



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 and its’ constitution.”

15 March 2009

Social

Next social is scheduled for 18 April 2009 at the home of Frank and Francine Simpson. The address is 768 Country Creek Lane, Fredericksburg. Pot luck at 1200 hrs. Bring your lawn chairs.

Meeting

Our next meeting will be 17 May 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 1350 hrs.

Invocation/Prayer

Chaplain John Buchanan led the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Frank Simpson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of Our Creed

Frank Lister read the USSVI Creed.

New Member Introduction

New member Bryan Richardson served on the Sturgeon, Frank Cable, and Sand Lance as a forward ET. He has a wife and three children.

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Secretary's Report

Minutes were adopted as printed in the Stryker Signals.

Treasurer's Report

Barry Martin gave the treasurer's report

Old Business

Tejeda Middle School History Faire will be held Saturday, 4 April 2009. Volunteers need to be at the school prior to 0930 hrs. School is on Evans between Hwy 281 and Bulverde Road. Wear your vests. We need submariners to come out and explain what it was like to serve, especially in the older diesel electric boats. Many of the people have only the concept of submarines and submariners as portrayed in Hunt for Red October and other films.

D4 Conference will be held in Fredericksburg on 29-31 May 2009. Volunteers are needed to man the Hospitality Room.

Reunion of the Robert E. Lee will be held at the Tropicana Hotel San Antonio. All hands are welcome; cost of the dinner will be \$25-30 per person.

Business cards can be purchased for handling and shipping only. Contact:
www.vistaprint.com

New Business

USSVI Longevity Pins and patches have been ordered by the Base.

D4 Cdr. nominations are being accepted now. Deadline is 15 April.

National Recruiting drive is now in progress. A prize will be awarded to the member with the most new recruits.

Memorial Day Ceremony will be 25 May at Fort Sam Houston. Volunteers are expected to arrive before 0830 hrs. and stay until 1130 hrs.

Other Information

Tolling of the Boats: This is a long lead-time request. We need to have a Tolling of the Boats at the dedication ceremony for the new wing of The Museum of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg, Texas, scheduled for 7 December 2009. It will be the short ceremony with just WWII losses being Tolloed.

Benediction

Chaplain John Buchanan gave the benediction.

Entertain Motion to Adjourn

Adjourned at 1438 hrs.

Pumping the Humor Bilge

This is no joke: 4 March 2009. A San Antonio drug seller was shot in the groin when the drug buyer did not like the terms. As was reported on the news, the wound would not shorten his life, however it would definitely *shorten his love life!* Ouch!!

(WOAI AM 1200, San Antonio, Texas)

The Rancher (taken from *The Scuttlebutt*, Gold Country Base Newsletter)

When you're from the country you look at things a little different.....

A rancher got in his pickup and drove to a neighboring ranch and knocked at the door. A young boy, about 9, opened the door.

"Is yer Dad home?" the rancher asked.

"No sir, he ain't," the boy replied. "He went to town.

"Well," said the rancher, "is yer Mom here?"

"No, sir, she went into town with Dad."

"How about yer brother, Howard? Is he here?"

"He went with Mom and Dad."

The rancher stood there for a few minutes, shifting from one foot to the other and mumbling to himself.

"Is there anything I can do fer ya?" the boy asked politely. "I know where all the tools are, if ya want to borrow one. Or maybe I could take a message fer Dad?"

"Well," said the rancher uncomfortably, "I really wanted to talk t yer Dad. It's about yer brother Howard getting my daughter pregnant."

The boy considered for a moment. "Ya would have to talk to Pa about that," he finally conceded. "If it helps ya any, I know Pa charges \$500 for the bull, and \$50 for the hog, but I really don't know how much he gets for Howard."

(compliments of the Gold Country Base, Sacramento, California)

After a heavy rain storm, the mother watched through the kitchen window as her two young sons played in the puddles outside. The older five year old grabbed his brother and shoved him face down in one of the puddles.

Horrified, the mother ran from the kitchen to rescue her younger son. "What do you think you are doing? Trying to kill your brother?" she screamed.

Her older son said: "Momma, we were just playing church. I was baptizing him in the name of the Father, the Son, and in the hole-he-goes."

(compliments of Oliver & Christine Smith, Danville, Virginia)