

## USSVICB MEETING

### MINUTES of November 11, 2010

Attendance for the meeting was 99

**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, welcome aboard.

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

**TREASURY REPORT:** Terry Gave Report.

**VICE COMMANDER REPORT:** Last Day to buy Christmas Party tickets is tomorrow, Nov 12 at ceremony in Summerville. Need 3-5 people to help set-up for Christmas party on December 4 @ 0900.

**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 November

USS ALBACORE (SS-218)	November 7, 1944	Loss of all hands – 86 souls
USS GROWLER (SS-215)	November 8, 1944	Loss of all hands – 85 souls
USS SCAMP (SS-277)	November 9, 1944	Loss of all hands – 83 souls
USS CORVINA (SS-226)	November 16, 1943	Loss of all hands – 82 souls
USS SCULPIN (SS-191)	November 19, 1943	Loss of 40 souls – 41 POWs – 21 survived the war
USS CAPELIN (SS-289)	November 23, 1943	Loss of all hands – 76 souls

**Six Boats and 452 Men Lost**

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## November Report:

- Nancy Alkire, wife of Rick Alkire, will go into Trident Hospital tomorrow morning for a knee replacement.
- Jon Sutton is still in the hospital from his surgery on October 28<sup>th</sup>. There is no word on when he will get to go home. Requesting no visitors at this time but Jon can have phone calls, the number is 958-1208 (Roper Towers) rm 7004.
- Walter Job actually had a quadruple bypass. He is home and recovering fine but says there's too much medicine involved. He's up to walking ½ mile at a time.
- Linn Rogers had surgery in early October. The surgery went well and he is recovering well. Linn is here tonight.
- Larry Rosselot's knee and hip replacement went well and he is recovering well. He's walking without assistance. He is teaching tonight and leaves tomorrow for a conference in Virginia.
- Jim Loveday is doing well after breaking his wrist. He's here tonight.

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:** 341 Members which makes us the second largest base with San Diego. 46 members are delinquent on their dues...

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS:** Writing up a story for submission to the American Submarine on the Taste of Summerville "Patriots in the Park" event.

**SK:** POMFLANT Patch is now available for \$6.00. First known patch of its type. **Post meeting note:** Don Mook will be the Base SK starting in January 2011, I will be his assistant.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS:** Not Present

**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:** The following members are eligible for indoctrination into the Holland Club. If you believe you are eligible contact the membership chairman, Carl Chinn or the Holland Club representative John Lookabill. The ceremony will take place in April 2010 at the monthly meeting.

<b>Last</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Qual Date</b>
Alkire	Richard	08/61
Birdwhistell	Glen	02/59
Bonow	David	06/58
Britton	Thomas	12/60
Campbell	Newell	09/60
Douglass	Peter	07/60
Emerson	Miguel	09/61
Feller	Harry	02/59
Gallagher	Robert	02/60
Higgins	James	09/54
Houston	John	04/61
Hutchinson	Clell	01/61
Keller	James	12/60
Koehler	Richard	06/61
Langley	Robert	10/60
Larsen	Donald	06/61
Lindberg	Thomas	01/61
Londergan	Donald	08/57
Lord	Avery	01/61
McCollem	Robert	01/57
Mills	John	02/60
Pruitt	William	01/59
Saari	David	06/60
Schaffer	Jerome	05/58
Semler	Gary	08/61
Silvers	Monty	09/59
Stump	Richard	03/61
Weaver	William	06/56
Wieda	Thomas	10/59
Wilson	Barry	01/61
Wilson	Murrell	01/56

**AFTER BATTERY REP:** No Report.

**SUBVETS WWII:** Next meeting will be informal and to celebrate the upcoming Christmas. The event will take place at Ryan's in Summerville on December 9<sup>th</sup>. WWII Submarine Calendars and Lost Boat Cards are available for \$8.00/ea or both for \$15.00

Lee Allison reported on the WWII Reunion held in Kings Bay and had a great experience while touring the USS Maryland. He did report that the reason the security watches were armed was a little known fact it was not to protect them from intruders but was to protect them from the Torpedomen, I mean Machinist Mate (MM) Weapons or whatever the Navy has done to screw-up this fine rate.

**BASE HISTORIAN:** No report

**DISTRICT COMMANDER:** A volunteer to serve as the National Storekeeper is needed.

**FRA:** Not present

**COB/LITTLE DAVID PROJECT: Upcoming events**

Berkeley County Tractor Show is November 21 and 22 in Monks Corner. The United States Submarine Veterans, Inc Charleston Base will present the Little David which was restored by in 2004. Need volunteers to present Little David on Saturday and Sunday. The slotted times are 8:30 – 12:30 and 12:30 – 16:00 each day.

Summerville Veterans Day Memorial with the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc Charleston Base as the primary sponsor. Muster at 1000 with ceremony starting at 1030. Lee Allison and Willie Jones will perform the laying of the reef.

A working party is needed to help setup the Gatherings on Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Carl Chinn or Paul Viering.

The following is a list of upcoming parades we are participating in:

Thursday December 2 @ 1900 – Harleyville Parade

Saturday December 11 @ 1100 – Ridgeville Parade

Sunday December 12 @ 1400 – Summerville Christmas Parade, Bring your children and grandchildren to ride the float.

**NUCLEAR HISTORIAN:** Rick Carlson gave an interesting story on the why the next generation

**BASE COMMANDER:** 1 January 2011 the Submarine Force will go "Smoke Free" on board all units. The USS Michigan is the test boat and has been "Smoke Free" since July 2010.

Starting next year in Charleston a group is putting together an Oral History of the submarine force. Each member giving his story will be given 12 DVDs free of charge for his personal use.

Inputs for the Distinguished Submariner Award are needed.

The Amberjack memorial will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in March 2011

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ken Hutchinson requested that new holiday colors be procured for use at the After Battery during official functions including the Pig Roast, Oyster Roast and Annual Picnic. The motion passed with the cost not to exceed \$250.00

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

The FRA is hosting an in-house picnic on November 11<sup>th</sup> and an Army-Navy football game on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Donations for the Victory House will be accepted at the Christmas Party.

The next "Honor Flight" will take place in April 2011. This will probably be the last flight from Charleston...

John Lookabill won the Depth Charge drawing of \$312.00 .00 and donated \$150.00 to the Scholarship fund.

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