

USSVICB MEETING

MINUTES of SEPTEMBER 9 2010

Attendance for the meeting was 112

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: TMC(SS) David Perkins, ETC(SS/AW/SW) Perry LoFriend Sr, IC2(SS) Steven Curtis, EMC (SEL)(SS) Kevin Lancaster, ETC (SEL) (SS) Daniel Rosenberger, EMC (SEL) (SS) Alexander Smerz, and EMC (SEL) Corey Carpenter. Welcome aboard.

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

TREASURY REPORT: Terry was not present.

VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Christmas Party scheduled for the 4 of December. Tickets are \$15/each for SUBVET Members and one guest and \$20 for all others.

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 September | | |
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| USS S-5 (SS 110) | Sep 1, 1920 | No loss of life |
| USS GRAYLING (SS 209) | Sep 9, 1943 | Lost with all hands – 76 souls |
| USS S-51 (SS 162) | Sep 25, 1925 | Lost with 33 souls |
| USS CISCO (SS 290) | Sep 28, 1943 | Lost with all hands – 76 souls |
| Four Boats and 185 Men Lost | | |

September Report: Cards were sent as follows:

- Pauline Stank, wife of Ed Stank, was hospitalized pneumonia in WV while on a trip to Ohio. She is home and improving.

- Glen Little's mother passed away on August 24th. Glen is a member of Charleston Base.
- The family of Arthur Ward. Arthur departed on Eternal Patrol August 27th. He was not a member of Charleston Base.
- Sharon Sessler has had surgery on both eyes and Marty on one as of this past Tuesday. They are recovering just fine. Marty also had a colonoscopy this morning. He is doing well but is heeding the advice of the doctor to take it easy the rest of the day.
- Jon Sutton continues to improve from his stomach surgery and get ready for the next surgery in a couple of months.
- John Hill is improving and recovering well, although slowly, from his bladder surgery.
- Bob Bruce will be having cancer surgery on September 30th.
- Holly Ann Shanks is our COBs' great-granddaughter. She is 1 year old and was hit by a truck on August 27th. 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.
- John Hill's wife, Madeline, is in the hospital with an attack of meningitis. It has moved to her brain and John reports that it might take up to two years for her to regain some of her memory. Further follow-up on this discovered that Madeline is just fine. This was an erroneous report.
- John Crouse, MMCM (SS) Retired, curator of St. Mary's Submarine Museum and member of the Kings Bay Base, had a massive heart attack while at the USSVI National Convention and departed on Eternal Patrol on 4 September. The last I heard were that final arrangements are pending but plans are that his remains will be returned to St Mary's for a memorial service and burial at sea from one of the submarines he loved so much.

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 especially the Crouse family.

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: 334 Members.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Nothing to report

VETERANS AFFAIRS: Not Present

STOREKEEPER REPORT: We are alright

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Nothing report.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT: The USS Cobia model donated by Ken Hutchison will be raffled off at the annual Christmas Party. Tickets are \$5/ea and 6 for \$20.00. Challenge coins used to support the Scholarship fund are also available.

HOLLAND CLUB: John Lookabill attended the national convention in Cincinnati. He reported that the last year for WWII Submarine Veterans was planned to be 2012. We currently have 18 members in South Carolina many who are not mobile. Holland Club hats may be purchased for \$10, see the storekeeper. All amendments passed and election results may be viewed on the National Web Site. After reviewing the results of the election organization it was reported that John Peters is out and a committee will be organized to conduct follow on elections. After the 2014 Convention, the event will be held every two years.

AFTER BATTERY REP: Tom Beach reported After Battery hats are available for \$18.00

SUBVETS WWII: Meeting at Ryan's in Summerville on the 21st of October at 11:30 AM. WWII Submarine Calendars and Lost Boat Cards are available for \$8.00/ea or both for \$15.00

BASE HISTORIAN: No report

DISTRICT COMMANDER: National Elections have been completed.

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

- August 14th – 70's Dance & Costume contest
- September 6th – Labor Day Indoor picnic
- September 11th – Luau
- October 2nd – Car wash to support Honor Flight
- October – Oktoberfest
- October 30th – Halloween Party
- November 11th – Veteran's Day indoor picnic
- Dec 31st – New Year's Eve – The Barbara Harrell Group

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

COB REPORT: Will be out of area from 1-22 September. Next meeting of WWII Subvets at Ryans in Summerville on August 19th. The See-Saw Parade in Harleyville on the 11 of September and we will have two units 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 9th and we need volunteers for the event.

NUCLEAR HISTORIAN: Recently the navy has been consolidating rates. We used to have Quartermasters (QM), Radiomen (RM), Interior Communication Technicians (IC) who are now Electronic Technicians (ET). In past years we had Enginemen on submarines who were converted to Machinist Mates (MM). And the final blow came when Torpedomen were converted to Machinist Mate (Weapons). How big a screw job was that?

Rodney McKanna (ETC/SS) thanked the membership for the underwear donated in support of the Undy 500. Additional donations may be dropped off at the FRA until Saturday. The Undy 500 is a motorcycle charity ride that covers just over 100 miles of the beautiful Tri-county area and helps to cover our homeless and struggling veterans as well! 100% of the proceeds goes towards events and programs designed to benefit local veterans!

OLD BUSINESS: A new CPO Breakfast for the SUBVETS will be held at the Crackerbarrell in Summerville at 0600. We are looking for speakers for the event. A Car Wash will be held at the AutoZone on Saturday and Sunday from 1100-1700 on Saturday and 1000-1600 on Sunday.

NEW BUSINESS: "Patriotism in the Park" will be held in Summerville on November 7. The Submarine Veterans will be conducting a tolling of the boats between 1330-1400.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The annual Hog Roast will be held at the After Battery on 9 October and volunteers are needed to assist. We will have a lot of out of town visitors and let's put on our best roast ever. Contact R. Sparger if you wish to help.

The new Navy Health Care Clinic will open in two weeks which bring to an end of most services provided by the old Naval Hospital. Reminder to all; A base sticker is required to gain access to the new clinic and they are now available at Pass and ID.

Jerry Stout reported that his daughter Rebecca has been awarded \$1500.00 from the National Submarine Veterans.

FTC(SS) Hayden won the Depth Charge drawing of \$350.00 and donated \$50.00 to the Scholarship fund.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The Base Commander adjourned the meeting.