

## USSVICB MEETING

MINUTES of October 14, 2010

Attendance for the meeting was 103

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: William Sparks EN2(SS), Charles Vincent ETCM(SS) Retired, MMCS(SS) James Gulick Retired. Welcome aboard.

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

TREASURY REPORT: Terry Gave Report.

VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Nothing to report.

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 October**

USS SEAWOLF (SS-197) Army)	October 3, 1944	Loss of all hands – 99 souls (82 crew and 17
USS S-44 (SS-155)	October 7, 1944	Loss of 54 souls – 2 men became POWs
USS WAHOO (SS-238)	October 11, 1943	Loss of all hands – 80 souls
USS DORADO (SS-248)	October 12, 1943	Loss of all hands – 76 souls
USS ESCOLAR (SS-294)	October 17, 1944	Loss of all hands – 82 souls
USS DARTER (SS-227)	October 24, 1944	No loss of life
USS SHARK II (SS-314)	October 24, 1944	Loss of all hands – 90 souls
USS TANG (SS-306)	October 25, 1944	Loss of 80 souls – 9 men became POWs
USS O-5 (SS-66)	October 29, 1923	Loss of 3 souls

**Nine Boats and 564 Men Lost**

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## **October Report:**

- Holly Shanks, great-granddaughter of Rick and Jean Wise, is doing well.
- Walter Job had a triple bypass and is home recovering.
- Judy Hutchison has been released from the hospital and is home recovering.
- Roger Rader was admitted to the hospital after our last meeting due to anemia caused by his cancer treatments.
- Walt Deal was admitted to the hospital after our last meeting due to heart problems. After some tests he was released.
- Tom Yingling's father passed away on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Bob Bruce had his cancer surgery and is home recovering.
- Linn Rogers had artery and vein surgery on October 7<sup>th</sup> and is now home recovering.
- Larry Rosselot had his left knee and right hip replaced on October 12<sup>th</sup>. He is now beginning the long recovery process.
- Willie Jones was in the VA hospital on October 11<sup>th</sup> for a procedure.
- Stacey Power was in the hospital with a pulmonary embolism. He went home on October 7<sup>th</sup> with medicine to dissolve the blood clots.
- Mike Karriker had some tests done for minor chest and jaw pains. The tests turned out negative and now he's awaiting further results to determine the problem.
- Glen Fleming, who is not a Charleston Base member, has been fighting throat cancer. It has spread to his tongue and his tongue had to be reconstructed. He's now awaiting a possible 2<sup>nd</sup> surgery.
- Jim Loveday fell last week and broke his wrist.

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: 340 Members.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Nothing to report

## VETERANS AFFAIRS:

### **Veterans' Notes**

Aid and Attendance Special Pension – provides benefits for veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular assistance of another person to assist in eating, bathing, dressing or undressing, or taking care of the needs of nature.

It also includes individuals who are blind, or a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity. Assisted care in an Assisted Living facility also qualifies.

The A&A Pension can provide monthly payments of up to \$1,519 to a veteran, \$976 to a surviving spouse, or \$1801 to a couple.

Eligibility must be proven by filing the proper Veterans Application for Pension or Compensation. This application will require a copy of the veteran's Form DD 214 or Separation Papers, a Medical Evaluation from a physician, list current medical issues, net worth limitations, and net income, along with out of pocket medical expenses.

A Form DD 214 is issued to military members when they separate from Active Duty. The DD 214 was first issued in the 1950's, but "DD 214" has become a generic term for any Separation papers or Discharge from Military Service documents.

For complete information on this and other Veterans' Benefits, contact your local VA Regional Center, or County Veterans' Service Office.

### **September 11th - Patriot Day**

The US House of Representative unanimously passed the Patriot Day Resolution. President Obama issued; His Proclamation reads in part:

"I call upon the people of the United States to participate in community service in honor of those our Nation lost, to observe this day with other ceremonies and activities, including remembrance services, and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. eastern daylight time to honor the innocent victims who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001."

STOREKEEPER REPORT: A DILLIGAFF will be available

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. Also Ricky Collins has a chest freezer for sale with proceeds going to the scholarship fund.

HOLLAND CLUB: John Lookabill stated that all paperwork for induction into the Holland Club be completed by January 2011 and the ceremony would be held in April in conjunction with the Submarine Service Birthday.

AFTER BATTERY REP: Buddha reported that the Hog Roast went well and we had many fellow submariners visiting from out of area.

SUBVETS WWII: Executive Board to meet Monday @ 0900 at Perkins on Rivers Ave. The Bi-Monthly Meeting will be held at Ryan's in Summerville on the 21<sup>st</sup> 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: Nothing to report

FRA: Larry Cox reported the Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of October there will be another Honor Flight to Washington DC. The flight will return to Charleston at 7:00 PM and their visit to the WWII memorial amongst other national monuments. All members are encouraged to be at the airport and welcome home these brave men.

General Livingston, Medal of Honor recipient will be the FRA's guest speaker for the Memorial Day Services at Plantation Memorial Gardens on Highway 17A. All Submarine Veterans are invited to attend.

The Car Wash, Garage and Bake sale was a success. The FRA has reached its goal of \$2500 to donate to the Honor Flight. As a result of these efforts we will be sending a Guardian from the Branch. Raffle tickets will be sold in the near future for \$20.00. This is a \$500.00 Value. Those interested in being a Guardian on the Spring 2011 flight, check with the bartender at the FRA in the near future. All money received will be donated back to the Honor Flight.

On October 30, the FRA will be holding a Halloween Bash.

COB/LITTLE DAVID PROJECT: Berkeley County Tractor Show is November 21 and 22 in Monks Corner.

Support the return of the Honor Flight on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Holly the COB's Great Granddaughter is doing well; thanks for all your support.

Upcoming events:

November 7 – Taste of the Town in Summerville which will include a Patriotism presentation by the SUBVETS, The SUBVETS normally perform the tolling of the boats ceremony at 1400. Check the USSVICB Web site for updates

Christmas Party at the Gatherings, Last day for ticket sales is the November meeting. Tickets are \$15.00 for you and one guest. Additional tickets are \$20 each.

Summerville Christmas Parade is Sunday December 12

Harleysville Parade is December 02.

NUCLEAR HISTORIAN: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Rodney reported that they filled the Harry Davidson Three wheel bike with undies for the Homeless Veterans.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Bates reported that November 2 is Election Day. Get out and Vote!!!

Gary Semler reported that the WWII SUBVETS ceremony will be held in Kings Bay GA from 27-30 October.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bill Roberts reported that the Submarine Veterans District meeting will be held in Ocala next year and RV parking will be available at the Hotel.

The USSVI SEADRAGON Base of Central Florida is hosting next year's **Regional Conference in Ocala, Florida.**

Our 'Team' has been hard at work to develop plans and come up with an itinerary so we can get the word out early enough for your members to make plans to attend next April. Though we're actively working now on final 'tweakings', we believe we've come up with an exciting and rewarding plan for you and your Base Members to enjoy.

The 'host' Holiday Inn Express has been recently renovated, and both the rooms and nightly rate are outstanding!

Their switchboard is now OPEN to take room reservations, and the earlier your members register, the better it is for our planning. PLEASE help us with this, by encouraging your Members NOW to make plans to be with us in April of 2011.

Below you will find instructions from our Web-Master on pulling up the Information Flyer and the Conference Registration Form. We hope they are self-explanatory, but don't hesitate to get back with one of the 'contacts' listed if any questions exist.

Please 'push' our Conference at your up-coming Base Meetings, and encourage your Members to make plans NOW to attend. SEADRAGON Base is a relatively small Base, but we're fully committed to making this 2011 Regional Conference in Ocala to not only be memorable, but the best you and your Members have attended!

We look forward to having the full support of you and your Members in 2011.

Warmest regards,  
Ivan L. Joslin  
CAPT USN (Retired)  
Base Commander

Rick Sparger reported the Hog Roast went well and thanked everyone for all their help, including Charley Hudson and Gary Semler.

Rick reported he attended the Medal of Honor Ceremonies in for the 52 members of this elite group. The next meeting is in Louisville KY in 2011. When the living Medal of Honors size reaches 25 the group will be disbanded. A video on the ceremonies is available on the USSVICB Web site.

Louis Leal won the Depth Charge drawing of \$570.00 and donated \$150.00 to the Scholarship fund.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The Base Commander adjourned the meeting.