



Merry Christmas



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Our next meeting will be at **Ryan's Family Steak House** 1314 North Main Street in Summerville, SC Thursday, **December 9th at 1200 hours**. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting!

Invocation: Roger Gibson; Lunch: 1200-1245

President: Ed Stank

The December meeting will be our Christmas get together so we can enjoy each others company and tell sea stories, all true of course.

State Commander Lee Allison

Happy Holidays to all Sub-vet WW II members, WWII widows, and to our USSVI associate members, along with all of their families. We must be thankful for all our brother VI members who have supported us during our declining years.

Now we are looking forward to 2011, to carry on The Swamp Fox Chapter, The Polaris magazine, and the WW II calendars.

We are thankful to all the support we have received to put a beautiful Amber Jack Memorial Monument at the Cold War Memorial, in Patriots Point.

May the **HERO'S of WW II Lost Boats** always be **remembered** by the submarine sailors in future years. This monument is a historical reminder to those sailors who gave their lives and are still on Eternal Patrol.

Lee

Secretary; Bill Roberts

Minutes of the meeting September and October

Prayer! Roger Gibson.

Chow Down

Meeting comes to order.

Silent Prayer Roger Gibson, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Bill Roberts. Tolling of the Boats Lost for September and October Lee Allison and Mike Emerson. **President** Ed welcomed everyone and gave Numerical report of WWII SS Vets, 2063 Members, 1884 Live and 179 still paying dues. There are 1590 Associates. Stacy introduced his wife of 56 years.

State Commander Lee gave info on calendars and cards are \$8 each or get the pair for \$15. Many asked about the absence of Willie Jones. Lee gave status of Willie's recent medical procedure. He also gave updates on Swede Hanson and Marshall "Pappy" Henderson.

Everyone wished Stacey Power a Happy 84th Birthday. **Secretary's Report:** Bill Roberts asked to have the minutes of the last meeting that appeared in the newsletter approved...

Motion carried. Roger gave the latest Patrol Report, 16 members and 10 widows in Swamp Fox Chapter. **Treasurers report.** Good shape improving as calendars and lost boat cards sold. Gave update on last Honor flight and the next one in April will probably be the last one for the Low Country. **OLD BUSINESS:** None. **NEW BUSINESS:** Lee also gave info about the Georgia World War II submarine memorial at Kings Bay 27 thru 30 Oct. Hog

Roast at the after battery on Oct 9th went well. He was almost a Charter member of SS Vets WWII but couldn't go as he had to work to feed his family which included three kids. Two friends went to Atlantic City and came back with numbers 43 and 44. When Lee joined he was assigned # 972. Rick gave a list of the upcoming parades and their dates along needing volunteers for presentations of the Little David in Monks Corner. **Good of the Order:**

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER !!!! IT WILL BE OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AND NO BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED. Motion made to adjourn, Benediction and closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Bill

end of minutes

Kings Bay, Robbie Roberts

Charleston had a pretty good turnout. Lee Allison, Mike Emerson, Marvin Miller, Ronnie Kerstetter, Bill Roberts, Walt Deal, Jerry Stout, Paul Viering, Beatle Bailey, Thom Beach, and Rick Carlson attended. The Chiefs did an outstanding job setting up much of the programs and many young sailors who were duty drivers got us safely to and from our appointed rounds of tasting the fruits of labor of the breweries and wineries. The Goat locker, St Mary's Museum, Boats and Hospitality Room went out of their way to make the occasion memorable. Lee, Robby, Paul and I think Jerry had interviews with Honor Navy Vets.

Cob Rick Wise

Harleyville Christmas Parade, Thursday Dec. 2. Lineup at 1730 on US 178 in Harleyville, SC. Parade starts at 1900. Driver: Ken Hutchison. We can throw to the crowd.

Charleston Base Christmas Party! Saturday Dec.4th! Where? At Gatherings in Dorchester, SC.: Cocktails 1800, Dinner at 1900.

Submarine Veterans of WWII, Swamp Fox Chapter, Thursday Dec. 9, 1130, Christmas Party, Ryan's on 17A, Summerville

Ridgeville Christmas Parade! Saturday Dec.11! Lineup at 1030 at Clay Hill Middle School on Railroad Ave. in Ridgeville, SC. Parade starts at 1200. Driver: Ed Stank. We can throw to crowd.

Summerville Christmas Parade! Sunday! Dec.12th. Lineup starts at 1230 on W 4th North St. in Summerville, SC. Parade starts at 1400. Driver: George Scharf.

Rick Wise

News letter Roger

Some bits and pieces from the last USSVI meeting, we had a good turn out as usual WWII was represented, Stacy Power, Lee Allison, John Hill, Willie Jones, and of course me in North Africa, I was about 5-6 years old, while they were dodging depth charges I was dodging bombs from Rommel and the Italians in Alexandria Egypt, one bomb landed in our front yard ripped off a three inch door and broke every window in the house, my pass time was picking through crashed planes looking for souvenirs. Well anyway **Lee** stood up and gave a short talk about his visit at king bay and how he was impressed with the visit on one of our new ballistic submarines, for one the size and the ladders he had to climb down and back up “that’s where the problem was, I think lee said they had to put a pressure in the boat to pop him out” well anyway.. all the young crew personnel loved to talk to him and lee was so impressed the amount of knowledge they all had, I guess a lot of things has changed since diesel boats, we had periscopes they don’t now a video camera is used, everything is all digital the computer tells you what to do, the old rates have gone by the way side, the Machinist Mates are now torpedo men but the ones that handle the torpedo’s are **still a strange lot** while in the crews mess lee was talking to a **young electronics tech** and noticed that he was carrying a **side arm** (This means a gun to those who don’t understand the term) and he was very nervous, so Lee in his normal candor, asked him why so many in his rate seemed to be the only ones doing this his answerer was “to protect them from the torpedo men”...

Also while lee was attending indoctrination by the Skipper of the sub, the skipper started off by saying “this ship”! Lee stopped him and reminded him it was a BOAT and the young captain as he talked eyed Lee as he spoke and each time he said BOAT he looked at Lee, good job Lee you keep **those young upstarts in place.**

Lee, “swampy” the Fox



“It’s a Boat”

Kings Bay, Georgia October 30, 2010 Every Submarine Sailor at one time or another had a Sea Daddy, mine is Lee Allison. As State Commander for the South Carolina Submarine Veterans of World War Two Lee has set the standard for honoring those who have gone before us showing us how to keep the memories of our shipmates on Eternal Patrol alive. So it was my pleasure to accompany him to the Memorial Service held on Friday 29 October 2010.

On our final day in Kings Bay we were part of a group lined up for a tour of the USS Maryland SSBN 738. We arrived by bus early afternoon at the pier where the Maryland and the West Virginia were tied up for upkeep. The base PR Officer walked us up to a group of eight or ten crew members in their funny looking new uniforms waited on us, these would be our tour guides.

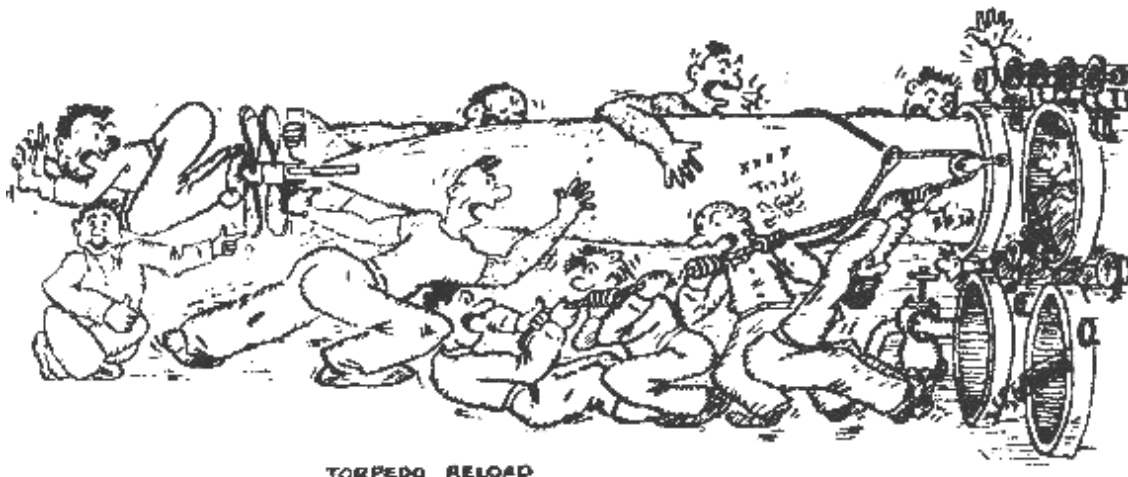
One officer stepped forward and introduced himself as the Commanding Officer; he had his standard speech ready to go. The first words out of his mouth were “Welcome to our ship”. Immediately my Sea Daddy laid into him with one word “BOAT”. The CO stopped in his tracks, with look of fear in his eyes, at this crusty old man. It took the Captain half a minute to realize he had been corrected and said “Boat”. During the remainder of the welcome aboard every time his speech called for him to say “ship” he would look at Lee, looking like a timid little boy and say “Boat”.

Well done Lee, you got that booth squared away.

Mike Emerson TMCS (SS)

USN Retired

Mike Emerson’s reload team on the Pickerel “Mike in the lower left”



TORPEDO RELOAD

Merry Christmas



To all our World War II members



*From:
Lee, Ed, George, Robbie and Mike Ho, Ho, you all.*

Bermuda 1957-1958
USS Jallao



Roger USS Jallao November 1957- September 1960

Can you spot the torpedo man?

