



**"DEDICATED TO OUR SHIPMATES WHO SACRIFICED  
THEIR LIVES IN THE U.S. SUBMARINES DURING WORLD  
WAR 11"**

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**SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WWII**

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Our next meeting will be at **Ryan's Family Steak House** 1314 North Main Street in Summerville, SC on **Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 1200 Summerville**. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting!

Invocation: Roger Gibson; Lunch: 1200-1245

Meeting Called to order: Ed Stank  
Pledge of Allegiance: William Jones

Purpose of the Organization: Ed/Lee  
Tolling of Lost boats: Ed and Lee

**ED Stank:**

**From the President**

Hello Shipmates,

**John Crouse**, director of the St. Mary's Submarine Museum since its inception in 1995, died Saturday after collapsing two days earlier at the submarine veteran's annual convention in Cincinnati. Crouse, 58, suffered a heart attack and was taken to a nearby medical center, but never regained consciousness. If he could have scripted the final

moments of his life, I don't think he could have come up with a more perfect ending than at the submarine veterans annual convention," said Keith Post, a museum plank owner and a member of its board of directors. "He lived and breathed the submarine museum. His legacy at the museum will live far beyond his years."

**Sate Commander; Lee Allison**

I received the out come of the WWII meeting in September, and it looks as if we will be operating as usual in 2010 and 2011. This assures publication of the Polaris and Calendars. Now in my case I will be calling each member in Swamp Fox to answer any questions, our meeting at Ryan's in Summerville, October 21<sup>st</sup> 2010.

I am wishing that each member to be present so we can discuss our own operation.

GOD bless you all

*Lee*

**Secretary; Bill Roberts**

**Minutes of the meeting July and August 2010**

Prayer by Roger Gibson:

Chow Down

Ed Stank started to open the meeting but was soon brought under control by Swamp fox President Stacy Power who informed Ed that he was still president until the official election. Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tolling of the Boats Lost for July and August. Stacy called for any other nominations, hearing none called for vote of acclamation for nominees ED Stank, George Scharf, Bill Roberts and Mike Emerson. All voted Aye except the Treasurer voted against him self. Stacy turned president over to Ed Stank who gave brief summary of navy career. Ed welcomed guest and had them introduce themselves including five who were attending USS Ray Reunion. Stacy introduced the wives and widows in attendance. State Commander Lee gave out printed copies of Panama Jack Stevenson's write up of the fire on the USS Bass which Jack was COB; it is also on the Charleston base website [cbussvi.org](http://cbussvi.org). . Calendars and cards are \$8 each or get the pair for \$15. USSVI District Commander Paul Veering who informed everyone that a photo of YOUNG Willie Jones was in the book Thunder Down Below, stories of the USS Barb. Everyone wished Lee a Happy Birthday, 84. Lee told how he made third class, more of this later. Roger asked to have last meeting minutes approved.. Motion carried. **Treasurers report.** Good shape but a bit down due to buying additional calendars and lost boat cards. Will recoup money as items sold. **Sectary's Report:** Roger gave the latest Patrol Report, 16 members and 10 widows in Swamp fox Chapter. Also stated I had it Robby's got it. **OLD BUSSINES:** None. **NEW BUSSINES:** Lee also gave prices for the Lost Boat cards and WWII 2011 calendars and sold most of what he had Sea Saw Parade Sept 11<sup>th</sup> with WWII vets leading float in a convertible, all invited to the "New Chiefs" breakfast Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 0600 at the new Cracker Barrel in Summerville, Goodwill UNDY 500 drive on 19<sup>th</sup>, Stacy donated a pack of new? Skivvies at least there were no skid marks. Hog Roast at the after battery Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, WWII Sub-Vet Memorial at Kings Bay 27 thru 30 Oct. The Charleston Base USSVI is considering renaming the Base to Charleston / Swamp fox Base. **Good of the Order:** Restart the Depth Charge drawing for the meetings. Motion made to adjourn, Benediction and closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

End of minutes

**News letter editor; Roger**

The Swamp Fox WWII Submarine Veterans in the Charleston and Summerville area want to thank all the USSVI associates that have joined and are supporting the

organization our **last re-count** for WWII members is **19**; reported prior members was 16, this was in error; the comptroller report shows, **WWII surviving men at 19, widows at 11 and associates at 52.**

**Ft. Mitchell, Ky.** Highlights of the 56<sup>th</sup> National Convention; at the Drawbridge inn hotel The following were voted in office **Joe Cox president; 1<sup>st</sup> vice Bud Burchell; 2nd vice Gus Kraus; National Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Forest.**

There were **45 members** president at the meeting Joe Cox asked all associates to leave due to them not being a voting member.

Activities during the past year centered on “Assimilation” and the need for “Dissolution” (Dissolving) our organization. These terms did not set well with many of the members; many are of the opinion that it should be a natural death. Other words the final ramifications pointed out the duties to the IRS and members require a monetary plateau to be established prior to shutdown...discussion what it should be, three sums were discussed, but the proposal was shelved pending further study.

The board, will develop a plan and present this to the 2011 convention in Springfield, this will be in **the 2011 March Polaris.**

Facts and figures presented by Bob Forest to justify our decision for Dissolution, Robbie Robertson advises he sent out 3654 copies of Polaris, this includes associates and widows, we currently have a total of 2063 voting members, 1884 life members and 179 paying dues. So that gives us about 1590+ associates

There was some more discussion to seek council, some members voiced objection citing extreme cost but in a nut shell the federal charter dictates that the laws of New Jersey will govern our organization, but the organization has a member personal contact with a lawyer in New Jersey, so.....

There was an amendment to the constitution to 4 board members voting (I can't quite figure this out)

On the next convention there will provide a simplified progress report. Joints conventions is not exactly ideal, are our destined way to meet every year at National Conventions. Scheduling is a key factor as the USSVI increases; our spaced will be limited.

An-other issue **Calendars**, became an argumentative issue, the decision to make the 2012 final **created ill will!** The 2012 issue is currently being set up by the printer but will not proceed unless funds are available “there is **ample evidence the calendars** has always been a money maker it has never been a loser” those in favor pointed out it is a **fitting memorial to honor our shipmates on eternal patrol**, a mental monument which will not deteriorate or be defaced by vandalism. The decision for the 2012 calendar rests on our National president and secretary/treasurer.

The **Polaris editor** is stepping down and a suitable editor, consequently, Bob DeVore, Sr. was appointed the new editor for Polaris, we wish him a successful transition... bob Wolf has been editor for many, many years but the effects of age have taken it's toll on his

effectiveness we honor him for the faithful years in which he has provided a wonderful Polaris.

Eventually the “Sailor rest your oar” will be in the American Submariner, some dissatisfaction may result because the USSVI makes no distinction between our groups. Some of the other topics covered, sons and daughters group, insight Bob DeVore, Don Morell on the Silver Sides museum in Muskegon, MI.

Lee has the official minutes of the meeting! all I did was pick some of the high points  
Roger:

**Cobs corner Rick Wise “A little submarine history”**

**Navy tests new "Giant Submarine" at Provincetown 1915 (Lee's first Sub)**



Lake's US Navy photo

The M-1 during sea trials off Provincetown in 1915.. the Cape chosen as testing area for new war machine. On this day in 1915, the U.S. Navy began sea tests of a new giant submarine named the M-1. The newspaper accounts began; TEST GIANT SUBMARINE.;

The M-1 Pleases Navy Men and Builders on First Trial Trip. PROVINCETOWN, Mass One of the giant submarines being built for the American Navy received a preliminary trial trip in Cape Cod Harbor today.

The submarine, the M-1, which is larger than the famous German U-boats, was built in the yards of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company at Quincy, and came through with flying colors

**About the M-1 (US Navy SS-47)**

USS M-1 (SS-47) was a unique submarine of the United States Navy. Her keel was laid down on 2 July 1914 by Fore River Shipbuilding Company in Quincy, Massachusetts, for Electric Boat Company of New York City. She was launched on 14 September 1915 sponsored by Miss Sara Dean Roberts, and commissioned on 16 February 1918 with Lieutenant Commander M. R. Pierce in command.

M-1 was designed as a test bed for the newest technology in submarine construction and design. As well as being the world's first double-hulled design [1] (in contrast to Simon Lake's single-hulled concept), her battery was of a new design and was to have solved

some of the past flaws. While no other M-class submarines were built, the lessons learned were incorporated into the following AA/T-class.

Following commissioning, M-1 was assigned to Submarine Division 2, and was home ported at Newport, Rhode Island. For the next three years, she operated off the East Coast, training submariners. During her last year of active service, she was under the operational control of Sub-Div 5 and Sub-Div 3.

After six years of testing and training service, M-1 was decommissioned at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard on 15 March 1922, stricken from the Naval Vessel Register the following day, and was sold for scrap 25 September 1922 to J.G. Hitner in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### **Specs**

Specifications: Displacement, Surfaced: 488 t., Submerged: 676 t.; Length 196' 3"; Beam 14' 9"; Draft 11'; Speed, Surfaced 14 knots, Submerged 10.5 knots; Depth Limit 200'; Complement 2 Officers, 26 Enlisted; Armament, four 18", torpedo tubes, 8 torpedoes, one 3"/23 deck gun; Propulsion, diesel-electric, New London Ship & Engine Co, diesel engines, 840 hp, Fuel Capacity, 28,442 gal., Electro Dynamic Co, electric motors, 680 hp, Battery Cells, 120, single propeller.

**Holly Ann Shanks** is our USSVI COB'S great-granddaughter. She is 1 year old and was hit by a truck on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Holly is currently in the Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City OK. Most recent update is: She has been moved out of ICU into a private room and after they determine she can eat solid food she should be coming home. It has been remarkable how well she is doing after have a 10,000 lb truck on top of her. She is undergoing methadone treatment to help with withdrawal from the morphine she was on for 10 days and she will be undergoing physical therapy for 6 months to a year. I want to thank the base for all the prayers and good wishes that were offered. My wife and I truly believe they made a difference.

### **Holly**



**Some pictures from the past:**

Can anyone tell me who this **marine** is, he one of our Swamp fox members and served on the S38 with Pappy.

Gunner Evans and Wife Mary



Past WWII President and Swamp Fox Chapter President  
Gunner was instrumental in getting the Amberjack Memorial at White Point Gardens in Charleston



**No LEE you can not  
Throw your Biscuits at the  
Enemy**