



**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 Constitution.”

18 July 2010

Social

Next social will be at the Clear Springs Restaurant, 606 W. Afton Oaks (inside Loop1604 feeder between Stone Oak Blvd. and Hwy. 281) San Antonio. Starting time if 1300 hours on Saturday, August 21st.

Meeting

The next meeting will be at the Clear Spring Restaurant on Saturday, 18 September at 1300 hours. Guests and family are always welcome.

Call to Order

(All members please sign in)
Meeting called to order at 1423 hours.

All Rise: “Let us at this time, with a moment of silence, remember our shipmates who made the supreme sacrifice, that we may gather here in peace. We dedicate to our shipmates on eternal patrol, to perpetuate their memories in our lives and honor our shipmates on active duty in the service on the first line of defense of our nation.”

Invocation/Prayer

Given by John Buchanan

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Base Commander.

Reading of USSVI Creed

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Read by Frank Lister

Eternal Patrol

Base Member Andy Bagos departed on Eternal Patrol on 25 June 2010. Sailor Rest Your Oar. Born 5 October 1923, departed on Eternal Patrol 25 June 2010. World War II veteran 1942-1945, and Plank Owner of USS Ronquil (SS 396). Other boats: USS Redfin (SS 395) and USS Gunnell (SS 253). He was a QM3 (SS).

Lost Boats for July: USS S 28 (SS 133), USS Robalo (SS 273), and USS Grunion (SS 216) of which the final resting place has been found.

Presentation

Roland Arsate gave a presentation on the expansion of the Navy Federal Credit Union in the San Antonio area, plus the many new benefits available to military personnel. He was brought to us compliments of Phil and Susan D'Ambrosio

Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes were accepted as written in the Stryker Signals.

Treasurer's Report

Accepted as presented by Barry Martin

Old Business

Memorial Day: Many thanks to Dallas, Larry, Dave, Gary, and Barry for serving at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery.

New Business

- A. **VOTE!** Members can vote online. For those with no computer I have ballots and an envelope to send it in. Send mail in ballots to: John Peters, Election Master, P.O. Box 2911 Aiea, HI 96701-8411.
- B. Cavalla Work Week is August 9th to 14th. Come for the week or just a day or two. Anyone desiring to go?
- C. August Social will be at Clear Springs Restaurant on Saturday, 21 August, 1300 hrs.
- D. Survey: Would members like to have a unique US Submarine Force Flag? If anyone has design ideas let BC know.
- E. NC Frank Lister, Lyle Walling, Juan Molina. Present slate at September 19 Business Meeting. (Anyone desiring to serve call Frank Lister.)
- F. Al Singleman, NS, USSVI is calling agenda items for the ABM at the National Convention. Any ideas? (None presented.)
- G. Memorial Boat Fund donation of \$50 approved in the name of Andy Bagos to USSVI CF.

- H. Jim Wallace asked for support of a basketball league with logo: “Pride Runs Deep.” Formal approval tabled until organization gets 501(3) c designation.
- I. Motion approved to change September meeting to Saturday, 18 September at Clear Springs Restaurant.
- J. We will have a “Tolling of the Boats” ceremony on Saturday, 31 July at Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 2829 Ackerman Road Kirby, Texas. Uniform: Dark pants, white shirt, black tie, vest, and cap of choice. Muster at 1700 hrs. We are dedicating the flag pole John Buchanan was instrumental in getting installed. All who can plan to attend. We have been remiss scheduling our “Tolling of the Boats” ceremony lately.

Other Information

- A. Last call for Texas Sub Vets WW II last Texas State Convention patch. (No takers.)
- B. USSVI Convention 30 August to 5 September. Room rates will be the same three days before and after the Convention. Larry Yano and Chuck Woods are going.
- C. John Buchanan will be flown to Washington, DC 13-15 August to visit the WWII Monument and other things. This service is provided by citizens who are grateful for his Naval Service. John was aboard the USS Cachalot (SS 170) in Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941.
- D. Texas 4th District CDR Wayne Standerfer tentatively will be with us at our September 18th meeting.

Good of the Order

- A. Please sign cards for John Lee, Lyle Walling, and Capt. Barr.
- B. Please keep Andy Bagos’ wife Margaret in your prayers.

Benediction

Given by John Buchanan.

Adjournment Other Information

Meeting adjourned at 1535 hours.

Pumping the Humor Bilge

Jack Hodges decided to go skiing with his good buddy, Bob Bila. So they loaded up the SUV and they were off, headed North.

After driving several hours they hit a terrible blizzard, and since it was late evening they stopped at a farm and asked the very attractive lady if they could spend the night?

The lady explained that she was recently widowed, and although she had the large house all to herself, she couldn’t allow them to spend the night in the house. The neighbors would talk.

They said they would stay in the barn, and be gone at first light, if that was OK. The lady agreed.

At first light the weather had cleared and they were on their way. Nine months later Jack walked into the office of his buddy, Bob. “Remember that night we spent at the farm during the blizzard?” Bob said he remembered.

“Did you slip up to the house and ‘entertain’ that pretty widow?”

Bob sheepishly said he had.

“And did you tell her your name was Jack instead of Bob?”

Bob, clearly embarrassed and apprehensive, admitted he had.

“Well, she just passed away and left her whole estate to Jack Hodges!”

Judy, a gorgeous young girl, married when she was still very young. She, being very passionate, was soon a mother. Then she was a mother again.....and again..... Soon she had nine kids running around the house. Her husband worked two jobs to feed the family, but finally his heart gave out and he was gone.

Judy soon remarried, and as before was a mother again...and again.....

She and her new husband were up to twelve! And he too worked himself to death.

Judy, still a beautiful woman, remarried and (you guessed it!) started having more kids.

Her third husband was killed in an auto accident.

Finally Judy died also.

At the funeral the preacher commented ‘they are together again.’”

Two of her friends were sitting there, and one asked the other if the preacher meant her first, second, or third husband. The other friend said: “Her legs, Lisa, her legs!”

Twin brothers, but as different as night and day; one attended church regularly and lived a clean life while the other drank and caroused. Both were killed in an auto accident when the drunk was driving his brother home from church.

The saintly brother was sitting on a cloud in heaven; his halo on his head, his harp in his hand, and his wings on his shoulders. He happened to look down and there was his brother in “the other place,” a beautiful woman on his lap and a bottle in his hand.

He went down to pay his brother a visit. Then he suggested they trade places for a while.

The drunk said: “No, you would hate it here. This is really hell.”

The saint implored his brother to trade for just a few years.

The drunk said: “See this bottle? It has a hole in it.....she doesn’t!”