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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 government.”

January-February, 2008

## Social

Our next function will be a Valentine’s Day social gathering at the home of David and Mary Shelly in Junction, Texas. Call (325) 446-2901 to coordinate food.

## Meeting

**The next meeting will be at the VFW Post #8315 (1000 FM 78, Schertz) will be 16 March starting with a Pot Luck lunch at 1300 hours. Guests and family are always welcome.**

## Invocation

Invocation was asked at 1305 hours.

## Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1338 hours by Base Commander.

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Swearing in of New Officers

## Reading of the USSVI Creed

## New Member Introduction

John Moore was introduced. He is a retired chief. He sailed on the George C. Marshall and Simon Lake. Now he is working as a prison guard.

## Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

## Secretary's Report

There was no Secretary's Report.

## Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's Report.

## Old Business

1. Frank Lister gave a report on the 598 Class plaques for the Washington, DC Navy Memorial.
2. Lone Sailor Memorial statue shows no progress so far.
3. April 5<sup>th</sup> will be the History Fair at Tejeda School on Evens Road east of Hwy. 281. Volunteers are needed. Last year it was a great time of informing the public.
4. Report of Lost Boat board.

## New Business

1. The Valentine's Day social at the Shelly's home. Here are the directions.....  
Take Hwy. I 10 toward Junction/El Paso.  
Take 3<sup>rd</sup> exit (see Golden Arches on your right). This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit after the rest area.  
Turn left into town, to traffic light (377). Turn right to South Llano. 3<sup>rd</sup> street on right (church is on the corner, to your right).  
Turn right to "tee" with big arrow to the left. **You turn right, to big house on the left.**  
Note: Error on map. The street that dead ends into S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street at 304 Walnut, and doesn't go all the way to 377. S. Llano is ACTUALLY the 3<sup>rd</sup> street on your right, off Main.  
IF you get lost call (325) 446-2901  
The address is: 304 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street Junction, TX

## For the Good of the Order

Meeting dates are: 16 March, 18 May, 29 May (Memorial Day), 20 July, 21 September, and 16 November. Social Get-Together dates are: 16 February, 19 April, 14 June, ?? August, ?? October, and ?? December.

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# **Benediction**

## **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 1435 hrs.

## **Pumping the Humor Bilge**

### *Idiot Sightings:*

We had to have the garage door repalired. The Sears repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a “large” enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one Sears made at that time, a ½ horsepower. He shook his head and said: “Lady, you need a ¼ horsepower.” I responded that ½ was larger than ¼. He said: “NO! It’s not, four is larger than two.” We haven’t used Sears repair since.

My daughter and I went through the McDonald’s take-out window and I gave the clerk a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her a quarter. She said: “You gave me too much money.” I said: “Yes, I know, bet this way you can just give me a dollar bill back: She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the quarter, and said: “We’re sorry, but they could not do that kind of thing: The clerk then proceeded to give me back \$1.75 in change. DO NOT confuse the clerks at McDonald’s.

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road. The reason: “Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don’t think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.”

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for “minimal lettuce:” He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked: “Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?” To which I replied: “If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?” He smiled knowingly and nodded: “That’s why we ask.”

The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it’s safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged coworker. She asked if I knew what the buzzer was for? I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded: “What on earth are blind people doing driving?” She is a probation officer in Wichita, KS.

At a good-bye luncheon for a old and dear coworker. She had lost her job at the company due to “downsizing.” Our manager commented cheerfully: “This is fun. We should do this more often.” Not another word was spoken. We all just looked at each other with the ‘deer-in-the-headlights’ stare. This was at the electronics firm; Texas Instruments.

I work with an individual who plugged her power strip back into itself, and for the life of her couldn’t understand why her system would not turn on. She is a deputy with the Dallas County Sheriff’s Office.

When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I said to the technician, "it's open!" He replied: "I know. I already got that side." This was at a Ford dealership in Canton, MS.

**STAY ALERT!** They walk among us.....and the scary part is that they VOTE and REPRODUCE.

## **LOST BOATS**

USS Scorpion (SS 278)	5 January 1944
USS Argonaut (SS 166)	10 January 1943
USS Swordfish (SS 193)	12 January 1945
USS S-36 (SS 141)	20 January 1942
USS S-26 (SS 131)	24 January 1942
USS Barbel (SS 316)	4 February 1945
USS Shark (SS 174)	11 February 1942
USS Abmerjack ((SS 219)	16 February 1943
USS Grayback (SS 208)	27 February 1944
USS Trout (SS 202)	29 February 1944

These men died for an ideal.....FREEDOM! Elections are coming up soon! Don't let your vote be: "Overdue, presumed lost!"

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