



UNITED STATES
SUBMARINE VETERANS INC



STRYKER SIGNALS

Our Creed

“To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. We pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States government.”

March-April, 2008

Social

Our next function will be at the home of Frank and Francine Simpson, 768 Country Creek Lane in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Meeting

The next meeting will be at the VFW Post #8315 (1000 FM 78, Schertz) will be 18 May starting with a Pot Luck lunch at 1300 hours. Guests and family are always welcome.

Invocation

Invocation and Blessing for the food.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1338 hours by Barry Martin.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge was led by Barry Martin.

Reading of the USSVI Creed

Creed was read by Gary English.

New Member Introduction

No new members or visitors. We had seven members and four wives present.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

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Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report: Read by Gary English.

1. Last meeting; 18 people were in attendance.
 - a. Swearing in of Officers.
 - b. Introduction of new member, Chief John Moore.
 - c. Report on 598 Class Plaques.
 - d. Report on *Lone Sailor Memorial*.
 - e. History Fair will be at Tejeda Middle School, 5 April, 1000-1600 hrs.
 - f. Map of Lost Boats will be on display.
 - g. Report on Texas Navy Memorial.
2. Last social; 16 people were in attendance.
3. Next social; 12 April.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report: Read by Barry Martin.

Old Business

Capt. Barr is doing better. We will up-date you as news comes in.

Volunteer Awards were given to Barry Martin, Dave Shelley, and Dallas Lesley for their work at the Veteran's Day Ceremonies at Ft. Sam Houston.

New Business

Boat Sponsorship was discussed; more information is in the *American Submariner*.

Individuals can sponsor a boat for only \$25 per year. This is a tax deductible item.

Boat Sponsorship program has expanded so much they are searching for a new name.

If you want to make a suggestion contact: subvetseditor@yahoo.com, or Bill Lee at AS. Nominations for National Offices; John Micowitz is running for Treasurer. Nominations must be in by 30 April.

Ballots will be on the internet.

For the Good of the Order

Meeting dates are: 18 May, 29 May (Memorial Day), 20 July, 21 September, and 16 November.

Social Get-Together dates are: 12 April, 14 June, ?? August, ?? October, and ?? December.

Benediction

Benediction was given by Mary Shelley.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1430 hrs.

Your SubVets Charity Needs You! If you can help the USSVI Charity they can be contacted at:

USSVI National Office

P. O. Box 3870

Silverdale, Washington 98383-3870

Attention: USSVI Charitable Foundation

Or

Patrick Householder

USSVI NJVC

Issaquah, Washington

Remember, this is a tax-deductible 501 (C) (3)

You can make a pledge and have ten years to fulfill it. See your Base secretary for more information.

Pumping the Humor Bilge

Have you ever spoken and wished you could immediately take the words back, or that you could crawl into a hole? Women do this a lot!

I was at the golf store comparing different kinds of golf balls. I was unhappy with the women's type I had been using. After browsing for several minutes, I was approached by a good looking gentleman who works at the store. He asked if he could help me. Without thinking, I looked at him and said: "I think I like playing with men's balls."

My sister and I were at the mall and passed by a store that sold a variety of candy and nuts. As we were looking at the display case, the boy behind the counter asked if we needed any help. I replied: "No, I'm just looking at your nuts." My sister started to laugh hysterically, the boy grinned, and I turned beet red and walked away. To this day my sister has never let me forget.

Have you ever asked your child a question too many times? My three-year-old son had a lot of problems with potty training and I was on him constantly. One day we stopped at Taco Bell for a quick lunch between errands.

It was very busy, with a full dining room. While enjoying my taco, I smelled something funny, so of course I checked my seven-month-old daughter, and she was clean. Then I realized that Danny had not asked to go potty in a while, so I asked him if he needed to go and he said: "No!"

I kept thinking: "Oh Lord, that child has had an accident, and I don't have any clean clothes with me." Then I said: "Danny, are you sure you didn't have an accident?" "No," he replied. I just knew he must have had an accident, because the smell was getting worse.

So, I asked one more time: "Danny, did you have an accident?" This time he jumped up, yanked down his pants, bent over, spread his cheeks and yelled: "See mom, it's just farts!" While thirty people nearly choked to death on their tacos laughing, he calmly pulled up his pants and sat down.

An older couple made me feel better by thinking me for the best laugh they had ever had!

This had most of the State of Michigan laughing for two days and a very embarrassed female news anchor who will, in the future, likely think before she speaks.

What happens when you predict snow but don't get any? A true story. We had a female news anchor who, the day after it was supposed to have snowed but didn't, turned to the weatherman and asked: "So Bob, where's that eight inches you promised me last night?" Not only did he have to leave the set, but half the crew did too!

While on a flight from New York, the stewardess was busy passing out peanuts and cokes to everyone. There were about sixteen flights lined up waiting to get clearance to take off. Then the other stewardess got a message from the pilot that the tower said the wind had changed 180° and they were first in line to take off, and to have everyone buckle up. Without thinking she just announced: "Please buckle up, grab your drinks and hold your nuts, we're taking off!" No one saw her for the rest of the flight to Houston, and all the other stewardesses were laughing all the way as were half the passengers.

Now, what the editor of this newsletter considers **THE CLASSIC!**

When my mother in law passed away my wife inherited her bed; a full size, remote control, head raise or foot raise, vibrating model. When we went into Wal-Mart my wife went on one side of the checkout counters and I went on the other. Remembering that the batteries on the remote control had run down, she called out to me: "Gary, don't let me forget to buy new batteries for my vibrator." She was the cutest shade of red as she ducked into the ladies clothes!

For the Ladies

Some comment was made at the last social event, so from now on there will be a recipe in the newsletter.

Dump Cake: Grease Pyrex or metal baking dish. Place fruit, canned or fresh, into dish. Cover with box of cake mix spread evenly. Slice one cube (¼ pound) butter on top of cake mix. Bake at 350° for about 45 minutes, or until golden brown. Entire time takes less than one hour, so it will be a great "last minute" dessert.

LOST BOATS, March and April

USS Perch (SS 176) 3 March 1942
USS Grampus (SS 207) 5 March 1943
USS Triton (SS 201) 15 March 1943
USS Kete (SS 369) 20 March 1945
USS Tullibee (SS 284) 26 March 1944
USS Trigger (SS 237) 26 March 1945
USS Pickerel (SS 177) 3 April 1943
USS Snook (SS 279) 8 April 1945
USS Gudgeon (SS 211) 18 March 1944
USS Grenadier (SS 210) 22 April 1943

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NOTES

John Moore contributed this item:

Free flights are available to WWII veterans to go to Washington, DC to visit Memorials. Go to <http://www.honorflight.org/> for more details.

Frank Simpson contributed this item:

Elderly veterans who are in need of a care provider, but cannot pay for it, may be eligible for Aid and Attendance—a little-known monthly pension benefit administered through the Department of Veteran Affairs. Wartime veterans and surviving spouses who have in-home care or who live in nursing homes and assisted-living facilities may be eligible for the benefit. To be eligible, a veteran must have served at least 90 days active military service (one of which must be during the war time) and have an honorable discharge. For more information about the Aid and Attendance benefit, contact the Department of Veteran Affairs at 1 (800) 827-1000 or visit the VA pension webpage: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/pension/vetpen.htm#7>

Hope all of you have a blessed Easter.

God Bless the USA, but better yet, USA, Bless God!