

The NEWS

at the

AMERICAN UNDERSEA WARFARE CENTER

Home of USS Cavalla SS244 and USS Stewart DE238

SEAWOLF PARK AT GALVESTON, TEXAS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS –

We are looking for a person skilled in Data Entry and Data Processing to purge and update our Master Data Base (about 8200 name/address files). Work will be done by contract and on a part time basis. Please contact John McMichael or Gil Raynor (or your Editor, see above) if you know of anyone who might be interested.

Donations are needed for placing refurbished periscopes back on Cavalla. USSVI-Charitable Foundation (501(c)3) will match, dollar for dollar, what we raise up to \$1,000. And possibly \$2,000! – Potential: \$4,000. Too good to pass up. Make Checks payable to USSVI-CF, and mail to: USSVI Dallas Base – 1303 Bow Creek Dr. – Duncanville, TX 75116.

From the Chairman ----- The newly formed Planning Committee has been meeting via telephone to prioritize hardware and administrative issues..... TOP priority, hire an Administrative Officer. Focus is on urgent repair issues as well as preparations for upcoming hurricane season. A motion to amend By Laws to include this important Committee will be voted at the upcoming Board Meeting in April. Next scheduled phone meeting is 30 March. **Progress is being made.**

From the VP and Communications Chair The Communications Committee adopted as its **Mission Statement:** *Provide for the effective dissemination of information regarding the Cavalla Historical Foundation and the American Undersea Warfare Center, both internal and external to the organizations, keeping in mind the various constituencies involved.*

The **first step** was to get out a **Monthly Newsletter**. This is being done by Dick Hoffman. **Next step** is to organize those “internal and external” constituencies with whom we wish to communicate. This means bringing our master data base up to date. To do this –

1). Ron Harter will re-organize our current data.. 2). John McMichael and Gil Raynor are seeking a Data Processing Clerk on a part time basis to purge and update name/address info throughout the whole list. (See Announcements, above.)

As always, the Committee welcomes your thoughts and ideas re getting the CHF word out.

From the Administrator ----- Facebook is growing in members and our presence is growing with it. When we post to it, all the fans receive it. To maximize its value, we must share each message received with our friends. This is the multiplication factor. When fund raising or other events appear in your profile, please share them and add support and comments of your own. Your pictures and comments add to the effectiveness of the Facebook Page.

New Jersey South Base is sending \$250 toward the periscope fund. They are a generous bunch up there, even if they do live in the snow. This is the same New Jersey where Vets threw in \$400 “for gas” to bring the Edsall Class Model to us.

Composed and proofed, the Annual Fundraising Letter will be mailed as soon as a Charitable Mailing Permit is obtained. A slight delay to save 10 cents per letter – the mailing will total some 8200 pieces !! – is warranted.

From the Chief Operations Officer ----- This time the news is not limited to Ike Recovery. We’ve gained momentum, and are moving out ahead once more!!

- All of the **bronze plaques** in the Memorial Area have been reworked, painted, and shined. This gift of time and effort comes from the Golden Triangle Base of USSVI, Port Arthur, Texas. Those who participated are: Bob Gawe, Bryan Guy, Bobby Guy, Bill Lee, Bobby Ledoux and Keith Seiser. (Keith didn’t make it into the picture) (See right -----)
- **Plumbing on USS Stewart** has been replaced and the after head is once more operational. A boon to the old guys who sleep on board during Work Weekends.
- Volunteers, **Bob Gawe and his Wife** from Connecticut reworked two more Watertight Doors on Cavalla, and made them fully operational.
- The **Tautog Sail** has been completely prepped and repainted and looks really good.
- The **Decks in After Berthing** on Stewart have been stripped, cleaned and re-waxed.
- Holes around Stewart which resulted from her re-berthing after Ike, are being filled, and dirt will be sloped up against her hull to insure drainage away from her.



From the Treasurer The **PayPal Link** at *Cavalla244.org* is beginning to produce. To date--- \$235 in donations from that source. Tell your friends.

From the Park Board A recent meeting between the Park Board and FEMA left the issue of **the New Entrance Building** unresolved. Another meeting is scheduled for the following week. The problem is in locating the Public Rest Rooms on the ground floor since the building is in a flood zone. Ernie and the others continue to work for a solution.

From the Editor Some kind of sleigh ride!!!! Mac Christy and I spent 6 or 7 days driving through snow so thick it was like fog! Two feet on the Penn Turnpike. We topped it off with coming back through Dallas during the worst snow they’d had in history. Stayed with us a third of the way to Houston. **But It all worked.** Great visit with Conrad Lambrschini, leading DE Vet in New Jersey. And the model is safe in the League City “modeling room” of friend and CHF Volunteer, Karl Bollmann who is getting it ready to present to the Board at the April meeting during the Cavalla Reunions.



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With Karl in Texas

So much for now ---- Microsoft Word3 has me about “whipped”.
Ed.

