

USSVICB MEETING

MINUTES of JULY 8 2010

Attendance for the meeting was 100

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

INTRODUCTIONS: New people introduced: Bob Bruce, Don Phillips, Christopher Smith and Joe Roarke Welcome aboard.

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

TREASURY REPORT: On Vacation.

VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Nothing to report.

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 July		
USS S-28 (SS 133)	July 4, 1944	LOST WITH ALL HANDS 50 SOULS
USS ROBALO (SS 273)	July 26, 1944	LOST WITH 81 MEN; 3 DIED AS POW'S 84 SOULS
USS GRUNION (SS 216)	July 30, 1942	LOST WITH ALL HANDS 70 SOULS
<b>THREE Boats and 204 Men Lost</b>		

**July Report:** Cards were sent as follows:

- Timothy Bagford family – Timothy served on the USS WILL ROGERS and later in Vietman. He departed on Eternal Patrol on June 7<sup>th</sup>. He was not a member of Charleston Base.
- Don Londergan and family – Mary Londergan passed away on June 16<sup>th</sup> and her funeral was June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Frank Young had surgery on June 16<sup>th</sup> to receive a pacemaker. He is currently at LifeCare, Rosewood Wing, room 16D. He still enjoys visitors but sleeps a lot. Kathy has made his final arrangements to be buried at Arlington with Stuhls handing everything locally. When the time comes SUBVETS will have some part we just don't know what at present. Kathy also wants me to pass on what it has meant to Frank to have all of the SUBVET visitors coming by to see him.
- Family of Edward Ripley who served on the CALHOUN. He was not a member of Charleston Base.

- Tim VeArd was diagnosed with Lung Cancer several weeks ago, and had surgery on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Tim is currently the USSVI Chief Technology Officer and has made the National website what it is today. Tim served on the Robert E. Lee SSBN/SSN 601.
- Judy Hutchison was recently in the hospital with some bleeding issues, not major. She is doing well now.
- Bill Kennedy will be having surgery next Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> to repair problems with his ribs.
- Bill Jennings is home (114 Driver Ave, Summerville in Corey Woods) and enjoys having visitors to talk to. You can call him at 851.1866 to make sure it's OK to visit. Several of our SUBVETs have been assisting Bill to get to his PT appointments and Tawnya very much appreciates all the help you've given them both.

Discovered tonight:

- Marvin Miller had a heart cat in June
- Lou Roehm is having knee surgery in July

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.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 328 Members.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Working on articles for "Kaps for Kid", Scholarship Awardees and Amberjack Bell.

STOREKEEPER REPORT: Nothing to report

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Nothing report.

VETERAN AFFAIRS: No Report.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT: Received donation of \$100.00 from Joe O'Saben because a member's daughter bought a house thru him.

HOLLAND CLUB: No Report

AFTER BATTERY REP: Invited all to the weekly Wednesday social to play cards, shoot the breeze and have some fun with your shipmates. Talked about Bob Bruce's donation to provide shelter outside with a carport and how he has provided chow for the day. Gave Fred (Freddley) Woodley an ataboy for his work installing speakers and fans at the After Battery. Talked about all the submarine memorabilia that is available for viewing. Cost is only \$5.00 and that is for coming out and enjoying the hospitality, the food is free. NOTE: The After Battery paid \$228.00 for the Submarine Force 110 Anniversary Banner.

SUBVETS WWII: Meeting at Ryan's in Summerville on Third Thursday in August at 11:30 AM.

BASE HISTORIAN: Nothing to report.

DISTRICT COMMANDER: Update your dates of Service on National Website. Requested Jerry Stout provide turnover for District Commander. Reminded all the membership to vote in the National Elections. Voting may be done on line or the next edition of the American Submariner will have hardcopy ballots.

FRA: A new activities director for the Fleet is arranging the following proposed trips:

Trip to Atlanta Braves baseball in Late August

Carolina Panthers Football Game

A cruise to the Bahamas in February 2011.

Larry Cox is the new Fleet Reserve President.

LITTLE DAVID PROJECT: Berkeley County Tractor Show is November 21 and 22.

COB REPORT:

1. Change of Command for Navy Nuclear Power Training Unit (NNPTU) is Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July at the Redbank Club at 11:00.

NUCLEAR HISTORIAN: Not Present

BASE COMMANDER REPORT: The book Thunder Below features one of our own, Willy Jones. The book may be purchased thru <http://www.hotbooksale.com/> for under \$10.00 and bring it in and Willy will autograph it for you.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Buddha talked about "Panama Jack" and how he is doing out in Colorado. He is in his second "prison" but has already made a successful escape to Walmart. He has also become a favorite at the local "Hooters" restaurant. Panama suffers from dementia but is still going strong.

The COB was presented with a new Styrofoam cooler to replace the one he patched for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Monks Corner. The COB was directed by the Base Commander to trash the old cooler knowing what a pack-rat he is.

The USS John C. Calhoun (SSBN 630) reunion is scheduled for 15-18 July 2010.

Vice Commander: Bob Bruce was made an "Honorary Member" of USSVI CB due to his participation and donations to the After Battery and SUBVETS in general.

1. Jim Williams won the Depth Charge drawing of \$280.00 and donated \$100.00 to the Scholarship fund.

**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.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The Base Commander adjourned the meeting.