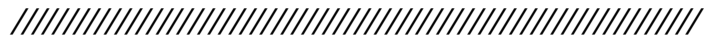


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Steve McKee, Base Commander

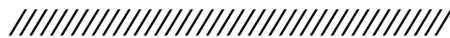
Newsletter for April, 2011



Greetings, Shipmates, one and all.

Here's hoping that you're able to make something out of the "Sprinter" weather we've been having; sort of a duke's mixture of Spring and Winter trying it's best to foul up our outdoor activities. I'm as confused as the bears must be; wondering whether to hibernate or 'unhibernate' or whatever. At any rate, hope all is well with you and yours.

This month's newsletter notes that we are not having a regular meeting as such in the month of May, so take note of that in your planning. May is a busy month with a lot of graduations, etc. taking place. My wife and I are traveling to Wichita, KS to be present at one of our granddaughters' high school graduation, and are looking forward to that. Seems only yesterday we were traveling to see her just after she was born. Wow, how the years have flown by since then !



MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING
Courtesy of Frank “Yo” Richard, YNCM(SS), ret., Base Secretary

Minutes of Southern Colorado Base Submarine Veterans Monthly Meeting

Date: 16 April 2011

Meeting called to order by Steve McKee, Base Commander

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Base Commander; Prayer by: Base Chaplain

Members Present: Steve McKee, Steve Iskra, Bernie Herpin, Frank Richard, Charlie Flood, Larry Leek, Ken Andrew, Paul Chestnut, Robert Woods, Brandon Martinez, Shawn LaCroix, Gary Pollock.

Ladies Present: Linda Herpin, Ellie Flood, Lori Woods.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Minutes as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurers Report: Motion made, seconded, no corrections, and passed.

Old Business: Base Cdr reported that as Sara and Doyle Lester no longer able to hold Ice Cream Social, the check to them given to Veterans Home. Further reported the receipt of a nice letter from them.

New Business: Base Cdr reported that he, Ken Gilman and Ken Andrew visited Joe Maurelli. Base Cdr noted that the USS Grayling Memorial Ceremony was to be held on the 14th of May and that the Submarine Birthday to be held on the 13th of May. Base Cdr requested that all members of this base should attend. He further stated that he can take three passengers with him to the Ceremony; pickup place to be West End of Sears/Chapel Hills Mall. Discussion on whether to hold the May meeting in Pueblo resulted in the cancellation of meeting after motion made, seconded and passed. Kaps for Kids Program was discussed with Base Cdr noting that Cds were available with all the info to be taken home by anyone. Kaps for Kids Program is for children sick/terminally ill in the hospital. Brandon Martinez talked on the Kaps for Kids Program; he had visited Sarasota Base and stated using a fundraiser for the program. He further told that USSVI is trying to get Veterans Status which would result in Non-Profit status for USSVI. He further talked on the program noting the cost of the Kaps \$5-\$6 each. Brandon volunteered to chair the Kaps for Kids Program. Gary Pollock also spoke on the program noting that there are Honorary Submariner Cards that can be presented to

the children in the hospital. All agreed that we would pursue this program. Discussion on our Submarine Float (built and ready). Having it in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, do we desire to participate in other parades? Support is needed to have it in the parades (only 2 volunteers needed for participation). Base Cdr listed the parades that we could possibly enter the float: Cripple Creek, Pikes Peak or Bust and Fountain. Charlie Flood made a pitch to use the White Hat Fund for gas/diesel fuel cost for towing the float. Further a working party is needed to take care of the bubbles on the float and for painting it. It was decided to enter the Cripple Creek Parade; Base Cdr will publish an email on this. Brandon Martinez talked on the Banner design for the float and getting them made up. Banners to be on the sides on the trailer and front of the truck. After discussion it was decided to leave the Creed off the banners. He further stated he has place to go to for their manufacture. Cost will be about \$38.00 for the three of them. Motion made, seconded and passed to get quote on cost. Shawn LaCroix reported on his work on our website; will use banner design on it. Shawn requested that he needs photos for the website. Base Cdr talked about election of new officers for our Base; new officers in 1st week in September. It was decided to have the June meeting again at Bambino's.

Adjournment: Motion made and seconded. Motion passed. Chaplain: Gave the Closing Prayer.

Next Meeting: 18 June 2011 at Bambino's in Colorado Springs.

Thanks, Frank.



Commander's Comments



Well, here we are, middle of May, still no Spring to speak of. I'm personally looking for some warmer weather.

*This also had a big impact on the Grayling Memorial, although not raining, it was colder than a Well Digger b***t, ya know !!!*

But I want to thank you that attended for coming out and enduring the weather. It was a nice ceremony, and it was well attended. There were several relatives of the shipmates who were on the Grayling when she went down. And it was very moving for the special recognition that RMB paid to those family members.

Thanks again to the following members:

Frank Richard

Bernie and Linda Herpin

Ken and Lorraine Gilman

Woody and Lori Woods

Gary and Natalie Pollock

Brandon Martinez

Shawn LaCroix

Kevin Simmons

Our next meeting will be June 18th at Bambino's restaurant, if you haven't been, it's on the corner of Platte and Circle in Colorado Springs. We will have some business to take care of, to date no one has stepped up with the insurance requirements for the Cripple Creek parade, so unless this happens we will not participate. The insurance is \$300,000/\$500,000 for liability.

I will call them and find out if that is a hard rule.

So hope to see you all there, if you haven't heard the food is excellent.

Steve

Frank Richard provided the following Program of the Grayling Memorial service for those of you who weren't able to attend:

**Sailors Lost In
USS GRAYLING (SS-209)
September 1943**

Arnold, D. E. LT
Baker, E. N. TM1
Beavers, A. R. EM2
Boelter, J. W. LT
Boyer, G., Jr. EM1
Brinker, R. M. LCDR (CO)
Burch, J. M. EM2
Bush, J. W., Jr. MOMM2
Campana, C. J. MOMM2
Chockley, J. E. MOMMA
Clark, H. R. GM1
Clark, C. D. FM1
Corbett, R. A. SM2
Crawell, H. W., Jr. LT (XO)
Dallaire, W. J. ENS
Day, J. E. CTM
Dillow, H. E. MOMM2
Donaldson, F. W. COX
Ellis, W. EM3
Fontaine, D. I. PHM1
Goodnight, J. C. MOMM1
Grimes, C. A., Jr. S1
Garasko, T. J. S1
Harbauer, R. F. SC1
Harper, J. K. FC2
Hawkins, C. H. MOMM1
Hickcox, F. J. S1
Hoffman, E. J. CTMA
Howard, R. GM3
Howell, J. L. S1
Hunt, C. W. TM3
Johnson, E. S1
Kelley, W. W. S1
Kelly, J. E. MOMM1
Keplinger, D. L. RM3
Kysar, C. R. Y2
Loudon, L. E. QM2
Mabui, S. P. CK2

Maloy, F. B., Jr. LTJG
Marks, J. H. MOMM1
Mathis, M. O. P2
Mufvatta, G. A. CTMA
Nichols, C. W. BKR1
Nichols, J. T., Jr. LT
Oeldemans, H. C. F1
Oliver, R. G. EM1
Parrino, A. J. GM2
Pawloski, J. T. MOMM1
Quisenberry, M. J. TM
Rainault, A. L. MM3
Santos, J. C. ST2
Sawerby, A. S. S1
Schmidt, C. E. CEM
Schmidtmeier, H. A. EM3
Scott, G. L. TM3
Sebourn, L. E., Jr. TM3
Sharrock, D. P. RM2
Shields, W. S. EM3
Simpkins, J. D. TM1
Simpson, R. T. F1
Small, R. E. CMMA
Smith, J. C. CRMA
Srnak, H. A. EM1
Spencer, D. H. EM2
Stevens, R. F. TM3
Sullivan, E. F., Jr. LTJG
Wallace, W. L. CK3
Walker, J. J. QM2
Welch, J. LTJG
Welch, F. MOMM1
Wetzel, A. F. MOMM2
Whitcomb, H. O. EM1
Wilson, J. H. TM2
Wolf, M. A. MM3
Young, J. H. RM2
Zabs, R. L. S1

Those listed in **RED** are represented at this Service by family members.

**USS GRAYLING (SS-209)
MEMORIAL**

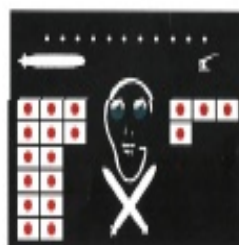


**SLOAN LAKE PARK
DENVER, COLORADO**

14 MAY 2011 - 1100 HOURS



GRAYLING Patch



GRAYLING Battle Flag

SUPPORTERS

A special thanks to the Colorado Air National Guard, the Navy Honor Guard from Navy Information Operations Command, Colorado, the All Veterans Honor Guard from American Legion Wilmore-Richter Post #161 Arvada, Colorado, the U. S. Sea Cadets Lexington Division and Mr. Marvin Pratt, trumpeter who support these services every year.

Thank you to the members of Rocky Mountain Base of USSVI, Mile High Diggers Chapter of Submarine Veterans of WWII Members and Wives and for the individual family and friends of SubVets.

DIGNITARIES

MGen. H. Michael Edwards, Colorado Adjutant General
RAdm. Larry Marsh, USN-Ret. (SS)
Captain Dick Life, USN-Ret. (SS)
Captain Dan Branch, USN-Ret. (SS)
Cdr. Nick Homan Navy Inf. Ops Command CO
Dave Linker, USSVI Western District 2 Commander
Bill O'Halloran, Colorado State Commander,
Submarine Veterans of World War II
Chuck Grimes, Colorado State Vice Commander,
Submarine Veterans of WWII
Gene E. Kollar, President Mile Hi Diggers, Sub Vets of WWII
Marky Grimes, Colorado State Commander,
Wives of Sub Vets of WWII
Beverly Gibson, President, Wives of Sub Vets of WWII

SPECIAL GUESTS

Family members of those crewmen lost in USS GRAYLING (SS-209) listed in RED on back cover.

MEMORIAL SERVICE 14 MAY 2011 PROGRAM

FLY-OVER

Colorado Air National Guard

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Anderson, Base Commander Rocky Mountain Base USSVI

OPENING PRAYER

Myra Mevarden, Chaplain RMB USSVI

HISTORY OF THE GRAYLING MEMORIAL

Bill Anderson, Base Commander Rocky Mountain Base USSVI

POSTING OF THE COLORS

Honor Guard, Navy Information Operations Command, Colorado

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steve McKee, Base Commander Southern Colorado Base, USSVI

PRESENTATION OF WREATHS

Marky Grimes - Representing Sub Vets WWII

Beverly Gibson - Representing United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

RECOGNITION OF DIGNITARIES

Bill Anderson, Base Commander Rocky Mountain Base, USSVI

SPEAKER Capt. Dan Branch USN-Ret., Nat. Pres. Navy League

HISTORY OF THE GRAYLING

Bill Anderson, Base Commander Rocky Mountain Base, USSVI

TOLLING OF THE BOATS

WWII Sub Vets Bill O'Halloran & Chuck Grimes

Prior to and Post WWII Dave Linker & Chuck Grimes

FLAG CEREMONY

Honor Guard, Navy Information Operations Command, Colorado

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Dave Linker, USSVI Western Region District 2 Commander

RIFLE SALUTE & TAPS

All Veterans Honor Guard & Mr. Marvin Pratt

BENEDICTION

Myra Mevarden, Chaplain RMB USSVI

RETIRE THE COLORS

Honor Guard, Navy Information Operations Command, Colorado

SPECIAL LAKESIDE SERVICE AT SLOAN LAKE

Thank you, Frank

Sea Stories and Scuttlebutt

I'm continuing to look for some pictures and stories from your time in the Submarine Service. Just send me what you want included and I'll put in exactly what you send. I'm sure everyone would be interested in hearing from anyone who is willing to contribute. I'd like at least one, perhaps two pictures and a short description of what they are and a story to go along with it, or any sea story you'd like to include.

*Thanks,
Editor*



CONVENTION PLANNING

Don't forget that the USSVI convention is coming up in September in Springfield, Missouri. Sounds like a great place and time of year to have a get together in the Missouri Ozarks. If you've never been to that part of the country, it's beautiful. Below is a little information on that subject.

We are now offering program
ad space for the 2011 USSVI convention
in Springfield MO.

The event this year, will be sponsored by
Ozark Ridge Runner Base in Springfield.

Below are the ad rates for the bases.

Proceedes will help pay for the printing and
distribution of the convention program.

So, give a shout out to all your USSVI brothers
with an ad for **YOUR BASE.**

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September 5 - 11, 2011
In Springfield, Missouri

The OZARK-RUNNER Base of the USSVI will host the 2011 National Convention of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) in Springfield, MO. September 5-11, 2011. We hope that you'll join us in showing our shipmates and their guests what Missouri hospitality and appreciation is all about.

We have contracted Your New Home Magazine & Chamber Directories Inc. They will be distributing a *Commemorative Convention Magazine* to our shipmates. We are offering all interested businesses the opportunity to place an advertisement in this magazine.

The magazine will be FULL SIZE 8.5 X 11, FULL COLOR on 70 lb GLOSS PAPER. We will print a minimum of 5,000 copies. We will distribute to all attendees before and during the week long convention.

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Just a few addresses and phone numbers for future reference in case you are planning, or might plan to attend.

Chaplain's Corner



On behalf of our Base Chaplain, Charlie Flood, and in memory of the men of the Grayling and all other US Navy ships and men lost at sea, please consider the following passage of Scripture:

“They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.”

Psalms 107: 23, 24



That's about it for now, shipmates. See you at the meeting.

Larry Leek, Newsletter Editor



NOTES AND REMINDERS