

# STRYKER SIGNALS

San Antonio, Texas

August 2006

## USS TEXAS COMMISSIONING

The commissioning of the USS Texas (SSN 775) is scheduled to be held in Galveston, Texas on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Invitations were mailed to submarine veterans the week of July 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have not received your invitation, you may wish to contact the Invitations Committee Vice Chair – Clint Gosse via email at [vicechairinvitations@usstexas.org](mailto:vicechairinvitations@usstexas.org). According to CAPT Gosse USN (Ret.), approximately 12,000 invitations were mailed. If you are planning to attend this event and require lodging in the Galveston area, you may wish to book your rooms early as some of the facilities are already booked up for Saturday evening. See USS Texas website for lodging info. Additionally, please prepare to indicate at the next base meeting whether or not you plan to attend the commissioning event. We need to have some idea as to who is going for planning. The presentation of the MWR Fund check to the TEXAS Skipper will occur in the evening on the 8th at a dinner. If you will not be attending the base meeting, please contact Barry Martin via email or telephone by 10 August to advise him of your plans to attend.

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## USSVI 2006 National Electoral Ballots

Please bring your completed USSVI Ballots to the next meeting or mail to Dave to reach him prior to August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dave's address:

David Shelley  
P.O. Box 211  
Junction, TX 76849-0211

## RAFFLE TICKETS FOR USS TEXAS LITHOGRAPH

Stryker Base is sponsoring a raffle (see attached flyer) to benefit the crew of the USS TEXAS SSN775. All proceeds will eventually go to the MWR Fund for the TEXAS and be presented to the crew as part of the commissioning events in Galveston. The raffle drawing will be held September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## BASE PATCHES FOR SALE

Base Patches for still available for purchase at a cost of \$8.00. Please contact Barry Martin for any additional information or to purchase.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>

VFW POST 8315 – SCHERTZ, TX

PLEASE CONTACT MEAL COORDINATORS RE: PRE-MEETING POT  
LUCK DINNER

### USS TEXAS COMMISSIONING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

GALVESTON, TX

While the actual commissioning ceremony takes place on  
Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, there are some other associated  
events beginning Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### USSVI NATIONAL CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup>

LITTLE ROCK, AR

### SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

VFW POST 8315 – SCHERTZ, TX

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## INFORMATION RESOURCES

### USS TEXAS COMMISSIONING

[WWW.USSTEXAS.ORG](http://WWW.USSTEXAS.ORG)

### SOUTH TEXAS SUB VETS

[WWW.STRYKERBASE.ORG](http://WWW.STRYKERBASE.ORG)

### UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.

[WWW.USSVI.ORG](http://WWW.USSVI.ORG)

## **Minutes from the Meeting of 21 May 06**

BC Frank Simpson called the meeting to order at 1346 and the dedication was read.

The invocation was then given.

BC led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The USSVI Creed was read.

Minutes from the 19 March 2006 meeting were approved.

Base Secretary is working on a newsletter. Guidance was to keep the format simple.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

### **Old business**

- A. USS Texas commissioning is set for 9 Sept 06. Expect invitation in the mail from SUPSHIP. Hotel info is on the USS Seafox website.
- B. Raffle Status
  1. Frank Lister informed us the tickets are ready.
  2. The raffle posters will be re-worded to accurately reflect the two items that are being raffled off.
  3. The raffle will be advertised in the American Submariner, with a full page ad. Additional posters will be distributed to various venues to drum up sales.
  4. Base Treasurer has set up the bank account to support this effort.
- C. No update on the tolling of the boats, Barry Martin will research and update at next meeting.
- D. No update on the memorial board upgrade.

### **New Business**

- A. Barry Martin gave a presentation on the impact to Ft. Sam Houston and Camp Bullis resulting from the BRAC.
- B. Barry Martin is coordinating Memorial Day activities at Ft Sam Houston Nat'l Cemetery. Will be providing cart escort service and grave look -up assistance.

### **Other Information**

- A. The RADM Walter N. "Buck" Dietzen Jr. Memorial event, at the Nimitz event went quite well.
- B. All copies of Whale Tales have been sold. The Base made \$108.00. Thanks to all who purchased a book!
- C. Still have base patches for sale. Get yours today!!
- D. Pictures from the April social were passed out.

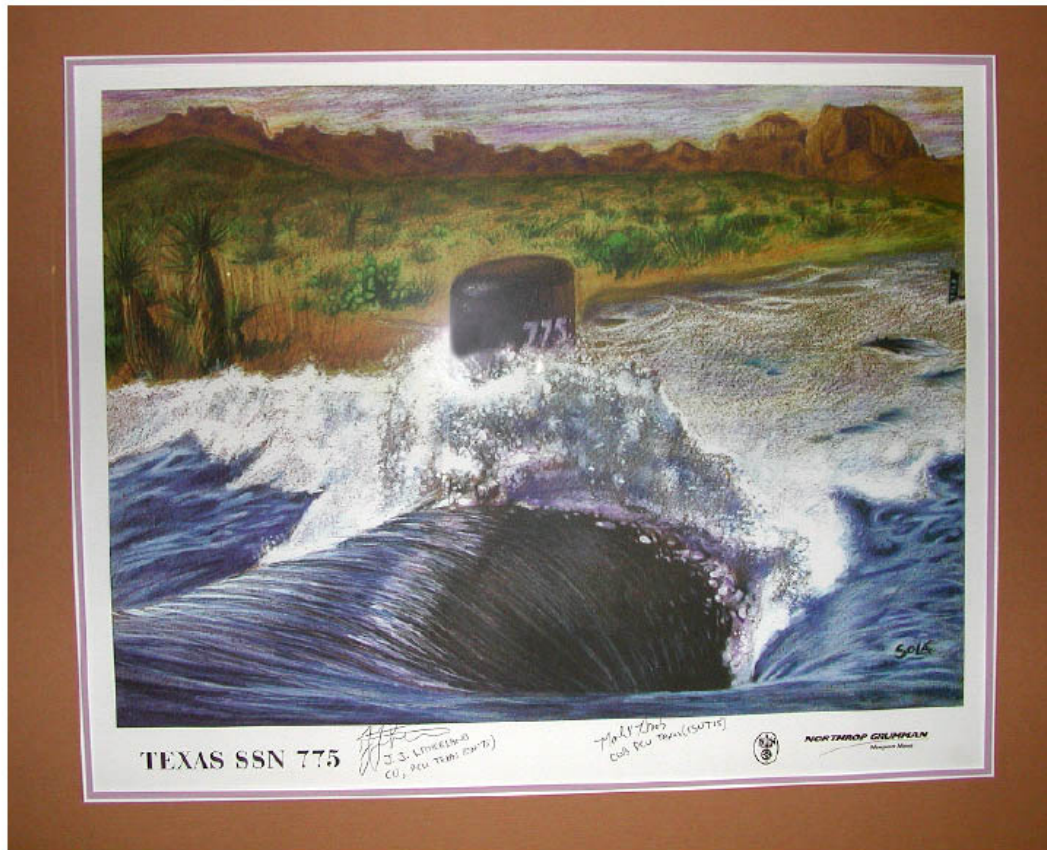
### **Benediction**

The benediction was given.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 1513.

# RAFFLE

## Benefits USS Texas, SSN 775 Commissioning Crew Activities



16" x 20" Official Navy Oil on Canvas and framed,  
lithograph, signed (CO & COB) artist conception of the  
USS Texas transiting the Rio Grande

# \$5 each or 6 for \$25



Drawing on September 9th, 2006  
*Need not be present to win*

*all proceeds to: PC Stryker Base, USSVI (501 c(3) non profit organization)  
c/o Barry Martin, 1044 Misty Lane, Spring Branch, TX 78070-5715*

*Stubs must be returned to Barry Martin no later than 9/01/06*