

USSVICB MEETING MINUTES of February 8 2011

Attendance for the meeting was 98

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.

MEMBERSHIP: Dropped 25-30 off Subvets Charleston Base Roster

NEWSLETTER: Nothing to Report

MEMBERSHIP 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, thank You caring for us like You do. We thank You for the US Submarine Veterans and SUBVETS of World War II and we ask for your blessing as we are gathered here tonight. Help us to work together and encourage each other in all we do and say. Be with us as we conduct our business and allow this meeting to be of importance to our members. Bless our nation, our leaders and our men and women in uniform.

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.

As we pause for a moment of silent prayer let us remember our Shipmates who have 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 February

USS BARBEL (SS 316)	Feb. 4, 1945	Lost with all hands – 81 souls
USS SHARK 1 (SS 174)	Feb. 11, 1942	Lost with all hands – 59 souls
USS AMBERJACK (SS 219)	Feb. 16, 1943	Lost with all hands – 73 souls
USS GRAYBACK (SS 208)	Feb. 27, 1944	Lost with all hands – 80 souls
USS TROUT (SS 202)	Feb. 29, 1944	Lost with all hands – 79 souls

Five Boats and 372 Men Lost

CSS H.L. HUNLEY	Feb. 17, 1864	Lost with all hands – 8 souls
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February Report:

- Danny Davis continues a very slow recovery from back surgery recovery. He still has limited mobility using a walker. He had an infection in the incision and there is more surgery possibly needed. Please call or visit him if you are able and keep him and his family in prayer.

- Linda Beach, Thom's wife, is recovering at home from a stroke. She has had a miraculous recovery with only minimal need for the walker and cane. Her speech and eyesight have all returned.
- Lou Roehm has had several medical problems including recent knee and back surgeries. He is recovering at home. 822.1345
- Steve Everett, who visited with us last meeting, has MS. He has had several bad days in the last few weeks. Please keep him in your prayers and thoughts. He does plan on joining the base as soon as he is able.
- Richard Cleeve's wife, Erma, has pulmonary fibrosis and is now on O2 24 hours a day. Richard is her primary caregiver. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in January. If you live in the Pinopolis area feel free to call or visit Richard. Also please keep Erma and Richard in your prayers.
- Ken Fuhr passed out and fell on Tuesday evening at home. He is currently in Palmetto Richland Hospital Room 1025 in Columbia. He has 3 broken ribs on the right side and several stitches on his left ear. Tests show he has low hemoglobin and he had more tests today and will be having some tomorrow.
- Ken's father, James, is still recovering from his back surgery and will be having cataract surgery on Monday, February 14th. Happy Valentines Day James!!!

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:

Heavenly Father as we come to the end of our time together, we thank you for what has been accomplished. We pray the matters discussed tonight will move us forward in all areas of our lives, our organization and our country.

Help us remember those who are unable to be present with us tonight. Place Your hand of healing upon the sick and wrap your arms of comfort around those who are grieving.

I ask a special blessing on the United States Submarine Veterans and SUBVETS of World War II. And now Father, let us take a moment of silence to remember those who are where we have been.

We prayer all of this in the name of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Nothing to report.

SK: Nothing to Report

SCHOLARSHIP: Nothing to Report

HOLLAND CLUB: Nothing to Report

VETERANS AFFAIRS: Not Present

AFTER BATTERY REP: Steak night was held last night with 30 people participating. Shirts, Hats, Cozies etc are available for sale.

SUBVETS WWII: The WWII Submarine Veterans, Swamp Fox chapter met at Ryan's in Summerville on Main Street at 11:30 on February 17 2011. Pappy Henderson attended tonight's meeting, welcome back Pappy.

BASE HISTORIAN: Nothing to report

DISTRICT COMMANDER: Issue #4 of the American Submariner provided details about Model give away. One amendment from last election has been rescinded requiring District Commander has been a Base Commander.

NUCLEAR HISTORIAN: Rick gave a story on Heroism which included a "NUC" and a "MM".

FRA: Not present

COB/LITTLE DAVID PROJECT:

H.L. Hunley/USS Housatonic memorial will be held at Sunrise Presbyterian Church on Sullivan's Island on the 17th of February 2011 starting at 1900. Uniform is Blue Shirt, Dolphin Tie, Blue Blazer and Khaki Pants. Please wear your dolphins.

The Oyster Roast will be held on February 26th at the After Battery, come out and have a great time. Cost is \$5/person. Please bring a covered dish.

March 19th, USS Amberjack (SS-219) Memorial at Patriots Point Cold War starting at 1100. Please come and support our WWII Veterans. Captain Ward, Commanding Officer of Naval Weapons Station Charleston will be in attendance. NWS providing Honor Guard and Buglers across America providing Bugler.

Give any used cell phones to Mike Emerson for our troops overseas.

BASE COMMANDER: Submit nominations for Distinguished Submariner, The Holland Club presentation will be held at the March 2011 Meeting. Base Elections are coming up.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mike Emerson recommended procuring a banner welcoming people to the After Battery/Charleston Base Functions.

Submarine Birthday will be held at the Cold War Memorial on April 11, 2011.

CPO Birthday will be held on April 1 at the Hilton Garden Inn at the Charleston Airport starting at 1800. Cost is \$25/person and RSVP by 15 March to CPO Xavier Robinson (843) 312-7280 or CPO John Whisler (770) 348-9183. Uniform is Service Dress Blues or Appropriate Attire for civilians or retirees.

See Fred Woodley to get your picture taken of our Web Site.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

On the last Friday of February 2011, 10 Female Officers will graduate from Navy Nuclear School and are designated be the first women to serve aboard submarines.

March 17 to March 20 the USS Von Stuben (SSBN 632) will be held in Charleston. Visit their WEB site at SSBN623reunion.org.

USS Henry L. Stimson (SSBN-655) will be held in Charleston 13-16 October 2011.

A financial audit of Base Finances was completed by CDR Standrich with no discrepancies. Good job Terry.

Bill Hays won the Depth Charge drawing of \$291.00 .00 and donated \$120.00 to the Scholarship fund. The total for collected was \$583.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The Base Commander adjourned the meeting.