 8	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek
Coastal Carolina Fair	Oct 29 – Nov 8	Ladson Fair Grounds

COASTAL CAROLINA FAIR w/FLOAT
29 October – 8 November

- Details and a sign-up list to come…

IMPORTANT DATES

US NAVY BIRTHDAY
13 October

A 13 October 1775 resolution of the Continental Congress established what is now the United States Navy with “a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportionable number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted, with all possible despatch, for a cruise of three months….” After the American War of Independence, the U.S. Constitution empowered the new Congress “to provide and maintain a navy.” Acting on this authority, Congress established the Department of the Navy on 30 April 1798.

In 1972, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt authorized official recognition of 13 October as the birthday of the U.S. Navy. Since then, each CNO has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion “to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service.” 13 October 2024 will mark the Navy's 249th birthday.

IMPORTANT DATES

DAY OF THE DEPLOYED

26 October

Day of the Deployed is a day to honor our deployed troops and their families for their bravery and the sacrifices they are making for our country. Supporters of the military are urged to get personally involved in activities that send care packages, offer messages of encouragement, and other morale-boosting activities to those currently deployed overseas and the military families of the deployed.

Over the years, John Hoeven moved on from being a governor to a career as a North Dakota State Senator, and in 2011 he led an effort to establish official recognition for the holiday. On Oct. 18, 2011, his resolution passed unanimously for the first Day Of The Deployed. The Senate resolution is passed anew each year.

In a press release issued by the Senator's office that first announced the measure, Hoeven said, "Our U.S. service men and women currently deployed, along with their loved ones, make untold sacrifices as they serve our nation…A national Day of the Deployed pays tribute to their commitment to our country and their work to protect our freedoms."

IMPORTANT DATES

NAVY DAY

27 October

What is the difference between Navy Day and the Navy Birthday? Both occur in the month of October, and both celebrate the men and women of the United States Navy, past and present. The Navy celebrates its birthday officially on Oct. 13, and Navy Day was established to be observed on Oct. 27.

This year Navy Day will be on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026.

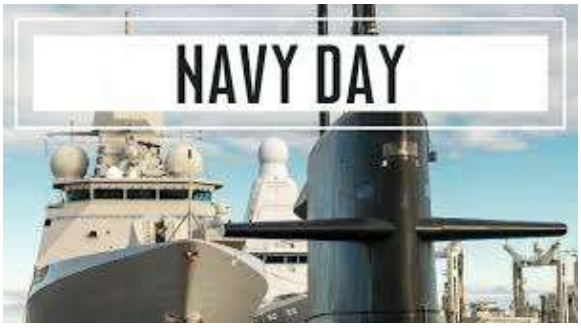
There are plenty of differences between the two, starting with the fact that the Navy Birthday is recognized on the anniversary of the historical formation of the Continental Navy during the American Revolution. Navy Day was originally chosen to coincide with the birthday of President Theodore Roosevelt.

Navy Day is actually the older observance, in terms of when it was created and officially recognized as it is today. The “official” observation of the Navy birthday was initiated by Admiral Elmo Zumwalt in 1972, but Navy Day was sponsored by the Navy League of New York in 1922.

While both holidays recognize the service and sacrifices of those in uniform, Navy Day is specifically about military service, where the Navy birthday celebrates the origins and history of the U.S. Navy.

Navy Day isn’t unique to the American military. Many countries worldwide celebrate their own versions on different dates and with different traditions. Russia, Turkey, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, India, Croatia, Mexico, and many other nations all hold their own observations.

Read the entire article here.



From the Editor
Contact me at newsletter@ussvicb.org

Wendy and I visited the National Cemetery in Beaufort on the way to Hilton Head where we visited a veteran's memorial there.

I've included a list of all maritime museums in the United States.

****When you travel, get pictures of Veteran sites and send them to me for publishing.**

The Veterans Memorial at Shelter Cove
Hilton Head Island

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Beaufort National Cemetery
Beaufort, SC

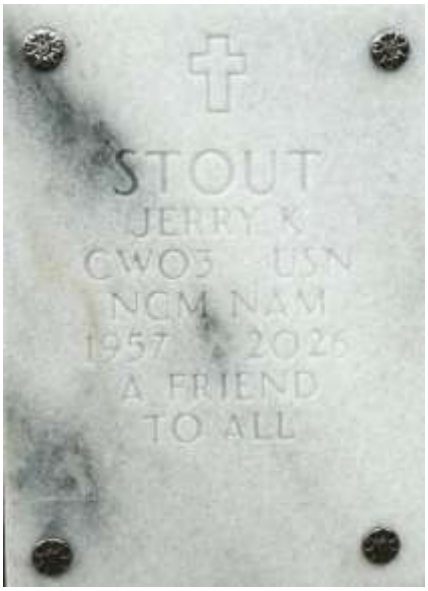
Editor's Note: While this list may not be complete, a web search, along with a search of our base website found these former submariners interned here

- RADM Herman Joseph Kossler – A highly decorated Rear Admiral who commanded the USS Cavalla (SS-244) during World War II. He was awarded the Navy Cross for his heroism in sinking a 29,000-ton Japanese aircraft carrier and surviving a relentless 106-depth-charge attack
- RADM James B. Osborn – Highly decorated Rear Admiral who commanded the USS Tunny (SSG-282), the first U.S. nuclear bomb-carrying guided missile submarine, from which the first Regulus missile was launched off Point Mugu, Calif., in July 1953. He also commanded the USS George Washington (SSBN598) Blue, the first U.S. Polaris ballistic missile submarine. Charlesont Base.
- CDR Michael J. Showers – A 23-year Navy veteran who served aboard the USS Patrick Henry (SSBN-599), USS Seadragon (SSN-584), and USS Robert E. Lee (SSBN-601). He later served as the Commanding Officer of the USS Henry L. Stimson (SSBN-655)
- Howard Allen Gniffke, CPO(SS) – Served 21 years in the U.S. Navy, including his deployment aboard the USS Ulysses S. Grant (SSBN-631) from 1973 to 1975
- Thomas Lawson, Jr. – A Cold War submarine veteran and a dedicated Life Member of the SUBVETS USSVI National and Charleston Base
- Irving "Knute" Knudson, Jr. – A World War II veteran who served beneath the waves aboard the USS Atule (SS-403) submarine
- Lawrence Albert "Buddy" Green – A Cold War submarine veteran who transitioned into the Navy at the tail end of WWII after a stint in the Merchant Marine. He is buried in the historic section of the cemetery
- Emmett Leroy "Lee" Rackley, MSC – Served his country continuously in the submarine service from 1958 until his retirement in 1989. Charleston Base
- Charles Edward Horton – Honorably discharged after completing a four-year service rotation aboard a nuclear submarine
- CWO4 Jerry K. Stout served on the USS Cavalla (SSN-684), USS Barb (SSN-596), USS Honolulu (SSN-718) and the USS Holland (AS-32). Charleston Base

Beaufort National Cemetery
Beaufort, SC

- QM1(SS) Walter James Curtis served in the US Navy during WWII and the Korean War. He was a member of the US Submarine Veterans of WWII, US Submarine Veterans, Charleston Base and US Submarine Veterans, Weeki Wachee Base
- CWO1(SS) Charles Clifford 'Chuck' Bohling served on the USS Argonaut (SS-475), the USS Cubera (SS-347) and the USS Simon Bolivar (SSN-641). He was a member of Navy Seal Team 2 during his service in Vietnam. Charleston Base
- MMCM(SS) Glenn Francis Fleming served on the USS Skate (SSN-578), the USS Snook (SSN-592), the USS Charr (SS-328), the USS Barb (SSN-596), the USS Sam Houston (SSBN/SSN-609) and the USS James Madison (SSBN-627). Charleston Base
- MMC(SS) Karl Edwin Humbertson served on seven diesel submarines and four SSBN's. Along with being a member of Charleston Base, he was also a member of Hammerton Lodge #332, Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, Omar Temple, Dorchester Shrine Club, American Legion Post 166, VFW Post 10624, FRA Branch 269, and DAV Chapter 17
- LT(SS) Clyde V. Peters served on the USS Pollack (SSN-603), the USS Spadefish (SSN-668), the USS Sunfish (SSN649), the US Jack SSN-605) and the USS James Madison (SSBN-627). Charleston Base
- EMC(SS) William 'Bill' E. Pruitt. Doesn't list his submarines. Charleston Base
- CDR(SS) Albert Aloysius Wood Jr. member of the Swamp Fox Chapter and the Charleston Base chapters
- LCDR(SS) James Warren Eckles served in US Navy Submarine Service for 30 years on 9 different submarines His first submarine USS COCHINO (SS345) sank in the North Atlantic on the 26th of August 1949 which was the beginning of the cold war. Charleston Base
- TMC(SS) Robert 'Bob' Duane Finch member of The Charleston Base and VFW Post #3433

Beaufort National Cemetery
Beaufort, SC



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updates from the 10 September Base Meeting

Johnny Brown will have his BBQ at the Sons of American Legion Annual BBQ Cook Off

- 24 October
- 0700-1500
- American Legion Post 147, 968 Folly Rd
- Johnny is asking for SubVets in Vests to join him at the BBQ

Hunley Happenings

If you haven't already, please mark your calendar for October 3rd, which is the opening date of Textiles from the Deep: Findings from the *H.L. Hunley* Submarine, our exhibit with the Charleston Museum. More information is available here: https://www.charlestonmuseum.org/exhibits/upcoming

Passed along by email from Shipmate Tom Holcombe

Sign the Major Richard Star Act Discharge Petition – FRA National

The Major Richard Star Act (H.R. 2102/S. 1032) remains a top priority to end what is often referred to as the "wounded veteran tax." This legislation would allow more than 54,000 Chapter 61 retirees who were medically retired due to combat injuries to receive full concurrent receipt of both retirement pay and disability compensation.

Sign the petition here.

The New (Old) SubVets National Website

Webmaster Nick Nichols reported the SubVets National Website is again https://ussvi.org. Old website links will no longer redirect to this website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to Serve our Base
We still need SubVets to step up and fill these positions

- Openings for
  - Public Affairs Officer
  - Recreation Committee
  - Scholarship Committee Chairman
  - Base Historian
  - ADM Osborn Scholarship Committee
  - National Awards Coordinator
  - Float Coordinator

Contact the Base Commander, the COB or any officer if you can help

Blinded Veterans and Meta AI Glasses Donation
Blinded Veterans Association

Meta has announced that it is donating Ray-Ban Meta AI glasses to 130,000 blinded veterans across the country.

This donation will be paired with training created by BVA to ensure that all recipients can use these glasses to their fullest potential.

Editor's Note: Spread the word if you know a veteran who could use this service.

Oracle Provides VFW Foundation with $160,000 to Aid Veterans Service

Oracle has been a longtime support of the VFW Foundation and donated this money that will assist the VFW's Accredited Service Officers to assist with veterans filing for disability compensation and pension benefits.

Read the entire story here.

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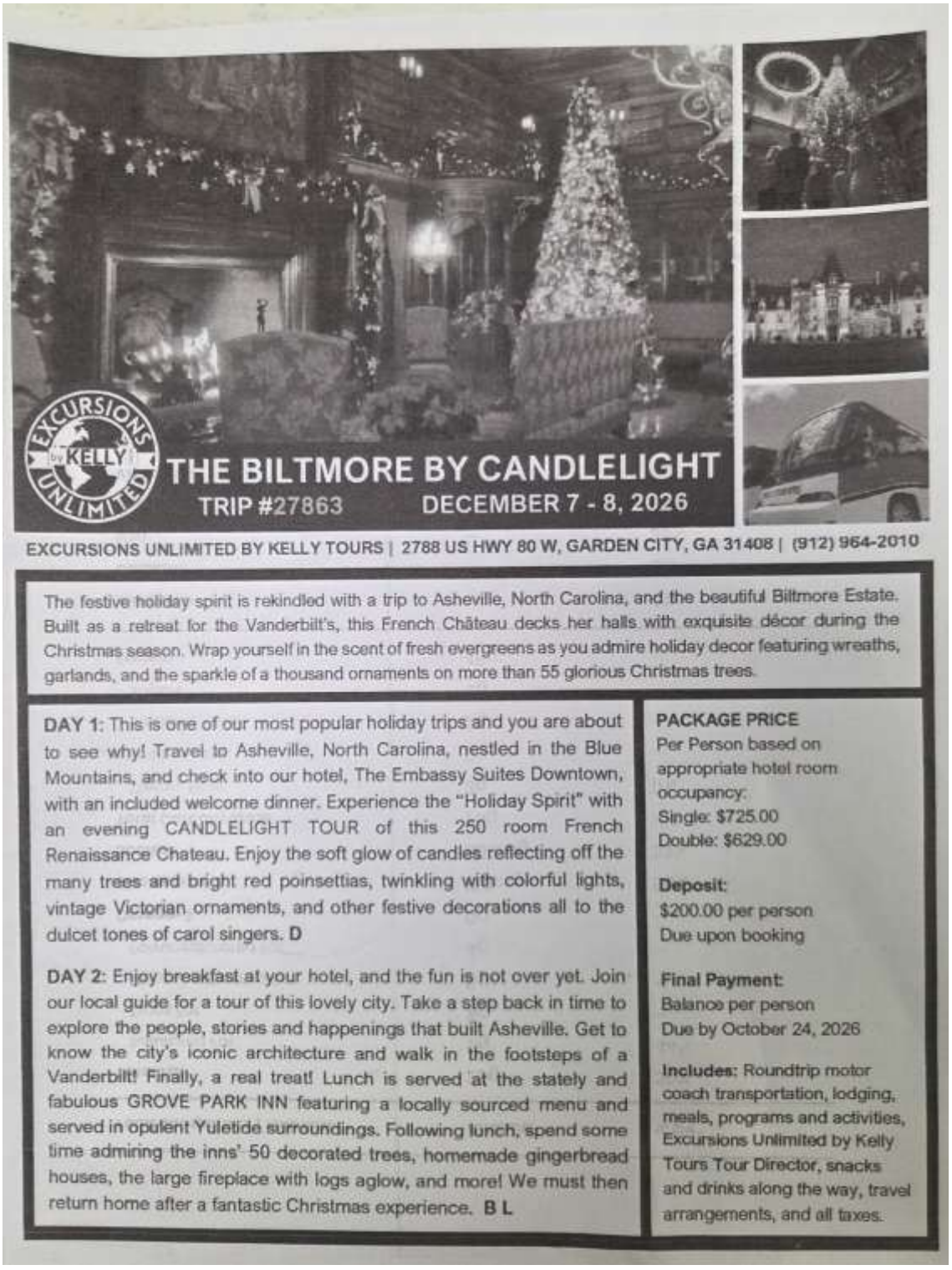
Shipmate Charlie Hudson mentioned this tour during the August base meeting. Please contact him if you're interested. The SubVets could possibly get their own bus if enough sign up for the tour.



IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Oct 1	Timothy 'Tim' Esch		**Oct 14**	Lindsay Nelson
Oct 1	William 'Bill' Roup		**Oct 15**	Richard Alfano
Oct 2	Edwin 'Ed' Johnson		**Oct 15**	Matt Mathis
Oct 5	Larry Phillippe		**Oct 19**	Norris 'Nate' Nathan
Oct 6	Dennis Lloyd		**Oct 20**	Leonard 'Skip' Chilton
Oct 6	Debra 'Debbie' MacPherson		**Oct 23**	Richard Jordan
Oct 8	Sherman 'Dale' Hostetter		**Oct 26**	Ralph Rohrssen
Oct 10	Carolyn Berry		**Oct 28**	Peter Garrison
Oct 10	Thomas 'Tom' Britton		**Oct 29**	Roger Niebeling
Oct 11	John 'JJ' Chaconas Jr.		**Oct 30**	Thomas 'Tom' Yingling
Oct 12	Leo Chiasson Jr.		**Oct 31**	William 'Bill' Ford
Oct 12	John Lookabill			

PAST EVENTS

NNPTC Graduation
11 September

- The ceremony grounds had hundreds of flags for 9/11 Patriots Day
- RADM Matthew Moffit (retired) was the keynote speaker. His BIO
    - RADM Moffit was stationed at the Pentagon as a One Star Admiral during 9/11 but was away that morning giving a speech at PAX River. His side of the Pentagon was struck by the terrorist plane while he was away
    - Statements I remember from his speech, paraphrased
        - "My section of the Pentagon had recently been updated with reenforced walls and plexiglass that greatly reduced damage during the attack"
        - "If the plane had struck a different section of the Pentagon which still have WWI era single pane glass, there would have been hundreds more injuries and deaths"
- Bob MacPherson joined me and presented the Navy League Award

FUTURE EVENTS

Brookgreen Gardens - Nights of a Thousand Candles
28 November

Shipmates we have an opportunity to travel to Brookgreen Gardens to see the famous “Nights of a Thousand Candles”. Brookgreen is located between Pawley's Island and Murrells Inlet.

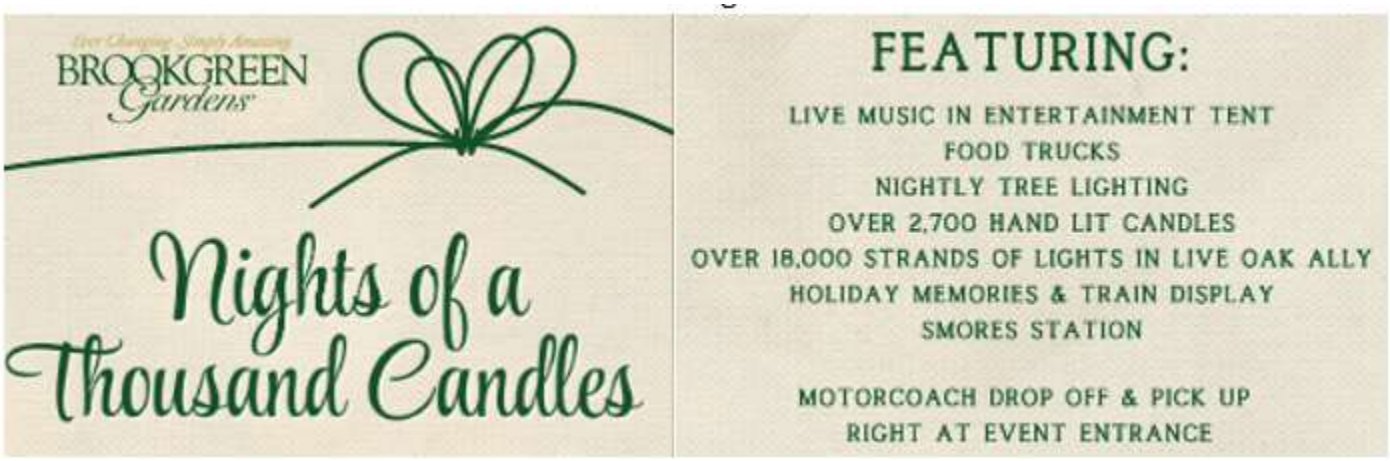
Group rate is $34/ticket, minimum 20 tickets.

If you are interested in going then email me with the date of your choice and the number of tickets you want. If we have enough interest in either of the days, I will make the arrangements to get the tickets.

We will talk more about this at the base meeting.

Just so you know, there is a lot of walking at the Gardens.

Payment is due at the Board or Base meeting in November.



FUTURE EVENTS

…and stay tuned for information about this year’s

Veterans Day Activities

NON-BASE EVENTS

Navy Birthday Cake Cutting at the Fleet
13 October

- FRA Goose Creek
- 1900

Hunley Oyster Roast and BBQ

23 October

Interested? Sign up on their dropbox.

2026 Kings Bay Submarine Veterans' Week

4 – 8 November

- Registration deadline is 16 October
- See details and registration information on our Base Website

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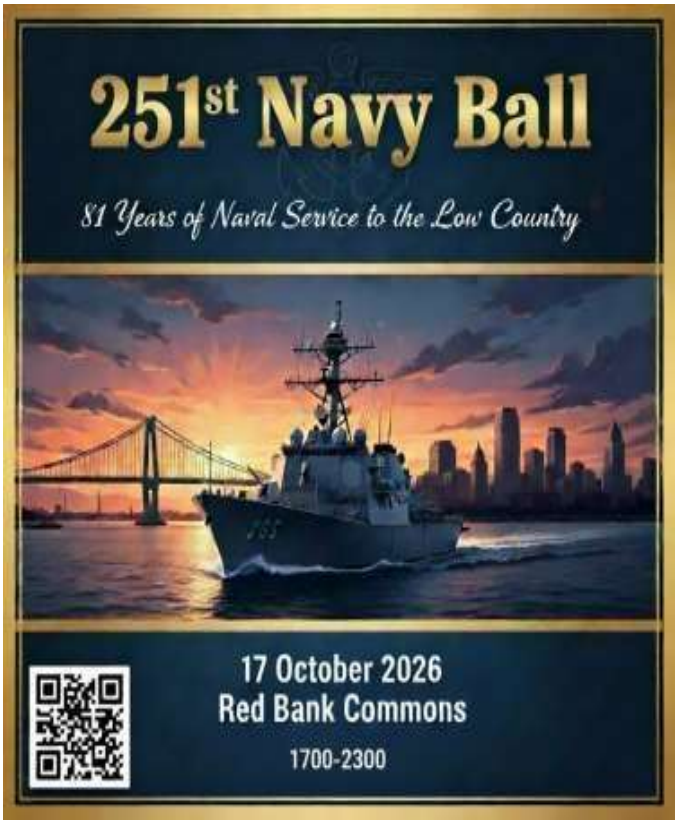


2 51st Navy Ball - 17 October

Celebrate 251 years of Navy pride, fun, and tradition at the epic 251st Navy Ball—don't miss out!

Join us in Celebrating 251 years of Naval Service to our Country, and 81 Years of Naval Service to the Low Country.

Location: Red Bank Commons (old Red Bank Club)
Doors Open: 1700 (5pm)
Ceremony Starts: 1800 (6pm)
Event Ends 2300 (11pm)

Attire: Service Members: Dress Blues or Dress Whites with Ribbons or better.
Civilian: Formal Wear.

Click HERE or use the QR code
Tickets: Active, Reserve, Retired, Spouse same price

E1-E9 - $55.20 per person [includes $5.20 processing]
01-010 and civilians - $81.88 per person [includes $6.88 processing]

MENU: Catered by Paige's Okra Grill
HORS D'OEUVRES: Bacon Wrapped Shrimp
ENTREES: Smoked Brisket Country Fried with White Pepper Gravy; Honey Glazed Salmon
SIDES: Baked Mac N Cheese; Red Rice
DESSERT: Banana Pudding

GENERAL STORIES

A new exhibit at the Charleston Museum offers a personal glimpse into men aboard the Hunley

The H.L. Hunley, a Confederate ship sits in a chemical bath in North Charleston. It was the first combat submarine to blow up a warship.

CHARLESTON — More than a century underwater did little to erase one man's final footprint.

The sole of a shoe recovered and conserved from the H.L. Hunley still bears the indentation of the foot that once filled it, offering a remarkably intimate glimpse of one of the eight men who disappeared aboard the historic submarine in 1864.
The shoe — and artifacts like it — will be the centerpiece of a new exhibit at the Charleston Museum that focuses on sailors who died that day and what they left behind.

The Charleston Museum will open "Textiles from the Deep: Findings from the H.L. Hunley Submarine" on Oct. 3 in its Historic Textiles Gallery. The exhibit, presented in partnership with the Friends of the Hunley and Clemson University's Warren Lasch Conservation Center, will feature conserved textile remnants and an array of items recovered from the submarine.
The H.L. Hunley made history on Feb. 17, 1864, when it became the first successful combat submarine in world history after sinking the USS Housatonic off the coast of Charleston. The submarine disappeared after the mission and remained lost at sea for more than a century. It was discovered in 1995 by the National Underwater and Marine Agency and was recovered off the Charleston coast in 2000.

Excavation of the Hunley's interior began in early 2001. The human remains were removed and interred at Magnolia Cemetery.

Among the artifacts on display will be a silk bandana worn around the neck of one of the men and a brass oil can. Many of them were retrieved from the wreckage after it was pulled from the Atlantic.

"Each item offers a rare glimpse into the lives of the Hunley's eight-man crew, a story of innovation and loss," said Virginia Theerman, curator of historic textiles at The Charleston Museum.

The artifacts have undergone years of painstaking conservation.

Scientists at Clemson's Warren Lasch Conservation Center have worked with the Friends of the Hunley for the past 26 years to conserve the submarine and study the men who were aboard during its final voyage. Textile remnants were cleaned while submerged in water and then carefully freeze-dried to stabilize them,
Some artifacts offer more mysteries than answers, but marine archaeologists and conservators at the lab spend years meticulously salvaging each one.

Before-and-after conservation images will be displayed to show the treatment process of recovered objects. Theerman said conserving textiles recovered from marine environments is particularly challenging, making the ability to preserve and study the fragile materials significant.
A conserved bandana that belonged to a crew member of the Hunley submarine.

One example is the oil can, which was once covered in layers of concretion and difficult to identify. During conservation, researchers discovered that it still contained oil from the 19th century. The can was found near the captain's station, where it likely was kept close at hand to lubricate the submarine's moving components.

The Hunley was then taken to the conservation center at Clemson's Charleston Innovation Campus in North Charleston, where conservation and research continue. It remains open to the public to view as a museum.

"History can feel distant until something brings you closer to the people who lived it," said Kellen Butler, executive director of Friends of the Hunley. "These remnants of clothing do just that, offering a remarkably personal connection to the men of the Hunley."

Textiles from the Deep: Findings from the H.L. Hunley Submarine will be on display at The Charleston Museum through April 4, 2027.
The outgoing exhibit, "Ringleaders of Rebellion: Charleston in Revolt, 1775—1783," is on display through Sept. 20. It focuses on the Revolutionary War and Charleston's role — from the Battle of Sullivan's Island to the siege and British occupation.

Article provided by at Hunley Rep Tom Holcombe

GENERAL STORIES
Ethan Allen (SSBN 608) makes the first underwater

launch of a Polaris A-2 fleet ballistic missile

23 October 1962

The Ethan Allen submarine was the first to launch the A-2 missile on October 23, 1961, and it began its initial patrol with the A-2 missile on June 26, 1962.

A notable historical event occurred on May 6, 1962, when Ethan Allen fired a Polaris A-2 missile in the Christmas Island Pacific Test Area, marking the first comprehensive U.S. test of a ballistic missile that included nuclear warhead detonation.

See the stories here and here and here.

GENERAL STORIES

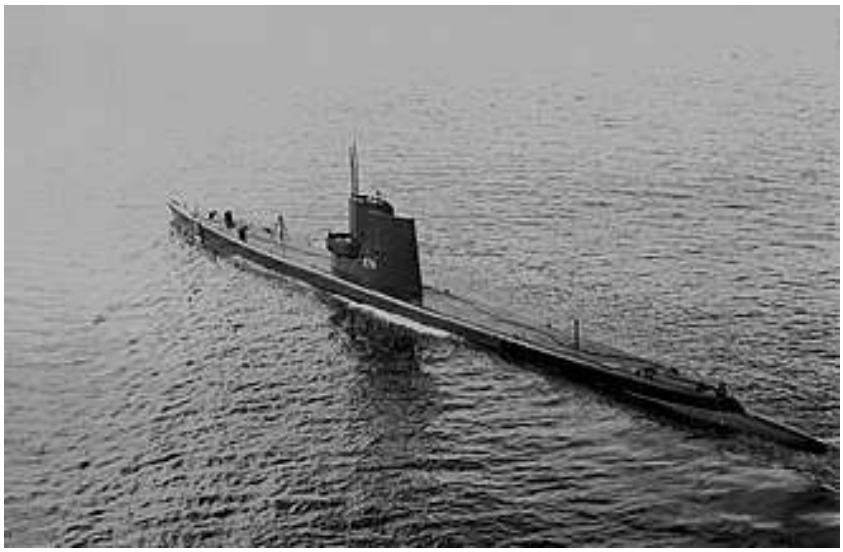
A Busy Submarine Day during WWII

26 October 1944

USS Drum (SS-228): Fired an incredibly effective initial torpedo spread north of Luzon, sinking the passenger-cargo ship **Taisho Maru** (often recorded as *Taishu Maru*) and the cargo ship **Taihaku Maru**. In the same attack, she also sank the transport **Tatsura Maru** and severely damaged the passenger-cargo ship **Aoki Maru**. These vessels were heavily laden with Japanese troops and reinforcements bound for the Philippines.

USS Icefish (SS-367): Successfully torpedoed and sank the Japanese merchant cargo vessel **Taiyo Maru** west of the Luzon Strait. Following the attack, *Icefish* sustained damage from a retaliatory depth-charge barrage by Japanese escort ships, which forced her to cut her patrol short and return to port.

USS Rock (SS-274): Located and sank the Japanese merchant tanker **No. 7 Takasago Maru** near the Balabac Strait, registering the submarine's only official sinking of her wartime career.



25 most Successful Submarines in WWII

During my research into successful WWII submarines, I was surprised to find many official and unofficial sources differ on the number of ships sunk and gross tonnage sunk during WWII by US submarines. To maintain consistency, I am using one main source for information. While there may be discrepancies between sources, one fact is indisputable, US submarines held the line in WWII while the surface fleet rebuilt

Submarine Warfare Played Major Role in World War II Victory

In all, U.S. submarines destroyed 1,314 enemy warships in the Pacific, representing 55% of all Axis power warships lost and a total of 5.3 million tons of shipping

Out of 16,000 U.S. submariners, the force lost 375 officers and 3,131 enlisted men in 52 submarines, and "although this was a tragic loss, it was still the lowest casualty rate of any combatant submarine service on either side in the 1939-1945 conflict," Weir noted. In the final months of the war, American submarines had difficulty finding targets because the Japanese had virtually no ships left to sink.

During World War II, U.S. submarines sank more Japanese ships than did U.S. surface vessels and planes, but at a high cost: a twenty percent casualty rate

Read the entire stories here and here.

25 most Successful Submarines in WWII

8. USS Drum (SS-228)
80,580 tons

- **USS Drum (SS-228)** is a Gato-class submarine of the United States Navy, the first Navy ship named after the drum, a type of fish. Drum is a museum ship in Mobile, Alabama, at Battleship Memorial Park.
- Drum was the twelfth of the Gato class but was the first completed and the first to enter combat in World War II. She is the oldest of her class still in existence.
- Commissioned 1 November 1941
- First war patrol 14 April 1942
- Conducted 14 war patrols
- 12 Battle Stars
- Decommissioned 16 February 1946
- USS Drum is the oldest submarine on public display at the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park. View here

Read here story here and here.

25 most Successful Submarines in WWII

7. USS Trigger (SS-237)
86,552 tons

- **USS Trigger (SS-237)** was a Gato-class submarine, the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the triggerfish
- Commissioned 31 January 1942
- First war patrol 26 June 1942
- Conducted 12 war patrols
- Received a Presidential Citation and 11 Battle Stars
    - *For outstanding performance in combat during her Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh War Patrols against the enemy. Employing highly daring and hazardous tactics, the USS TRIGGER struck at the enemy with consistent aggressiveness, seeking out and pursuing her targets with dogged determination regardless of unfavorable attack conditions. Her exceptionally notable record of severe damage inflicted on hostile shipping and the gallant fighting spirit of her officers and men reflect great credit upon the United States Naval Service*
- Lost with 89 souls on 28 March 1945. History of her final patrol
- Trigger was immortalized and eulogized in Beach's 1952 book Submarine!
- Destroyer escort USS Connole (DE-1056, later FF-1056) was named in honor of Commander David R. Connole
- Trigger's monument is on display at the Independence Seaport Museum

Read here story here, and here.

Russian Sub News

Russia's Kilo-Class 'Black Hole' Stealth Submarines Were Sold in Batches to Both China and Iran

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World's First Hypersonic Cruise Missile Submarine to Enter Service in Russia in 2026

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British Sub News

Britain commits £1.5 billion to Atlantic Bastion to counter Russian submarines and protect critical undersea cables and pipelines

Read the entire story here

Chinese Sub News

China Reveals Warship Acoustic Database to Help Submarines Track U.S. Navy Ships Near Taiwan

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Israeli Sub News

A Kiel-based company has successfully delivered a powerful submarine with air-independent propulsion to the Israeli Navy

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Canadian Sub News

Read the entire story here

South Korean Sub News

IAEA confirms Korea notified intent to consult on safeguards arrangement for nuclear subs

Read the entire story here

Australian Sub News

AUKUS Has Put Australia's Submarine Effort Back on Track

Read the entire story here

Australian Submarine 'Sank' a US Navy Nimitz-Class Aircraft Carrier by Evading US, Japanese, Canadian, Chilean, Korean, and British Forces

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Polish Sub News

Poland's A26 Submarine Deal: Details on Weapons Package, Interim Boat, and Delivery Schedule

Read the entire story here

Japanese Sub News

Japan plans drone-mounted quantum magnetic sensors to hunt Chinese submarines

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NATO Sub News

NATO Allies Halt Russian Submarine Drills Near Svalbard

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What's going on in politics and the Navy?

Navy Returns 7,800-Ton Nuclear Submarine USS North Dakota to the Fleet

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15,000 operational days lost due to US submarine maintenance delays

Read the entire story here

USS North Carolina leaves dry dock after overhaul

Read the entire article here

GAO Report on Attack Submarine Maintenance Challenges

Read the entire article here.

U.S. Focused on Quiet Collaboration with Pacific Allies

Read the entire article here.

U.S. Navy Eyes Advanced Payload Launcher for Future Attack Boats

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Liberator: Understanding the U.S. Navy's New Seabed Carrier Killer

Read the entire article here.

DoD faces mounting pressure to pass clean audit for the first time

Read the entire story here.

What's going on in politics and the Navy?

VFW Action Alert: One More Signature Needed for the Major Richard Star Act

Read the entire story here.

Veterans honor 65 lost U.S. submarines during USS Lexington ceremony

Read the entire story here.

PCU Arizona's (SSGN 803) Section 2B/5 recently made its way from Quonset Point to Groton

Read the entire story here.

Future USS Baltimore to Serve as U.S. Navy's Elite Seabed Warfare Submarine

Read the entire story here.

US submarines to get sharper underwater vision with 360° infrared masts

Read the entire story here.

Degraded U.S. shipbuilding industry hobbles Navy quest for bigger fleet to counter China, Russia

From the FRA National website. Read the entire story here.

DoD Delays Final Protections for Military Families in Housing Tenant Bill of Rights – Again

From the FRA National website. Read the entire story here.

After politics, we all need a little humor

NASA successfully hurled an object into an asteroid at 14,000 mph to see if it could be knocked off course.

The James Webb telescope took a detailed image of the impact site.

He should have been a submariner

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., Charleston Base
Minutes of Business Meeting
13 August 2026

Opening Ceremonies:

- The August 2026 Base Meeting was called to order by Base Commander Dave Harvey with a quorum of four officers and a total of 61 members. The meeting started at 1900 with the sound of the diving alarm.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Vice Commander Art Sattler and recited by the members in attendance.
- The Invocation and the Tolling of the Boats lost during the month of August was given by Base Chaplain Nick Nichols.
- Submarines lost during the month of August:
  - **USS Bullhead (SS-332) August 6, 1945 – 3rd War Patrol Lost with All Hands – 84 Souls**
  - **USS Flier (SS-250) August 13, 1944 – 2nd War Patrol Lost with 82 Souls – 8 men survived**
  - **USS S-39 (SS-144) August 13, 1942 – 3rd War Patrol No loss of life**
  - **USS Harder (SS-257) August 24, 1944 – 6th War Patrol Lost with All Hands – 79 Souls**
  - **USS Cochino (SS-345) August 26, 1949 No Navy loss of life – one civilian Loss Tusk lost 6 souls during the rescue**
  - **FIVE Boats and 253 Men Lost**

Radioman Master Chief, Submarines
Harry E. Kirk, US Navy Retired
Departed on Eternal Patrol 2 August 2026

<u>Charleston Base Shipmates on Eternal Patrol</u>
TM1(SS) Robert L. Kotzke - 4 January 2005
STSC(SS/DV) Roger Ray Lanegan – 15 January 2005
ENC(SS) William Tackett – WWII SUBVET – 14 February 2005
EN1(SS) Carmon Hatch Webb – 5 May 2005
RMCM(SS) Edgar 'Mac' McCollum – WWII SUBVET – 27 June 2005
ETCM(SS) Raymon Binion – WWII SUBVET – 30 August 2005
EMC(SS) James 'Jerry' Madison III – 18 December 2005
RMCS(SS) Duane Anderson – 30 June 2007
MSC(SS) Myron John Law – 24 February 2008
EM2(SS) Ronald Lee Willis – 13 July 2008

- The Creed of USSVI was read by Vice Commander Art Sattler.
- Base Commander Dave Harvey welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Presentation of Signed Poster:

- Roger Gibson presented a photo of Rick Wise to Rick's widow Jean which was signed by Charleston Base Members in attendance this evening.

Introductions of New Attendees:

- There was one shipmate in attendance at the Base Meeting for the first time this evening.
  - Patrick Pearcy – FTCS – Qualified on USS John Adams SSBN620 – 1976 – Also served aboard USS Henry L Stimson SSBN655, USS Von Steuben SSBN632, FBMSTC and POMFLANT

Old Business:

- **None**

New Business:

- **Distinguished Submariner Award – Ricky Collins**
  - Ricky had presented the motion at the August 6 BOD Meeting to rename the Distinguished Submariner Award to be the Rick Wise Distinguished Submariner Award, Samples of the future certificate were passed around for review.

Secretary – Gordon Long:

- The Minutes from the July Base Meeting were emailed to all Base members. The Minutes have also been published on the Charleston Base website. With no corrections noted at the Base Meeting, the Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer – Ricky Collins:

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

Chaplain – Nick Nichols:

- **Two Highlighted boats this month:**
  - While on her 3rd war patrol 84 years ago today, USS S-39 SS144 was lost without loss of life after grounding on submerged rocks off Rossel Island, Papua New Guinea. The entire crew was able to get off and rescued by the HMAS Katoomba. The S-39 was abandoned and left to "break up" on the rocks.
  - While on her 2nd war patrol 82 years ago today, USS FLIER SS250 was lost with the loss of 78 crew members. Flier was transiting on the surface when she was rocked by a massive explosion (probably a mine) and sank within less than a minute. 13 survivors, some injured, made it into the water and swam to shore. 8 survived and 6 days later friendly natives guided them to a Coast Watcher and they were evacuated by the USS Redfin.

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

ETERNAL PATROL

The last month has been hard on us all. Between July 15 and Aug 4 we have conducted/attended 4 funerals/memorial services. And we have another two later this month. For those who attended I want to say thank you. It means a great deal to the family to see a group of SUBVETs supporting their brother.

- **MMCS(SS) Rick Wise's** funeral was held Tuesday, 4 August, with over 40 SUBVETS present.
- **RMCM(SS) Harry Kirk, 88,** departed on Eternal Patrol on Sunday morning, 2 August 2026. He joined the Navy in 1955 and retired in 1990. Harry joined USSVI / Charleston Base as a Life Member in 2003. He was a member of the Holland Club qualifying in 1957 on USS SABLEFISH SS-303. He also served on USS CROAKER SS-246, USS PATRICK HENRY SSBN-599 Plank Owner, USS ULYSSES S GRANT SSBN-632, USS JOHN MARSHALL SSBN-611, USS NATHANAEL GREENE SSBN-636, USS SEA DEVIL SSN-664, USS JAMES MONROE SSBN-622 COB, and USS STONEWALL JACKSON SSBN-634 COB. He retired after his tour on the STONEWALL JACKSON. In addition to his USSVI Life Membership he was a Life Member of FRA Branch 269 for 42 years and a Member of VFW Post 9509 Moncks Corner SC. Jacqueline, his wife, said at Harry's request there will not be any services.

- **TMC(SS) Edward J. Simokat II**, **82,** departed on Eternal Patrol on Tuesday, 7 July at his home. He joined the navy in 1962 and retired in 1983. Ed was a Life Member of USSVI National and Charleston Base as of 1999. He was also a member of the Holland Club qualifying in 1963 on USS WAHOO SS-565. Other submarine duty was USS IREX SS-482.
  - Memorial Service: Wednesday, 19 Aug @ 1100. ST Luke's Lutheran Church Summerville. EP Bell Tolling between service and reception at appox 1230 in fellowship hall
- **TMC(SS) Steve H. Curry**, **72**, departed on Eternal Patrol on the morning of 4 July. He joined the navy in 1972 and retired in 1994. Steve was a member of USSVI National and Charleston Base as of 2008. He was also a member of the Holland Club qualifying in 1974 on USS TUNNY SSN-682. Other duty stations were USS SUNFISH SSN-649 and USS BILLFISH SSN-656. Additionally, he served at NAVMAG HI, SUBTORPFAC/NWS Charleston, NWS Yorktown VA, and POMFLANT Charleston.
  - Memorial service: Saturday, 29 Aug @ 1100. Carolina Memorial Gardens chapel across from Trident Tech. EP Bell Tolling will be done as part of the service. Visitation and lite refreshments will follow the service.
- **STS2(SS) Charles Wood** departed on Eternal Patrol on Jan 24 of this year. His postponed memorial service was held on Saturday, 25 July at 1700 at the FRA. It was attended by several base and FRA members.
- **END2(SS) Edward Joseph Wolf** departed on Eternal Patrol in 2024 just as they were getting ready to move from the home in AZ. He was a member of Perch Base. His wife settled in Mt Pleasant with their children. She held a memorial service for him on 18 July. 17 CB members attended and conducted an Eternal Patrol Bell Tolling for him.
  Mrs. Miriam Wolf sent a check for $50 and a card with her thanks.

BINNACLE LIST

All of the shipmates on this binnacle list would really appreciate a phone call or even a card from their shipmates in the base. Contact information can be found on the Sailing List.

- **Tom Skorepa** is in ICU in Prisma Health in Richland Columbia. He is now in hospice care. But not looking good. All prayers are welcomed for peace for him.
- **Ken Farrell** has been diagnosed with cancer on his vertebrae. He has had a MRI and PET scan. The plans are to treat with radiation only. This is a slow growing Cancer. The doctor told him that he would probably die with it but would not die from the cancer.
- **Pete Garrison** had some heart rate issues which led to an audiogram. The cardiologist said the widow maker was severely blocked in two places so he put two stents in that artery, and another stent into another blocked artery. He is doing much better now. His ENT took a biopsy in his throat, which came back positive for throat cancer in the tonsil. The doctor says that this type of cancer responds well to treatment. Pete has a PET scan scheduled for Aug 13th, and an oncologist appointment on Aug 18th to determine the best way to treat the cancer

LONG TERM / ASSISTED LIVING / HOMEBOUND

- **Don Meadows** is confined to his bed much of the time but he hopes to make some base meetings. Has had foot surgery, with many more to come, to correct his problem. [843.475.7043]
- **Bill [Becky] Roberts** in D409 in the Villages of Summerville. Becky in the Greenhouse Memory Care Unit. His mailing address is: William Roberts, 201 W. 9th North Street, D409, Summerville SC 29483-6715. Bill's email is **cbussvicob@yahoo.com** and his cell phone is [843.509.3962]

Complete/update your page 2 if you have not done so.

Webmaster – Nick Nichols:

- The ussubvets.org link is no longer forwarded to ussvi.org - please use only ussvi.org to get to the National website.
- The 2026 National Election (On-Line Voting) closes on **September 5th, 2026.** If you have not received an email from "Election Buddy" contact Mike Bost, the USSVI National Election. You should have received an email with a personal link to vote. Several of us have already voted. It's very easy. Associate members cannot vote in this election even though they received an email.
- Any changes to your info on National can be updated by you or send the info to either Larry or me to get them made on National and local.
  - Base Standings [those with more than 200 members]: Charleston is #4 in USSVI membership. [AM = associate member]
    o Groton 1053 w/39 AM - 2) Hampton Roads 298 w/6 AM – 3) Bremerton 268 w/13 AM – 4) Charleston 239 w/19 AM

Base Contacts – Nick Nichols:

- You should have the names, phone numbers and email addresses of all BOD members in your phone contacts or use the link to the officers' page to get contact info.

Base Business Cards – Nick Nichols:

- Always carry a couple of the new base business cards at all times. On the back of the card are two QR codes, one for the base and one for national.

FRA Rules – Nick Nichols:

- Continue to remember the rules for entering the bar at the meetings.

Social Media – Lewis Leal:

- Not present.

NNPTC Liaison – Anthony Mazza

- Not present.

Scholarship – Tom Lawson III

- The current balance of the Scholarship Fund is $5,507. This includes a recent donation of $200 from Tom Lufkin in Florida in memory of Rick Wise.
- Treasurer Ricky Collins read the accompanying note from Tom expressing his gratitude for the years of having been in company of Rick at the various Charleston Base, CRAMA and After Battery events. The note listing the offices and jobs that Rick held or performed was extensive. Mostly, Rick had offered so much encouragement to everyone. He shall be missed.
- The raffle for a SubVet Flag will be held tonight. The flag cost the Base $150, so this will be paid back before any money is provided to the Scholarship Fund. Tickets are $2 each.
- Tom Lawson announced his resignation as Chairman of the Scholarship Fund and is prepared for turnover.

Membership – Larry Knutson

- Charleston Base currently has 239 Members.
- Nick Nichols provided Base Standings [those with more than 200 members]: Charleston is #4 in USSVI membership. [AM = associate member]
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- Dave Harvey noted a section on the National USSVI website which provides ideas for increasing Base membership.

Special Events – Tom Holcombe
- Tom outlined the upcoming events.
  - First – Coastal Carolina Fair – 29 October to 8 November. Tom asked for a show of hands willing to participate at the Fair and afterward warned them that their commitment was videoed. He will be asking for those to volunteer for the Watch Bill.
  - Second – Coastal Coffee Roasters – Veterans Day. Tom has contacted them and they have asked us to return again this year. Tom also had advised them of Rick Wise's passing. Tom requested a show of hands from those who are willing to attend the event.
  - Third – Parades
    - Goose Creek Christmas Parade – Saturday, 12 December. Since we meet in Goose Creek it is good to attend this parade.
    - Mount Pleasant Parade – Sunday Evening, 13 December. Parade of Lights – Tom requested to know who was willing to attend this event. There was a bit of humor – after the fact – about an incident concerning destruction of the mailbox belonging to Tom's neighbor.
    - Tom requested suggestions of other locations. Some mentioned were Andrews, Harleyville, Summerville and Elloree; all of which had been attended in years past. om also stated that if someone is making suggestions of a parade location, he expects that individual to be on the float that day. It was noted that the Summerville Parade is also 13 December. Tom will check on all these locations and provide info that he obtains for the group to make decisions on which event to attend.
    - Tom noted that he will be out of town for the Mount Pleasant parade and that he will need someone to pull the float.
    - Charlie Hudson stated that he has pulled the float in years past and is willing to pull in all the parades if needed.
    - There was a suggestion of attending the VA Parade in downtown Charleston on 8 November. There is a conflict with the Coastal Carolina Fair on this date. Tom will do some research about this.

Comptroller – Tom Holcombe
- Nothing to report

CSS Hunley – Tom Holcombe
- Nothing reported.

Election Coordinator – Ken Hutchison:
- No current Charleston Base elections.
- Dave Harvey spoke about the National USSVI elections. All offices are running unopposed, however there are some questions at the end of the ballot concerning Associate Members. In summary, the changes are to either allow or disallow the Associate Members – after three (3) years – to apply for Lifetime Membership and to be sponsored by the respective Base rather than a Regular or Life USSVI Member.

Fleet Reserve Association – Ken Hutchison:
- The FRA will hold an Indoor Picnic on Labor Day.

Nuclear Power School Legacy Awards – Phil Nunnally
- The next NPS graduation is Friday, September 11. Meet at the NEX at 0800.

Newsletter – Phil Nunnally

- Nothing to report

Little David – Phil Nunnally

- Phil will go to inspect the Little David later this month or in September for any needed Fall maintenance.

Ambassador USSVCF – Bob MacPherson

- Bob expressed his gratitude to be able to represent the Charitable Foundation on both the National and local levels. He briefly mentioned some circumstances where the CF was able to help and noted that the charter only allows assistance to members of USSVI. That is a good reason to join SubVets. The support that the CF provides to those in need is also a good reason to donate to the CF.
- The Daniel Webster (MTS-626) is expected to be towed out of Charleston on 18 August. She is truly the end of an era, being the last of the old boomers still floating; thus the CF has partnered with the crew to commemorate her with a coin with 41 FOR FREEDOM on one side and DANIEL WEBSTER on the other.
- The CF is expecting to have a national coin to recognize the 41 FOR FREEDOM as well. Bob will provide more information about that as it becomes available.
- Dave Harvey suggested that we could meet at Riverfront Park to see the Webster be towed down the river.

Navy Ball – Bob MacPherson

- Bob reported that the Navy Ball will be held on Saturday, 17 October at the Redbank Club. Part of the cost of our tickets is used to offset the cost for the enlisted sailors in order to encourage them to come to the Ball.

PAO – OPEN

- Base Commander Dave Harvey noted that the position of Public Affairs Officer is currently open. He wrote an article about the participation of Charleston Base in Manitowoc, WI. It has been submitted to American Submariner.

Recreation – OPEN

- The Charleston Base Christmas Party has been rescheduled for Friday, December 11. Ed will be in Panama City, FL on that date.
- Ed reminded everyone that he has resigned as Recreation Committee Chair.

Tunnel 2 Towers – Ed Stank

- Ed attended the opening of the T2T Veterans Home off Ashley Phosphate near Cracker Barrel.
- The location has 91 beds and is NOT free. The cost is $1,000 per month. In order to be considered, one must show an income of at least $2,200.
- Ed is looking for volunteers to help at the location. Please send Ed a text if available. His number is in the Sailing List and also on the Charleston Base website.
- The folks have not provided a needed/desired list yet, but they will take donations of books, games etc. When Ed gets the info, he will pass it on.

Submarine License Plates – Ed Stank

- The number of Submariner License Plates has now exceeded 150 but we need to reach the milestone of 300 which will secure the plates for future sales. If you have not ordered the plate, please do so.

Storekeeper – Woody Woodsmall

- Woody has the following items available:
  - Sale of the Month – Hats – "Submarine Service Veteran" - $5
  - Hats – "Unseen, Unheard, Always There – Only the Qualified Survive"
  - U.S. Veteran Pin – FREE
  - 2024 National USSVI Meritorious patch. If you were a member of Charleston Base in 2004, you are eligible for this patch.
  - Flag pins with "Silent Service" and dolphins
  - Only two more 250TH Freedom patches
  - Gold Dolphins for vehicle
  - Holland Club Rocker – available in 5-year increments from 55 thru 75 years.
  - Hats – "It Never Happened – We Were Never There"
- The Storekeeper table will be open for a short time after the conclusion of the Base Meeting.

VA – Fred Bolz

- There are two (2) recent articles from the VA that may be of interest to Charleston Base members that Fred will have published in the Charleston Base Newsletter.
  - One regarding dementia.
  - The other about alcohol.
- Fred will also be the DAV representative for Charleston Base.

COB – Greg Landry

- Nothing reported.

Kaps 4 Kids – Art Sattler

- Nothing to report.

Vice Commander – Art Sattler

- Thanked everyone for being here this evening.
- Art will not be at the September Meeting due to attending the USSVI National Convention.

National Awards – Dave Harvey

- Dave will be at the USSVI National Convention. There have been some of our Base Members nominated for National awards. Dave will pick up any awards presented to those not in attendance at the convention.

Float Coordinator – Dave Harvey

- The float is located at The After Battery. It is ready to go anywhere. The container with all of the flags is out there also.
- Any Charleston Base Member is allowed to use the float – noting that you will be responsible for it. Simply notify members of the Board so that arrangements can be made.
- We need a new Float Coordinator within the next 90 days.

SER Conference – Dave Harvey

- The Southeast Regional Conference will be held in Kings Bay, GA. The dates will be determined within the next 30 days. This Conference is a joint effort by the Kings Bay Base in Kingsland and the First Coast Base in Atlantic Beach, FL

Base Commander – Dave Harvey

- At the July 4 parade in Manitowoc, WI, the Charleston Base Float received the Most Patriotic award. Dave Harvey had the trophy displayed on the table for all to see.
- Regarding Manitowoc: Why did we go all the way up there? Dave was asked that question by a man who lived there – to which he explained that we are giving honor to submariners lost and to the workers in the Manitowoc shipyard which built 28 submarines during WWII.
- Dave had read that the location was all about submarines. The problem was that there were no SubVets in the event. The float was taken up there last year and this year at no cost to Charleston Base.
- Dave expressed his disappointment to the Base members for the dismal attendance of the Fish Fry which was to be a fund raiser to pay the fuel cost for the trip to WI. Dave had planned for 150 and only 52 were there.
- Charleston Base is planning to host the 2029 USSVI National Convention. It is going to take a lot of participation by the Base members.
- Dave informed the Base members that he has taken the position of SE Region Director for District 2. Wayne Phillips needed to resign due to health reasons. Dave stated that he will be at all of the Base and Board meetings.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nuclear Historian – Rick Carlson

- Since Charleston Base was started, there have been four (4) Nuclear Historians:
  - Ed Simokat – on Eternal Patrol
  - Ed Stank – brief term in position
  - Rick Wise – on Eternal Patrol
  - Rick Carlson – past and current – Acknowledged the many contributions to Charleston Base made by Rick Wise. The members in attendance paid respect to Rick Wise with resounding applause.

BILTMORE BUS TOUR – Charlie Hudson

- Charlie informed the group of an upcoming Kelly Tours trip to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC., noting that it is a bit pricey. Charlie would like to see enough people signed up from SubVets and/or FRA so that the group could have its own bus.

After Battery – Ray Sparks

- Nothing to report.

Gun Club – Mike Ciesielko

- Not present.

Alcohol at Base Events – Dave Harvey

- In accordance with the USSVI rules, Charleston Base is not permitted to provide alcohol. For those who imbibe here at this meeting, you purchase your drinks from the FRA. Dave reminded everyone to NOT Drink and Drive. Get a ride home with someone if needed.

Drawings & Auctions

- Scholarship SubVet Flag – Bill Carman (Not present – Nick Nichols informed the group that Bill's last meeting with us was last month since he has moved to Texas – Tom Lawson will get the flag to him.)
- FRA Drawing – Bob Browning
- Depth Charge Drawing – Ken Hutchison

Closing Ceremony

- Chaplain Nick Nichols led the group in a prayer of Benediction.
- Base Commander Dave Harvey announced adjournment of the meeting with a sound of three blasts of the diving alarm.

Meeting closed