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Our next meeting will be at **Ryan's Family Steak House** 1314 North Main Street in Summerville, SC on **Thursday, February 21st, at 1200**. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting!
(Remember this time we get \$3.00 off the meal)

President: Sy Mabie

Shipmates:

I hope this finds all of you in good health.

The holidays are behind us. I hope everyone enjoyed them ate more than they should have relaxed and are now enjoying your recovery.

We have several activities of interest coming up in the near future. The USS Housatonic and H.L. Hunley 144th Anniversary Memorial Service will be held at the Sunrise Presbyterian Church, Sullivan's Island, SC at 7:00 PM on February 17, 2008. As you know this event celebrates the first successful submarine encounter with a warship. The service takes place at Breech Inlet, Sullivan's Island, SC at the point of departure and at the approximate time the encounter took place. The Swamp Fox Chapter and USSVI are participants and are always well represented. Randy Burbage will deliver the memorial address and Stan Clardy will play the guitar and sing. Please attend if you can.

The next event on our schedule will be the USS Amberjack (SS 219) memorial Service that will be held at the White Point Gardens Memorial on the Battery in Charleston in April. The USS Amberjack was reported missing on February 16, 1943 and lost in April 1943. Plans for this Service are in progress so please mark your calendars.

I guess this takes care of the chatter I am looking forward to visiting with you at Ryan's. We are assured the accommodations will be improved over those we experienced at the last meeting.

Sy Mabie
President

State Commander: Lee Allison

Hello shipmates and friends of the Swamp fox chapter also welcome to you who have joined the Charleston base and the USSVI National and will become Holland club members as soon as the paper work is completed, by all means each of you should accept this, it is free (WWII treasurer will pay for your membership) and enjoy the benefits.

Now I ask you to send pictures in uniform or work so our very talented secretary can finish his collage of the Swamp fox survivors.

Amber jack memorial is still in the works, hopefully with the help of Admiral Baciocco you never know it could be relocated to patriots point..... That would be nice and a much better place!

Finally - Subvets WWII is not closing down or disbanding, we shall live on!

Our national secretary/treasurer, **Hank Henderson** in California has passed away; our prayers are with his family. Sailor rest your oars: Hank's back up man was **Bob Foerst**, who has moved into his position and has been officially appointed National Secretary/treasurer of our WWII Submarine Veterans org. his email foerst415@comcast.net

Le Allison

Base secretary:

Our roster shows we have **40 Associate members from USSVI in the Swamp fox Base** and about **23 WWII members along with 13 WWII widows**. We have had an addition, **John Law** from the USSVI base, welcome aboard.

Letters were sent out to members of the WWII Sub Vets who were not already members of USSVI sub vets we asked the members to fill out the form and send it to the base secretary; so far I have received 5 replies, these will be processed and sent to the membership chairman this will be a life membership and the funds will be from the WWII treasurer. If I don't hear from anyone else this will be the last chance, so contact me, this will also get you the Holland club award for 50 years in the submarine service
The names I have so far are Marshal Henderson, Willie Jones, Wallace Fulmer, Albert Wood, Abe Jenkins "signed up last year" and Andrew Palenchar that's all I have received this is last call.

Reminder that February 17 is the Hunley memorial at Breeches inlet, on Sullivan's Island, if you want to be a part of that let Lee, Sy or Roger know; as Charlie Rook needs a head count.

The USSVI meeting this past month "January" had a special guest, Marshal Henderson and also the director of the Veterans home in Walterboro it was real interesting and informative.

Also the USSVI Charleston base will be having an oyster roast on 23 February at 1300 at The After Battery. The cost of the oysters has gone up, but your cost is still \$5 a head that includes food and drinks. Bring a side dish or dessert.

Minutes of the December meeting

We have quite a few guests, Steve Organson from the USS Main base on holiday in Florida for the winter, Bruce Curtly moved up from the Kings bay area, looking forward to joining your base, anyone else? Lee Allison were glad to see Swede and Abe who have been on the biennial, Sy we apologize for the conditions we will see what can be done to prevent this from happening again and on epically this day just before Christmas. We welcome all the guests, thanks to the Cob Marty for all who arranged the Christmas party all involved did a terrific job, our thanks; It was a bang up affair.

We are cutting short our business meeting since we don't have our privacy as we are in the center of Ryan's 'sort of noisy'

Lee, not much to say, next year coming up events, March at Kings Bay the re commission of the Georgia, everyone is invited, for those who don't know it I was at the first commissioning in Groton, we have a convention for WWII at Crystal Springs Florida in April this will be on the west coast of Florida, the prices look good the hotels are cheap, don't have the date at present, I'll get it for you, this is the WWII regional convention, it should be in the Polaris magazine, one other thing I just noted that Lillian and he son Vance were at the end of the table we are so glad to see you, we all remember Mac, that where we got the swamp fox banner.

Pictures, Roger is trying to make a collage of the WWII Swamp Fox, we are looking for pictures when you first went in "for Jack Stevenson we will have to use a oil painting" what we want is the before and after, this is so we can maintain the history..

The minutes, approval, passed and seconded, the treasurer report, monies were discussed. The Amberjack model no progress reported.

New Business

Cold war memorial: the USS Wahoo and some of the crew members dedicated a bench for the old and new subs a memorial service followed.

The subject came up the WWII members want to move the Amberjack memorial to the cold war site, the area the memorial is at white point gardens which is a mess over there looks terrible, Admiral Baciocco is interested and wants to get involved and see if we can move it to the cold war memorial, this is only in the "Wish" stage. Further discussion with Admiral Baciocco battling for us and being the go between to meet with Mayor Riley hopefully this can be resolved.

Roger, on the letters sent out to the members we have only received three so far and a letter from Clarkson letting me know he was all ready a member, "sorry that slipped through my fingers" but this was good tell me that some one is reading the news letters.....

Pictures, the reason is to show the before and after photos, Lee the question was asked "do we get the picture back, yes you will.

The good of the order, Sy; reminder don't forget to leave a tip for the girls and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and the best in the year to come, Lee your attention please, this was a disaster "Our meeting place" we had the room booked for this meeting there was a manager change and some how this manager booked the room for some one else it was not our fault. (Remember this next meal is \$3.00 off).

End of the minutes

Reminders

Amberjack memorial at white point gardens March 22, 2008 this is on Saturday at 1100

Roger

Jerry Stout

WWII Sub-Vets,

I continue to make visits to many of our bases in the South. In December, I attended the SVWWII/USSVI Gulf Coast Christmas Party in Panama Beach, Florida. This was my second year in attendance and I have to say that from the accommodations to the Banquet, the time spent with fellow submariners both my age and much older, it was a very enjoyable time. If you have never attended, make plans to attend next year. Registration forms are available.

I visited Charleston's sister base in Aiken, South Carolina on an extremely clear and cold January night. Their base is just as active as Charleston and has lively meetings. Denizens of the Deep, as they are

chartered are building a Submarine Float similar to Charleston Base, however no seating.

We have it great with ours with seats and places to stand.

Charleston's Float Committee headed by Miguel Emerson and Ben Heber have sought the help of many other Subvets to make this float even nicer. New carpet, paint, additional rails and a step for those needing assistance have been completed, along with other improvements.

Also in the month of January, I visited Grayback base in the greater Metro Atlanta. A smaller base, however the group maintains the creed and brotherhood of the Phin. I received an update on the memorial while I was there and is proceeding on track. It is located in Lawrenceville, just north of Atlanta.

Plans for the combined District 4 and District 6 Convention are officially out. Highlights include Hotel rooms only \$49.00 a night, SSBN/SSGN Boat tours, Museum and St. Mary's tours, BBQ, Shrimp Boil, entertainment nightly, memorial service on the waterfront with active duty and ROTC personnel in attendance. I am looking forward to a great turnout. Yes, there is also a business meeting on Saturday for all the members and Base Commanders. Hope to see you there.

Salute with Pride,
Jerry Stout

GENERAL INFO - D-4/6 CONVENTION INFO - The meetings will be held on Saturday afternoon. The Memorial Service will be held on Saturday morning Sponsored by USSVI Kings Bay Base, WWII Subvets, Trident Chapter and St. Mary's Submarine Museum. More who pre-register permits better planning, especially for the meals and meetings, remember 'ONE PERSON, PER FORM'. You will NOT be able to register for sub base access or SSBN tours after 1 April, let alone at check in. Sub base security was not happy last November with late changes.

MEMORIAL SERVICE CONFEDERATE SUBMARINE H.L. HUNLEY

This Sunday, February 17, 2008 marks the one-hundred-forty-fourth anniversary of the disappearance of the Confederate Submarine H.L. Hunley in Charleston waters. It was this night that submarine warfare was brought to light by the Hunley's sinking of the 207 foot, 1280 ton sloop of war; the first ship to ever be sunk during the time of war. Sadly, the Hunley was not heard from again for 131 years until found off the coast of Sullivan's Island in 1995.

The Hunley is why we can wear the dolphins on our chest with so much pride and honor. If anyone deserves to wear these dolphins more proudly than us Sub-Vets, then it is the brave eight sailors of the Submarine H.L. Hunley who sacrificed their lives for a cause they believed so much in. Their schooling took place in one day on a dock in Mt. Pleasant and they qualified on the evening of February 17th by making their historic attack on the USS Housatonic.

The Confederate Heritage Trust and I would like to invite all my shipmates and their families of the Submarine Veterans of World War II -- Swamp Fox Chapter and of the USSVI-Charleston Base to join us at the Sunrise Presbyterian Church, 3222 Middle Street, Sullivan's Island, South Carolina in a Memorial Service honoring the 8 brave Hunley crewmen and the 5 brave Housatonic crewmen that went on Eternal Patrol on the evening of February 17, 1864. The time of the service is 7:00PM.

There will be a short service at the church, then a short walk down to Breech Inlet for a short waterside service also. The waterside service will include firing 3 musket volleys and the firing of 3 cannon volleys. It is truly a sight to see and the entire service is a very moving experience.

In honor of all our shipmates on Eternal Patrol including the Hunley & Housatonic sailors, please join us. If you have it, please wear your *Charleston Tuxedo with your dolphins*.

Hope to see you there.

Thank you.

Charlie Rook



Willie Jones back in the forties, I'm looking for pictures from all of you so I can do this.



Some memories from Kings Bay