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**Newsletter of Charleston Base, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.**

**Base Meeting:**

**Newsletter & Little David Phil Nunnally 843.518.8301**

BOD: Jun 4, 2026

Membership: Jun 11, 2026

**Location:**

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Low Country Home  
99 Wisteria Rd.



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View the discovery of  
**USS Bonefish (SS-223)**  
 on the [Lost Boats Project](#)



# CHARLESTON SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

## Shipmates Lost or Reported Lost Since our 2025 Base Christmas Party Bell Tolling

- MMCM(SS) Jay Miller Rowland III., USN Retired 11 Jan 2026
- STS2(SS) Charles Spencer Wood, USN Veteran 24 Jan 2026
- QM2(SS) Christian Louis La Force, USN Veteran 22 Feb 2026
- TMC(SS) Robert Kenneth 'Ken' Curtis, USN Retired 23 Feb 2026
- FTCS(SS) Thomas W. Lawson, USN Retired 19 March 2026
- MMCS(SS) Marvin D. Miller, USN Retired 22 April 2026
- ETCS(SS) Joseph Barnes Van Swearingen Jr., USN Retired 16 Sep 2024



## CHARLESTON SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

### **MMCS(SS) Marvin D. Miller, USN Ret., now on Eternal Patrol.**

With great sadness I report on Wednesday, 22 April 2026, our shipmate Marvin D. Miller, 85, departed on Eternal Patrol. He joined the Navy in 1959 and retired in 1979. Marvin was a life member of USSVI National and Charleston Base as of 2004. He was also a member of the Holland Club qualifying in 1962 on USS SKIPJACK SSN-585. Other duty stations were USS PLUNGER SSN-595, USS DANIEL BOONE SSBN-629, USS JOHN ADAMS SSBN-620 and USS JAMES MADISON SSBN-627. Additionally he served at Navy Recruiting District New Orleans LA, his only shore duty in a 20 year career.

### OBITUARY:

Marvin D. Miller, 85, of Summerville, SC, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2026. He was the beloved husband of Frieda M. Miller, with whom he shared 58 wonderful years of marriage.

Born on November 3, 1940, in Niles, Michigan, Marvin proudly served his country in the United States Navy, retiring after 20 years of dedicated service. He earned the rank of Senior Chief as a submariner and was widely known as "Maddog Miller."

Marvin had a passion for working with his hands. He enjoyed building and flying model airplanes and was highly skilled in woodworking. He was an avid reader, especially enjoying woodworking books, how-to guides, and nonfiction, and he also loved collecting magazines. One of his favorite later projects was rebuilding his Corvette. He loved tinkering in his garage and never went long without a project in the works.

Known for his outgoing personality, Marvin never met a stranger and was the life of the party with a heart of gold. Above all, he cherished his family, who will miss him deeply.

In addition to his wife, Frieda, Marvin is survived by his two sons, Marvin D. Miller II (Denise) and David K. Miller (Lesley); his daughter, Ashley M. Scruggs (Fred); nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

## CHARLESTON SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

### **MMCS(SS) Marvin D. Miller, USN Ret., now on Eternal Patrol.**

He was preceded in death by his parents, David R. Miller and Myrtle L. Miller; his brother, Glen D. Miller; and his sister, Judy A. Miller of Gillespie, Illinois.



## CHARLESTON SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

### **ETCS(SS) Joseph Barnes Van Swearingen Jr., USN Ret., now on Eternal Patrol.**

With great sadness I report on Monday, 16 September 2024, our shipmate Joe Swearingen Jr., 95, departed on Eternal Patrol. We found his death notice while checking obits on the web. He was a Life Member of USSVI National [2004] and Charleston Base [1999]. He was a member of the Holland Club qualifying on USS SIMON BOLIVAR SSBN-641 in 1966.

There was no obituary.

<https://www.ancestry.com> information



**UPCOMING BASE EVENTS**  
See [www.ussvicb.org](http://www.ussvicb.org) for details

**Upcoming Charleston Base Events**

Board of Directors Meeting	June 4	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek
Base Meeting	June 11	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek
CHS Base Picnic	June 13	After Battery
Father's Day	June 21	
SubVets Fish Fry	June 27	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek

**Charleston Base Picnic at the After Battery**  
**13 June**



**SUBVET PICNIC**

**DEPTH CHARGE  
DRAWING**

**AFTER BATTERY  
13 JUNE 2026**

**BEER, SODA AND  
WATER PROVIDED**

**10 - TILL**

**BRING A SIDE OR A DESERT**



Advise Ed Stank if you are attending and how many family members you are bringing

Don't forget your swim trunks and enjoy the water slide, fun for the young and the old

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**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**



**AWESOME FISH FRY @  
THE FRA HOME**

**99 Wisteria Road Goose  
Creek, SC 29445**

**843.569.2692**

**SATURDAY – June 27th – 1100-1800**  
**\$17 / PER PERSON**

**ARKANSAS BLUE FISH (ALL WHITE MEAT)**  
**HUSH PUPPIES; COLESLAW; FRENCH FRIES; SALAD; ROLLS**  
**FUND RAISER EVENT TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF**  
**TRANSPORTING THE FLOAT TO THE**  
**MANITOWOC WISCONSIN SUB FEST TO**  
**ATTEND THE CELEBRATION OF WWII**  
**SUBMARINE HISTORY & 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**  
**PARADE**



**CASH BAR AT THE FRA**  
**SPONSORED BY CHARLESTON BASE SUBVETS**

## IMPORTANT DATES

### D-DAY June 6th 1944

The D-Day operation of June 6, 1944, brought together the land, air, and sea forces of the allied armies in what became known as the largest amphibious invasion in military history. The operation, given the codename OVERLORD, delivered five naval assault divisions to the beaches of Normandy, France. The beaches were given the code names UTAH, OMAHA, GOLD, JUNO, and SWORD. The invasion force included 7,000 ships and landing craft manned by over 195,000 naval personnel from eight allied countries. Almost 133,000 troops from the United States, the British Commonwealth, and their allies, landed on D-Day. Casualties from these countries during the landing numbered 10,300. By June 30, over 850,000 men, 148,000 vehicles, and 570,000 tons of supplies had landed on the Normandy shores. Fighting by the brave soldiers, sailors, and airmen of the allied forces western front, and Russian forces on the eastern front, led to the defeat of German Nazi forces. On May 7, 1945, German General Alfred Jodl signed an unconditional surrender at Reims, France.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**SCPO and MCPO ranks started  
1 June 1958**

Prior to 1958, Chief Petty Officer was the highest enlisted rate in both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard. The pay grades of E-8 and E-9, Senior Chief and Master Chief, were created effective June 1, 1958, under a 1958 Amendment to the Career Compensation Act of 1949.



**FLAG DAY  
June 14th**



**From the Editor**  
**Contact me at [newsletter@ussvicb.org](mailto:newsletter@ussvicb.org)**

## **Warbird Park Myrtle Beach Vietnam Memorial opening Memorial Day 2026**

I was in Myrtle Beach on Memorial Day so I searched for ceremonies occurring on that day. I was lucky and honored to come across a ceremony dedicating the new Vietnam Memorial at Warbird Park near the old air force base in Myrtle Beach.

I also met a group of heroes from the Vietnam era including one US Army soldier who was involved in the Battle of Ia Drang Valley in November 1965. He is in picture below in the light green uniform shirt in the wheel chair.



**From the Editor**  
**Contact me at [newsletter@ussvicb.org](mailto:newsletter@ussvicb.org)**

## **Warbird Park Myrtle Beach Vietnam Memorial opening Memorial Day 2026**

The first picture below is the new Vietnam Memorial, while not complete, they wanted to open it on Memorial Day including other pictures I took.



From the Editor  
Contact me at [newsletter@ussvicb.org](mailto:newsletter@ussvicb.org)

## Warbird Park Myrtle Beach Vietnam Memorial opening Memorial Day 2026



**From the Editor**  
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This is a group that Wendy and I travel with who are currently in the mountains of Gordonsville Virginia making patriotic planks for Memorial Day.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Charleston Base Officer elections**

Elections were held during the May base meeting

- Art Sattler remains as our Vice Commander
- Gordon Long remains as our Secretary

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Our Base voted to Gift the FRA \$200 per month**

Our base has had the privilege of twice monthly meetings, and other special events, for free in the FRA social room for years. The base voted overwhelmingly to gift the FRA \$200 month for their generosity!

Thank you FRA Branch 269 for being a long term proud partner!

### **National Website Update**

Thank you for your patience with our website. To date, we have fixed about 70% the bug reports. Below are three YouTube links: two from the Western Region Roundup and one made today. The first is Women in Submarines by Bremerton Base Commander Ileene Davis. The second is National Operations by yours truly, discussing the American Submariner, the National Office, and Technology, followed by a Q&A on the website. The third is a fairly thorough walkthrough of the website.

Women in Submarines <https://youtu.be/PwpzArIp8qw>

National Operations & Website <https://youtu.be/guT3vsLQNKI>

Website Walkthrough <https://youtu.be/E99V6slQvKs>

Respectfully,

Tim Carlisle, Chief Technology Officer

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Opportunities to Serve our Base

**\*\*We still need SUBVETS to step up and fill these positions\*\***

- Openings for
  - ◇ Base Historian
  - ◇ ADM Osborn Scholarship Committee Members
  - ◇ National Awards Coordinator

Contact the Base Commander, the COB or any officer if you can help

**If you're on Facebook, join the USSVICB Facebook group. It's a private group for our base members only. Another method to stay informed.**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**It's here!  
Order your Submarine Plate Online**

**Again, Thanks Ed!**

Go to the [Plate Gallery](#)

- Search for submarine and tag should show
- Select More Info, then select Buy Plate By Mail
- Complete the form and mail per instructions with the registration fee

Requirements:

US Submarine Veterans \$20 + Registration Fee

Requires official military documentation certifying registrants are active or veteran U.S. Submarine Sailors. Suitable documentation includes either DD214, Completed Submarine Qualification Card, or a membership card for the United States Submarine Veterans.



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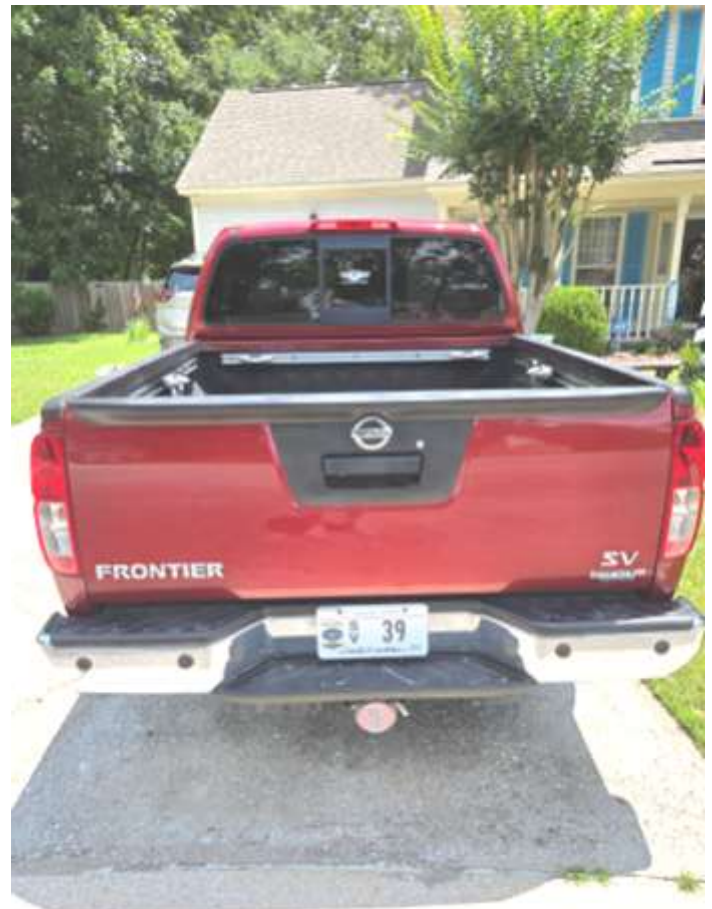
### Words from the PAO about the new SC Submarine Veterans License Plates

The South Carolina Submarine USSVI license plate became reality in February 2026 after three years of planning, design, and fundraising. The effort was driven largely by MMCM(SS) Edward Stank's persistence. Several years earlier, while serving as Charleston Base Commander, Ed presented the idea to the base, but it did not gain traction. In 2023, as a regular member, he proposed it again. This time, the submarine plate drew interest, and fundraising began immediately. Contributions came from individual base members, auctions, challenge coin sales, and a substantial pledge from Charleston Base, raising the \$6,500 needed to produce the plate.

A raffle was then held, allowing any submarine veteran in South Carolina to compete for Submarine Veteran Plate SV 001. It was won by John Underwood of Golden Corner Base in Greer, SC who now proudly displays it on his Corvette. Congratulations to all members of the South Carolina bases, and especially to Ed Stank, for the leadership and determination that made the submarine plate possible.

From Shipmate Jerry Stout

From the editor, I got my plate!



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **If Your Phone Is Stolen, Criminals Can Empty Your Bank Account in Minutes**

Thanks for Shipmate Tom Holcombe for passing this along.

Read the entire article [here](#).

### **The VA will mow your Lawn**

Jerry Stout announced during the May base meeting that the Ralph Johnson VA Hospital will mow lawns for veterans in need.

Email [Jerry Stout](#), or call 843.568.5923 if your need assistance.

### **Another Honor Flight in the Planning Phase**

Nick Nichols mentioned during the May base meeting that another Honor Flight is on the planning stages from the Charleston area.

Stay tuned for more information and contact [Nick](#) if you're interested in being the Point of Contact between our base and the group planning the Flight.

Read the details about Honor Flight [here](#).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Shipmate Spotlight for June 2026

### From PAO Jerry Stout

*I had the opportunity to interview Robert “Bob” Bailey during lunch at the Fleet Reserve last week. Here is his story:*

Right off upon meeting him, his friends call Bob as “Beatle”. We all know and read those comic strips character who is in the Army. Beatle is very often used in social settings and at our Sub Vet meetings and some Subvets call him cheap.

Bob was born in Syracuse, New York and grew up in the area until he was 18. His family, specifically Uncles, served in WWII in different services, but Bob was more interested in the Navy, in addition, he wanted to get out from the cold ice and snow of Upstate New York. Bob graduated from Well Hill High School and participated in Intramural baseball and wrestling.

After speaking with a Navy recruiter, Bob enlisted and left for boot camp. Before he departed, he had already secured a place in Ship’s Serviceman “A” School. After two weeks of boot leave, he was assigned to an aircraft carrier in the Service Division. His duties supported the crew both in port and at sea and included work in the ship’s laundry. Bob likes to joke that he paid for his first car with the coins and dollar bills left in the clothes and uniforms sent to be washed. The uniforms were mostly Officers as their perk on ship are clean, freshly pressed khaki uniforms.

Ship’s Servicemen run the ship’s retail and service operations, including the ship’s store, vending machines, video games, barber shop, laundry, and tailor shop. Their work is important to both crew morale and the ship’s financial well-being. Of all these responsibilities, the barber shop became especially useful when Bob was later assigned to his first submarine.

## IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

If you don't see your birthday listed, maybe Nick needs your Page 2.

8	Robert 'Scott' Freligh	24	Jack Sumner
11	Ronald 'Ron' Chambers	24	Gregory 'Todd' Webb
15	Donald 'Don' Heinle	27	Gary Becker
15	James Suddeth	29	John Flynn II
16	Phillip 'Smitty' 'PM' Smith	29	Arthur Hance II
17	Michael Nadolski Sr.	29	Robert Neider Jr.
19	Robert 'Bruce' Kirtley	30	Arthur Brown
20	James Graham Sr.	30	David Willis
23	Kelly Price		



## PAST EVENTS

### Nuclear Power School Graduation 22 May

Adm. Houston, Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, the new Rickover was the speaker at this graduation. View his bio [here](#).

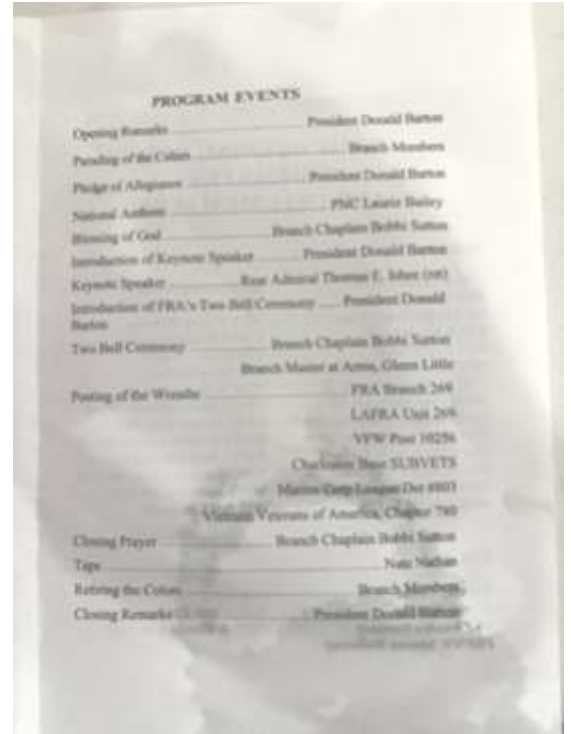
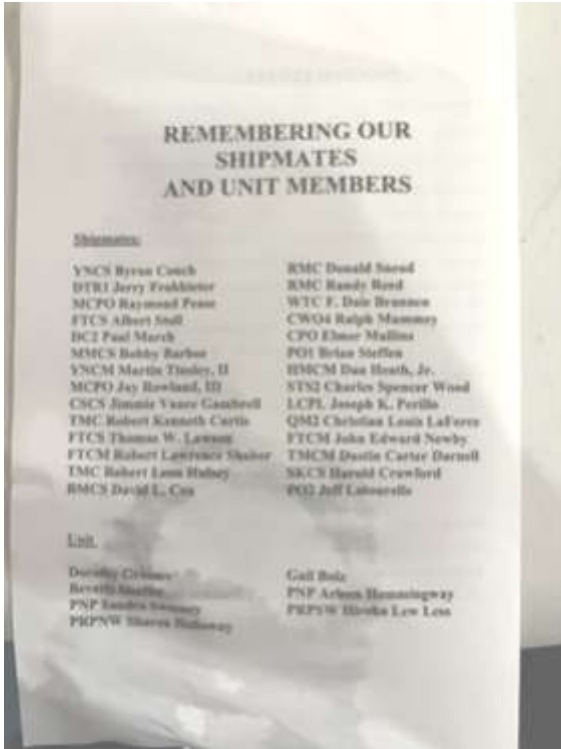
Jerry Stout joined me at this graduation.

522 students graduated in Class 2601.



# PAST EVENTS

## Memorial Day Indoor Picnic at the Fleet 25 May



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**25 May Memorial Day Indoor Picnic at the Fleet  
RADM Tom Ishee was Guest Speaker  
Woody Woodsmall III presented the SUBVET wreath.**



## PAST EVENTS



**Some of the SUBVETS who participated in the placing of the wreath at the FRA Memorial Day Service.**



**Flags Placed at the Plantation Memorial on Memorial Day  
12 of those present are SUBVETS  
25 May**

## NON-BASE EVENTS

### **Battle of Sullivan's Island Video at Town Hall 4 June**

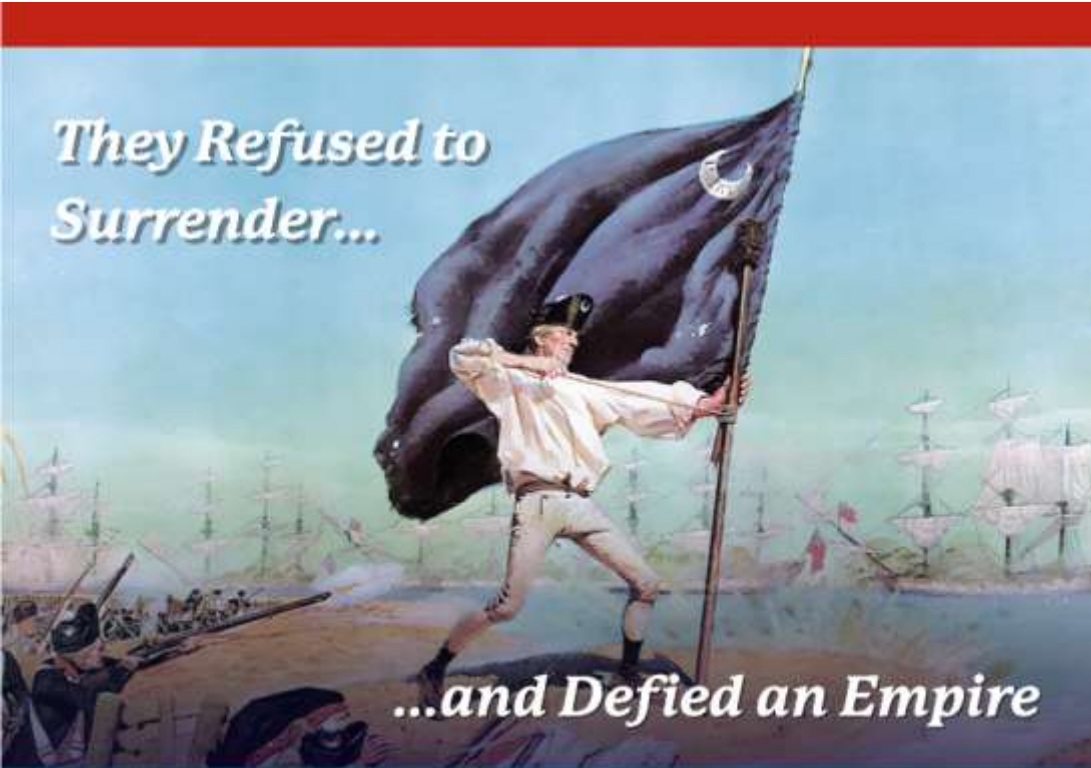
Thanks to the enthusiastic turnout for the last two showings of the new Battle of Sullivan's Island video, another showing has been scheduled before Carolina Day '26. Co-sponsored by Battery Gadsden Cultural Center, the Town of Sullivan's Island and the Friends of Charleston National Parks, the viewing will be on Thursday, June 4th at 5:30 PM in council chambers at the Sullivan's Island town hall. A panel discussion will follow the video showings. These events are free and open to the public. Come and bring a guest, especially newcomers to our area!

Thanks for shipmate Tom Holcombe for passing this along



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### Battle of Sullivan's Island Video at Town Hall 4 June




*They Refused to Surrender...*

*...and Defied an Empire*

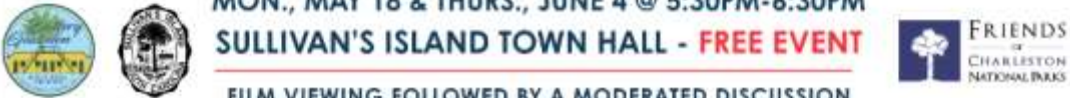
— A NEW FILM FROM **SC250** *Wide Awake* FILMS —

# THE BATTLE OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND



MON., MAY 18 & THURS., JUNE 4 @ 5:30PM-6:30PM  
SULLIVAN'S ISLAND TOWN HALL - **FREE EVENT**

FILM VIEWING FOLLOWED BY A MODERATED DISCUSSION



# NON-BASE EVENTS

## Freedom Fest Friday June 27 6:00 PM



**PREMIUM EVENT**  
**ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 4000**

# FREEDOM FEST

**FRIDAY • JUNE 26 • 2025**

Our Independence Day celebration is held each year on the last Friday of June on the JB Charleston Weapons Station at Locklear Park. It's a family event featuring live stage music, fun activities for the kids, local food vendors, and culminates with an impressive fireworks display that lights up the sky. This great event kicks off the 4th of July holiday for the entire community, including active duty, reservists, retirees, civilians, & their families!



**PRESENTING SPONSOR** \$5000 "Event Sponsor" benefits plus Title Sponsorship of event. "Freedom Fest" presented in party by (Your Company Name Here), premiere banner placement during the event and web banner on [www.JBCharleston.com](http://www.JBCharleston.com) through 31 July 2025.

**STAGE SPONSOR** \$1750 "Event Sponsor" benefits and premiere banner placement on stage during the event.

**EVENT SPONSOR** \$1125 Your logo on all event publicity, reserved exhibit space, brand visibility through promotional giveaways, drawings for lead generation and FUN! You will have fun with the best of the best of our JB Charleston community.

**VEHICLE DISPLAY** \$1125 Display advertising may consist of signage and one vehicle at the event. Dealer is permitted to display vehicle and discuss vehicle features with interested patrons, but cannot at any time discuss financing options, or conduct negotiations of any kind on the installation.

Access [Freedom Fest](#) for more information.

## NON-BASE EVENTS

### **Carolina Days 250 Sullivans Island Saturday, June 27, 2026 and Sunday, June 28, 2026**

Carolina Day is the annual commemoration of the Battle of Sullivan's Island that occurred on June 28, 1776.

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Sullivan's Island. Living historians in period clothing will portray both Patriot and British soldiers and civilians to help visitors understand and learn about life in 1776.

Events on Saturday run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

On Sunday, there will be a commemoration ceremony for the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Sullivan's Island from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Events and activities will resume following the ceremony until 4:00 p.m.

Historic Weapons Demonstrations: Join living historians for historic musket and artillery firing demonstrations.

Read the entire article [here](#).



# NON-BASE EVENTS

## Carolina Days Berkeley 250



# Carolina Days

**Thursday, 6/25/26** ★

## Lafayette and the War for Independence

4:30-5:30 PM Joe Volpi, South Carolina Committee Chairperson of Lafayette's Bicentennial Tour of our Nation presents the *Marquis de Lafayette and the Revolutionary War* at BCLS's Daniel Island Library (2301 Daniel Island Drive, Daniel Island, SC 29492).

**Saturday, 6/27/26** ★

## Revolutionary Performance



1 PM Chris Weatherhead of award-winning Actors Theater of SC performs *Rebecca Brewton Mott and the Revolutionary War* at The Canal Room in Interpretive Center at Old Santee Canal Park in Moncks Corner.

**Sunday, 6/28/26** ★

## Revolutionary Declaration of Independence



11 AM Revolutionary-clad Jeff Neale reads the Declaration of Independence at Moncks Corner United Methodist Church Service.

**Saturday, 7/4/26** ★

## Sharing the Declaration of Independence

6:00 PM Historian Jeff Neale reads the Declaration of Independence to launch the Town of Moncks Corner's Independence Day Festival at Moncks Corner Regional Recreation Complex Events Field.

**By 7/4/26** ★

## Berkeley County Patriots' Memorial Signage at Revolutionary Park at Epsom

# NON-BASE EVENTS

## 2026 FRA 4th of July Celebrating 250 Years



### **“ATTENTION ALL HANDS”**

**FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION BRANCH 269  
AND AUXILIARY OF THE FLEET RESERVE  
ASSOCIATION UNIT 269, GOOSE CREEK, SC**

**PROUDLY ANNOUNCES**

### **“CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF AMERICA”**

**SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026**

**11:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**AT FRA LOWCOUNTRY HOME, 99 WISTERIA ROAD,  
GOOSE CREEK, SC**

**COME JOIN US FOR INDOOR PICNIC OF  
LOW COUNTRY BOIL, SALADS, TEA AND DESSERTS  
WEAR PATRIOTIC CLOTHES AND A DESSERT CONTEST WILL  
BE HELD AFTER THE PICNIC**



## GENERAL STORIES

### Submarines on the NASCAR Circuit

BlueForge Alliance (BFA) and Roush Fenway Keselowski (RFK) Racing set out to highlight thousands of career opportunities and a critical national mission starting with the 2023 NASCAR Cup Series season. Presenting [BuildSubmarines.com](https://www.buildsubmarines.com) to the sport's nearly 100 million fans proved extremely beneficial and laid the groundwork for seasons to come.



## **GENERAL STORIES**

### **MEMORIAL DAY AND THE SUBMARINE SERVICE**

This Memorial Day as we honor all those that have given their all for their country in times of war and peace, let us remember the brave sailors of the US Submarine Force that have given their all for their country.

Submarining has always been a very dangerous business. The sea has always been very unforgiving of mistakes and carelessness. This is why the submarine qualification process so important for the safety of the boat and crew. As the submarines are get bigger, faster and dive deeper, the danger also increases.

Since the first US submarine joined the US Navy fleet in 1900, we have lost a total of 74 boats, with a loss of 4,300 brave sailors, in peace time and in wars.

The UK has lost a total of 135 boats with a loss of 6,000 brave sailors.

GERMANY in two World Wars, has lost 941 boats with a loss of 34,744 brave sailors!

The Soviet Union (14 countries) has lost a total of 122 boats with a loss of 4,143 brave sailors.

All other nations with submarines have lost a total of 221 boats with a loss of 2,081 brave sailors.

Thus, since 1900, in times of war and peace, a total of 1,493 submarines have been lost with a total of 51,268 brave sailors.

**MAY ALL THOSE SUBMARINERS WHO GAVE THEIR ALL FOR THEIR COUNTRY REST IN PEACE IN THE ARMS OF OUR LORD...**

Submitted by Trin Rios, Submarine Qualified 1960  
LCDR B NAV SSBN 655 1976-1978 SUBVET-Holland Club Tri-State Base

Thanks to Shipmate Nick Nichols for this article.

## 25 most Successful Submarines in WWII

During my research into successful WWII submarines, I was surprised to find many official and unofficial sources differ on the number of ships sunk and gross tonnage sunk during WWII by US submarines. To maintain consistency, I am using one main source for information. While there may be discrepancies between sources, one fact is indisputable, US submarines held the line in WWII while the surface fleet rebuilt

### Submarine Warfare Played Major Role in World War II Victory

In all, U.S. submarines destroyed 1,314 enemy warships in the Pacific, representing 55% of all Axis power warships lost and a total of 5.3 million tons of shipping

Out of 16,000 U.S. submariners, the force lost 375 officers and 3,131 enlisted men in 52 submarines, and "although this was a tragic loss, it was still the lowest casualty rate of any combatant submarine service on either side in the 1939-1945 conflict," Weir noted. In the final months of the war, American submarines had difficulty finding targets because the Japanese had virtually no ships left to sink.

During World War II, U.S. submarines sank more Japanese ships than did U.S. surface vessels and planes, but at a high cost: a twenty percent casualty rate

Read the entire stories [here](#) and [here](#).



## 25 most Successful Submarines in WWII

### 16. USS Sealion SS-315 68,297 tons

- USS Sealion (SS/SSP/ASSP/APSS/LPSS-315), a Balao-class submarine, was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for the sea lion, any of several large, eared seals native to the Pacific. She is sometimes referred to as Sealion II, because her first skipper, Lieutenant Commander Eli Thomas Reich, was a veteran of the first Sealion (SS-195), serving on her when she was lost at the beginning of World War II. Sealion was the only US and Allied submarine that sank an enemy battleship during the Second World War.
- 
- Commissioned 8 March 1944
- First war patrol 8 June 1944
- Conducted 6 war patrols
- Presidential Unit Citation with 5 Battle Stars
- Decommissioned 16 February 1946
- Recommissioned 20 October 1961
- Decommissioned 20 February 1970
- Sunk as a target off Newport on 8 July 1978

Read here story [here](#) and [here](#).

## 25 most Successful Submarines in WWII

### 15. USS Gudgeon SS-211 71,047 tons

- **USS Gudgeon (SS-211)** was the first American submarine to sink an enemy warship in World War II (Pacific, 27 January 1942). She was the last of the long-range *Tambor*-class vessels commissioned for the United States Navy in the years before the country entered World War II. Gudgeon scored 14 confirmed kills, placing her 15th on the honor roll of American submarines. She was declared overdue, presumed lost with all hands, on 7 June 1944.
- 
- Commissioned 21 April 1941
- First war patrol 11 December 1941
- Conducted 12 War patrols
- 1 Presidential Unit Citation and 11 Battle Stars
- Last communication 7 April 1944
- Believed to be sunk 18 April 1944
- 79 Souls Lost

Read here story [here](#) and [here](#).

## Russian Sub News

### **Russian, Chinese Warships Sail Through Japan's Southwest Region to East China Sea**

Read the entire story [here](#).

### **New Details Of Russia's Super-Weapon Submarine 'Khabarovsk'**

Read the entire story [here](#).

## English Sub News

### **Royal Navy Plans to Use Hybrid Fleet to Keep Pace with Russia in High North**

Read the entire story [here](#).

## Canadian Sub News

### **Canadian Patrol Submarine Project: Gastops and TKMS partner to establish in-service support centre of excellence in Canada**

Read the entire story [here](#).

## Indian Sub News

### **New propulsion system to boost submarines' staying power under water almost ready**

Read the entire story [here](#).

## **Brazilian Sub News**

**Brazil wants 3 nuclear submarines to cut response time from 15 to 4 days**

Read the entire story [here](#).

## **Hellenic Sub News**

**TKMS and Greek Shipyard Ink Partnership for Hellenic Navy Submarines MLU**

Read the entire story [here](#).

## **Australian Sub News**

**Hedging our bets: A potential Japanese option for managing risk in the AUKUS Optimal Pathway**

Read the entire story [here](#).

## **Chinese Sub News**

**China Launched 10 Nuclear Submarines in 4 Years — The U.S. Built 7 in the Same Period**

Read the entire story [here](#).

## **South Korean Sub News**

**South Korea deploys KSS-III submarine on 14,000 km mission**

Read the entire story [here](#).

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## **On Time Columbia-class Delivery is 'Life or Death Imperative,' Sub Czar Gaucher Says**

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## **First Columbia-class Sub Tracking to 2028 Delivery**

Read the entire article [here](#).

## **US Navy picks robot sub 'mothership' to unleash underwater drone swarms**

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## **Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Undocks USS Albany Ahead of Schedule**

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## **The USS IDAHO SSN 799 is Commissioned!**

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## **'A Mistake We Can't Ever Fix': The U.S. Navy's Seawolf-Class Submarine Shortage Makes Russia and China Smile**

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# What's going on in politics and the Navy?

## **C2 Robotics christens first US export Speartooth LUUV**

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## **US Navy certified rescue submarine can reach stranded crews worldwide in 96 hours**

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## **U.S. in partnership with leading shipbuilding nation**

Read the entire article [here](#).

## **U.S. Navy's 2026 Shipbuilding Plan**

Read the entire article [here](#).

## **British and US forces launch major submarine hunt in North Atlantic as Russian vessel detected near Scotland**

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## **Middle East Conflict Costs Could Prevent Flow of Sailors to A-Schools, Reenlistment Bonuses Without Supplemental, Says CNO**

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## After politics, we all need a little humor

The captain's favorite music? Heavy sub-metal.

My dad's jokes are like submarines—you have to dig deep to get them!

Why are submarines so calm? They're always under pressure.



**United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., Charleston Base  
Minutes of Business Meeting  
9 April 2026**

**Opening Ceremonies:**

- The April 2026 Base Meeting was called to order by Base Commander Dave Harvey with a quorum of four officers and a total of 79 members. The meeting started at 1907 with the sound of the diving alarm.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Vice Commander Art Sattler and recited by the members in attendance.
- The Invocation and the Tolling of the Boats lost during the month of April was given by Base Chaplain Nick Nichols.
- Submarines lost during the month of April:
  - ◊ **USS PICKEREL (SS-177)**      April 3, 1943 – 7<sup>th</sup> war patrol  
Lost with all hands – 74 souls
  - ◊ **USS SNOOK (SS-279)**      April 8, 1945 – 9<sup>th</sup> war patrol  
Lost with all hands – 84 souls
  - ◊ **USS THRESHER (SSN-593)**      April 10, 1963 – sea trials  
Lost with all hands – 129 souls
  - ◊ **USS GUDGEON (SS-211)**      April 18, 1944 – 12<sup>th</sup> war patrol  
Lost with all hands – 79 souls
  - ◊ **USS GRENADIER (SS-210)**      April 22, 1943 – 6<sup>th</sup> war patrol  
76 POWs – 72 survived the war
  - ◊ **Five Boats and 370 Men Lost**

**Master Chief Fire Control Technician, Submarines  
Thomas W. Lawson, US Navy Retired  
Departed on Eternal Patrol 19 March 2026**

- The Creed of USSVI was read by Vice Commander Art Sattler.
- Base Commander Dave Harvey welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

**Holland Club Induction:**

- Base Commander Dave Harvey introduced Holland Club Chairman Bill Freligh.
- HC Chairman Bill Freligh read the names of the former WWII Swamp Fox Chapter members and many of their contributions to the U.S. Navy Submarine Force and USSVI Charleston Base. All of these men are now on Eternal Patrol. He then read the names of those who had served in Korea.
- Bill recognized Associate Member Casey Power – in attendance this evening – who would drive from Atlanta to ensure that his dad Stacy (WWII Vet) could be at the meeting each month.
- Bill explained the purpose of the Holland Club and read the text of the USSVI National award.

- Base Commander Dave Harvey read the award from Charleston Base and signed each certificate.
- Dick Koehler assisted the ceremony by presenting the Holland Club hat to each man.
- Bill Freligh read the Name, Qual Date and Boat of each man below, who came forward with his guests to accept the Holland Club award. Each individual presentation was recorded with a photograph, followed by a group picture once all citations were given:

- ◊ James J. Bargmann – MMCM(SS)
- ◊ Loye Ray Bryant – QMC(SS)
- ◊ A.B. Campbell – MTCS(SS)
- ◊ Donald Donofrio – ICCS(SS)
- ◊ David C. Horton – MS1(SS)
- ◊ Don Kopczynski – FS1(SS)
- ◊ Jay W. Pierce HMCS(SS) Joseph B. Rodgers – LCDR
- ◊ Ray Dean Standfield – CMDCM(SS)
- ◊ Jerry K. Stout – CWO4
- ◊ Olin E. Thomas – CWO4
- ◊ Ronnie Vandiver – MMCS(SS)
- ◊ Michael J. Welch – YN1(SS)
- ◊ William M. Wilson – STS1(SS)

Not Present

- ◊ Marvin Clift – MT1(SS) Paul D. Reeves II – ETN2(SS)

Bill Freligh asked the senior Base members – in turn – to stand and be recognized as submarine qualified for 65/60/55 years. In addition, Terry Trump received a rocker patch for 70 years.

### **Introductions of New Attendees:**

- There were two shipmates in attendance at the Base Meeting for the first time this evening.
  - ◊ Jeff Sallee – ET1 – Qualified on USS James Monroe SSBN622 – 1984.
  - ◊ Joe Shaffner – EMNCM – Qualified on USS Pittsburgh SSN720 – 2003. Also served aboard USS Seawolf SSN21, USS Santa Fe SSN763, USS Greeneville SSN772 and shore tours at NNPTC, NRMD NLON and COMSUBPAC.
- In addition to the first-time guests:
  - ◊ Ted Webb – STS1 – Qualified on USS Woodrow Wilson SSBN624. Also served aboard USS Stonewall Jackson SSBN634. Ted introduced himself after years ago had gone dink; had not attended any Base Meetings and was dropped from USSVI and Charleston Base membership for quite some time. Welcome back.

### **Old Business:**

- No Old Business

## **New Business:**

- No New Business

## **Secretary – Gordon Long:**

- The Minutes from the March Base Meeting were emailed to all Base members. The Minutes have also been published on the Charleston Base website. With no corrections noted at the Base Meeting, the Minutes were approved as written.

## **Treasurer – Ricky Collins:**

- The Treasurer's Report for March was published and promulgated on the website. There were no revisions. The report was approved as presented.

## **Chaplain – Nick Nichols:**

### **• Highlighted boat of the month:**

- ◊ USS PICKEREL SS-177 was lost on April 3, 1943 with the loss of 74 officers and men while on her 7th war patrol. Pickerel departed Pearl Harbor, HI, and after topping off with fuel at Midway Island on 22 March, headed for the Eastern Coast of Northern Honshu and was never heard from again. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined, but her OP area contained numerous minefields.

## **ETERNAL PATROL**

- **FTCS(SS) Thomas W. Lawson, USN Ret., 84**, departed on Eternal Patrol on Thursday, 19 March 2026. He was a life member of USSVI National and Charleston Base as of 2009 and a member of the Holland Club qualifying in 1975 on USS JAMES K. POLK SSBN-645. Tom recently served as the Base Vice Commander for 6 years from 2019 to 2025.
- His funeral service was held on March 27<sup>th</sup> with 31 SUBVETS there.
- Inurnment with Military Honors was held Beaufort National Cemetery on March 29<sup>th</sup> with three SUBVETS attending.
- **FTCM(SS) John Edward Newby, USN Ret., 82**, departed on Eternal Patrol Wednesday, 18 March. He joined the Navy in 1962 retiring in 1992 with 30 years of service. He was not a member of USSVI. He was a member of FRA Branch 269.

## **BINNACLE LIST**

- **Steve Jarrett** had shoulder surgery in March and recently the shoulder came out of socket. He is recovering at home and can't be here to receive his Holland Club tonight. [843-906-4192]
- **Steve Curry** was diagnosed with AFIB and congenital heart failure in 2025. He is on 24/7 oxygen. He has also been diagnosed with stage 3 cancer and begins chemo on 15 April and will also have radiation. Phone calls are welcome [843.270.9905]
- **Walt Deal** is recovering after being in Summerville Hospital with double pneumonia. Calls are welcome. [843-509-7973]

- **Rick Wise** March PET Scan showed some decrease in areas of concern and the bone lesions have not increased. This past Tuesday the Oncologist agreed that it was a favorable report. Rick has shifted to maintenance Chemo with only one drug as well as Immunotherapy with Keytruda and now on a 5-week cycle instead of 3. [843.276.0899]
- **Jerry Stout** was in the VA 23 March until Sat 4 April. [843-568-5923]
- **Mike Knaub** had surgery on 2 April according to an After Battery email. [843-795-6665].
- **Roger Gibson** is recovering at home from after being in the hospital for possible gall bladder issues. Surgery was not needed. [843-875-4933]
- **Jim Higgins** is doing well recovering from his amputation. He is going to PT and the leg is healing. He is in good spirits. [843-553-7510]
- **Ed Simokat** is now on hospice care. Between hospice and home health he is covered just about every day. If you want to visit, please call first and talk to Judy. [843-810-0383]
- **Don Meadows** had major foot surgery and will need many more. [843.475.7043]
- **Sonny Rash** is recovering from having part of his leg amputated. [843.345.1430]

#### **LONG TERM / ASSISTED LIVING / HOMEBOUND**

- **Dave Woods wife, Fran**, is still recovering from a stroke in 2024 during a heart bypass.
- **Don Meadows** is confined to his bed much of the time but he hopes to make some base meetings. [843.475.7043]
- **Ed Simokat** is confined to his home and can't attend meetings. He enjoys calls from his shipmates. [843.810.0382]
- **Mike Knaub** is in assisted living on Daniel Island. His address is 514 Robert Daniel Dr. Rm 310, Daniel Island SC 29492-7375. You can contact Mike on his email [mlk91444@yahoo.com](mailto:mlk91444@yahoo.com) or [843.795.6665].
- **Marvin Miller** is at White Oak Manor. 9285 Medical Plaza Dr. Room 117. This is behind Trident. He no longer answers his phone.
- **Bill [Becky] Roberts** in D409 in the Villages of Summerville. Becky in the Greenhouse Memory Care Unit. His mailing address is: William Roberts, 201 W. 9th North Street, D409, Summerville SC 29483-6715. Bill's email is [cbussvicob@yahoo.com](mailto:cbussvicob@yahoo.com) and his cell phone is [843.509.3962]
- Complete/update your page 2 if you have not done so.

### **Webmaster – Nick Nichols:**

- The new National website has been online since around midnight 3 April. I had the privilege to be a beta tester on the new site. It has been put together well but you will notice a total change in how to navigate it. It definitely looks different and is more of a graphical interface. If you have any questions on how to find info and how to operate the site let me know. Also, I've been told eventually there will be short tutorial videos for help. All the info we had on the old site is there...just a matter of where to find it.
  - ◊ It is even more important to check your profile on the new site. If you see a problem or need a change it is much easier make your own changes to your profile. Or you can let Larry or me know so we can get it corrected. We've already found a few issues that have been fixed.
  - ◊ On that note, if you have any change in your personal info change it on your profile or let either Larry or me know so the necessary changes can be made.

### **FRA Ladies' Auxiliary – Nick Nichols:**

- Well, we nearly did it! The 'Break the Table Challenge'. We almost – and it would have certainly would have if some items had not been placed on the floor. The FRA Auxiliary supports the VA **Curbside Veterans Delivery**, which is a program to help feed hungry veterans. Nick noted that Casey Power showed up tonight with his truck bed loaded full of food.

### **Base Business Cards – Nick Nichols:**

- Everyone should be carrying a couple of the new base business cards at all times. On the back of the card are two QR codes, one for the base and one for national.

### **FRA – Nick Nichols:**

- Nick inquired if those in attendance had read the new FRA rules. With a positive response, he opted not to read them.
- [SECRETARY'S NOTE – For clarity the new rules are included here:]
- There are some new rules we must follow at the fleet when attending a SUBVET meeting:
  - ◊ If you are an FRA member you can go into the bar area anytime you want to.
  - ◊ If you are not an FRA member, use the bartenders in our meeting room to order food and drinks.
  - ◊ If you bring a guest and you are an FRA member the guest can enter the bar area as long as you (the FRA member) sign them in the guest log at the bar.
  - ◊ If you bring a guest and you are not an FRA member then you and guest must stay in the meeting room unless an FRA member signs you into the guest log at the bar.
- If you are not an FRA member, consider joining. Support the FRA as they support SUBVETS by allowing our use of the meeting room.
- Ken Hutchison noted that he "knows a guy" for those who want to join the FRA.

### **Social Media – Lewis Leal:**

- Nothing to report

### **Scholarship – Tom Lawson III**

- The current balance in the Scholarship fund is \$12,517.
- The Scholarship application deadline is May 1. The printed copy of the application must be in Tom's hand by that date. Tom has received his first scholarship application.
- We have a raffle for a SubVet Flag. The flag cost the Base \$150, so this will be paid back before any money is provided to the Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$2 each.
- Challenge Coins are \$12
- Not Scholarship related, but Tom thanked those who had a part in the wheel chair ramp which was built for his dad.

### **Membership – Nick Nichols for Larry Knutson**

- We have some Dual Members. Unless Charleston Base is your Primary Base, you are not listed on USSVI National as a member of our Base even though you live here.
- Base Standings [those with more than 200 members]: Charleston is #4 in USSVI membership. [AM = associate member]
  - ◊ 1) Groton 1051 w/38 AM - 2) Hampton Roads 291 w/11 AM – 3) Bremerton 258 w/13 AM – 4) Charleston 239 w/16 AM

### **NNPTC Liaison – Anthony Mazza**

- Submarine Ball Tickets for April 18, 2026 at Trident Tech are now available through Eventbrite. Search “2026 Charleston Sub Ball” in Google and it will get you to the link. Anthony is expecting it to be a good time and hopes to see a bunch of folks there. Base Commander Dave Harvey asked Anthony to meet him after the meeting about the float.

### **Comptroller – Tom Holcombe**

- Prior to the start of the meeting tonight, Tom provided each table a copy of the First Quarter 2026 Budget Report. Tom requested comments from those in attendance about the report since he has changed the format. A motion was presented and seconded to accept the First Quarter 2026 Budget Report. There was a call for discussion, but there was none. The motion carried with no objections.

### **Special Events – Tom Holcombe**

- The Amberjack ceremony will be held at the Cold War Memorial this Saturday, April 11 beginning at 1000.
- Tom read the names of the participants and reminded everyone to be there by 0930.
- The color guard for the ceremony will be provided by NNPTC. Thank you Anthony for arranging this.
- Tom requested help with transporting chairs. See Tom after the meeting.
- We will be going to Manitowoc, WI for the July 4 SubFest at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum. Base Commander Dave Harvey stated that the organizers of the event requested us to return with the float.

- Tom checked into lodging in the area and has booked a four bedroom 3 ½ bath home for a few days. Talk to him after the meeting if interested in sharing the expense.
- Tom talked about the U505 German submarine that is in the museum in Chicago. It is completely inside of a building. Tom thinks that it would be a good thing to have a group of submariners to visit this exhibit either on the way up or on the return trip.

### **CSS Hunley – Tom Holcombe**

- Nothing reported.

### **Ambassador USSVCF – Bob MacPherson**

- The USSVCF has been existence for 25 years. Bob showed a booklet which explains the mission and purpose of the USSVCF. The booklet is written for businesses and other large organizations which make contributions to charitable causes.
- The financial footing of USSVCF is strong even with all of the assistance they provide. In order to maintain the fund, the principal is left intact and it's the earnings that are distributed. This year 2026, there are 80 scholarships expected to be granted and last year, over \$40,000 in hardship assistance was provided to members.
- If any SubVet knows someone who works for a major maritime corporation, Bob would like to meet with them to explain why this foundation is worthy of their support, not only for submarine veterans but also their families.

### **Nuclear Power School Legacy Awards – Phil Nunnally**

- The next NPS graduation will be Friday, MAY 22.

### **Newsletter – Phil Nunnally**

- Nothing to report.

### **Little David – Phil Nunnally**

- This week, we replaced five boards and did some pressure washing.
- The Berkeley Museum appreciates the maintenance work that we do for the Little David.

### **Recreation – Ed Stank**

- Ed just took over as Recreation Chair today and is planning a picnic at Marrington on Saturday, 16 May. Johnny Brown will be helping him in the planning of this event.
- If anyone has ideas about what you would like to do, please let Ed know.

### **Submarine License Plates – Ed Stank**

- The Submarine License Plate is now available using the MV-37 online form. As of last report, 37 tags have been ordered. The cost is the normal registration plus \$20. If there are no problems, it normally takes about 10 days.
- If you have any questions about getting a plate, contact Ed.

### **Election Coordinator – Ken Hutchison**

- Congratulations are in order to Bill Freligh for his effort making today's Holland Club Induction the best that Ken has ever attended.
- Currently, the only candidate that we have for Vice Commander is the incumbent – Art Sattler.
- Likewise, the only candidate for Secretary is the incumbent – Gordon Long.
- Ken Hutchison encouraged Base Members to place their hat in the ring for either of these offices.
- Just as we had other collateral duties onboard the boats, we have such here. These positions are also important and the old guys need a replacement/relief.

### **Fleet Reserve Association – Ken Hutchison**

- Ken wants to know, for those who have not joined the FRA, "Why not?"

### **PAO – Jerry Stout**

- Jerry is working on articles for American Submariner:
  - ◊ Submarine License plate – Jerry has a picture of the SV 1 plate – currently on a Corvette upstate.
  - ◊ Little David maintenance.
  - ◊ SER Conference in Gulfport, MS.

### **Veteran's Affairs – Jerry Stout**

- The VA is now using electronic filing.
- The VA is no longer reporting veterans to the FBI who have a negative criminal history.
- The claims at the VA now stands at 100,000 – the lowest since 2020.

### **Storekeeper – Woody Woodsmall**

- USSVI awarded Charleston Base a civic involvement award for 2024. Woody has one patch left but can get more.
- Woody has hats – United States of America - 250 Years - \$20
- The National Storekeeper has two new patches – Operation Epic Fury and Operation Roaring Lion. He also has a patch – U.S. Submarine Force - Operation Epic Fury - Silent Service, Quiet Death. These are \$12. Woody will make a list of names and order them all at once. See him after the meeting in the lower level engine room - bilge area.

### **COB – Greg Landry**

- The air show on the Air Force Base has been cancelled. Instead, the Blue Angels will perform over the Charleston harbor. Greg does not have details at this time.
- Those who received their yellow hats this evening, please come back to the meetings again. You have a lot of history to share with the rest of us.

### **Kaps 4 Kids – Art Sattler**

Nothing to report.

### **Vice Commander – Art Sattler**

Nothing to report.

### **USSVI National Awards – Dave Harvey**

Tom Holcombe has some awards to submit before the April 30 deadline.

Dave Harvey reminded everyone that anyone can submit an award nomination. If you need help writing one, contact Tom.

### **Float Coordinator – Dave Harvey**

The float has been put onto the new trailer and is being welded today. It then must be pressure washed so that can be painted. It is needed for display at the Hog Roast and the Sub Ball.

### **SER Conference – Dave Harvey**

The 2027 SE Regional Conference will be held in GA. More details later.

### **Base Commander – Dave Harvey**

It has been not quite a year since Dave has taken the job as Base Commander. He wrote a letter and asked Nick to post it on the Base Website for all to review. Please provide Dave your comments.

Dave thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **After Battery – Ray Sparks**

- Some campers will be arriving on Saturday, April 11. There will be a working party that day also.
- The Hog Roast will be held from April 11 to 18 with food every night and Hog Day on Saturday April 18.
- Ray reminded everyone that they operate only on donations.
- There will be a raffle for a scoped Ruger 22. They will have basket raffles and a Depth Charge drawing.

### **GUN CLUB – Mike Ciesielko**

- Planning a gun shoot at Twin Ponds for May.

### **NUCLEAR HISTORIAN – Rick Wise**

- Nothing to report.

### **Drawings & Auctions**

- FRA Drawing – Nellie Kirtley
- Depth Charge Drawing – Greg Landry

### **Closing Ceremony**

- Chaplain Nick Nichols led the group in a prayer of Benediction.
- Base Commander Dave Harvey announced adjournment of the meeting with a sound of three blasts of the diving alarm.
- Meeting closed at 2037.