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

Base Meeting:

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BOD: Jul 2, 2026

Membership: Jul 9, 2026

Location:

FRA Branch 269

Low Country Home

99 Wisteria Rd.



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Submarines lost during the month of July

USS S-28 (SS-133)4

USS ROBALO (SS-273)

USS GRUNNION (SS-216) 30 July 42

04 July 44

26 July 44

49 Souls lost

81 Souls lost, 77 men lost due to the sinking, 4 died as POW's

70 Souls lost

THREE Boats and 200 Men Lost



CHARLESTON SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

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

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| • 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 Mar 2026 |
| • MMCS(SS) Marvin D. Miller, USN Retired | 22 Apr 2026 |
| • ETCS(SS) Joseph Barnes Van Swearingen Jr., USN Retired | 16 Sep 2024 |
| • CWO4(SS) Jerry K. Stout, USN Retired | 09 Jun 2026 |



CHARLESTON SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

CWO4(SS) Jerry K. Stout, USN Ret., now on Eternal Patrol.

Base members, I received the following email from Jerry's wife, Christine, this afternoon:

I regret to inform you that Jerry K Stout has passed away on 6/9/2026. The USSVICB was a very important part of Jerry's life. He loved each member and enjoyed the many years that he belonged to the group. Please forward this notice to all members and I would like to work with you to have a future memorial service in his honor at a later date. Regards, Christine Stout

With great sadness I report on Tuesday, 9 June 2026, our shipmate Jerry K. Stout, 69, departed on Eternal Patrol at the VA. He joined the Navy in 1975 and retired in 1998 after a 23-year career. Jerry was a life member of USSVI National and Charleston Base as of 2004. He was also a member of the Holland Club qualifying in 1976 on USS TUNNY SSN-682. Other duty stations were USS CAVALLA SSN-684, USS BARB SSN-596, USS HONOLULU SSN-718 and USS HOLLAND AS-32. Additionally, he served at SUBBASE PEARL HARBOR HI.

Jerry was currently serving in the positions of Charleston Base PAO and VA POC. He previously served as Charleston Base Secretary 2004-2006 and Charleston Base Vice Commander 2012-2014.

As noted by Christine there will be a Memorial Service at a future date for Jerry.



CHARLESTON SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL

CWO4(SS) Jerry K. Stout Obituary

Jerry King Stout, CWO-04 (Ret.), passed away peacefully on June 9, 2026, in Charleston, South Carolina, surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. Born on February 14, 1957, in Penn Yan, New York, Jerry lived a life defined by service, dedication, and kindness that left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Jerry began his distinguished career in the United States Navy in 1975. After qualifying in 1976, he served with honor aboard several vessels, including the USS Cavalla (SSN-684), USS Barb (SSN-596), USS Honolulu (SSN-718), and USS Holland (AS-32). He also served at Submarine Base Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. Over his 23-year naval career, Jerry rose to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 03 (CWO-04) before retiring from active duty. His commitment to his country and shipmates exemplified the highest ideals of military service. Following his retirement from the Navy, Jerry continued to serve others through his work at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Hospital. Later, he shared his patience and teaching skills at Cruise Control Driving School, helping countless Lowcountry students and adults learn to drive safely and confidently.

A man of faith and community, Jerry was a devoted member of St. John Catholic Church and actively participated in organizations reflecting his values. He was a proud member of the United States Submarine Veterans Inc., Charleston Base (USSVICB), the Knights of Columbus, the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), and served as President of his Homeowners Association.

Jerry is survived by his beloved wife, Christine Stout; children Jacob (Jessica), Jonathon (Spencer), Rebecca Lynch (Dillon), and Danielle; stepchildren Sarah Niemira (Shayne), Andrew Schad (Thayra), Olivia Little (Kendall), and Jackson Schad; as well as numerous grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, Rosemary and Ward Stout.

Jerry's unwavering dedication to others will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his memory bring comfort to those who mourn his passing and serve as a reminder of a life well-lived in service to others.

Services will be held at a later date.

Obituary located [here](#).

UPCOMING BASE EVENTS
See www.ussvicb.org for details

Upcoming Charleston Base Events

Board of Directors Meeting	July 2	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek
Independence Day	July 4	
Base Meeting	July 9	FRA Branch 269, Goose Creek
NNTPC Graduation	July 17	Meet at the NWS NEX 0800

**NNPTC Graduation
17 July**

- Friday 0900
- If you plan to attend please contact Phil Nunnally at 843.518.8301 or email pbnunnally@gmail.com
- We will muster at and leave from the NEX parking lot at 0800



IMPORTANT DATES

INDEPENDENCE DAY July 4th

On July 4th, 1776 the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation by adopting the Declaration of Independence. Today, Independence Day is celebrated and honored in many forms such as fireworks, BBQs and parades. It is an opportunity for Americans to express patriotism and love of country including reflecting on the sacrifices from those in the military.

Independence Day will be officially observed on Thursday, July 4, 2026, our nation's 250th birthday.



IMPORTANT DATES

CHARLESTON BASE CHARTER 24 JULY 1997

29 years and counting! The big 30 next year! Also many thanks to Shipmate Nick Nichols for digging up this Base Newsletter announcing our Base Charter.

There are six active charter members from 1997.

QMCS(SS) William Freligh

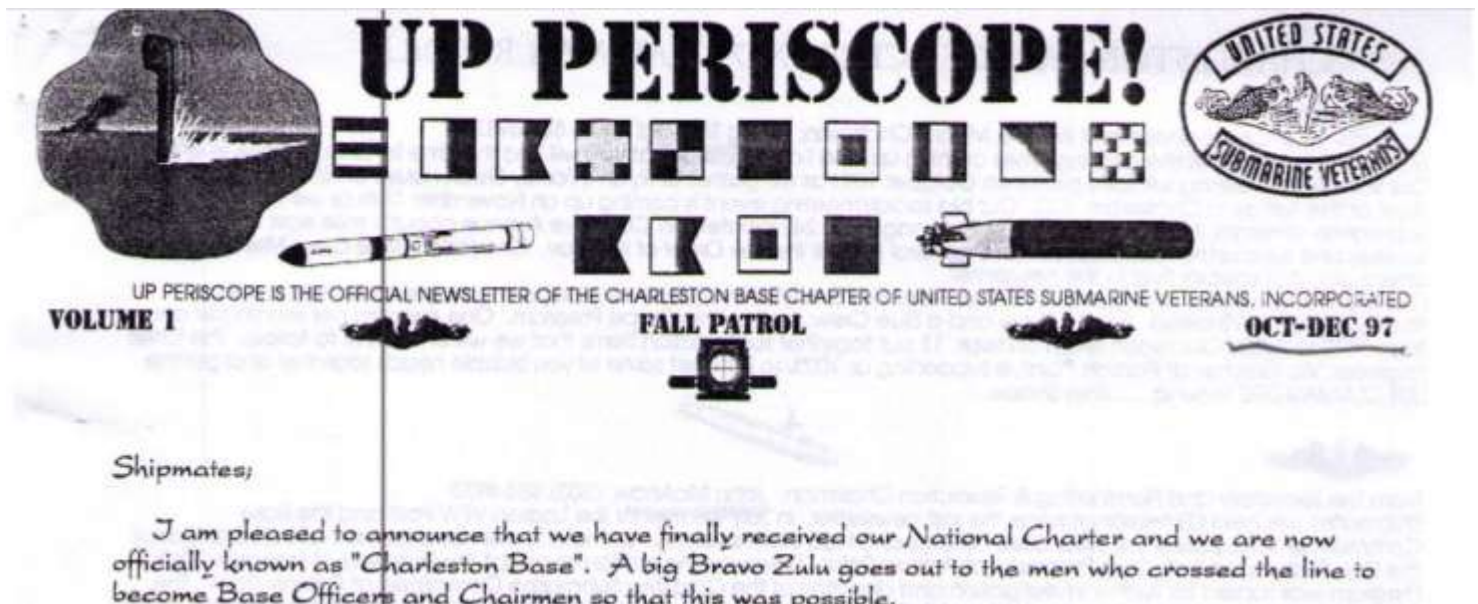
IC2(SS) George Gallagher Jr.

TMC(SS) Chuck Gravely

ENCS(SS) David H. Menefee

EMCM(SS) William E. Roberts

ICC(SS) Fred Woodley



IMPORTANT DATES

National Hire A Veteran Day
July 25th



IMPORTANT DATES

National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day July 27th

National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day commemorates the end of the Korean War on July 27, 1953, and those who served during this often forgotten war.

Read the entire article [here](#)

Korean War Veterans Memorial below



From the Editor
Contact me at newsletter@ussvicb.org

John McCants Veteran Park Goose Creek

I visited the park back in May. It's also a place where Wendy and I watch the fireworks show on July 4th.



From the Editor
Contact me at newsletter@ussvicb.org

Riverfront Memorial Park Daytona Beach

Wendy and I traveled to Daytona Beach in June and visited three Veteran's parks. Pictures below are for Riverfront Memorial. The other parks will be shown in future newsletters.



From the Editor
Contact me at newsletter@ussvicb.org

A lonely ship at sea in the early morning reminds us of those lucky enough to view a sunrise at sea. Pictures taken the morning of June 28th.



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HTCM(SW) Fred Bolz is our new VA Rep!

Fred's contact info and Bio. Fred became an Associate member on 11 June. 843-270-0345 htcmret@aol.com or varep@ussvicb.org

Dates of service Feb. 1965-Jan 1993. Years of service 28. Retired as a Master Chief Hull Tech (SW).

I served at the following Commands

- RTC Great lakes, IL
- USS Tolovana AO-64
- INACTSHIPMAINTFAC, Philadelphia. PA
- NAS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
- USS Fulton AS-11
- USS Direct MSO-430
- USS Canopus AS-34
- USS Alamogordo ARDM-2
- FMWTC, Charleston, SC
- USS Alamogordo ARDM-2
- USS Sierra AD-18

I had a total of 12 years working with submariners during my career in addition to docking several in the drydock as a qualified docking officer. I served with the 7th fleet during Vietnam and was involved during the Pueblo incident of North Korea in 1968.

I am currently semi retired running a company with my two Grandsons. I live in Goose Creek, SC.

Fred is the VAVS Rep for FRA Branch 269 . Welcome Fred!



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Opportunities to Serve our Base

****We still need SubVets to step up and fill these positions****

- Openings for
 - ◊ PAO
 - ◊ Base Historian
 - ◊ ADM Osborn Scholarship Committee
 - ◊ 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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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 you need assistance.

WHAT IS CRSC (Combat-Related Special Compensation)

From Facebook Submarine Advocacy Group

Editor's Note: This column is long on Facebook is very long so I am posting a link to this article and will provide a copy of the article to anyone who wants it in Word format. Just email me if you can't access it on Facebook. The Facebook article [here](#).

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Shipmate Spotlight for June 2026 (again)

My mistake. When I published the Spotlight in June, I missed the final two pages. My apologizes to PAO Jerry Stout and Shipmate Bob Bailey

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 “Bettle” . We all know and read those comic strips character who is in the Army. Bettle 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.

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Shipmate Spotlight for June 2026

From PAO Jerry Stout

In the 1960's, the Navy was building the 42 submarines for freedom and needed to man the two crews, so one afternoon, Bob saw the notice on bulletin board and responded to it with his Special Request Chit, Form 1336/3 and sent it up the chain of command. On return from the deployment, Bob had orders to Submarines School.

While he was attending Submarine School, tragedy struck during the USS Thresher's sea trials. An electrical failure caused the reactor to scram, which at that time automatically closed Steam Stops 1 and 2, leaving the submarine with very little propulsion. The disaster claimed 99 lives, including shipyard workers and staff. Bob said the school closed for the rest of the week, giving him time to seriously consider whether to withdraw his volunteer request for submarine duty or move forward. True to his character, he stayed on the course and graduated at the top of his class, though he was also known as the class clown.

Bob shared a true story about one of his close friends, who had just finished school and could have taken two weeks of leave before reporting to the Thresher. Instead, eager to begin his submarine career, his friend reported early and was lost in the tragedy. It was a very sad story.

After Submarine School, Bob was reclassified as a Storekeeper because the submarine force did not have a Ship's Serviceman rating. The work was much like what he had done on the carrier. Petty Officer Bailey was then assigned to the PCU Woodrow Wilson (SSBN). As a plank owner involved in new construction, qualifying was demanding. Bob served aboard for 18 months and completed one deployment.

Now here is another true story. Most of us know Admiral Hyman Rickover as the father of Navy nuclear power. When the Woodrow Wilson—nicknamed "Woody Woo"—was preparing for sea trials, Admiral Rickover came aboard to participate in the first dive. The captain summoned Bettel and told him to give the admiral an underway haircut in the XO's stateroom. Bob completed the assignment and even got yelled at in the process. Was there a tip? No—it was all part of life aboard the boat.

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Shipmate Spotlight for June 2026

From PAO Jerry Stout

Bob left the Navy after four years but soon reenlisted and advanced to Petty Officer Second Class. He then returned to the shipyard, where over the next three years he served aboard the USS Casimir Pulaski (SSBN) and the USS Nathanael Greene (SSBN). Because experienced storekeepers were in high demand, “Bettle” was well suited for the billet. He was later assigned to shore duty at Submarine Squadron 18, where he was promoted to Petty Officer First Class. His responsibilities included logistics—tracking materials, parts, stores, and the equipment needed to keep the SSBN fleet operating.

Bob was promoted again to Chief Petty Officer in July 1975 and assigned as the Leading Chief Petty Officer at the Charleston Brig. If you want to hear some remarkable stories, just ask him—there is not enough room in this newsletter to include them all. He has plenty of good ones. His final assignment took him back to Submarine Squadron 18, where he advanced to Senior Chief, Rate Grabber and retired after more than 20 years of service.

After retiring, Bob lived in Summerville from 1972 to 1995. That year, he and his wife, Carol, moved to Cross, South Carolina, where they have enjoyed country life ever since. For more than 20 years, Bob and Carol spend Winters in the Tampa, Florida Area, living in a huge Camper Trailer. It is so big that he had to purchase a powerful Diesel Truck. When they go South for the Winter, Bob drives the truck and Carol drives their electric car. From December through April as true snowbirds. They loved their time there and made many lifelong friends.

Bob is devoted to his family. He has two daughters from his first marriage, and Carol has four children of her own. When I first met Carol, I thought she could have been my mother. She is such a loving and caring person. Together, they have six children, eight grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren, with Great Grandchild number 24 on the way. The mother of the expected child is on active duty and served in the Persian Gulf aboard the USS Gerald Ford. She is now back in the United States. I have shared quite a bit about Bob Bailey, and I know I could write much more. For now, I will leave you with these anecdotes: “Chiefs make it happen.”

There are two things you can always count on in the Navy: Early morning and bad coffee. “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it... unless you’re in the Navy.” “Chiefs make it happen.”

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Blinded Veterans and Meta AI Glasses Donation Blinded Veterans Association

Meta has announced that it is donating Ray-Ban Meta AI glasses to 130,000 blinded veterans across the country.

This donation will be paired with training created by BVA to ensure that all recipients can use these glasses to their fullest potential.

Editor's Note: Spread the word if you know a veteran who could use this service.

IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

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

Jul 2 Larry Krause
Jul 4 Gerald 'Jerry' Starr
Jul 5 Robert 'Tim' France
Jul 9 David 'Dave' Menefee
Jul 11 William 'Butch' Bryar
Jul 11 Lewis 'Lou' Leal
Jul 15 Gordon Long
Jul 15 Chris McCool
Jul 17 James 'Jim' Higgins
Jul 17 Raymond 'Doc' Pelland
Jul 21 Donald 'Don' Donofrio

Jul 22 A.B. Campbell
Jul 23 William Scott
Jul 24 Ray Stanfield
Jul 26 Randy Bognar
Jul 27 Craig Farr
Jul 27 James Keller
Jul 27 Pinckney Smith II
Jul 28 Ernest Culbreath
Jul 29 David Nates
Jul 29 Ronald 'Ron' Snyder
Jul 30 Walter 'Walt' Deal



PAST EVENTS

Scholarship Presentations during the Base Meeting 11 June

The award was presented to Ms. Giada Mazza who will be attending the Savannah College of Arts and Design (SCAD). Her sponsor is ETNCM(SS) Anthony Mazza.



PAST EVENTS

Base Picnic at the Aft Battery 13 June



DEPTH CHARGE
DRAWING



SUBVET PICNIC

AFTER BATTERY
13 JUNE 2026
10 - TILL

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



BEER, SODA AND
WATER PROVIDED

BRING A SIDE OR A DESERT

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



PAST EVENTS

Base Picnic at the Aft Battery 13 June



PAST EVENTS

Base Fish Fry 27 June



NON-BASE EVENTS

Carolina Days Berkeley 250



Carolina Days

Thursday,
6/25/26

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Saturday,
6/27/26

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Sunday,
6/28/26

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Saturday,
7/4/26

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By 7/4/26

**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).

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**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.

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**Revolutionary Declaration
of Independence**



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

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**Sharing the Declaration
of Independence**

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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.

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

NON-BASE EVENTS

FRA Indoor Picnic - Lowcountry Boil 4 July



“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**

COST IS \$10.00/PERSON

**PURCHASE TICKETS BEFORE THURSDAY, 2 JULY 2026 AT
LOWCOUNTRY HOME**

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



NON-BASE EVENTS

USSVI 2026 National Convention

6-11 September



Visit [here](#) for all the details.

GENERAL STORIES

Lost World War II submarine, USS Herring (SS-223), identified off Japanese coast

On Monday June 1st the U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command and the Navy has confirmed the wreck site of the World War II submarine USS HERRING, an American submarine lost in the Pacific Ocean during World War II.

Herring's final resting place with 83 sailors aboard off the coast of Matsuwa Island, Japan, was confirmed exactly 82 years after the boat went missing at sea on June 1, 1944, following an engagement with Japanese forces, according to a Navy news release.

The boat's wreckage was first discovered in 2017 during a joint expedition of the Russian Geographic Society and the Russian military, which suspected it was the Herring because of its location and appearance, according to the Navy. In 2022, another expedition returned to the wreck site to document its status. Members of the expedition placed a commemorative plaque and honored the lost crew, the Navy said.

The wreck rests upright in more than 300 feet of water, according to the service. Images of the site showed damage around the submarine's conning tower that matched Japanese wartime accounts of Herring's final moments.

"Herring's discovery is a powerful reminder that we have an obligation to the sailors and Marines who gave their lives in service to our nation," Samuel J. Cox, director of Naval History and Heritage Command, said in a statement. "It is also a testament to the value of international collaboration in uncovering and preserving the truth of our shared history."

The Navy said the wreck is protected under U.S. law as a sunken military craft and should be treated as a war grave.

GENERAL STORIES

Lost World War II submarine, USS Herring (SS-223), identified off Japanese coast



Read the entire article [here](#). Read her entire story [here](#).

Thanks for Shipmate Nick Nichols for passing this along.

USS HERRING (SS-233) 01 June 44 83 Souls lost

GENERAL STORIES

EXEMPLAR and XIPHIAS Actions During D-Day

The recent celebration of D-Day observances prompted me to research submarine activity for that operation.

EXEMPLAR was launched on 01Nov43, commanded by Lt. Ken Hudspeth, and XIPHIAS on 13Dec43, commanded by Lt. George Honour. The subs had a surface displacement of 27-tons and submerged displacement of 30-tons, with a maximum depth of 300-feet (ft), surface speed of 6-knots and submerged speed of 5-knots. They were 51-ft long with a 5.7ft beam and had a crew of four (CO, XO, diver, and engineman/helmsman). For D-day operations a second COPP (Combined Operations Pilotage Parties) diver was included.

In January, 1944, the EXEMPLAR spent four days surveying the French coast along Omaha Beach. At night divers swam ashore from the submarine to collect soil samples for determining whether the beach could support heavy armor.

The submarines having arrived on station on 04 Jun 44, spent 64-hours submerged, using bottled oxygen, due to the weather delay.

On June 6, 1944, the EXEMPLAR and the XIPHIAS surfaced before the landings and mounted an 18-ft mast, with a light and radio beacon, to guide British and Canadian landing craft to Sword and Juno Beaches

Story provided from Stimson shipmates by our shipmate Nick Nichols.



GENERAL STORIES

The Submarine Service now has a home in Australia for the first time since WWII.

The last significant U.S. submarine facility in Australia was the one at New Farm, Brisbane, which operated until March 1945. After World War II, there have been no permanent U.S. submarine bases in Australia.

U.S. Navy Establishes Naval Support Activity Stirling In Western Australia To Support AUKUS Submarine Rotations

(DEFENCE INDUSTRY EUROPE 08 JUNE 26) ... Martin Chomsky

The U.S. Navy has established Naval Support Activity Stirling in Perth, Western Australia, as part of AUKUS. The enhanced trilateral security partnership brings together Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The move follows a trilateral Joint Statement issued on May 30 confirming that key milestones continue to be met for Submarine Rotational Force-West. SRF-West will support the rotational presence of U.S. and U.K. nuclear-powered fast attack submarines at Australia's HMAS Stirling base in Western Australia.

Naval Support Activity Stirling will provide support services and programs for U.S. service members, civilian personnel, contractors and their families assigned to SRF-West. The U.S. Navy said the activity will help support the readiness of rotational submarine forces.

"Establishment of NSA Stirling with our AUKUS partners demonstrates our command mission to support the Fleet, warfighter, and family," said Vice Adm. Scott Gray, Commander, Navy Installations Command. "By providing essential services to U.S. personnel and their families, NSA Stirling will enhance rotational submarine force readiness."

Navy Region Japan was tasked in October 2024 to establish NSA Stirling. The Navy said SRF-West is being established with the approval of and at the invitation of the Australian Government.

"We are currently in the early stages of establishing NSA Stirling," said Rear Adm. Ian Johnson, commander of Navy Region Japan. "While there is still much work ahead, we are confident in our ability to accomplish this task through strong collaboration with our AUKUS partners."

NSA Stirling will connect U.S. personnel to housing, healthcare, childcare and recreation services. The Navy said those services are intended to support the well-being of U.S. service members, civilians and their families during their assignment.

The new support activity expands the infrastructure needed for AUKUS submarine cooperation in Western Australia. It is intended to provide the services required for U.S. personnel supporting SRF-West at HMAS Stirling.

<https://defence-industry.eu/u-s-navy-establishes-naval-support-activity-stirling-in-western-australia-to-support-aukus-submarine-rotations/>

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



25 most Successful Submarines in WWII

14. USS Seawolf SS-197 71,609 tons

- **USS Seawolf (SS-197)**, a Sargo-class submarine, was the second submarine of the United States Navy named for the seawolf.
- Commissioned 1 December 1939
- First war patrol
- Conducted 15 war patrols
- 13 Battle Stars
- Lost with all hands, 83 crew and 17 Army October 1944

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



25 most Successful Submarines in WWII

13. USS Guardfish SS-217 72,424 tons

- **USS Guardfish (SS-217)**, a Gato-class submarine, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for the guardfish. Commissioned 21 April 1941
- Commissioned 8 May 1942
- First war patrol 6 August 1942
- Conducted 12 War patrols
- 2 Presidential Unit Citations and 11 Battle Stars
- Decommissioned 25 May 1946

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



Russian Sub News

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

Read the entire story [here](#).

English Sub News

All five available Astute-class nuclear attack submarines of the Royal Navy are in port awaiting maintenance

Read the entire story [here](#).

Canadian Sub News

Canada's \$80-billion submarine race sparks dealmaking blitz across the industrial heartland

Read the entire story [here](#).

Indian Sub News

Why India wants German submarines

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Netherlands Sub News

The Royal Netherlands Navy is set to be the first NATO SSK fleet to deploy the F21 torpedo

Read the entire story [here](#).

Australian Sub News

U.S. Will Sell 3 In-service Virginia Subs to Australia Instead of 1 New, 2 In-service

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

Chinese Sub News

Footage Captures Largest Ever Chinese Nuclear Submarine Formation

Read the entire story [here](#).

South Korean Sub News

U.S. Senate backs submarine cooperation with Seoul

Read the entire story [here](#).

What's going on in politics and the Navy?

L3Harris Delivering Clandestine Submarine-Launched AUVs to the U.S. Navy

Read the entire article [here](#).

Minute with the CNO: Improving sailors' living conditions

Read the video article [here](#).

Shipbuilders Look to Big Budget Plus-Ups to Reverse Delays, Cost Overruns

Read the entire article [here](#).

U.S. Navy Stands Up 2 Australian Commands in Support of American, U.K. Subs

Read the entire article [here](#).

GAO Report to Congress on the Navy's Robotic Autonomous Systems

Read the entire article [here](#).

HII Delivers First of the Newest REMUS Variant: 130

Read the entire article [here](#).

After politics, we all need a little humor

Is this funny? Depends on how you look at it.



classic vinyl

50 ALBUMS TURNING 50 IN 2026

1. Eagles - Hotel California
2. Boston - Boston
3. Peter Frampton - Frampton Comes Alive!
4. Steve Miller Band - Fly Like An Eagle
5. Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band - Night Moves
6. Tom Petty And The Heartbreakers - Tom Petty And The Heartbreakers
7. Eagles - Their Greatest Hits (1971-1975)
8. The Doobie Brothers - Takin' It To The Streets
9. Led Zeppelin - The Song Remains The Same
10. Queen - A Day At The Races
11. AC/DC - Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap
12. Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band - Live Bullet
13. Kansas - Leftoverture
14. Bad Company - Run With The Pack
15. Jackson Browne - The Pretender
16. Wings - Wings Over America
17. Lynyrd Skynyrd - Gimme Back My Bullets
18. Billy Joel - Turnstiles
19. Electric Light Orchestra - A New World Record
20. Aerosmith - Rocks
21. Styx - Crystal Ball
22. Steely Dan - The Royal Scam
23. Rush - 2112
24. The Rolling Stones - Black And Blue
25. Chicago - Chicago X
26. Bachman-Turner Overdrive - Best Of BTO (So Far)
27. Led Zeppelin - Presence
28. AC/DC - High Voltage
29. Lynyrd Skynyrd - One More From The Road
30. Boz Scaggs - Silk Degrees
31. Thin Lizzy - Jailbreak
32. Creedence Clearwater Revival - Chronicle, Vol. 1
33. KISS - Destroyer
34. Blue Oyster Cult - Agents Of Fortune
35. Wings - Wings At The Speed Of Sound
36. Genesis - A Trick Of The Tail
37. James Taylor - Greatest Hits
38. ZZ Top - Tejas
39. Jethro Tull - Too Old To Rock 'n' Roll, Too Young To Die
40. David Bowie - Station To Station
41. Joe Walsh - You Can't Argue With A Sick Mind
42. The Doobie Brothers - Best Of The Doobies
43. KISS - Rock And Roll Over
44. The J. Geils Band - Blow Your Face Out
45. George Harrison - Thirty Three & 1/3
46. Linda Ronstadt - Hasten Down The Wind
47. David Bowie - Changesonebowie
48. Genesis - Wind & Wuthering
49. America - Hideaway
50. Eric Clapton - No Reason To Cry

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OK if you don't find the album list funny, here is one from Shipmate Nick Nichols

Students in an advanced Biology class were taking their mid-term exam. The last question was, 'Name seven advantages of Mother's Milk.' The question was worth 70 points or none at all.

One student, in particular, was hard put to think of seven advantages. However, he wrote:

- 1) It is perfect formula for the child.
- 2) It provides immunity against several diseases.
- 3) It is always the right temperature.
- 4) It is inexpensive.
- 5) It bonds the child to mother, and vice versa.
- 6) It is always available as needed.

And then the student was stuck. Finally, in desperation, just before the bell rang indicating the end of the test, he wrote:

7) It comes in two attractive containers and it's high enough off the ground where the cat can't get it.

He got an A.

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., Charleston Base
Minutes of Business Meeting
14 May 2026

Opening Ceremonies:

- The May 2026 Base Meeting was called to order by Base Commander Dave Harvey with a quorum of four officers and a total of 65 members. The meeting started at 1900 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 May was given by Base Chaplain Nick Nichols.
- Submarines lost during the month of May:
 - ◇ **USS LAGARTO (SS-371) May 3, 1945 – 2nd War patrol Lost with All Hands – 86 Souls**
 - ◇ **USS SCORPION (SSN-589) May 22, 1968 – returning from deployment**
 - ◇ **Lost with All Hands – 99 Souls**
 - ◇ **USS SQUALUS (SS-192) May 23, 1939 – during test dive 33 survivors – 26 Souls Lost**
 - ◇ **USS STICKLEBACK (SS-415) May 30, 1958 – under tow off Hawaii NO LOSS OF LIFE**
 - ◇ **FOUR Boats and 211 Men Lost**

Senior Chief Machinist Mate, Submarines
Marvin D. Miller, US Navy Retired
Departed on Eternal Patrol 22 March 2026

Senior Chief Electronic Technician, Submarines
Joseph Barnes Van Swearingen Jr., US Navy Retired
Departed on Eternal Patrol 16 September 2024

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

Introductions of New Attendees:

- There was one shipmate in attendance at the Base Meeting for the first time this evening.
 - ◇ Fred Bolz – HTCM – Skimmer – Welcome Associate Member – Served aboard USS Fulton AS11, USS Canopus AS34 and USS Alamogordo ARDM2 taking care of submarines.

Old Business:

Election of Officers (Vice Commander/Secretary) – Ken Hutchison

- Ken announced that we had only one candidate nominated for the office of Vice Commander – Art Sattler. He then, three times, requested additional nominations from the floor for Vice Commander with no response. A motion was made, seconded and carried for Art Sattler to be accepted by acclamation.
- As there was also only one candidate for Secretary – Gordon Long, the same procedure with three requests was conducted, followed by a motion, second and vote for acceptance by acclamation.
- Congratulations to Art Sattler and Gordon Long. Term of office to expire in 2028.

New Business:

FRA Monthly Donation – Dave Harvey / Nick Nichols

- Dave Harvey talked about providing money to the FRA for the use of the meeting room (rent). The Board had discussed at the BOD Meeting last week. Nick Nichols presented a motion with Art Sattler seconding for Charleston Base to donate \$200 per month for the next 12 months.
- In discussion, Rodney McKanna noted that Charleston Base originally came to the FRA because there was food available. Nick pointed out that while do support the FRA through food and drinks we are planning to make a donation – not pay rent. Charleston Base has never been billed and the \$200 donation is far less than what FRA normally charges as rent for use of this meeting room. The Treasurer was asked how much money we had available, followed by a successful vote for the motion.

Secretary – Gordon Long:

- The Minutes from the April 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 April was published and promulgated on the website. There were no revisions. The report was approved as presented.

Chaplain – Nick Nichols:

- **There are two highlighted boats this month:**
 - ◊ USS LAGARTO SS-371 was lost on May 3rd 1945 with the loss of 86 men near the Gulf of Siam. She was on her 2nd war patrol and is believed to have been lost to a radar equipped minelayer. HAWKBILL SS-366 got revenge two weeks later by sinking the minelayer.
 - ◊ USS SCORPION (SSN-589) was returning to Norfolk, VA from a Mediterranean deployment. On May 22, 1968 she reported her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Scorpion was never heard from again. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined.

ETERNAL PATROL

- **MMCS(SS) Marvin D. Miller, USN Ret., 85**, departed on Eternal Patrol on 22 April 2026. 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.
 - ◊ Marvin's Memorial Service was held Saturday, May 9th at 1400 at the FRA Home. There were 26 SUBVETS in attendance.
- **ETCS(SS) Joseph Barnes Van Swearingen Jr., USN Ret., 97**, departed on Eternal Patrol on 16 September 2024. 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. His death was found by accident while searching the obituaries on the web.
- **STSCS(SS) Walter Frank Ziegler, USN Ret.**, departed on Eternal Patrol on 11 May 2026 in FL. He was not a member of USSVI but had been a member of Charleston Base prior to 2011. He qualified in 1964 on USS NATHAN HALE SSBN-623. He also served on USS MARIANO G VALLEJO SSBN-658.
- **SCPO(SS) Bryan Beckes Smith, USN Ret., 78**, departed on Eternal Patrol on 1 May 2026. He was not a member of USSVI. He joined the Navy in 1968 and retired in 1990. He served on USS PARCHE SSN-683 and USS NATHAN HALE SSBN-623. His service was 8 May at Stuhr's on Greenridge Rd.

BINNACLE LIST

- **Kim Matthews** had a spinal stroke and has some minor paralysis. He is using a walker and a scooter to get around.
- **Jerry Stout** was at MUSC 21-30 April. After many attempts for the proper medication for his post immune therapy treatment his no on the mend. He thanks his shipmates for thoughts and prayers and appreciates phone calls or texts.
- **Bob MacPherson** fell and fractured 3 ribs. He is going to have to miss another meeting, sorry. Had made some progress on ribs healing but still moving slow. See you in June. This getting old thing is not for the faint of heart.
- **Rick Wise** has shifted to maintenance chem with only one drug and changed to a 5-week cycle. He had chemo on Tuesday and is not here tonight. The next thing coming up is the vocal cord injection on May 26. Since he will be unable to talk for up to 2 days after the procedure no calls please but he will respond to texts. [843.276.0899]
- **Brenda Woodsmall** will have knee surgery on Monday, May 18.

LONG TERM / ASSISTED LIVING / HOMEBOUND

- **Steve Curry** has AFIB and congenital heart failure and is on 24/7 oxygen. Also diagnosed with stage 3 cancer and began chemo on 15 April. Phone calls are welcome [843.270.9905]
- **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. Has had foot surgery, with many more to come, to correct his problem. [843.475.7043]
- **Ed Simokat** is confined to his home and can't attend meetings. He is now on hospice care. If you want to visit, please call first and talk to Judy. [843.810.0383]
- **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** or [843.795.6665].
- **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** 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 up for over a month. Everyone should have received an email from Tim Carlisle with three videos. The last video is a tutorial for the website. It's very good and will walk you through the site.
- If you have any changes to your info on National you can update it yourself or send the info to either Larry or Nick to get them made on National and local.

Base Contacts – Nick Nichols:

- You should have the names, phone numbers and email addresses of all members that you normally contact in your phone contacts or use the link to the officers' page to get contact info.

Base Business Cards – Nick Nichols:

- Carry 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 Ladies' Auxiliary – Nick Nichols:

- The 'Break the Table Challenge' was very successful last month. We will do this again later in the summer but anyone can still bring food items. The FRA Auxiliary really appreciates all the SUBVETs have done to help this cause. BZ!!

FRA Support – Nick Nichols:

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FRA Rules – Nick Nichols:

- 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.
- The FRA needs the support of the SUBVETS to get them through these next few months. When out for lunch stop by and have lunch at the Home. Every little bit helps.
- There are two services you can attend for Memorial Day.
 - ◊ May 23 @ 1530 will be the multi-fraternal service at McAlilster-Smith Goose Creek
 - ◊ May 25 @ 1030 will be the FRA service at the Home. Guest speaker is Tom Ishee. After the service there will an indoor picnic.

Fleet Reserve Association – Ken Hutchison:

- Beginning at 0800, the FRA will place flags on veterans' grave sites at Plantation Memorial Gardens on Hwy 17A. Come out and help.
- Ken announced that the FRA Memorial Day Remembrance at The Fleet will begin at 1030. Our very own SubVet Admiral Tom Ishee will be our guest speaker. Following the ceremony, we will have an indoor picnic. All are invited.
- The FRA, for a long time and will soon (again) have a Submarine Veteran (COB) as President.
- Ken welcomed Fred Bolz as an Associate Member of USSVI.
- The FRA will be holding a Two-Bell Ceremony for David Cox at 1000 on 07 JUN.

Social Media – Lewis Leal:

- Two videos have been published on the public YouTube Channel:
- Amberjack Ceremony
- Holland Club Induction
- There were 130 VIEWS of these two videos, but only 2 LIKES. The more Likes that the videos get, the more YouTube will spread it around, so when you watch the video, be sure to click the LIKE button.

NNPTC Liaison – Anthony Mazza

- Nothing to report.

Scholarship – Tom Lawson III

- We had two Scholarship applicants this year. Each will receive \$3k at the June Base Meeting.
- 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.
- Tom has a USS SEAPOACHER throw which is available for a donation to the Scholarship Fund.
- Challenge Coins are \$12
- Base Commander Dave Harvey asked for three volunteers to work with Tom Lawson for review/recommendations of the Scholarship procedures and report back by August.

Membership – Larry Knutson

- Charleston Base currently has 240 Members.
- Nick Nichols provided Base Standings [those with more than 200 members]:
Charleston is #4 in USSVI membership. [AM = associate member]
 - ◊ Groton 1043 w/38 AM - 2) Hampton Roads 294 w/11 AM – 3) Bremerton 264 w/13 AM – 4) Charleston 240 w/18 AM [with the new AM tonight]

Comptroller – Tom Holcombe

- Nothing to report

Special Events – Tom Holcombe

- Tom noted that, although he could be heard, video of his “playing the bugle” at the Amberjack ceremony was “dubbed out”. His comments were all in fun and we got a good laugh.
- Freedom Fest at Locklear Park is Saturday, June 6.
- The video “Battle of Sullivans Island” is schedule to be shown at the Town Hall on May 18 and June 4. Tom has had reports of this being a video worthy of seeing. He will provide more info.

CSS Hunley – Tom Holcombe

- Nothing reported.

Nuclear Power School Legacy Awards – Phil Nunnally

- The next NPS graduation will be Friday, MAY 22. Meet at NEX 0800.

Newsletter – Phil Nunnally

- Nothing to report.

Little David – Phil Nunnally

- After replacing boards last month, we did some painting this month to get ready for the Berkeley Museum’s U.S. 250th year events. We want the Little David to look good for all the activity.

Ambassador USSVCF – Bob MacPherson

- Not present.

Recreation – Ed Stank

- We will be having a SubVet picnic at 1000 on June 13 at The After Battery. We will have hamburgers, hotdogs and pork – not chicken. Please bring a side dish or dessert.
- Ed stated that he will not be staying as Recreation Chair for very long and encouraged some of the younger members to step in, form a committee and take charge.
- Ed spoke about getting discount entertainment tickets from VETTIX.

Submarine License Plates – Ed Stank

- Ed reported having seen Submarine License plate #76.
- If you have any questions about getting a plate, contact Ed.
- Ed stated that money coming to Charleston Base from DMV for the plates sold is to be direct deposited into the Base bank account.

PAO – Jerry Stout

- Jerry is working on articles for American Submariner:
- SER Conference in Gulfport, MS.
- Submarine License plates.
- The USSVI National Elections are approaching. Jerry is now a candidate SER Director.
- Jerry told of a visit that he and Gerry Starr made to the Gulfport, MS Veteran's Retirement Home, where they visited an old submariner Robert Wetzel AKA Dutch. Jerry read a Thank You note he had received from Dutch after they had given him a Holland Club hat.

Veteran's Affairs – Jerry Stout

- The Volunteer Services at Ralph Johnson now includes lawn services.
- Jerry provided a short list of restaurants that offer VA discounts.

Storekeeper – Woody Woodsmall

- The National SK has developed two new patches (Operational Epic Fury and US Submarine Force) Woody has two left at \$12.
- Woody has "Lest We Forget" Poppies. \$5.
- Wood has "Deep, Fast, Silent, Deadly" pins.
- He also has a MK48 Trouble Maker patch. TMs especially will appreciate this one.
- Woody has relocated from the Engine Room Lower Level bilge area to AMR2 Port Side Upper Level
- If you need something and he does not have it, Woody will order it.

COB – Greg Landry

- Not present

Kaps 4 Kids – Art Sattler

- Art has been talking to Security at MUSC about K4K. Art expected him to attend the meeting tonight, but received a cancellation text message.

Vice Commander – Art Sattler

- Nothing to report.

USSVI National Awards – Dave Harvey

- Tom Holcombe has submitted some awards to National. No other submittals were reported.

Float Coordinator – Dave Harvey

- Dave requested help to do some float maintenance this coming Saturday at The After Battery. We will be repacking wheel bearings, painting and installation of a stainless steel cable.

SER Conference – Dave Harvey

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

USSVI National Convention – Dave Harvey

- Dave requested a show of hands of who is/planning on going to the USSVI National Convention in TX.

Manitowoc – Dave Harvey

- On June 27, a fish Fry will be held at the FRA. This is a fund-raiser for helping to get fuel to transport the float to/from Manitowoc, WI (about 3k miles).
- For those who are planning to go to Wisconsin, Dave recommended that you get your lodging reservation in immediately. Locations will fill up quickly.

Base Commander – Dave Harvey

- Dave advised the Associate Members that they can serve on any committee that they would like to, so please get involved. [SECRETARY'S NOTE: The only offices that AMs are not permitted to hold are the four elected offices and the appointed office of COB.]
- Dave thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

After Battery – Steve Nelms

- The After Battery will host a Charleston Base Picnic on June 13 starting at 1000
- We enjoy playing cards other than poker, including Cribbage, Pinochle, War etc. We even play Acey-Deucey.
- At the recent Hog Roast, we fed 181 people that week.
- The After Battery has 461 members nationwide.

Gun Club – Mike Ciesielko

- Not present.

Nuclear Historian – Rick Wise

- Nothing to report.

Regatta for Veterans – Tom Holcombe for Bob MacPherson

- Tom provided info about the regatta that will be held in the Charleston Harbor.

Submarine Birthday Ball – Nick Nichols

- Nick Nichols expressed his congratulations to NNPTC for the outstanding Sub Ball. There were 22 SubVets and wives present (11 couples).
- NNPTC had 400 tickets and sold 380 of them.
- It was well worth it, so – to those who did not attend, you will have another opportunity next year.

Drawings & Auctions

- FRA Drawing – Casey Power
- Depth Charge Drawing – Casey Power – Donated entire winnings to the Fleet Reserve Association
- Challenge Coin Display Case – Bob Browning

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 2007.