Our next meeting will be at Ryan's Family Steak House 1314 North Main Street in Summerville, SC on Thursday, June 17th, at 1200 Summerville. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting!

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From the President, Swamp Fox Chapter
WWII Sub Vets

Howdy Shipments, It is time to think about
elections in our organization.

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Tolling of Lost boats: Stacy Power and Lee Allison
Introduction of Guests

We will be excepting nominations for the
following office at our June (next Meeting).
For the offices of the President Vice-
President; Secretary and Treasurer and not
forgetting the State Commander of the South
Carolina Swamp Fox Chapter My
appointment for nomination committee
Chairman is Lee Allison. We need the support of our USSVI sailors. So please step up. Give Lee Allison a call or speak to him at the next meeting. Tell him which office you would like to fill. He is waiting to hear from you. See you there,
Stacy

State Commander: Lee Allison
WWII Swamp fox Newsletter, June 1, 2010, State Commander's Report Summer is here with high temps, storms, and heavy rains. We are blessed not to have oil problems on our coast as yet.
At the USSVI Sub-vet meeting on 13, May, I was surprised, dumbfounded, and shook up, as they awarded me the Annual Distinguished Submariner's Award. I owe many Sub-vets thanks for this award, names like all of WWII and USSVI Sub-vet's who made this possible. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

At the June meeting at Ryan’s, I will have a report on the status of all of our 16 members of all of WWII Member's be sure to call or write me for more info.
Keep A Level Bubble.
Lee

Secretary

I don’t know where the time has gone since our last meeting, but here it is time for our next meeting. As we all get older sometimes sadness comes our way we may lose a shipmate or the wife of one, yes we lost Celia Henderson last month “Pappy’s wife” our heart felt sympathy and prayers go to the Henderson family from the entire WWII Swamp Fox chapter members and our USSVI brothers, be sure to stay in touch with Pappy and give him a call once and a while.

Just a reminder that this month I’ll be sending out the dues envelops with a return envelope to the base treasurer Mike Emerson. Dues are $20 dollars, checks are the best this way we can keep better records, if you pay cash at the meeting, be sure you get a receipt, it is a Royal pain trying to figure who gave you what, we must retain controllability.
Lee said WWII Swamp fox we will hang on as long as we can, the Conference in Cincinnati Ohio this year will tell the story on what the WWII members decide, Lee will keep us updated

Elections are coming up, offices, President, Vice president, treasurer and secretary, I’m stepping down, this will be my last month, Bill Roberts said he will fill in for me, (I hope) I’ll get the control reports filled out to avoid confusion and get them turned in to the state commander Lee Alison for his signatures.

Working with Sy Mabie, Stacy Power and Lee our state commander has been interesting, when Sy was our president, he along with Mike Emerson and Lee went to see Mayor Reilly to see if some improvements could be made to the existing Amberjack memorial well one thing let to another “Politics” nothing much was accomplished so then we wanted to move it to Mt Pleasant; good luck as time went on we lost Sy and Stacy took his place as president, this is when we decided to follow through and see what kind of monument we could come up with this Lee said see what I could design and that when I got involved…
My main goal for the WWII submarine veterans was to establish a History time line for our children and grandchildren; researching and establishing a new WWII Lost boat memorial, was no easy task with the help of Sharon from Dyal monuments she and I we came up with historical graphics overlay that show the area where these 52 boats were lost. We worked many hours to see this through and Sharon “bless her heart” would retype names and dates for me then place the changes to coincide with plate on the monument, so as you looked at the monument you would have a flow of history dates and time line on the loss of each boat. We also came up with a new
design for the USS Amberjack SS219 with its picture and ships patch, this was a new procedure we used to transfer all the picture and graphics into aluminum plates and are just about indestructible, we have the first of this kind at Patriots point again my thanks to Sharon from Dyal Monuments in Summerville. the plaque of the Amberjack with a list of her crew, is mounted on the front of the monument, now we can hold the yearly memorial service at the cold war memorial which is so much easier to get to then at White point gardens in Charleston and the Mayor of Mt Pleasant is a lot friendlier the Mayor of Charleston… I have heard that someone has donated a replica of the Amberjack ships bell so we can use this at the memorial service in March, remember this was done for Lee and his boys; and thanks to Willie Jones for the suggestion on putting the World War Victory medal on the main plaque.

I have pictures from the start, the rough drafts to the plates and the final installation along with Ken Dyal, Capt Rusty and the Admiral when it was first installed I’ll print out a folder “when I have time” so we can have a history input from Swamp fox base”.

For those who missed the Submarine ball you missed a nice time and also to see how old we are getting “I was out of town”. From what Lee has told me Doc Murphy is still at his daughters and is still being treated by her for his therapy, again out of 260 WWII Members for South Carolina we have 16 remaining

Received; from Rick Wise: Cob USSVI Charleston base. 
Arthur G. Smith, Holland Club Member and Submarine Veteran of WWII, Qualified on USS Skate (SS-305), 1944.Met his Eternal Patrol on May 30th, 2010.

Always remember this…about a Veteran.

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.
It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.
It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.
It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.
It is the VETERAN, who salutes the Flag, we had a good turnout for Memorial Day at Parks cemetery lots of people, good speaker senator Rose with some really interesting statistics about the different wars and covered a lot of historical data; made you proud to see the turn out, refreshments were served at the VFW post on Bellwright road off highway 78.

Minutes of last meeting April 2010

Meeting was opened by Lee Allison state commander, the pledge of allegiance Willie Jones and the purpose by Lee, followed by a moment of silent prayer “Roger” as we toll the bell for the lost boats March and April. Roger, Stacy could not make the meeting his sister has just died and will be at the funeral. Lee State commander, welcome to all who are here, Noah and Phil nice to see you any more visitors none ok as state commander I’ll have to wing it this will be short, we have several people in nursing home some others are home sick and can’t come to the meetings, between John Hill, Willie and myself we are lucky because we are able to travel that’s what I really like but this past month I got possessed by the pollen and not able to get rid of the coughing to the point I was worn out and thought I was next. I
would like to pass around this “thing”? “drawing” so you all can look at it, I would like to put together for World War two, and Roger will go through this stuff to determine if any of it is good or not just to have as much as we can to put in to the history of WWII I know George (USSVI Historian) is starting put stuff away I have some stuff to donate to remember our guys this is a sample a guy from Vermont gave it to me in 1970 when I was in Rhode island it was a sketch sure I want it had submarine on it and now we see this statue all around and is known as the lone sailor, this is a historical things. Abe is coming home Monday and rearing to go, letter from Ray Murphy, he is living with his daughter in Oregon she is a doctor and is taking care of him he has had a stroke and had throat cancer, he is starting to get some use of his left side but now the cancer has reoccurred and has to take treatment for this now so Keep Ray in your prayers. Ray will have to stay with his daughter. All I am going to be doing is to get as much done to see that WWII Chapter here to get “saddled”? Down I’m not saying that we will be shutting down we know we have the binding of you guys “USSVI” Roger question to Lee “this WWII lone sailor we were talking about are you going to pose for the sculpture?” lee, I don’t think so…

Secretary; do I have a approval for the minutes of the last meeting, motion made and passed, John Hill in his story that they were recruited into the submarine service on Friday the thirtieth, that was supposed to be in the article, glad we are not superstitious.

Mike Emerson: Willie at our next meeting we want to hear from you on your history, Willie I went from boot camp to New London, Roger, did they send you to sub school? Yes and had to go through the Tower Question from Lee, did you know Spritz’s Navy? Well you did and you don’t but you had no choice he was a tough man. (Need to go on line and check this man out but he was in submarines in the 1920 area and was 65 when stationed in New London), Lee had a run in with him and was not liked by him. Lee described the Spritz compound and his Master at arms force that raised fear for all those who went to school at that time (Sub School) I guess the largest expense for the sub base was the cost of the report chits that were used by him and his staff…..

Mike: Treasurer’s report, expenses and balances were covered Roger, discussed a patch he wants to get maid, not much interest, any new or old business? Bill Roberts discussed a web site that has all the WWII war patrols on microfilm I’ll send the web site to Roger and Carl Chinn on this web site you punch in the hull number of the sub and it will give you her war patrol. Question was brought up, how do you get a micro film to work on a computer, this was a joke! Cob, USSVI the Grits festival in St George swamp fox and USSVI line up at 1000 some where between the ice house and armory April 23 is the picnic at the nuclear school, these kids need to know history especially from our WWII buddies John and Willie need to be there what a wealth of information they can get from you guys these kids have been in school for two years and when they come up and look at your vest and ask you what a plank owner is you can tell them. Our picnic is May 29th at Buddha’s place about 1200 or so we will have hamburgers and we will not run out. Mike for the good of the order, discussed the honor flights and how it makes these old guys feel young again, Mike said they leave with oxygen bottles and when they come back they are like little kids, for the good of the order, don’t go to a ball game with this guy, (LEE) he is not a chick magnet we were standing talking when these two haggy bags tried to pick us up, he is dangerous The two girls asked them if they were going to buy them something to eat, and Lee said I’m 84 years old what I am going to do with you…. Lee, you ought to see the picture I went home with from the barn, Mike took a picture of me with this real sweet girl had it framed and signed by her Don’t forget to leave a tip for the girls. Benediction, Roger

Meeting adjourned

End of minutes
And God Created Pennsylvania...
God was missing for six days. Eventually, Michael, the archangel, found him, resting on the seventh day.
He inquired, "Where have you been?" God smiled deeply and proudly pointed downwards through the clouds, "Look, Michael. Look what I've made." Archangel Michael looked puzzled, and said, "What is it?" "It's a planet," replied God, and I've put life on it. I'm going to call it Earth and it's going to be a place to test Balance."
"Balance?" inquired Michael, "I'm still confused."
God explained, pointing to different parts of Earth. "For example, northern Europe will be a place of great opportunity and wealth, while southern Europe is going to be poor. Over here I've placed a continent of white people, and over there is a continent of black people. Balance in all things."
God continued pointing to different countries. "This one will be extremely hot, while this one will be very cold and covered in ice."
The Archangel, impressed by God's work, then pointed to a land area and said, "What's that one?"
"That's Pennsylvania, the most glorious place on earth. There are beautiful mountains, rivers and streams, lakes, forests, hills, and plains. The people from Pennsylvania are going to be handsome, modest, intelligent, and humorous, and they are going to travel the world. They will be extremely sociable, hardworking, high achieving, carriers of peace, and producers of good things." Michael gasped in wonder and admiration, but then asked, "But what about balance, God? You said there would be balance." God smiled, "Not very far from Pennsylvania is Washington, DC. Wait till you see the idiots I put there."

Lost but not forgotten she went home Tuesday May 11th 2010 to be with the Lord

Celia Henderson
Pappy Henderson's wife