



UNITED STATES  
SUBMARINE VETERANS INC

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# 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 and its’ constitution.”

May-June, 2009

## Social

Our next social will be at the home of James and Betty Lou Mooring on Saturday, 20 June 2009. The address is 117 Black Jack Alley in Kerrville. More information will follow via email.

## Meeting

**Our next meeting will be 19 July 2009 at the VFW hall in Schertz. Pot luck at 1300 hrs. followed by meeting at 1400 hrs. Visitors, family, and guests are always welcome.**

## Call to Order

BC Frank Simpson called the meeting to order at 1332 hrs.

## Invocation/Prayer

Ruth Walling led the opening prayer.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Frank Simpson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Reading of Our Creed

Frank Simpson read the USSVI Creed.

## New Member Introduction

No new members.

## **Secretary's Report**

Minutes were adopted as printed in the Stryker Signals.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Barry Martin gave the treasurer's report

## **Old Business**

Great turnout for the Tejeda Middle School History and Culture Faire. See letter of appreciation below.

D4 Cdr. nominations are being accepted now.

## **New Business**

Frank Lister HC Cdr will give a short summation on the Gil Shaddock Scholarship initiated at the USS Robert E. Lee reunion in San Antonio/Fredericksburg May 2009

Memorial Day Ceremony will be 25 May at Fort Sam Houston. Volunteers are expected to arrive before 0830 hrs. and stay until 1130 hrs. Uniform is white shirt, black pants, vest and hat.

Memorial Day Ceremony at Fredericksburg will be held at 1000 hrs. About 50 wreaths will dedicated in addition to the normal Memorial Day.

Stryker Base will have a Tolling of the Boats at the National Museum of the Pacific War on 6 December 2009, the day before the Grand Opening of the renovated museum. We will only be Tolling those boats lost in World War II.

The Nimitz Foundation Symposium this year is 19-20 September. Subject will be B-29s and Submarine Rescue Missions. Sign up in advance.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to purchase two bags of Submarine Pins. Bags are \$50 each and contain 100 Pins.

## **Other Information**

A change in the USSVI Oath of Office adds "United States Submarine Veterans, Inc." to the Oath.

Plan to attend the USSVI convention in San Diego 8-12 September 2009.

Frank Simpson, Barry Martin, and Lyle Walling were recognized for fifteen years membership in USSVI.

P. C. Stryker, Jr. Base, USSVI received the following letter from Randy Guzman, History Faire Coordinator:

The Tejeda Middle School History Faire & Culture Fest is a community event celebrating and teaching the history and culture of many different time periods. Your participation in this event is key to making it a successful learning event for all involved. Thank you for sharing your love of history and culture.

We would love to have your participation again for next year's History Faire. Please mark your calendar for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Tejeda History Faire & Culture Fest, scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2010. You will receive information on next year's event as soon as it becomes available.

Again, thank you for "Making History Come Alive!"

Sincerely,

*Randy Guzman*

History Faire Coordinator

P. C. Stryker, Jr. Base received a letter from the Cavalla Historical Foundation in Galveston thanking us for our donation:

On behalf of the Cavalla Historical Foundation, I would like to thank you for your generous donation in the amount of \$525. Your gift will help us continue to move forward toward our goal of making the naval museum a much greater historical and educational resource.

The Cavalla and the Stewart are in better condition today than they have been since we acquired them, although additional restoration on the vessels themselves still must be done. We continue to need funding to allow us to add amenities such as a sound system to the Cavalla and the Stewart, to build a visitors center and to develop an educational program with emphasis on historical and scientific lessons. Your gift will help us meet our goals.

Yours truly,

*Jeff Morris*

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Treasurer

P. C. Stryker, Jr. Base also received a letter of thanks for a donation to Operation: Float a Soldier. In part the letter says:

Thank you for supporting Operation Float A Soldier with your gift of \$500. Your gift will make a huge impact this year in our ability to honor and support our healing soldiers.

Mr. Martin, I'll keep you informed about our outings, perhaps with enough notice you can join us. We thank you for having partnered with us, aiding to serve our

heroic American Soldiers and their families. God Bless the United States of America!!  
Serving Him,  
*Letty Garnett.*  
Treasurer

## **For the Good of the Order**

Capt. Eric Barr and Tom Lambertson are having health problems. We ask God's touch on their lives.

## **Benediction**

## **Entertain Motion to Adjourn**

Adjourned at 1430 hrs.

## **Pumping the Humor Bilge**

An aging priest was looking for a position to fill out his remaining years. The only opening he could find was working in a monastery copying original manuscripts. He took the job and went down to the basement to start work.

Several hours passed and the other priests got worried when the old priest did not appear for dinner. They went down to the basement and there found the old priest at his desk weeping uncontrollably.

When they asked him what the problem was he replied: "The word was *celebrate*, not *celibate*!"

In ancient Greece there was Mount Olympus where all the gods lived. One warm summer evening the god Thor was enjoying the view of the valley far below. There he saw a lovely young thing getting ready for bed. He jogged down the mountain and leaped through her window.

After making love to her seventeen times he was satisfied and was ready to return to his mountain home. As he leaped back out through the window he thought: "I better tell her who I am because I have ruined her for mere mortal men." Turning, he said: "By the way, I'm Thor!"

You're there? I'm so there I can't pith!"

A man took his wife to the rodeo and stock show. In the cattle exhibit there was a bull with the notation by his name: "This bull mated 50 times last year." His wife playfully nudged him and said: "He mated 50 times last year."

The next exhibit was a bull with the notation: "This bull mated over 150 times last year." His wife jabbed him and said: "Over 150 times! That's almost twice a week." Next exhibit was a bull with the notation: "This bull mated 365 times last year." His wife jabbed him hard enough to make him double over and said: "You could really learn something from him." Her husband said: "Go ask the rancher if it was with the same old cow?" His condition has been upgraded from critical to stable.