

USSVICB MEETING

MINUTES of January 13 2011

Attendance for the meeting was 96

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: 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 January

USS SCORPION (SS-278)	Jan. 5, 1944	Loss of all hands – 76 souls
USS ARGONAUT (SS-166)	Jan. 10, 1943	Loss of all hands – 105 souls
USS SWORDFISH (SS-193)	Jan. 12, 1945	Loss of all hands – 89 souls
USS S-36 (SS-141)	Jan. 20, 1942	No loss of life
USS S-26 (SS-131)	Jan. 24, 1942	Loss of 46 souls – 3 men rescued

Five Boats and 316 Men Lost

SONAR TECHNICIAN SENIOR CHIEF, SUBMARINES, AVERY 'JIM' LORD, UNITED STATES NAVY RETIRED

SHIPMATE DEPARTED ON ETERNAL PATROL – DECEMBER 17TH, 2010

**MACHINIST MATE SENIOR CHIEF, SUBMARINES, RICHARD 'RICK' WALLER, UNITED STATES NAVY RETIRED
SHIPMATE DEPARTED ON ETERNAL PATROL – NOVEMBER 13TH, 2010**

**COMMANDER, SUBMARINES, ALBERT ALOYSIUS WOOD, JR., UNITED STATES NAVY RETIRED
SHIPMATE DEPARTED ON ETERNAL PATROL – JANUARY 5TH, 2011**

**MACHINIST MATE SENIOR CHIEF, SUBMARINES, WALTER A. JOB, UNITED STATES NAVY RETIRED
SHIPMATE DEPARTED ON ETERNAL PATROL – JANUARY 11TH, 2011**

Cards received:

- From Angie Waller and family in appreciation for the services performed for Rick.
- From Nola Redd and family in appreciate of the card sent for Bill Redd.

January Report:

- Avery Lord departed on Eternal Patrol on Dec. 17th. The funeral was held on Dec. 21st
- Bill Redd, retired RMCM(SS) and member of Groton Base, departed on Eternal Patrol on Nov. 22nd.
- Rodney McKanna's father passed away in Illinois on Nov. 24th. His funeral will be on December 7th. Rodney's father was 93 and a WWII veteran with the army artillery in the Pacific.
- Marilyn Keller is now in remission from her LOW grade of Non - Hodgekins' Lymphoma. This is great news as Jim and Marilyn have been asking for prayers for a long time over this. She will be going for another test in May to determine her status then.
- MTC(SS) William Carlen, a member of Groton Base, departed on Eternal Patrol on Dec. 26th. A card was sent to the family.
- James Fuhr had extensive back surgery on Monday, Dec. 27. He is doing well and is even here with us tonight.
- CDR(SS) Albert Wood, Jr., a WWII Subvet and member of Swamp Fox Chapter, Charleston Base and Holland Club, departed on Eternal Patrol on Jan. 5th. I made contact with his family but due to the timing of the viewing and the fact the burial was in Beaufort, no Bell Tolling was conducted. I have talked to his daughter, Jean, and she will contact me when and if the family wished to have a memorial service where we can make our family presentations and conduct a bell tolling.
- MMCS(SS) Walter Job, a member of Charleston Base and the Holland Club, departed on Eternal Patrol on Jan. 11th. His viewing will be on Friday night 6-8pm at Avinger FH in Holly Hill and the funeral will be on Saturday morning 11am at St Michaels Lutheran Church in Moncks Corner. SUBVETS will conduct their bell tolling and flag folding at the funeral. Walter will be cremated and taken back to South Dakota.
- Danny Davis had back surgery a couple of weeks ago and is recovering slowly. He has limited mobility using a walker and asks that we keep him and his family in prayer.

- Linda Beach, Thom's wife, had a stroke mid-day today. She is currently at Roper being evaluated. At present the doctors have told them it appears there are some problems with her right side.
- Bill Jennings had a stroke last year and is back at our meetings.

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: Nothing to Report

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Nothing to report. Read a card from the Waller family expressing their thanks for the presentations done a Paul funeral including the certificate, shadow box and base coin.

SK: Don Mook is the new Base SK start. Recommended to members that submarine patches could be obtained faster if ordered on line. This will preclude the base SK from ordering patches and other items if desired.

VETERANS AFFAIRS: Not Present

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Nothing report.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT: Packages have been mailed to all the local high schools for this year's scholarship award. Submissions are due by March 15 and the sponsor must be member of United States Submarine Veterans but not specifically from any base.

HOLLAND CLUB: Indoctrination into the Holland Club will be performed in April at the monthly meeting. If you believe you are eligible contact the membership chairman, Carl Chinn or the Holland Club representative John Lookabill. .

Last	First	Qual Date
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: The Amberjack bell is being refurbished by the local technical school. Need an engraver for work on the bell. There are still cozies available for \$4 each or 2/\$7. Ball caps are available for \$18.00 Received a Christmas card from Panama Jacks family and sadly his dementia is getting worse. Jack is over 90 years old; please keep him in your prayers.

SUBVETS WWII: The next meeting of the WWII Submarine Veterans, Swamp Fox chapter will be held at Ryan's in Summerville on Main Street at 11:30 on February 17 2011. Lee talked to Pappy Henderson and his health is not improving. Please keep him in your prayers also.

BASE HISTORIAN: Nothing to report

BASE COMMANDER: We will participate in the USS Hunley memorial service on February 17th 2011. 17 volunteers are needed to support the event.

On Saturday the 19th of March we will be conducting the annual USS Amberjack (SS-219) memorial at Patriots Point. There are only 16 WWII submarine veterans left in South Carolina so come out and support this historical event.

We will be participating in the Saint Patrick's Day parade in Savannah next year. Get your hotel reservations made early as they book up fast for this great time.

Submissions for the Distinguished Submariner Award are due by the next meeting.

We need a volunteer for the "Kaps for Kids" program.

NUCLEAR HISTORIAN: Political correctness: An annual contest is held at Texas A&M University calling for the most appropriate definition of the contemporary term. This year's term was "Political Correctness". The winner wrote: "Political Correctness is a doctrine, fostered by a delusional, illogical minority, and rabidly promoted by an unscrupulous mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a turd by the clean end."

FRA: Not present

COB/LITTLE DAVID PROJECT:

The Oyster Roast will be held on February 26th at the After Battery, come out and have a great time. Rick Sparger has agreed to set on the new recreation committee. We need two more volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS: Ken Hutchinson has procured all the flags for our community and organizational functions at a cost of ~\$250.00. Well Done

NEW BUSINESS:

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Dave Rein won a bottle of rum left over from the Christmas Party and donated it to the After Battery.

Dana Johnson won the Depth Charge drawing of \$296.00 .00 and donated \$96.00 to the Scholarship fund.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The Base Commander adjourned the meeting.