

# UP SCOPE



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United States Submarine Veterans, Inc Our Creed: *"To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and it's Constitution."*



Shipmates,

Spring is finally here (sort of) after one of the craziest winters this area has ever had. I feel quite sure I am speaking for most of you in saying we will not morn its passing.

In February our Base members and spouses stepped up to help with our annual fund raiser loading cookies for the Girl Scout Association. Their hard work enabled us to make this year the largest ever. They all deserve our thanks and a very well done.

Vice Commander Stan Miller arranged a "Kaps4Kids" trip to Dallas Children's Medical Center where we presented

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Ball Caps, Honorary Submariner Certificates and Photos of the USS Dallas to some of the young patients. We will be planning more visits like this in the future, so if you missed this one plan on coming along the next time. These kids will steal your heart.

An overnight trip to Fredericksburg, TX will be setup in the near

future to tour the "The National Museum of the Pacific War", do a little shopping and sightseeing. I will get back to everyone after the details are worked out.

Through the help of Base member George McDermott we have been invited to participate in the Grand Prairie, TX Memorial Ceremony which will take place in downtown Grand Prairie. In addition the city will furnish us with a table and space to set up an information booth to advertise who we are and what we do. This is a great opportunity for USSVI exposure in our area. I will be sending out the details shortly.

Our National Elections are coming up and I would like to encourage all of our Base members to participate by casting your vote. It only takes a couple of minutes by either a paper ballot or online at the National Website. Last year we had 40% (35 members) participation which was considerably more than in the past, but with 86 eligible voters we can do much better. Please contact me if you have a problem with the online voting procedure and I will guide you through it (just the procedure, not who to vote for). I promise it is completely painless.

Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

As always contact me with any questions or comments,

Wayne Standerfer  
Dallas Base CDR

**USSVI-DALLAS BASE  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 2010 Minutes**

The April meeting of the USSVI-Dallas Base was called to order at Spring Creek Barbeque Restaurant in Addison, TX April 3, 2010 by Dallas Base Commander Wayne Standerfer at 12:05 PM.

Present were the following members and guests:

Members: Rob Althaus, Ken Ballard, Maurice Barksdale, Jerry Bringle, Charlie Cloud, James Doonan, Peter Filidoro, James Harrelson, Barbara Harrelson, Marv Koch, Fred Maphis, Andrew Massimino, Paul McAlister, Don McClane, Stan Miller, Frank Morgan, Jeff Morris, Daniel Ottinger, Harry Owens, Mel Polen, Leonard Reneau, Jo Lynn Standerfer, Wayne Standerfer, Donald Thieme, Leonard Tunnell, Linda Tunnell and Fred Williams.

Guests: Roxanne Blackburn, Nell Cloud, Mary Koch, Connie McAlister, Patti McClane, Sue Morris.

A moment of silence was observed to remember our Shipmates who made the supreme sacrifice.

The Invocation was given by: Mel Polen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by: Wayne Standerfer.

The Submariner's Creed was read by: Wayne Standerfer.

Wayne Standerfer then read the names of the Boats on Eternal Patrol for the month of April while Charlie Cloud tolled the bell.

April Birthdays: James Kennedy, Mart Nurmet, Leonard Reneau and Bruce Richards.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Secretary:** Peter Filidoro read the minutes of the March meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charlie Cloud presented the Treasurer's report for March. The report was approved as presented.

**Membership:** Stan Miller reported we have one new member and he has emails out to 3 potential new members.

**Kaps for Kids:** Stan Miller reported that the Base made its first Kaps for Kids visit, which was to Dallas Children's Hospital. They visited with between 15 to 20 children ranging in age from an infant to 13 years old. He will look for other Children's Hospitals in the area for future visits.

**Storekeeper:** Mel Polen reported there is \$127.00 in outstanding purchase orders.

**Scholarship:** Frank Morgan reported of the 6 applications that have gone out he has received one back, so far. There are 27 days before the deadline, for applications to be turned in.

**Old Business:**

**Girl Scout Cookie Distribution:** The Base will receive a check for \$5,002.48 in the next week.

**Honor and Remember Flag:** The Base has purchased and received a flag, which was shown at the meeting. This flag honors individuals who died in military service to America.

**Christmas Party:** will be at Maggiano's restaurant in Plano on Sunday December 5th.

**Storage Space:** Wayne Standerfer has rented a storage space for the Base to keep equipment and miscellaneous items the Base has accumulated. The monthly rental charge is \$36.

**New Business**

**Trip to Fredericksburg:** Wayne Standerfer will work on trying to put together an overnight bus trip to Fredericksburg for sometime later this year.

**Base Picnic:** The members present agreed that the Base should have a picnic this summer. Wayne Standerfer will work on setting one up.

**Visit Veterans:** The Base will start a program to visit Veterans at the VA hospital and or a local Nursing Home. Stan Miller will work on setting up a visit.

**Day at the Races:** George McDermott is working on trying to get the Base the same deal that we had last Memorial Day, at Lone Star Park. The City of Grand Prairie has asked the Base to participate in their memorial service at the park. Wayne Standerfer will talk with the city in the next week.

Jerry Bringle was presented with his 10 year Longevity Pin as a member of USSVI. Jerry has been a member of the WWII Submarine Veterans since 1955.

**Good of the Order**

The Base received a letter of Appreciation from the Cavalla Historical Foundation for collecting donations for their periscope replacement fund.

Upcoming Elections. The third issue of the American Submariner will have a ballot for the up coming national elections. Members can vote online or by mailing in the ballot. Members are encouraged to vote.

The Base website: Members are encouraged to check the website for the dates and times of meetings and other activates.

Next meeting will be at 12:00 noon, Saturday, May 3rd at the Oasis Restaurant on Joe Pool Lake.

Cavalla work weekend: will be the first weekend in May. They are also planning for a workweek in August.

**Guest Speaker**

Base member **Maurice Barksdale** spoke about his tour of the newly commissioned fast attack submarine, USS New Mexico.

50/50 Drawing: Andy Massimino won the 50/50 for \$82.

The Benediction: was given by Mel Polen

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 PM

Respectfully submitted by:  
Peter Filidoro, Base Secretary

**MAY 1ST MEETING  
AT THE OASIS**

May 1st meeting at the Oasis....

Map and meeting information on back.

**2010 USSVI National Elections Candidates**

National Commander:

1. **T Michael Bircumshaw**, National Jr Vice Commander and editor, American Submariner, past District Commander, Past Base Commander, Joe Negri & Robert Link Award winner.
2. **John Carcioppolo**, Groton Base Commander and past Eastern Region Director, Joe Negri & Robert Link Award winner.
3. **Carl Schmidt**, Central Region Director, Past District Commander, Past Base Commander, Robert Link Award winner.

National Senior Vice Commander

1. Jon Jaques (Incumbent)

National Junior Vice Commander

1. Al Singleman

National Secretary


1. Tom Conlon
2. John Theotino

National Treasurer

1. 2. John Markiewicz (Incumbent)
3. Richard McPherson

Central Region Director:

1. Kenneth Recoy, Batfish Base Commander, Past Central District 1 Commander.
2. **Wayne Standerfer**, Dallas Base Commander, Central District 4 Command



<p><b>Birthdays for March</b></p> <p>5 David Schrieber 9 Donald Thieme 19 Paul McAlister 21 Thomas McCutcheon 28 Jerry Larson 29 George Bard</p> <p><b>Birthdays for April</b></p> <p>5 James Kennedy 6 Mart Nurmet 9 Bruce Richards 27 Leonard Reneau</p>	<p><b>Birthdays for May</b></p> <p>1 Frank Morgan 5 Bill Bozarth 6 Leonard Tunnell Jr 6 Sam Williams 8 Gerald Bringle 10 Michael Gick 12 Daniel Ottinger 24 E.J. Plummer 26 Glenn Baker 26 Peter Filidoro 26 Ivan Nicodemus</p>
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**DALLAS BASE & NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP  
REPORT AS OF (04/12/2010)**

**Dallas Base**

Membership	103
Regular Annual Members	46
Associate Members	11
USSVI Life Members	26
Holland Club Members	20
<b>National Membership</b>	<b>13,216</b>

**Welcome Dallas base Members** that have joined since last newsletter.

Name	Qual Boat
Jerry Edwards	USS Raton SS270
Barbara Harrelson	Associate
Linda Tunnell	Associate

## IF YOU MISSED THE APRIL MEETING, YOU MISSED AN EXCEPTIONALLY INTERESTING TALK GIVEN BY MAURICE BARKSDALE

My dear friend Charlie "Scurvy" Brown, a retired CSC Chief, who made four WWII patrols on Razorback was appointed to the commissioning Committee of the USS New Mexico. He was involved in the total planning for the commissioning ceremony and all of the events prior to the ceremony. He was invited to a day cruise two weeks before the event. He called me when he returned and said that the New Mexico was "a little different than the Razorback." I asked him if it was possible for me to tour the boat during commissioning week.

To my surprise, he said that he would check it out for me. Scurvy called me back three days later and told me that he had cleared me for a tour of the new Mexico. It brought a smile to my face that could reach from Fort Worth to Dallas.

I arrived in Norfolk the evening of the commissioning ceremony and met with Scurvy. He had arranged a tour for me the next morning. My first Navy boss, retired Master Chief James Fairchild, who taught me how to be a Navy cook, lives in Norfolk. Scurvy was able to secure a pass for Chief Fairchild as I needed someone to get me on the base. (The security at the base is very tight as it should be.) The Chief picked me up early the next morning and we started on our adventure. I had never been to the Norfolk as all of my Navy sea duty was in the Pacific. The base was huge! I could not identify any of the ships except the aircraft carriers. Chief Fairchild pointed out Guided Missile Cruisers, Destroyers, Transports and other ships that looked quite different from my Navy of the 1960's. The New Mexico was moored at Pier 14.

I saw her as we drove up to the pier. She sat low in the water and looked like a killer. We met with the Chief of the Watch, a young man in his twenties, and he called our tour guide Petty Officer 2nd Class Barr. We boarded the boat and went down a hatch just forward of the sail. I was told that the New Mexico did not have compartments. She is divided into modules. It appeared that we entered a crew module that was filled with electronic gear. I was surprised because the area was tight and filled with very nice berthing. Each berth had a curtain and was much larger and nicer than my fleet boat bunk. It was an area for Petty Officers First and Second Class. I



was told that she had one hundred twenty-nine crew members on that date. The Forward Torpedo Module was huge. They have four tubes forward and none aft. I asked the Chief Torpedoman why and he said "four is all we need." (GO, New Mexico!!) The Control Room was quite interesting. I said "Where is the Christmas tree?", and was shown a seating area with two joy sticks and an amazing computer screen. I was told that Chiefs or First Class petty officers control all movement of the boat from that site. "Where is the periscope?", I asked. I was shown a monitor that looked very similar to my home television with everything in view on the pier. (Wow!!) I looked for the Sonar Room which is under the Control Room on the Razorback. I was shown many monitors in the Control Room for the Sonarmen. (Wow!!) We headed for the galley.

The Razorback galley is smaller than my wife's closet (please don't print this!!) and I expected their galley to be a little larger. It looked like a restaurant! There was a serving line and they have thirty-two men at a sitting. The galley is four times as large as the Razorback. Two or three cooks can work there at the same time. I was totally amazed and ready to re-enlist just to try it out. The food storage areas are much smaller, as the Navy allows prepared rations for many meals in today's Navy. WE would only use prepared rations or dehydrated stores after all of the fresh food had been consumed. (On the Razorback, that was usually the second day on patrol!!) The movie screen is permanently installed on one end of the galley and they insert DVD's the same way we do at home. (The Razorback projector would only break down about three times on a good day.) The new menu's are geared for young men. They are filled with the same kind of "fast food" items that you would find at McDonalds or Burger King. That is what they want. After the initial shock, I must tell you that I was quite impressed with everything on the boat. My tour was cut short when the SOPA arrived for his tour. However, I will be forever grateful to Scurvy and the Navy for letting me tour the U.S.S. New Mexico. I wish that I was eighteen again!!

Maurice L. Barksdale (CS2)(SS)  
U.S.S. Razorback (SS-394)  
U.S.S. Pomfret (SS-391)



**DALLAS SUBVETS VISIT "DALLAS CHILDRENS HOSPITAL"  
24 March 2010**

We really did not know what to expect but we came loaded with Smiles, Hats, Pictures of the USS Dallas and, Honorary Submariner Certificates. Doug Gallagher, Ron Jensen, Jeff Morris, Tim Davis, Dan Ottinger, Gavin Wolf, Wayne Standerfer, Charlie Cloud (Neil for support), and Myself made a trip out the Dallas Children's Hospital to visit some of the seriously ill children at the hospital.

We were greeted in the lobby area by Staff Members Renee Caskey and Rick Butler who gave us the run down on the rules for visiting the children and from there we began our journey to visit some of the most precious children in the World.

We were only allowed to visit the Play rooms on each floor. These are the rooms that the kids go to unwind after exams, getting poked and prodded and going under other unpleasant procedures on the way a better and healthier Life! These rooms were full of Arts and Crafts, Building blocks, TV's, And Video Games!!! Anything these children need the staff do their best to get them.

We were waiting in the first playroom for some of the children to arrive. We all were kind of nervous and did not know what we were getting into. One by one they came in and the socializing and smiles came out all over the place. Gavin brought some of his old Submarine pictures and some the children really enjoyed seeing them and talking with Gavin who had

a great way of talking at their level. Jeff and I played Basketball with an autistic child and we gave her a ball cap and she put on backwards and was all smiles the rest of our time there, in fact she HI-Fived everyone in the room.

We spent about 10/20 minutes in that playroom and Rick escorted us to other rooms where we got to visit with more children. The Dallas Cowboys built a wing with nothing but Dallas Cowboys toys and pictures!! We were told that the Cowboys are by far the most popular visitors at the hospital. But that did not stop us from spreading our Submarine cheer and goodies with the children.

After about an hour, our visit time had come to an end and Rick and Renee escorted us back to the lobby. We thanked them for escorting us and giving us some insight on the hospital and more importantly the children.

Speaking for the guys, this was far more rewarding that we had imagined and left with the feeling there is a lot left for us to do with these and other children.

Stan Miller

*PS: Before our next planned visit we need to have Gavin Wolff conduct a training session on how to communicate with these young people. He was a natural at fitting in and putting these kids at ease when compared to the rest of us old codgers. --Wayne Standerfer--Dallas Base CDR*

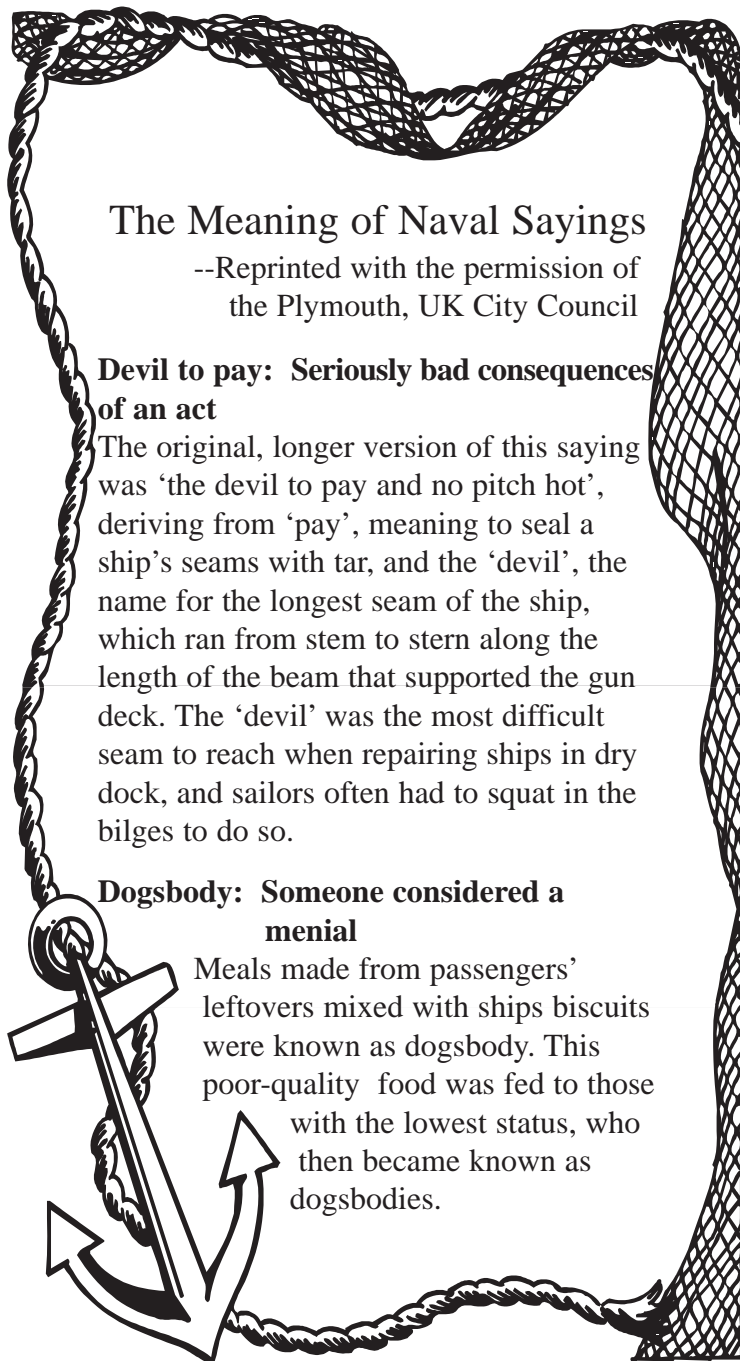


**ANNUAL GIRL SCOUT COOKIE DISTRIBUTION FUND RAISER** took place on February 19th, 20th and 22nd.

Due to the hard work of the following Base Members, the Dallas Base has received a check in the amount of \$5002.48 that will be added to our Base fund.

This was accomplished in only three days by a total of 33 Base members and spouses. They deserve a "very" well done for making this contribution to our Base fund possible.

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Burkett, Phil</b>     | <b>Nixon, David</b>        |
| <b>Byler, Carl</b>       | <b>Ost, Richard</b>        |
| <b>Davis, Tim</b>        | <b>Ottinger, Dan</b>       |
| <b>Doonan, Jim</b>       | <b>Owens, Harry</b>        |
| <b>Filidoro, Peter</b>   | <b>Owens, Roxanne</b>      |
| <b>Gallagher, Doug</b>   | <b>Pack, Joe</b>           |
| <b>Jansen, Ron</b>       | <b>Reese, Dennis</b>       |
| <b>Koch, Marv</b>        | <b>Reneau, Len</b>         |
| <b>Koch, Mary</b>        | <b>Snyder, Mike</b>        |
| <b>Maphis, Derla</b>     | <b>Standerfer, Jo Lynn</b> |
| <b>Maphis, Fred</b>      | <b>Standerfer, Wayne</b>   |
| <b>Massimino, Andy</b>   | <b>Thyme, Arlene</b>       |
| <b>McAlister, Paul</b>   | <b>Thyme, Don</b>          |
| <b>McClane, Patti</b>    | <b>Tunnell, Leonard</b>    |
| <b>McDermott, George</b> | <b>Williams, Fred</b>      |
| <b>Miller, Stan</b>      | <b>Wippert, Roy</b>        |
| <b>Morgan, Frank</b>     |                            |



**The Meaning of Naval Sayings**

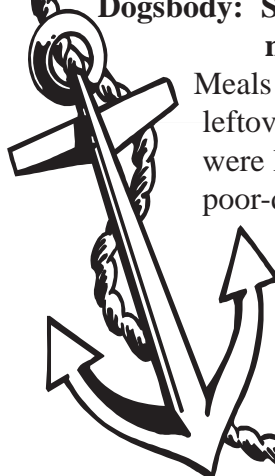
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**Devil to pay: Seriously bad consequences of an act**

The original, longer version of this saying was 'the devil to pay and no pitch hot', deriving from 'pay', meaning to seal a ship's seams with tar, and the 'devil', the name for the longest seam of the ship, which ran from stem to stern along the length of the beam that supported the gun deck. The 'devil' was the most difficult seam to reach when repairing ships in dry dock, and sailors often had to squat in the bilges to do so.

**Dogsbody: Someone considered a menial**

Meals made from passengers' leftovers mixed with ships biscuits were known as dogsbody. This poor-quality food was fed to those with the lowest status, who then became known as dogsbodies.



**CHAPLAIN'S BINNACLE LIST**



- Charlie Cloud** has recovered from eye surgery
- Don McClane** is recovering from knee replacement
- Doug Gallagher** is recovering from emergency surgery to repair ruptured colon.
- Marv and Mary Koch's** daughter, Donna has stage (1) Non-Hodgkin's T-cell lymphoma.

## LOST BOATS REPORT

### LOST BOATS FOR MARCH

USS Perch (SS 176)                      3 March 1942  
no immediate loss of life. 53 survived the war.

USS Grampus (SS 207)                5 March 1943  
72 officers and men

USS H-1 (SS 28)                        12 March 1920  
4 officers and men

USS Triton (SS 210)                    15 March 1943  
74 officers and men

USS Kete (SS 369) between 20 and 31 March 1945  
87 officers and men

USS F-4 [ex-SKATE] (SS 23) 21 March 1915  
19 officers and men lost

USS Tullibee (SS 284)                26 March 1944  
79 officers and men and one survivor

USS Trigger (SS 237) 28 March 1945  
91 officers and men

#### Lost Boat of the Month March

USS Perch (SS 176)                      3 March 1942  
no immediate loss of life      53 survived the war

Lost in the vicinity of Soerabaja, Java, with no immediate loss of life. Under the command of LCDR D.A. Hurt, she was on her 1st war patrol. After two severe depth chargings in less than 200 feet of water, Perch was so badly damaged throughout that she could barely stay on the surface, could not make more than 5 knots, and had no remaining means of defending herself. As three Japanese Destroyers closed in, LCDR Hurt ordered the crew to abandon ship and Perch was scuttled. All 61 officers and men were taken prisoner.

### LOST BOATS FOR APRIL

USS Pickerel (SS 177)                    3 April 1943  
74 officers and men

USS Snook (SS 279)                      8 April 1945  
88 officers and men

USS Grenadier (SS 210)                22 April 1943  
No immediate loss of life

#### Lost Boat of the Month April

USS Thresher (SSN 593)                10 April 1963  
129 officers, men and shipyard workers  
from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

At time of her loss, USS Thresher was commanded by CDR Wes Harvey. Thresher was the first of a new class that significantly advanced the technological level of nuclear attack submarines. She had just completed an overhaul and was lost in a dive at test depth in over 8000 feet of water, the first nuclear submarine ever to be lost. In the wake of this disaster, many lessons were learned that resulted in the SubSafe Program, involving the redesign of ship systems and procedures, as well as rigorous periodic inspections of welds in submarines.

### LOST BOATS FOR MAY

USS Gudgeon (SS 211)                  12 May 1944  
80 officers and men

USS Lagarto (SS 371)                    4 May 1945  
88 officers and men

USS Squalus (SS 192)                  23 May 1939  
26 officers and men

USS Stickleback (SS 415) 30 May 1958  
No loss of life

#### Lost Boat of the Month May

USS Lagarto (SS 371)                    4 May 1945  
88 officers and men

USS Lagarto was off the Malay Coast in or near the gulf of Siam. On her second war patrol, commanded by CDR F.D. Latta, she was teaming with the Baya in tracking a convoy. Lagarto is believed to have been lost to a radar-equipped minelayer, the Hatsutaka. Even though forced down in shallow (30 fathom) water offering limited chances for evasion, CDR Latta was an experienced captain. She must have been lost to a lucky direct hit. In a simple form of justice, Hatsutaka was sunk by Hawkbill less than 2 weeks later.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May**

**Sat, May 1st USSVI Base Meeting**  
12 noon at Oasis

**Sat, May 7, 8, 9 Work weekend on**  
Cavalla in Galveston

**Memorial Day Ceremony**  
at Seawolf Park, Galveston

**June**

**Sat, June 5th Dallas Base Meeting -**  
12 noon at  
**Spring Creek Barbeque**  
2827 West Wheatland Rd (at I 20)  
Dallas, TX 75237  
972 296-1211

**July**

**Sat, July 10th Dallas Base Meeting**  
12 noon  
**Spring Creek Barbeque**  
2827 West Wheatland Rd (at I 20)  
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972 296-1211

**MAY 1ST MEETING**

This is a reminder that we will be having our quarterly meeting with the Fort Worth WWII SubVets at:

**The Oasis Restaurant on Joe Pool Lake**  
**5700 Lake Ridge Pkwy**  
**Grand Prairie, Texas**  
**817 640-7676**

