



HAMPTON ROADS BASE



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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. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment.

Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice.

The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."

Newsletter Editor's Musing

Shipmates,

It seems that Brian, Jim & Ted all took my implied advice and took a break from the monthly columns. However, Craig in his stalwart manner did send more than a few words of wisdom for sharing with you. (You can read that on the next page.)

I do hope that y'all have had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. I know that I have so far (- its's only 30 December). Looking forward to 2018 involves a nebular crystal ball. But let's hope for the best and safely navigate the not-so-best during the next year.

Looking back over 2017 and two previous years, I can say that putting CURRENTS together has been fun. The base has participated in many activities that



I really enjoyed covering and documenting. The three parades, Picnic, Hall-of-Fame, Holland Club Inductions, Scorpion Memorial, and Holiday Party all were enjoyable and provided fodder for CURRENTS.

In the previous paragraph, I omitted Kap(SS)4Kid(SS). This was a new mission that we accepted. Kudos to Rich Corey for taking the lead making things happen and establishing essential momentum. A second set of kudos goes to Sid Sidlovsky for picking up the lead after Rich's joining the binnacle list. And a third set goes to the shipmates that accompany Rich/Sid on most if not all of the visits to NMC-P These guys (Lynn Moran, Earl Densten, Joe Demnicki, Bob Vincent, Dave Snyder and Walt Kreger) all deserve to be recognized for their contributions.

I was able to join them for their latest visit on 19 December. We saw eight kids and families. Being a grandfather to a vivacious two-year-old and her soon to be sibling, the upbeat manner in which the patients and their families faced the situation, made me thankful for the skill, knowledge and professionalism of the medical staff at NMC-P.

As usual we didn't take photos of patients. However, here is one of the pre-visit muster and one taken by Chris Brogan of us and some of the medical staff.



Craig & Naomi were there on another mission but joined us for coffee.



On another Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) note thanks go out to the Newport News Shipbuilding Propeller Club for their generous contributions. For example, on 8 November we were presented with a \$1000 check from club treasurer Junior Adams.



I wasn't at the event but Sid Sidlovsky later said that it was "the first time I spoke in a bar and everybody listened".

On that note.....

Happy New Year,
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From the Secretary/ Treasurer

Shipmates,

Wow, the first of the year, what happened? Where did 2017 go? It seems like it just flew by when I wasn't looking. I know it didn't really happen that way but sometimes it feels like it did.



I offer all of you my best wishes for a healthy, happy, wealthy, and problem free 2018. If you haven't been to a meeting lately try to come out to have a good time with us and bring a friend. We always want to see you.

2017 was a decent year for us, I'm happy to say. Our membership went up with new members at almost every meeting and only a few losses. I hope we can keep that trend going in 2018. I still want us to take over 2nd place for membership in the National organization but we can't do it without everyone's support. If you're wearing a Baseball cap or some other USSVI logo'd item, strangers who are fellow submariners will come up to you and ask questions. Talk us up and keep a few of our business cards in your pocket to give out whenever the opportunity presents itself.

The dues renewal drive officially is supposed to be over and 88 members who had to pay National and/or Base dues have done so, thank you. As of this writing, there are still 10 members who haven't yet paid their dues and they're officially **DINQ!** I've sent emails, made phone calls, and will now send snail mail requests. If anyone hasn't paid their dues by the 31st of this month they will be dropped and any seniority within USSVI will be lost. That's not my policy, it comes from National and at our level there is nothing we can do to stop that process. If

you still owe dues you need to pay them ASAP, preferably by check mailed to me but you can also pay them by credit card, there is a service charge of 3% if I have the card in my hand to swipe or 4% if I have to manually enter the card number. If you want to pay your dues with a credit card, call me.

As a reminder, the applications and other paperwork for the \$1000 Hampton Roads Base Scholarship were sent to all members. The Scholarship is open to any direct subordinate relative of a member in good. I highly recommend that if there is someone in your family that meets the requirements and will benefit from our scholarship you get the paperwork to them. While we're on this topic, don't forget about the USSV-CF Scholarship and the Dolphin Scholarship, the Base supports both of these, there are also scholarships offered through the VFW and the FRA. If you have family members that can make use of any of these, make sure they apply by following all the instructions.

That will be all from me for this month. As always, if you need something don't hesitate to email me or call me so I can help you out. I'm only as far away as your computer or the other end of your phone; otherwise.

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~ Stay Safe & Stay Well ~

EMCS(SS) Craig S. Werner, U.S.N. (Ret.)
Hampton Roads Base Secretary & Treasurer



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Boats Lost in January



USS S-36 (SS 141): Lost on January 20, 1942 with no loss of life, on her 2nd war patrol. She ran hard aground on a reef and radioed for help. The entire crew was rescued by a Dutch ship after they scuttled her.



USS S-26 (SS 131): Lost on January 24, 1942 with the loss of 46 officers and men in the Gulf of Panama, on her 2nd war patrol. She was rammed by the USS PC-460 and sunk within seconds. The CO, XO, and one lookout on the bridge, were the only survivors.



USS ARGONAUT (SS 166): Lost on January 10, 1943 with the loss of 102 officers and men of Rabaul, on her 3rd war patrol. While attacking a convoy, she torpedoed a Japanese destroyer who along with 2 other destroyers depth charged her. As she tried to surface, the destroyers sunk her by gunfire.



USS SCORPION (SS 278): Lost on January 5, 1944 with the loss of 77 officers and men in the East China Sea, on her 4th war patrol. It is assumed she was sunk by a mine.



USS SWORDFISH (SS 193): Lost on January 12, 1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men somewhere near Okinawa, on her 13th war patrol. Probably was lost to a mine.



They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

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HRB January Birthdays

- 03: Earl Densten; Mike Lamy
 - 08: Walter Ganey, Rich Corey, Ed Bourne, David Hinkle
 - 10: Ron Hyson
 - 12: Alford Crowder
 - 18: Al Budd, **HRB Commissioned 1998**
 - 19: Ruben Holstrom
 - 20: Tony Franzitta
 - 21: Moses Pollard
 - 22: Ron Lofton
 - 23: Brian Krammes, Harry Biela
 - 24: Tom Thompson
 - 26: Robert Frye
 - 27: James Beauchamp
 - 28: Denny Olson, Robert Tobin, Brian O'Neill
 - 29: Alan Stubbe
 - 30: Frank Snyder, David Yoh, Glen Little; Curtis Thompson; Dennis Myers
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2017 Holiday Party

Once again, the Sand Castle was the scene of our annual Holiday Party. Over 60 members and guest attended either or both days. Bravo Zulu to Ted, Fran and the rest of the team that did the heavy lifting that made the event enjoyable. Afternoon snacks and munchies were consumed along with a few (or more) adult beverages before Pollard's Chicken catered the Saturday evening dinner. After dinner door prizes were awarded. Then Brian presented Mr. Mike Humphrey with a base coin and congratulations for his design of the logo and patch for the upcoming Southeast Region Conference. Later we enjoyed the steel drum sounds of Robbie Mead.

Pictures? Most of the pictures below were taken by Beverly Galles. The shaky and out-of-focus shots are courtesy of myself and my Irish friends, the Jamesons.









Leadership Changes

At the 16 December Hampton Roads Base meeting we elected a new slate of officers. Brian Daugherty was succeeded as Base Commander by Senior Vice Commander, Jim Reynolds. Ted Vorce moved up to Senior Vice Commander. We have a new Junior Vice Commander in the form of Gary Galles, Our Anchor, Craig Werner continues as base Secretary/Treasurer.

This team will be taking the reins at our next meeting on January 20.



Hall of Fame Election

USS Memphis(SSN-691) was nominated on the strength of her accomplishments both in an R&D role and as an active fleet member. The Guardfish (SSN-612) was nominated for her performing a long term (28 day) trail of Echo2 class K-184 in WestPac in 1972.

It was close but the USS Guardfish was selected as the 2018 entrant into the Submarine Hall of Fame. She will be joining the hall at the 17 May ceremony.



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January Historic Events

20 Jan 1909: Ship Fitter First Class George H. Wheeler and Boatswains Mate William H. Gowan display bravery and extraordinary heroism while fighting a fire and keeping it from spreading in Coquimbo, Chile. For their actions on this occasion, both men are awarded the Medal of Honor.

22 Jan 1941: During World War II, USS Louisville (CA 28) arrives at New York with \$148,342,212.55 in British gold brought from Simonstown, South Africa, to be deposited in American banks.

27 Jan 1942: Submarine USS Gudgeon (SS211) becomes the first US Navy submarine to sink an enemy Japanese submarine in action during World War II.

4 Jan 1943: USS Shad (SS 235) sinks German minesweeper M 4242 (ex-French trawler Odet II) in the Bay of Biscay.

14 Jan 1943: USS Gudgeon (SS 211) lands six men, 2,000 pounds of equipment and supplies on Negros Island for first resupply mission for a submarine.

5 Jan 1944: USS Omaha (CL 4) and USS Jouett (DD 396) were summoned to engage the German lockade runner Burgenland under the guise of SS Rio Grande. Gunfire and scuttling charges, sank th German runner.

14 Jan 1944: Five U.S. Navy submarines sink five different Japanese vessels in and around the Pacific Ocean. USS Albacore (SS 218) sinks Japanese destroyer Sazanami 300 miles off Yap; USS Scamp (SS 277) sinks the tanker Nippon Maru off Sorol Island; USS Guardfish (SS 217) sinks tanker Kenyo Maru southeast of Palau; USS Seawolf (SS 197) sinks tanker Yamazuru Maru off Okinawa, and USS

Swordfish (SS 193) sinks transport Yamakuni Maru off Hachijo Jima.

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22 Jan 1961: USS George Washington (SSBN 598) completes the first operational voyage as a fleet ballistic missile submarine, staying submerged 66 days.



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Upcoming Events

January 2018

10: FRA #60 Meeting (1900 hrs.)

20: Base meeting

February 2018

14: FRA #60 Meeting (1900 hrs.)

17: Base meeting

TBD: Silver & Gold Dolphin Auction

March 2018

10: Base meeting

14: FRA #60 Meeting (1900 hrs.)

April 2018

14: Hampton Roads 118th Submarine Birthday Ball

21: Base Meeting

27-29: USSVI Southeast Region Conference

May 2018

17: Hall of Fame Ceremony

19: Base Meeting

25-28: Scorpion Memorial

28: 134th Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade



Command and Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility.



Israelis Debut An Autonomous Robotic Submarine

Abigail Klein Leichman, Israel 21, December 19

Under the surface of waterways across the globe, small remotely operated submarines are busy checking pipelines, mapping underwater minefields, taking geological and biological samples, scouting locations for communication cables, and searching for sunken vessels.

A group of 20 undergraduate and graduate engineering students from Ben-Gurion University in the Negev saw that existing autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) have several limitations and they worked with Prof. Hugo Guterman in BGU's Laboratory for Autonomous Robotics (LAR) to build a better model.

The university's tech-transfer company is so hyped about HydroCamel II, the resulting prototype, that it has spun out a dedicated company, BGR, to commercialize the 2.35-meter-long AUV. Potential customers include the environmental, research, military, security, oil and gas sectors.

"It's like a car; you can use it for any application you like," Guterman tells ISRAEL21c.

HydroCamel II is equipped with an intelligent navigation system whose functions include mission planning, obstacle avoidance and decision-making.

Guterman says HydroCamel II is superior to any AUV available in Israel and among the most advanced in the world.

Unhappy with existing AUVs, his lab team designed a small prototype about four years ago, dubbed HydroCamel I, which could go down to a 100-meter underwater depth. Experimenting with that model led to HydroCamel II — a relatively small, cheap, easy-to-operate UAV capable of connecting among several platforms.

"We wanted to build something that could be deployed from smaller ships or from the harbor without a problem. We also wanted something that could be in the water for a long time and take a large number of sensors onboard," says Guterman.

"The HydroCamel II AUV integrates state-of-the-art technologies including high-level maneuvering in six degrees of freedom and an ability to dive vertically or hover," he explains. "Until now, these capabilities were limited to remotely operated underwater vehicles (ROVs), which must be tethered by cable to a host ship at all times, while the HydroCamel II is completely autonomous."

The vehicle, whose body is constructed of the same carbon compound used in airplanes, can be recharged underwater. "We have developed a lot of electronics for the inside of the HydroCamel II," Guterman says.

Cheaper and better

According to the makers, the HydroCamel II AUV combines full autonomy and maneuverability while enabling quick integration of specialized payloads such as sonars, cameras, sensors and a specimen collection arm.

Guterman says these payloads are more expensive than the vehicle itself.

"HydroCamel II will cost less than a competitive platform but will be much better," says Guterman.



“In the future, when it is in mass production, the price could be even lower.”

BGR has begun cooperation with payload manufacturers and is seeking investment partners.

Tzvika Goldner, CEO of the new commercialization entity headquartered in Beersheva’s Advanced Technologies Park adjacent to the university, notes that the worldwide AUV market is expected to reach \$1.2 billion by 2023. Research shows this sector is growing annually by 22% due to increased sea-based security measures and offshore oil and gas production.

“We believe HydroCamel II will expand the AUV customer base and enable us to deploy AUVs in new areas,” said Goldner.

Guterman envisions a large number of the new AUVs deployed in Red and Mediterranean Seas, working 24/7 to gather and transmit a wide variety of underwater data to a wide variety of operators.

He says that no matter where a commercial partner is based, production and R&D for HydroCamel II will remain in the Negev, “where we have the right manpower and knowledge.”

SUBVETS Base Commander Jeff Walsh stated that without the help of the countless volunteers and support of the local commands, this annual event would be hard to accomplish.

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Veteran ID Cards Now Available

It's been two years since the *Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015* called on the VA to issue veteran IDs to veterans who apply.

The ID card application process opened in November. The law mandates that cards contain a veteran's name, photo and a non-social security identification number, though you must enter your social security number to obtain a card.

The cards are valid only for proving military service and cannot be used for benefits through the VA nor to gain access onto military installations. However, those who are currently eligible for VA or military benefits will continue to have those through their current methods.

Veterans also will not be able to use the cards as proof of age because they are not official government-issued IDs.

To apply, veterans must register with *Vets.gov*, a website that authenticates veterans through the ID.me system. This requires vets to upload a copy of a valid government photo ID and provide their Social Security number, in addition to entering other information.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

“Every veteran — past, present, and future — will now be able to prove their military service without the added risk of identity theft,” Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.), who introduced the ID card legislation in 2015, told *Military.com*. “These ID cards will make life a little bit easier for our veterans.”

An important piece of information to note is that the ID cards are available only to honorably discharged veterans, according to VA spokesman Curt Cashour.

At press time, the VA offered no indication about how long it would take to process the ID applications.



Hampton Roads Base

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.



*"To Perpetuate the Memory of our Shipmates, who gave their lives
in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country."*

Regular Base Meeting Minutes for 16-DECEMBER-2017

Meeting was called to order by Base Commander, Brian Daugherty at 11:15 hours and the normal meeting opening sequence was followed:

- A moment of silence for our departed brother and sister submariners was observed.
- The invocation was made by the Base Member, Ken Swan.
- The USSVI Creed was read by the Base Senior Vice Commander, Jim Reynolds.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Base Commander, Brian Daugherty.
- The Tolling of the Boats Ceremony was read by Base Secretary/Treasurer, Craig Werner while the bell was rung by Base Senior Vice Commander, Jim Reynolds.
- A round robin of introductions was held starting with new and visiting members followed by all members present identifying themselves with their qualification boats along with introducing any guests they brought to the meeting.

Binnacle List: Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

- ETR3(SS) Ed Hynes – Leukemia still and cannot be in any crowds, his wife has an embolism in her lung, and his daughter's liver cancer is now in remission.
- STS1(SS) Brian Krammes – Is apparently still having issues with his leg.
- LT Harry J. Seibel – Lost his sight in his left eye for no known reason but is working with doctors to figure out what is wrong. His vision is returning slowly and he hopes to be at the January meeting.
- ENC(SS) Ike Spears – Both he and his wife are still dealing with health issues, he was trying to be at this meeting.

Secretary's Report: Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

- Minutes of the 18-NOVEMBER-2017 Base Meeting were emailed out to all members on 19-NOVEMBER.
- All members are reminded to keep the Secretary informed of any changes in email address, snail mail address, phone number or any other personal statistics maintained by the base.
- I need everyone's help to keep everything up-to-date, please let me know if you know about others.
- I especially need to know about any members who should be on the Binnacle list but aren't.
- If you need a member's identity badge contact Terry Pattison, in person or by email (TPattison@Cox.net), so that he can generate one for you.
- If you're not wearing your name badge the Base COB (or his representative) will collect a \$1 fine from you.

Treasurer's Report: Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts opening balance as of 01-NOVEMBER-2017 was \$ 37,599.04.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of NOVEMBER-2017 of \$ 3277.91.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of NOVEMBER-2017 of \$ 818.95.
- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01-NOVEMBER-2017 at \$ 21,757.94 and ended on 30-NOVEMBER-2017 at \$ 21,708.36 for a net increase/decrease of \$ 49.58.

- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-NOVEMBER-2017 at **\$ 1257.31**, after donations, and expenditures totalling **\$ 26.50**, ended on 30-NOVEMBER-2017 at **\$ 1283.81**.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-NOVEMBER-2017 at **\$ 1107.29**, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling **\$ 0.03**, ended on 30-NOVEMBER-2017 at **\$ 1107.32**.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-NOVEMBER-2017 at **\$ 3225.17**, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling **\$ 540.99**, the program ended on 30-NOVEMBER-2017 at **\$ 3766.16**.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of 30-NOVEMBER-2017 was **\$ 334.02**.
- This has resulted in a net increase/decrease of **\$ 2458.96** in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for NOVEMBER-2017.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of 30-NOVEMBER-2017 was **\$ 40,728.77**.

Store Keeper's Report: Base Storekeeper, R.O. Bradford:

- USSVI Calendars are now sold out.
- All On-Hand merchandise is available for sale.
- Patches and other merchandise from National can be ordered through the Storekeeper.
- All the materials on the Help-Yourself table are free but anything added to the donations bucket helps and is appreciated.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Jim Reynolds:
 - With gains and losses we are at **- 267 -** members; this is a gain of **- 11 -** members over where we were this time last year and that's great! Keep up the good work of bringing in new members.
 - Please make sure your survivors know to notify USSVI-HRB when they go on eternal patrol.
 - The latest listing of HRB members was been sent out to all members on 13-DECEMBER-2017.
 - We still need to grow the Base by 50 members in order to overtake Charleston Base and take over 2nd place in membership, nationally.
 - If you have any suggestions of ways to increase our membership and meeting attendance please let the Base leadership know of it.
 - The Annual Membership Renewal Drive has started, **76** of **98** members that need to renew have done so and **- 2 -** has dropped; if you have your dues money for Craig get them to him after the meeting, cash, check, money order or credit card (with service charge).
 - Anyone who thinks they are due a USSVI Longevity Pin should see Craig after the meeting.
- **Scholarship Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander
 - The documents for the 2017-2018 Scholastic year were sent out by email on 16-NOVEMBER.
 - **All applications this year MUST be submitted as Adobe (.pdf) or Word (.docx) documents by email.**
 - If you have any eligible family members, encourage them to apply and forward the documents to them by email.
- **Events Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Ted Vorce:
 - Recently Completed Events:
 - The Base Winter Holiday Party was 8/9-DECEMBER-2017 at the Sandcastle, and a great time was had by all. 61 members signed up for the party.
 - The Horton Wreath Society annual wreath laying ceremonies were earlier today.
 - There was a combined NSL & ASNE meeting on 13-DECEMBER.

- Pending Events:
 - There will be an FRA #60 meeting here at 19:00 hours on 10-JANUARY, come out and give them your support since they support us.
 - The 2018 Silver & Gold Dolphin Auction will be in FEBRUARY-2018.
 - The COMSUBLANT Sailor-of-the-Year ceremonies will be in FEBRUARY-2018.
 - There will be an FRA #60 meeting here at 19:00 hours on 14-FEBRUARY, come out and give them your support since they support us.
 - There will be a NSL meeting on 21-FEBRUARY.
 - There will be an FRA #60 meeting here at 19:00 hours on 14-MARCH, come out and give them your support since they support us.
 - The Hampton Roads Area 118th Submarine Birthday Ball will be on 14-APRIL-2018.
 - The USSVI Southeast Regional Conference we are hosting will be 27 thru 29-APRIL-2018.
 - The 50th USS SCORPION Memorial Service will be 25 thru 28-MAY-2018 on NOB Norfolk.
 - The Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Boat ceremonies will be 17-MAY-2018.
 - The 134th Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade in Portsmouth is on Monday, 28-MAY-2018.
 - The Holland Club Induction Ceremonies FOR YEAR GROUP 1968 will be during our 16-JUNE-2018 meeting.
 - The Base Picnic Meeting and Scholarship Award Announcement will be on 21-JULY-2018.
 - The USSVI 2018 National Convention is a cruise 21 thru 28-OCTOBER-2018; go to the website, <http://www.ussviconvention.org/2018/> for more information.
 - Veterans Day Parade, Memorial Service and Luncheon on 12-NOVEMBER-2018.
- **Ways and Means Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Ted Vorce:
 - The raffle chances for the 118th Submarine Birthday Ball tickets are being sold at the raffles table.
 - We'll be drawing two winning raffle tickets at the end of 17-MARCH-2018 meeting.
 - Buy your raffle tickets for \$1 each (there are no multi-ticket discounts).
 - Submarine Pens are available for sale; see the Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner, after the meeting to purchase your pens.
 - If you have suggestions for any other income streams let Base Leadership know of them.
- **Public Relations and Publicity Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
 - If we're going to put together a color guard for sporting events, or anything else, I need a lot more support than I've gotten.
 - So far only 4 members have volunteered.
 - Unless there is a lot more support, this program will not occur.
 - A reminder for everyone, please wear your HRB ball caps and other USSVI logoed clothing (shirts, jackets, etcetera) when running around and about town. - We want to be seen, to get our name out in the community and to promote our public image.
 - I have HRB generic business cards for everyone to carry see me if you need any.
- **Newsletter Committee** – Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle:
 - If you have anything for next month's newsletter, get it in this week please.
 - I'll be out of town for the New Year and the newsletter may be a little late.
 - All new members need to see the Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle to have their picture and simple biography included in the newsletter.
- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** –Base COB, John Sidlovsky's report for Committee Chairman Rich Corey:
 - We will visit the NMC-P on 19-DECEMBER, any who will be going please contact John Sidlovsky.
 - Anyone wanting to make a donation specifically to the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program should get it to Craig and make sure you specify it's for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program.

- **Hampton Roads Base Emergency Relief Fund Committee** – Committee member, Gary Galles:
 - We've had no requests for assistance since our last meeting.
 - If you are in need of financial help, as per our Bylaws, contact any member of the committee.
 - I'm still intending to pass the leadership of the committee onto one of the other committee members.
 - Anyone wanting to make a donation specifically to the Emergency Relief Fund should get it to Craig and make sure you specify it's for the Emergency Relief Fund.
- **2018 SER Conference Committee** – Committee Chairman, Base Commander, Brian Daugherty:
 - We had no meeting this month.
 - We have a commitment from CSL to support the Boat Tours.
 - We have a preliminary commitment from the SLF to support tours there.
 - The notice was sent out this week and we should try for a good showing of our members.
- **USS SCORPION Memorial Committee** – Committee Chairman, John Donaldson:
 - The 50th USS Scorpion Memorial will be 25 - 28 May 2018 in Norfolk.
 - The Memorial Service will be at the Scorpion Memorial on Naval Station Norfolk on Saturday, 26-May followed by a cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk that evening.
 - The Norfolk Marriot Waterside Hotel will be the hosting venue.
 - Tentative plans are for a dinner/banquet on Friday.

Old Business:

- **USS NORFOLK Sail project - We need to get going on this – Brian Daugherty.**
 - We now have more information about what is required by NAVSEA.
 - The NORFOLK is scheduled to be cut apart in 2019.
 - We need a Municipality to host the Sail, (Norfolk).
 - We will need civil engineering plans to present to NAVSEA for approval.

New Business:

- Renovation of the Base float and ride on trailer.
 - The Base submarine float and the ride on trailer are showing signs of age and the weather.
 - The Board of Directors has approved \$1000 for the work.
 - We need to find some indoor storage for the trailers to extend their lives.

Program:

- Hall of Fame Boat Nominations and Presentations – Ken Swan
 - Reading of the Hall of Fame Boat nominations and their write-ups.
 - Election of the Hall of Fame Boat – USS MEMPHIS (SSN-691).
- Nominations for Base Officers Elections – Bill Mereno
 - The slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee was approved by voice vote:
 - Base Commander: Jim Reynolds
 - Base Senior Vice Commander: Ted Vorce
 - Base Junior Vice Commander Gary Galles
 - Base Secretary & Treasurer Craig Werner

Good of the Order:

- The FRA is hosting a Christmas dinner for the homeless and Veterans and we should support their work.
 - A pass the hat was done to raise funds for this and brought in \$208.
 - A motion was made by Paul Schmidt and seconded by Bob Coe to bring this to \$250 total – this was approved by voice vote.

- Review of boats lost in the month - Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
 - USS F-1 (SS-20) in 1917
 - USS S-4 (SS-109) in 1927
 - USS SEALION (SS-195) in 1941
 - USS CAPELIN (SS-289) in 1943

- Review of members' birthdays for the month - Base Commander, Brian Daugherty:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sam Palmer on 01-DEC ○ Maurice Laubach on 01-DEC ○ Rick Shaw on 04-DEC ○ Kevin Adams on 07-DEC ○ Reggie Erman on 08-DEC ○ Oscar Hudson on 10-DEC ○ Charley Harvilicz on 11-DEC ○ Bubba Jones on 12-DEC ○ Ken Warren on 12-DEC ○ Fred Seifert on 13-DEC ○ Ron Garner on 15-DEC ○ Daniel Giel on 17-DEC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mad Dog Hanes on 18-DEC ○ Thomas Etter on 19-DEC ○ Larry Mantta on 23-DEC ○ Mervin Burlette on 24-DEC ○ Ron Busilla on 26-DEC ○ Bob Driskell on 26-DEC ○ Mike Barrett on 28-DEC ○ Dave DeCook on 29-DEC ○ John Aldredge on 29-DEC ○ Jerry Benbrook on 29-DEC ○ Mark Berner on 31-DEC
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- The 50/50 raffle of **\$ 110** was won by: Ben Kern (the base received **\$ 109**).
- The booze raffle was won by: Adam Kingsley (the base received **\$ 89**).
- Holiday Party tickets raffle brought in: **\$ 22**.
- There was **\$ 24** donated through the Donations Bucket for the Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund.
- Pen Sales brought in: **\$ 33**.
- There was a total of **\$ - 0 -** was donated for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program.
- There was a total of **\$ - 0 -** was donated for the Emergency Relief Fund.

There were **- 54 -** members and **- 9 -** guests present at this meeting.

Our next Regular Base meeting will be: **20-JANUARY-2018** here at FRA Hall #60.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately **12:45** hours by Base Commander, Brian Daugherty.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,



EMCS(SS) Craig S. Werner, U.S.N. (Ret.),
Hampton Roads Base Secretary & Treasurer

