

USSVICB MEETING

MINUTES of June 10 2010

Attendance for the meeting was 104

OPENING CEREMONY: Base Commander called the meeting to order. A Quorum was present and the meeting was commenced at 19:00

2010 Scholarship Awards were presented to Maisie Wilson, Granddaughter of Barry Wilson, Elisabeth Kilroy, Autumn Oakley and Ashleigh VanMetre.

Base News: District Commander resigned. Paul Viering was sworn in by George Boyle as South East Regional Director.

INTRODUCTIONS: New people introduced: Don Kopczyaski, Jack Frost, Don Ponofrio, Don Mook and Dick Kanning. Welcome aboard.

SECRETARY REPORT: Asked for and received approval for last month's minutes.

TREASURY REPORT: Terry presented the financial report.

VICE COMMANDER REPORT: On vacation in Colorado.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Nick Nichols presented the Chaplain report.

BENEDICTION:

Let us pray:

Gracious Father, we thank You for our daily care. We now ask Your blessing on those of us here tonight. Thank You for the US Submarine Veterans and SUBVETS of World War II; may we continue to look for Your will in all we do and say. Now Lord, we ask You to bless our meeting. Give us patience with each other and help this meeting be of significance to our members. Bless our nation and keep it physically, mentally and spiritually strong.

We dedicate this meeting to our Shipmates on Eternal Patrol, to perpetuate their memories in our lives and to honor our Shipmates on active duty in the United States Submarine Force.

And now we pause for a moment of silent prayer as we remember our Shipmates who made the supreme sacrifice that we may gather here in peace. *[pause]* It is in Your strong and powerful name we pray, Amen.

Submarines Lost During the Month of June

USS HERRING (SS-233)	June 1, 1944	LOST WITH ALL HANDS	- 80 SOULS
USS R-12 (SS-89)	June 12, 1943	LOST WITH 42 SOULS	- 21 SURVIVORS
USS GOLET (SS-361)	June 14, 1944	LOST WITH ALL HANDS	- 82 SOULS
USS BONEFISH (SS-223)	June 18, 1945	LOST WITH ALL HANDS	- 85 SOULS
USS S-27 (SS-132)	June 19, 1942	NO LOSS OF LIFE	
USS O-9 (SS-70)	June 20, 1941	LOST WITH ALL HANDS	- 34 SOULS
USS RUNNER (SS-275)	June 30, 1943	LOST WITH ALL HANDS	- 78 SOULS

SEVEN Boats and 380 Men Lost

**Electricians Mate Chief, Submarines, Alvin Eugene Addington, United States Navy Retired
Shipmate Departed on Eternal Patrol – May 26, 2010**

June Report: Cards were sent as follows:

- Marshall 'Pappy' Henderson and family – death of Pappy's wife, Cecilia,
- Marty Sessler recovering from kidney stone surgery.
- Roger Rader at home and recovering from cancer surgery.
- Frank Young is still in LifeCare rm 16.

- **Al Addington at home and would like to have visitors.**
- **Bill Jennings is at home (114 Driver Ave, Summerville in Corey Woods) and would like to have visitors, just call first (851-1866).**
- **Mary Londergan, wife of Don Londergan. In SMC 25 May for surgery on 26 May.**
- **Steve Curry recovering from a very bad fall and back/rib problems. Easing back into work.**
- **Avery Lord broke his hip and was in the hospital and rehab for several weeks. We were not informed of this until after he was home.**
- **Family of RM2(SS) Loren Nyland who served on several diesel boats departed on Eternal Patrol on 1 May in Spokane WA.**
- **Family of TM1(SS) Arthur G. Smith, WWII SUBVET departed on Eternal Patrol 30 May in Alexandria VA. Art served on USS SKATE SS305 where he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry under enemy fire while saving two downed pilots.**
- **Margie Deal, wife of Walt Deal, had surgery on the 9th. She is at SMC, rm 320, doing well and should be there until Sunday or Monday.**

Several follow-ups were made on those who've had surgery or illnesses in the last couple of months along with the base sending additional cards.

If you know of shipmates or spouses from other bases who are having a difficult time, had surgery, etc. and would like for USSVI Charleston Base to send them a card please send their name and address to the Chaplain via email or phone call.

INVOCATION:

Let us pray:

Father in heaven, we come to You at the conclusion of this meeting as very grateful people for Your countless blessings. We pray what was accomplished in this meeting will be helpful to each of us, our organization and to our country.

Help us remember those who are unable to be present with us tonight. We ask that You place Your hand of healing upon the sick and wrap your arms of comfort around those who are grieving.

Bless us as we endeavor to do something worthwhile in the name of the United States Submarine Veterans and SUBVETS of World War II.

Now let us take a moment of silence to remember those who are where we have been.
Amen.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Marty Sessler has applications

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Not Present.

STOREKEEPER REPORT: I have 8 calendars left and I will sell for \$6.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Not Present.

VETERAN AFFAIRS: No Report.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT: No Report.

HOLLAND CLUB: No Report

AFTER BATTERY REP: No Report

SUBVETS WWII: Meeting at Ryan's in Summerville on June 17 at 11:30 AM.

BASE HISTORIAN: Bill Roberts donated a large hard drive for storage.

DISTRICT COMMANDER: Update your dates of Service on National Website.

FRA: Not Present

LITTLE DAVID PROJECT: No Report

COB REPORT:

1. Berkeley County Tractor Show is November 21 and 22.
2. Monks Corner Parade is Saturday, 3 July at 0930
3. Larry Mason retirement is 11 June @1300
4. Base Picnic had 150 attendees; we had plenty of food and extra beer which was donated to the After Battery.

NUCLEAR HISTORIAN: Gave presentation with use of training aids about Nuclear Surgery. Re-enlistment bonuses are not without certain losses.

BASE COMMANDER REPORT: National Elections have begun. Vote on-line or use the next edition of the American Submariner, but Vote!!

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Joe O'Saben donated \$100.00 to Scholarship fund because a members daughter bought a home through him.
2. John C. Calhoun reunion is 18-21 July in Charleston.
3. Nick Nichols reported Jim Stein – District 2 Dorchester County is in a runoff. Jim is retired Submarine Veteran. July 4th Celebration at Old Fort Baptist Church. Wear your vest please.
4. SC-GA mini conference coming up on June 15 in Aiken.
5. Rolling Thunder in DC last week had about 200,000 bikes. A USSVI flag was flown on one of the lead bikes.
6. On 24 June at 2300 a show on the 21st Century Stealth Submarine, USS Florida (SSGN 728) will be shown on National Geographic Station.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Mike Emerson is starting a fund to buy a seat on the next Honor flight. He started it with a \$150.00 donation from the Depth Charge Drawing which he won.
2. The depth charge drawing was held with \$320. Mike Emerson won.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The Base Commander adjourned the meeting.