



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.”

25 November 2008

Social

Our next social will be Saturday, 13 December 2008, 1200 to 1500 hrs. at the Clear Springs Restaurant, 606 W. Afton. **Directions:** East bound frontage road of 1604 between Stone Oak and Hwy. 281. Look for Ashton Oaks sign.

Each person attending is asked to bring a \$20 gift for our gift exchange.

We need a head count by 9 December; email Barry Martin blmartin@gvtc.com, or phone him at (830) 885-5080.

Meeting

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

Invocation

Ruth Walling asked the invocation at 1335 hrs.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1420 hrs. by Dave Shelly. We had 21 in attendance including a new member's wife and two friends.

Pledge of Allegiance

Barry Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Our Creed

Frank Lister read Our Creed

New Member Introduction

John Carlin RMCS (SS) joined the Navy in 1961 and served until 1985. After sub school he went to the Ronquil, where Base Commander Frank Simpson was his boss. He was stationed in Italy from '65-'67, and later NavComSta Japan where he married. He served on the Thomas Jefferson and Queenfish (when she went under the ice).

Don Brown, ex-Airdale, was given an Honorary Submariner Certificate.

Minutes of Last Meeting

There was not enough for a quorum, so those in attendance had to make do with a BBQ.

Secretary's Report

No secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report

Barry Martin gave the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business

We now have a lighted Lost Boat board for our Tolling the Boats Ceremony.

New Business

Officers for Calendar Year 2009 were accepted by acclaim.

Base Commander: Frank Simpson

Vice Commander: Dave Shelly

Secretary: Gary English

Treasurer: Barry Martin

Dues are Due! (See Barry Martin's email about changes).

Veteran's Day at Fort Sam Houston was a great success. We had five drivers, but only four carts. Tom Nesbit sent me an email: "Please pass our heartfelt thanks to all the cart drivers." It is such an honor to drive real heroes around to visit graves of fallen heroes.

At our 18 January 2008 meeting we will have District 4 Vice Commander Bobby Broderick ETCS (SS) visiting.

Other Information

New book out: "The Ice Diaries" by Capt. William R. Anderson, CO USS Nautilus (SSN 571)

Remember 6 December 2008 Army vs. Navy Football Game. Torpedo Army!

RADM Chuck Grojean, Executive Director of the Adm. Nimitz Foundation, has terminal cancer and has about three month to live. He still puts in a couple days a week at work, and was at the Nimitz' Veteran's Day Ceremony.

Cruise Reunions are the latest thing! Combine a cruise and a boat reunion at the same time. Robbie Robinson, USN & USCG (Ret.)

<http://www.brobinson.cruisesinc.com/travel/cruises/index> can give you all the information.

Another website that so worthwhile:

<http://www.managemusic.com/Music/PlayBeforeYouGo.php>

This is a tribute to our aging Veterans who are passing on to that Eternal Patrol all too soon.

Editorial note: I would like to pay tribute to another set of heroes, or more accurately, heroines. The mothers, wives, and sweethearts who were left behind, but who stood beside their men in prayers and keeping the home front, deserve their share of the glory. On this Thanksgiving Day remember to be thankful not only for the Veterans who made it possible, but the mothers, wives, and sweethearts who helped. How many letters have we as servicemen received that lifted our spirits just when we needed it most? Thank You, Ladies!

Pumping the Humor Bilge

The old crusty Chief noticed a new lookout on day and barked at him to get over here.

“What’s your name?” was the first thing the Chief asked the new guy.

“John,” the new guy replied.

The chief scowled, “Look, I don’t know what kind of bleeding-heart, liberal, pansy-ass stuff they’re teaching Sailors in boot camp today, but I don’t call anyone by their first name. It breeds familiarity and that leads to a breakdown in authority. I refer to my Sailors by their last name only – Smith, Jones, Baker – that’s all. I am to be referred to only as Chief. Do I make myself clear?”

“Aye, aye, Chief!”

“Good! Now that we got that straight, what is your last name?”

The new guy sighed and said, “Darling. My name is John Darling, Chief!”

“Okay.....John, here’s what I want you to do....”

Thought for the Day: A married man should forget his mistakes. There’s no sense both of you remembering them!