

## USSVICB MEETING - MINUTES of AUGUST 12 2010

Attendance for the meeting was 120

**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: ETC (Select) SS Bower, ET1(SS) Karl Hofen, MMC(SS) Jim Phillips, ET2(SS) Randall (Randy) Bolin, EMCS(SS) Timothy Murray. Welcome aboard.

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

**TREASURY REPORT:** Terry gave a combined report for the months of June and July.

**VICE COMMANDER REPORT:** The membership needs to get out and vote in the National Elections, of the 316 eligible voters only 110 have voted as of today. Ballots can be found in the American Submariner. Voting closes August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** Nick Nichols presented the chaplain report and requested that the membership update their Page 2, get your pictures taken at the conclusion of the meeting and take a look at the Website as updates are very frequent.

### 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 August

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| USS BULLHEAD (SS 332) | August 6, 1945  | LOSS OF ALL HANDS – 84 SOULS                                              |
| USS FLIER (SS 250)    | August 13, 1944 | LOSS OF 80 SOULS                                                          |
| USS S-39 (SS 144)     | August 16, 1942 | NO LOSS OF LIFE                                                           |
| USS HARDER (SS 257)   | August 24, 1944 | LOSS OF ALL HANDS – 84 SOULS                                              |
| USS COCHINO (SS 345)  | August 26, 1949 | NO NAVY LOSS OF LIFE; ONE CIVILIAN LOSS – TUSK LOST 6 SOULS DURING RESCUE |
| USS POMPANO (SS 181)  | August 29, 1943 | LOSS OF ALL HANDS – 76 SOULS                                              |

**SIX Boats and 331 Men Lost**

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**ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN MASTER CHIEF, SUBMARINES, FRANCIS JOHN YOUNG,  
UNITED STATES NAVY, RETIRED**

**Shipmate Departed on Eternal Patrol – July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

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**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, SUBMARINES, WILLIAM F. KOPACKA,  
UNITED STATES NAVY, RETIRED  
Shipmate Departed on Eternal Patrol – July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

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

- Lou Roehm had knee surgery on July 13<sup>th</sup>. He is home and doing well.
- Bill Kennedy had surgery to repair his ribs on July 13<sup>th</sup>. He was discharged from the hospital on July 18<sup>th</sup> and is home recovering well.
- To Kathy Young and family. Frank departed on Eternal Patrol July 17<sup>th</sup>. Charleston Base conducted a bell tolling service on July 21<sup>st</sup> during the viewing.
- Colleen Collins, wife of Rick Collins, was in the hospital July 18<sup>th</sup> for a blood clot in her wrist. She is home doing well.
- Jon Sutton had stomach surgery on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. He is home recovering well but will need more surgery in a couple of months.
- Bob Bruce had a kidney biopsy recently.
- Richard & Erma Cleeve. Richard has been at home taking care of Erma who is on O2 and having a difficult time.
- John Hill. John had surgery to clear a kidney problem and the doctor discovered a problem with his bladder. The doctor scrapped the inside of his bladder and at the time was pretty sure it was cancer. John has since found out that the doctor got 100% of the cancer and he will not need treatments, neither chemo nor radiation. He is still weak and asks that we please keep him in our prayers.
- To the family of Bill Kopacka. Bill departed on Eternal Patrol July 24<sup>th</sup>. At some point the family will be having a Memorial Service for Bill and the SUBVETS will participate. As soon as that date is known I will pass on the info.
- Sharon Sessler, wife of Marty Sessler. Sharon had cataract surgery today on one eye and will be having the other one done in a couple of weeks.

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:** 330 Members.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS:** Articles on Kaps for Kids and Scholarship presentations are posted on the Website. Need your help on becoming Auxiliary members of the WWII Submarine Veterans.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS:** Nothing to report

**STOREKEEPER REPORT:** Nothing to report

**NEWSLETTER REPORT:** Nothing report.

**SCHOLARSHIP REPORT:** Fund has \$1500.00 received from donations from depth charge donations and recently from the Navy League in honor of Frank Young and also from Jack Ilgenfritz totaling \$100.00.

**HOLLAND CLUB:** John Lookabill reported that a Diesel Boat reunion will be held in the Spring of 2011. More information to follow.

**AFTER BATTERY REP:** Buddha requested that the membership vote in the National Elections. The USS John C Calhoun (SSBN 620) held a picnic at the After Battery a couple of weeks ago and a good time was had by all. Invited all to the weekly Wednesday social to play cards, shoot the breeze and have some fun with your shipmates. The USS Ray (SSN 653) will be holding a cookout on August 21<sup>st</sup> and as part of their reunion. Reported on the 'Old Salt' hog roast held in Connecticut and with a great turnout by Charleston Base. Commended Fred (Freddly) Woodley on the fast action he took resulting the saving of Clive Peters life from a Diabetic attack.

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

**BASE HISTORIAN:** Thanked Nick Nichols for the transfer of base information provided by Ricky Collins to DVD.

**DISTRICT COMMANDER:** Update your dates of Service on National Website. Could provide the base with tax exemption for taxes.

**FRA:** Larry Cox introduced as the new Base Commander for FRA Branch 269. A 70's night is being held Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> with prizes. Update the membership on upcoming events:

August 14<sup>th</sup> – 70's Dance & Costume contest  
September 6<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day Indoor picnic  
September 11<sup>th</sup> – Luau  
October – Oktoberfest  
October 30<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Party  
November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day indoor picnic  
Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve – The Barbara Harrell Group

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

**WWII REPORT:** Lee Allison reported on the Change of Command at Navy Nuclear Power School and what a great time they had. Only about 18 WWII Submarine Veterans are left in South Carolina and many are not mobile. Lee has received an order of WWII Submarine Calendars and "Lost Boats" cards and may be purchased for \$8.00 each or \$15.00 for both. The WWII National Convention is being held in Cincinnati which may be the last one. Note to all: Get your WWII Calendars autographed by our WWII Vets as this may be your last chance due to the calendars not be published again.

**COB REPORT:** Will be out of area from 1-22 September. Next meeting of WWII Subvets at Ryans in Summerville on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The See-Saw Parade in Harleysville will have two participants in the event. Our USS Thresher (SSN 593) float and also a convertible provided for the members of the WWII Submarine Veterans. Line up for the parade is at 0930 and maps to the event may be found on the USSVICB Web site. A Hog Roast is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> and we need volunteers for the event.

Thanks to the membership for helping Bill Jennings get to his rehabilitation appointments. He is getting better but we will still need volunteers in the upcoming weeks to get him to rehab.

**NUCLEAR HISTORIAN:** Welcome back from the "Old Salts". In preparation for the trip Ed Simokat and Mike Emerson bought a programmable GPS. Since the voice and personality are programmable, Ed chose Mode 5 "Aggressive". During the trip the GPS would give advice, "Your going too fast, slow down", "Turn here". They got in a back up of traffic with a driver going below the speed limit. When they finally were able to pass the GPS shouted out "Must be a f\_\_\_king Nuc Asshole.

**BASE COMMANDER REPORT:** Vote, Vote, Vote. A CD on the history of submarines during WWII and Poster were won by Bob Snyder, Gordon Smith, Jim Hissing and Tom Lufkin. John Lookabill won a WWII Poster which were donated to the After Battery by members of the USS Parche (SSN 653).

**Special Awards:** A certificate as an "Culinary Expert" and Chef Hats were presented to John Paul Pardo and Richard Sparger for their outstanding preparation and cooking for the many events held at the "After Battery".

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The WWII Memorial will be held at Kings Bay from October 27-30.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Ken Hutchinson has donated a model of the USS Cobia (SS 245) which is mounted in a glass case for raffle. Ricky Collins has the raffle tickets. The raffle will be held at the Christmas Party in December.

Navy Pharmacy moving in September to Base, You need a base sticker to access the pharmacy. As of the meeting base stickers were not available. Checked again on August 24 and they are no available, lines were long. For Subvets who do not have a base sticker, and are going to the VA there should be no problem getting on base.

Wayne Bowers invited all the Submarine Veterans to a breakfast in honor of Subvets on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September at the Cracker Barrel in Summerville @ 0600. If you would like to be a guest speaker contract the COB.

Wayne Newfeld reported that a Golf Tournament will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August for the new chiefs. Cost is \$35.00 and covers golf and chow.

Rodney reported that Good Will Industries is sponsoring outfitting homeless Veterans in South Carolina and outfitting them with clothing. The Submarine motorcycle members of the Submarine Veterans are hosting an "Undie 500". The goal is to fill a side car with new underwear for the homeless veterans. Bring new underwear to the September meeting and let's fill that side car.

David Sarri won the Depth Charge drawing of \$350.00 and donated \$50.00 to the Scholarship fund.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The Base Commander adjourned the meeting.