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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."*

#### From the Secretary/ Treasurer

Shipmates,

The annual dues renewal drive has started and



I've sent out dues requests by email (snail mail where required). Of the **85** members that have to pay dues for 2019, **- 5 -** have already done so, thank you. If you owe dues, please, pay them **as soon as possible** so that I don't have to be sending out constant email reminders, or worse, having to phone you for your dues payment. I don't like being a nag. Please consider paying Life Dues so that you can put the issue of dues behind you for the future. If you are interested in paying Life Dues you must contact me by email (preferred) or phone to confirm how much those Life Dues are for you, based on your age and birthday. We will also run the Life Dues by Installment program if there is sufficient interest in it but you must be current (dues paid through 2019



in order to take advantage of this program that has you paying 10% of your total Life Dues amount each month January through October.

Shortly after hurricane Florence made its land fall in North Carolina, I started making the quarterly wellness checks on the members on our Octogenarian-Plus list and as of this writing I've been able to verify that 52 of the 54 members on the list are okay. I have not been able to make contact with two members on the list. They are **EMCS(SS) John Springett** and **CS1(SS) Roy S. Palmer**, whom we have lost all contact with. If you have some means to contact either of these men or their families, please do so and let me know by email or phone so I can update the records. Alternately, you can pass the contact information to me so I can reach out to him and/or his family.

We are almost out of time to vote in the 2018 USSVI National Election. The polls are open for voting until 2359 hours, 10-OCTOBER- 2018. Members may vote by logging on to the USSVI web site – [USSVI.org](http://USSVI.org) – and clicking on the “Vote in National Election” button. Just like in our civilian life, voting in our National and local elections is a right and a responsibility and if you don't vote you shouldn't complain, the same thing applies to voting in our organization. This is your opportunity to affect whom we have in our National Leadership positions, this is very important for you, for our Base, and for USSVI on the whole. Please, take the time to do your research and vote through the National website.

I have no new information of the new USSVI National website (<https://www.ussvi.org/home.asp>) continues to have problems. I don't believe the website will be up before the 01-FEBRUARY-2019. I will continue to keep you informed of what is happening with this project as the information becomes available.

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...

~ *Stay Safe & Stay Well* ~

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



**We remember....We Honor**



### **Boats Lost in October**

**USS O-5 (SS-66):** Lost on October 29, 1923 with the loss of 3 men when rammed and sunk by SS Ababarez off the Panama Canal.

**USS S-44 (SS-155):** Lost on Oct 7, 1943 with the loss of 56 men when it was sunk off Paramushiru, Kuriles. S-44 was on her 5th war patrol after attacking a target thought to be a merchant on the surface, S-44 found herself in a losing gun battle with a heavily armed Japanese destroyer. Two men were taken prisoner and survived the war.



**USS Wahoo (SS-238):** Lost on Oct 11, 1943 with the loss of 80 men near La Perouse Strait. Under command of one of the great sub skippers of World War II, LCDR "Mush" Morton, Wahoo was on her 7th war patrol. Wahoo had won a Presidential Unit Citation and ranks 5th in the number of enemy ships sunk. She was lost to depth charges dropped by a Japanese patrol aircraft.



**USS Dorado (SS-248):** Lost on Oct 12, 1943 with the loss of 77 men when she was sunk in the western Atlantic near Cuba. Newly commissioned, she had departed New London and was enroute to Panama. She may have been sunk by a U.S. patrol plane that received faulty instructions regarding bombing restriction areas or a German U-boat that was in the vicinity.



**USS Seawolf (SS-197):** Lost on Oct 3, 1944 with the loss of 83 officers and men and 17 US Army troops when she was sunk just north of Moritai by USS Rowell, a Destroyer Escort (DE). In this tragic error, Rowell mistook Seawolf for a Japanese submarine that had just sunk another Destroyer. Seawolf ranks 7th for enemy ships sunk.



**USS Escolar (SS-294):** Lost on Oct 17, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. She was on her 1st war patrol and was most likely lost to a mine somewhere in the Yellow Sea.



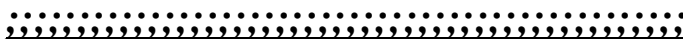
**USS Shark II (SS-314):** Lost on Oct 24, 1944 with the loss of 87 when she was sunk near Hainan. The second boat to carry this name during World War II, she was on her 3rd war patrol. Shark was sunk by escorts after attacking and sinking a lone freighter. Compounding the tragedy, it turned out that the freighter had 1,800 U.S. POW's on board.



**USS Darter (SS-227):** Lost on Oct 24, 1944 when she became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan and was then destroyed to prevent her falling into enemy hands intact. The entire crew was rescued by USS Dace. Winner of one Navy Unit Commendation, Darter had sunk a heavy cruiser and damaged another and went aground while attempting an "end around" on an enemy formation in hopes of getting in an attack on a battleship.



**USS Tang (SS-306):** Lost on Oct 25, 1944 with the loss of 78 men in the Formosa Strait. Tang was on her 5th war patrol. Tang ranks 2nd in the number of ships sunk and 4th in tonnage, and had won two Presidential Unit Citations. During a daring night surface attack, Tang was lost to a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. Nine of the crew were taken prisoner, including CDR. O'Kane and five who had gained the surface from her final resting place 180 feet below. All survived the war, and CDR O'Kane was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.





## **Thanks to FRA Branch 60**

FRA Branch 60 has been our home for the last several years. For much longer, the branch has hosted a thanksgiving dinner for patients from Hampton VA Hospital. Hampton Roads Base has been proud to support this endeavor with a series of monetary donations. At the 22 September meeting, base Commander, Ted Vorce presented this year's donation to the Branch 60 team. Accepting the check was Branch President, Vern Nordine.



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## **Welcome Aboard**

We added a new member to the base roster at the 18 August meeting, YNSC(SS)William T. Bond.



Bill qualified while aboard USS Portsmouth in 1976.  
Welcome Aboard!!



At the 22 September meeting, new member, ETCM(SS) Bob Philipps joined us. Bob qualified while aboard USS Seafox (SS-402) in 1970.



Bob Philipps

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## **HRB October Birthdays**

- 1: Bob Vincent
- 2: John Procida, Harold Weston
- 3: Brad Sargent
- 5: Bud Atkins
- 6: Walter Kreger
- 8: Ed Wegiel
- 10: Dave Snyder
- 13: Joe Pepperman
- 14: Rich Moore,
- 16: Greg McRae, Jeffery Briggs
- 17: Mike Noftsgar, Clif Williams
- 20: William Ralston, Tony Ficca
- 22: David Cosgrove
- 26: Mike York
- 27: Al Keck, Dave Davidson
- 29: Bobbie Holt
- 30: Harry Hampson



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### **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) News**

The days of six HRB members were brightened during a visit to the kids at NMC-P on 18 September. The crew consisting of Sid Sidlovsky, Lynn Moran, Bob Frye, Dave Snyder, Craig Werner & Marlin Boyle. The appropriate Honorary Submariner Certificates, hats, elephants, crayons and coloring books were presented to the three boys and two girls who were seen by the guys. Their (the children - not the crew) ages ranged from five months to 23 years. One young man (definitely a future submariner) when jokingly told that he could use his new crayons to draw on the wall of his room, joyfully jumped out of bed and proceeded to follow instructions. Child Life coordinator Chris Brogan later said that his cleaning a little crayon from a wall was well worth the boost of the young man's morale.

We did manage to get a picture of the guys that is below:



The next visit is slated for 23 October.

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### **Hall of Fame Boats**

With the Hall of Fame selection coming soon, here is list of the previous selections:



- 1999: USS NORFOLK (SSN 714) - First Navy Ship to have all Tomahawks land on target.
- 2000: USS NARWAHL (SSN 671) - 25 years of special operations.
- 2001: USS NAUTILUS (SSN-571) - First Nuclear Submarine.
- 2002: USS IREX (SS 482) - First Fleet Snorkel Submarine.
- 2003: USS TRITON (SSN 586) - First to circumnavigate the world submerged
- 2004: USS GRENADIER (SS 525) - Forced a Soviet ZULU to surface and proving the USSR was conducting deterrent patrols.
- 2005: USS ALBACORE (AGSS 569) - First in modern hydro-dynamic design.
- 2006: USS SKATE (SSN 578) - First to surface at north geographic pole.
- 2007: USS GROWLER (SSG 577) - First in Regulus program.
- 2008: USS PARCHE (SSN 683) - Super Secret Squirrel Sub- Most decorated ship in the Navy
- 2009: USS LAPON (SSN 661)
- 2010: USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN 598) - First Ballistic Missile Submarine
- 2011: USS HALIBUT (SSGN 587)
- 2012: USS BATFISH (SSN 681)
- 2013: USS SCORPION (SSN 589)
- 2014 - USS PICKEREL (SS 524) - Set a record for longest snorkel transit from Hong Kong to Pearl Harbor.
- 2015 - USS SKIPJACK (SSN 585) - First nuclear submarine built with the ALBACORE hull.
- 2016 – USS BERGALL (SSN-667)
- 2017 – USS REQUIN (SS/SSR-481)
- 2018 – USS MEMPHIS (SSN-691)

## Upcoming Events

### October 2018

- 12: Dolphin Scholarship Golf Tournament
- 17: Naval Submarine League (NSL), Norfolk Room  
Sewell's Point Golf Course
- 20: Base Meeting
- 23: Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS)
- 21-28: USSVI Convention Cruise

### November 2018

- 12: Veterans' Day Parade
- 20: Base Meeting / Hall of Fame Nominations

### December 2018

- 07-09: Holiday Party
- 12: Naval Submarine League (NSL), Norfolk Room,  
Sewell's Point Golf Course
- 15: Base Meeting / Hall of Fame Election

### January 2019

- 19: Base Meeting

### February 2019

- 16: Base Meeting

### March 2019

- 16: Base Meeting

### April 2019

- 05: 118<sup>th</sup> Submarine Anniversary Ball-VA Beach  
Convention Center
- 20: Base Meeting

### May 2019

- 16: WWII Submarine Memorial & Hall of Fame  
Ceremonies
- 18: Base Meeting

### June 2018

- 21: Base Meeting / Holland Club Induction

## October Historic Events

**13 October 1775** - The Continental Congress votes for two vessels to be fitted out and armed with 10 carriage guns, a proportional number of swivel guns, and crews of 80 then sent out on a cruise of three months to intercept transports carrying munitions and stores to the British army in America. **This legislation, out of which the Continental Navy grew, constitutes the birth of the U.S. Navy.**

**8 October 1842** - Commodore Lawrence Kearny, commanding the East Indian Squadron, sends a letter to the Viceroy of China urging American merchants in China be granted the same treaty privileges as the British. As a result of his letter, Chinese ports are opened to American ships. These agreements are formalized by Caleb Cushing in the Treaty of Wangxia in 1844.

**16 October 1885** - Capt. Alfred Thayer Mahan becomes the superintendent of the Naval War College at Newport, R.I.

**19 October 1915** - The Naval Submarine Base at New London, Conn. is established.

**5 October 1943** - USS Wahoo (SS 238) sinks the Japanese army transport Konron Maru in the Tsushima Straits.

**3 October 1944** - USS Shelton (DE 407) is sunk by Japanese submarine off Morotai Island, Indonesia. During anti-submarine operations, USS Richard M. Rowell (DE 403) accidentally sinks USS Seawolf (SS 197), which is transporting U.S. Army personnel to the east coast of Samar. There are no survivors among the more than 100 crew and passengers.

**18 October 1944** - USS Bluegill (SS 242) and USS Raton (SS 270) attack a Japanese convoy in the South China Sea. Bluegill sinks the army cargo ships



Arabia Maru and Chinsei Maru and freighter Hakushika Maru. Raton sinks the army cargo ships Taikai Maru and Shiranesan Maru.

**22 October 1951** - The first detonation, Able, takes place in the Operation Buster-Jangle nuclear tests. Uncle, the last of the seven tests, is detonated Nov. 29. Navy and Marine Corps observers and 3rd Marines take part in this Department of Defense operation.

**25 October 2008** - Virginia class submarine USS New Hampshire (SSN 778) is commissioned at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine.

### HUMOR

An old man is met by his attorney, and is told he is going to be audited. He rides to the IRS office with his attorney, and when he gets there, he begins to talk with the IRS agent. "I bet \$2,000 I can bite my own eye!" The IRS agent agrees to the bet, believing it an impossible task. The old man laughs, pulls out his glass eye, and bites it. The IRS agent is dumbfounded. The old man bets \$3,000 he can bite his other eye. The IRS agent knows there's no way possible to do this, so he once more agrees. The old man cackles, pulls out his dentures, and bites his eye. Then the old man finally wagers, "I bet \$20,000 I can stand on the far side of your desk, pee over the desk, and get it into your wastebasket, without missing a single drop." The agent knows he won't be able to, so once more he agrees. The old man indeed misses, peeing all over the desk, and on the paperwork. The IRS agent jumps for joy, but then notices the attorney over in the corner moaning. "Are you all right?" asks the agent. "No! On the way over here, he bet me \$400,000 he could pee on your desk and you'd be happy about it!"

## USWN ARTICLES

### MSDF Submarines To Allow Women In Crew

Staff, The Yomiuri Shimbun, August 31

The Defense Ministry intends to allow female crew members to serve on Maritime Self-Defense Force submarines, ending a policy of having men-only crews, The Yomiuri Shimbun has learned.

This change is aimed at alleviating a personnel shortage arising from the MSDF's expanding range of duties and the nation's chronically low birthrate. The ministry aims to have female SDF personnel serving on submarines from about 2023.

The change also will end the restrictions on positions female personnel can hold in the Self-Defense Forces, except for certain positions in the Ground Self-Defense Force that are restricted due to legal constraints.

Since 1993, the SDF has gradually rolled back restrictions on positions women can hold. In April 2017, the SDF unveiled an initiative encouraging more women to join the SDF, a move aimed at doubling the proportion of female personnel from about 6 percent at the end of 2016.

Although restrictions on women holding positions including GSDF front-line infantry units and others that could potentially see direct combat have been lifted, women were still barred from serving on submarines.

Submarines, which strictly conduct covert actions, have a crew of about 70 personnel. They frequently operate undersea for a month or longer, so crew members live together in close quarters for long periods.

"Submarines have no changing rooms," a senior MSDF officer said. "When personnel have a shower, they get undressed and dressed in a corridor."

There are no rooms, toilets or baths especially for women. The ministry has said that submarines cannot guarantee a work environment that gives consideration to separate sexes.

However, the MSDF is facing a serious shortfall in personnel. At a time when China is stepping up its maritime advances, the MSDF has been given increased security missions in the East China Sea. Since the end of





2017, the MSDF also has been tasked with monitoring North Korea's maritime smuggling.

MSDF submarines already commonly operate without a full complement of personnel, but the government plans to increase the fleet from the current 18 submarines to 22.

"The proportion of female personnel is rising, and this is no longer an age in which we can fulfill our missions with male personnel alone," a senior Defense Ministry official said.

As a first step, the ministry will establish living spaces and toilets for women as part of an upgrade of facilities used by the MSDF's submarine training unit in Hiroshima Prefecture. After that, it plans to prepare crew members over an about five-year training and education program.

The ministry is already allowing female personnel to board submarines for short-term voyages to gauge aspects that need improvement. It will consider whether living spaces can be set aside for both sexes, by installing partitions or taking other steps.

As a result of this change, the only positions that remain off-limits to women will be on the front lines of the GSDF's nuclear, chemical and biological weapon defense unit that handles toxic substances, and the GSDF's unit for digging tunnels, which involves physically demanding labor during drilling and excavation operations.

The ministry's view is that positions in both these units fall under jobs that women are restricted from doing from the perspective of protecting expectant and nursing women, as stipulated by the Labor Standards Law.

"Enabling women to serve on submarine crews effectively means restrictions on positions women can serve have been abolished," a senior ministry official said. "We want to secure talented human resources."

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### ***Navy Seeks to Retain Senior Submarine Officers with New Bonus Program***

*Ben Werner, USNI News, September 11*

The Navy will begin offering large bonuses to senior captains in the submarine community – worth up to \$180,000 in some cases – in Fiscal Year 2019 to boost retention.



Starting Oct. 1, the Navy will offer bonuses of \$45,000 per year for senior submarine officers who sign two to four-year contracts. Signing a single-year contract will qualify for a bonus of \$35,000, according to a policy released by Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Robert Burke.

The bonuses are being offered to current and former major command captains who have been commissioned officers for at least 26 years, Lt. Rick Moore, a spokesman for the Chief of Naval Personnel, told USNI News. A major command could include leading a squadron, task force or Naval Submarine School.

These bonuses are the latest tweak in what has become a steady stream of changes to the Navy's personnel policies and regulations, all done with the intent of retaining both officers and enlisted sailors with highly sought-after skills.

For example, the recently approved FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act gives the Navy the ability to retain junior officers with valuable skills but who did not screen for promotion. Previously, junior officers who did not promote were forced to leave the service. This policy change was one of several changes to the Defense Officer Personnel Management Act (DOPMA) the Navy had wanted for years.

In June, the Navy brought back the rank of warrant officer-1 (W-1), which was discontinued by the Navy in 1975, as a way of enticing enlisted sailors with computer skills to remain in the Navy. Sailors with cyber skills have been especially hard to keep in the service, Burke told USNI News in a June interview.

Reestablishing the W-1 rank is seen as a way to retain enlisted sailors with cyber skills by offering them a quicker path to leadership roles. Only a small number of sailors will qualify for the W-1 program, but the goal is for those who do qualify to pass on their cyber institutional knowledge to enlisted personnel in the Navy's cyber community.



In a similar vein, the number of eligible senior submarine officers eligible for the bonuses is relatively small – about 50 each year – but the purpose of the bonuses, Moore said, is to keep their expertise in the submarine community to train the next generation of leaders.

### *Japanese submarine conducts first drills in South China Sea*

*Staff, Reuters, September 16*

A Japanese submarine has for the first time joined a naval drill in the South China Sea, the Ministry of Defence said on Monday, in an expansion of Japanese activity in the disputed waterway claimed by China and others.

The submarine Kuroshio took part in the exercise on Thursday with other Japanese warships, including the Kaga helicopter carrier, which is on a two-month tour of Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean, a ministry spokesman said.

It was the first time a Japanese submarine had conducted drills there.

The exercise, which involved the submarine trying to evade detection, was conducted away from island bases built by China to push its claims in the strategic sea.

However, the exercise could still anger China because submarines represent a greater potential menace to shipping than surface vessels.

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman, asked about the exercise, said China “urges the relevant external country to respect the efforts made by regional countries to resolve the South China Sea issue through talks”.

“Act with caution and don’t take any acts that could damage peace and stability in the region,” the spokesman, Geng Shuang, added.

China claims virtually the entire South China Sea. Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam also have claims to parts of it. Taiwan also claims it.

Chinese naval ships and monitoring stations on its fortified islands routinely challenge foreign aircraft and vessels in the region, sources have said previously.



China insists its intentions in the South China Sea are peaceful but its more assertive stance has raised worries about confrontation.

The U.S. Navy has conducted so-called freedom of navigation patrols in the South China Sea and has said it would like to see more countries challenge China in the waterway, through which some \$3 trillion of ship-borne trade passes each year.

Last month, a British Royal Navy amphibious assault ship, HMS Albion, sailed close to islands claimed by China in the South China Sea to exercise “freedom of navigation” rights.

Britain’s first such operation prompted a strong protest from China, which sent aircraft and a naval vessel to meet the British ship.

In a separate announcement, the Japanese defense ministry said the Kuroshio, with a crew of 80, would make a five-day port visit to Vietnam’s strategic naval base at Cam Ranh Bay from Monday.

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### *Navy searches for enabling technologies for new-generation sonobuoy to detect quiet enemy submarines*

*John Keller, Military and Aerospace, September 11*

ARLINGTON, Va. – U.S. Navy researchers are asking industry for enabling technologies for a new advanced air-deployed passive sonobuoy able to detect, identify, and track new generations of extremely quiet enemy submarines

Officials of the Office of Naval Research in Arlington, Va., issued a solicitation Friday (N00014-18-R-S008) for additional sonobuoy research as part of the organization's Long Range Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for Navy and Marine Corps Science and Technology.

Officials of the ONR Naval Research Ocean Battlespace Sensing Department are seeking new technologies to





# 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 22-SEPTEMBER-2018**

**Meeting was called to order by Base Commander, Ted Vorce 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 Base Chaplain, Brian Krammes.
- The USSVI Creed was read by the Base Junior Vice Commander, Gary Galles.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Base Commander, Ted Vorce.
- The Tolling of the Boats Ceremony was read by Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner while the bell was rung by Base Junior Vice Commander, Gary Galles.
- A round robin of introductions was held starting with new members Chris A. Clements and Robert A. Phillips giving their name, qual boat and the year they qualified then followed by all other members present identifying themselves with their qualification boats along with introducing any guests they brought to the meeting.

**Binnacle List:** Base Chaplain, Brian Krammes:

- LT Harry J. Seibel – has had cancer return, he is undergoing treatment.
- CWO4 Vernon M. Wright, Jr. – has multiple health issues: is getting around but cannot drive very far and is dependent on others for transportation.

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

- The minutes of the 18-AUGUST-2018 Base meeting were emailed out to all members on 19-AUGUST.
- 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.
- The new USSVI.org website is still not up and at this point, I don't expect it to be up and fully functional before the end of the dues collection cycle that we've just started, which will be 01-FEBRUARY-2019.

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

- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts opening balance as of 01-AUGUST-2018 was \$ 37,898.82.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of AUGUST-2018 of \$ 478.48.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of AUGUST-2018 of \$ 34.95.
- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01-AUGUST-2018 at \$ 21,850.16 and ended on 31-AUGUST-2018 at \$ 21,876.01 for a net increase/decrease of \$ 25.85 for the month of AUGUST-2018.



- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-AUGUST-2018 at \$ 1043.33, after donations, and expenditures totalling \$ 43.00, ended on 31-AUGUST-2018 at \$ 1086.33.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-AUGUST-2018 at \$ 3602.70, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ 0.09, the program ended on 31-AUGUST-2018 at \$ 3602.79.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-AUGUST-2018 at \$ 1458.57, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ 10.03, ended on 31-AUGUST-2018 at \$ 1468.60.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of 31-AUGUST-2018 was \$ 111.90.
- This has resulted in a net increase/~~decrease~~ of \$ 443.53 in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for AUGUST-2018.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of 31-AUGUST-2018 was \$ 38,410.56.

**Store Keeper's Report:** Base Storekeeper, Ryan Straughan:

- All On-Hand merchandise is available for sale.
- I can order patches and other merchandise from the National Storekeeper and the Base gets a cut.
- All the materials on the Help-Yourself table are no cost but feel free to make a contribution to the donations bucket, it helps and is appreciated.
- I will be ordering calendars and if you want any you have to let me know.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Membership Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
  - The annual membership renewal drive for 2019 started on the first of this month.
    - Notices were sent out to all members that owe dues for 2019.
    - There are a total of - 85 - members that have to renew their membership for 2019.
    - If you've received a dues notice, please, don't delay; get your dues money in ASAP.
    - So far, - 6 - members have renewed their membership by paying their dues for 2019.
  - The Quarterly Wellness Check program.
    - We have been reaching out to the members on the Quarterly Wellness Check program list this month that we have not seen or heard from since the first of July.
    - We've reached all but - 3 - of the - 54 - members on the list.
    - The Quarterly Wellness Check program is for all of our members 80 years old or older.
    - We still have not had any contact with CS1(SS) Roy Palmer since at least the first of the year (if not longer).
      - He will turn 90 this December.
      - If you know him and can make contact with him please do so and have him get in touch with me.
      - If you know of ANY way to make contact with him, please pass that information to me.

- The roster of all HRB members sent out on 05-SEPTEMBER-2018.
- With gains and losses we are at – 278 – members; this is a gain of – 11 – members over where we were this time last year and that's great! We need to keep up the good work of bringing in new members.
- I've looked over the membership numbers nationally again and because Charleston Base isn't standing still we still need to grow the Base by – 11 – members in order to tie with Charleston Base and – 12 – to take over 2<sup>nd</sup> place in membership.
- If you have any suggestions of ways to increase our membership and meeting attendance please let the Base leadership know of it.
- Anyone who thinks they are due a USSVI Longevity Pin should see Craig after the meeting.
- **Scholarship Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
  - The Committee has still to meet to review our application and other documents before we can make the new documents for the 2019-2020 scholastic year.
- **Program & Events Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
  - Recently Completed Events:
    - There was a K4K visit at NMC-P on 21-AUGUST-2018.
    - There was an FRA #60 meeting this past Wednesday evening, 12-SEPTEMBER-2018.
    - There was a K4K visit at NMC-P on 18-SEPTEMBER-2018.
  - Pending Events:
    - The Neptune Festival Grand Parade will be this Saturday, 29-SEPTEMBER-2018.
    - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 29-SEPTEMBER-2018 for anyone who doesn't go to the parade.
    - There will be an FRA #60 meeting here 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 10-OCTOBER-2018.
    - The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Dolphin Scholarship Virginia Beach Golf Tournament will be Wednesday, 17-OCTOBER-2018, THIS IS A CHANGE OF DAY/DATE, all you golfers should get signed up for it and support the Dolphin Scholarship program.
    - There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 17-OCTOBER-2018.
    - We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 20-OCTOBER-2018.
    - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 23-OCTOBER-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.
    - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 27-OCTOBER-2018.
    - The Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade, Memorial Service and Luncheon will be on Monday 12-NOVEMBER-2018.
    - There will be an FRA #60 meeting here 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 14-NOVEMBER-2018.
    - We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 17-NOVEMBER-2018.
    - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 20-NOVEMBER-2018.
    - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 21-NOVEMBER-2018.
    - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 24-NOVEMBER-2018.
    - The Base Winter Holiday Party will be 7 & 8 DECEMBER-2018 at the Sandcastle Hotel.

- There will be an FRA #60 meeting here 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 12-DECEMBER-2018.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 12-DECEMBER-2018.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 15-DECEMBER-2018.
- There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 18-DECEMBER-2018.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 29-DECEMBER-2018.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 19-JANUARY-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 16-FEBRUARY-2019.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 20-FEBRUARY-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 09-MARCH-2019.
- The 119<sup>th</sup> Submarine Birthday Ball will be on Friday, 05-APRIL-2019 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center starting at 18:00 hours.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 17-APRIL-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 20-APRIL-2019.
- The Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Boat ceremonies will be 16-MAY-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 18-MAY-2019.
- The 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the loss of USS SCORPION will be 22-MAY-2019.
- The 135<sup>th</sup> Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade in Portsmouth is on Monday, 27-MAY-2019.
- The Holland Club Induction Ceremonies FOR YEAR GROUP 1969 will be during our 15-JUNE-2019 meeting.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 19-JUNE-2019.
- The Base Picnic Meeting and Scholarship Award Announcement will be on 20-JULY-2019.
- **Ways and Means Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
  - Raffle chances for tickets to this year's Base Winter Holiday Party being sold at the raffles table.
    - Buy your raffle tickets for \$1 each (there are no multi-ticket discounts).
    - Instead of drawing for a pair during our November's **Good of the Order** we'll be drawing during the October meeting so everyone has an opportunity to purchase their tickets.
  - 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:
  - 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:
  - For this month only, if you have anything for next month's newsletter, you must get it to me today.
  - Next month, we will go back to the twenty-fifth of the month deadline.
  - All new members need to see the Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle to have their picture and simple biography included in the newsletter.



- **Website and Social Media** – Base Webmaster, Sam Stevens
  - Over all.
    - Use of the website is low and often ebbs and flows.
    - It is my hope to find and provide engaging content for publication on the site.
    - If you have topics of interest that you'd like to see on the site, talk to me..
  - Website
    - Total 71 site members.
    - 3 New members since last month.
  - Facebook
    - Total members: 148 (3 new since last month).
    - Active members: 78.
- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** – Committee Chairman, Ken Swan:
  - Nominations will be made during our October meeting (next month), if you need help in writing up a nomination contact me and I can help as long as you have the information.
  - Presentations for consideration of nominated boats are made at our November meeting.
  - Selection of the HoF boat is done by vote of all members present at our December meeting.
- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – John Sidlovsky for Committee Chairman Rich Corey:
  - We visited the NMC-P Pediatrics Ward on 21-AUGUST.
  - We visited with five kids (three boys and two girls) aged 5 months through 17 years old.
  - We also visited there this past Tuesday, 18-SEPTEMBER with 6 of our members.
  - We visited with five kids (three boys and two girls, again) aged 6 months through 23 years old.
  - We will visit again the Tuesday after our next Base meeting, 23-OCTOBER.
  - 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 Chairman, John Sidlovsky:
  - We've had no formal 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.
  - 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 or drop it into the ERF Donations Box on the booze table.
- **USS SCORPION Memorial Committee** – Nothing to report this month.
  - Remember that starting in 2019 HRB is responsible for setting up and coordinating the memorial ceremonies.
- **Norfolk Sail Committee** – Nothing to report this month.
  - We still need to man up the sub-committees and start their work.

#### Old Business:

- **USSVI National Elections** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
  - If you haven't already done so you should vote in the USSVI National Elections ASAP.
  - Login to the USSVI.org website and go to the home page.
  - Click on the 3<sup>rd</sup> button down on the left edge of the page that says "Vote Nat Election".
  - Make your choices and cast your ballot.
  - You only have until 23:59 hours, 10-OCTOBER-2018 to cast your ballot.
  - **GET IT DONE PEOPLE!**

- **Trailer Repairs** – John Sidlovsky:
  - The wiring for the lights has been replaced.
  - I'll be replacing the chains before we use the trailers next weekend.

#### **New Business:**

- The Neptune Festival is next weekend and the Grand Parade is Saturday 29-SEPTEMBER, a week from today.
  - This year they are doing a review of the floats before the parade.
  - We will meet in the Southwest corner of the Convention center parking lot at 09:00 hours.
  - We will roll out to participate in the float review at 09:15 hours.
  - We are unit #42 and must be in our staging position between 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> streets on the West side of Atlantic Avenue NLT 11:00 hours.
  - The parade step off is at 11:30 hours.
  - If you are late to the muster point you can catch up to us at our staging position up until we roll out.
- The Base has been invited to the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for LCDR Al Keck being hosted by his daughter.
  - It will be at the Avalon Church of Christ, 844 Woodstock Road, Virginia Beach, 23464.
  - It will start at 14:00 hours, Saturday, 27-OCTOBER-2018.
  - If you are going to go please RSVP to Debbie at 757-618-6453.

**Program:** Presentation of our support check to the FRA for the Thanksgiving Veterans Dinner.

#### **Good of the Order:**

- When you renew your Virginia Driver's License, if you show proof of your service, they will clearly mark your new license to show you are a veteran.
- Bill Hazard started a Pass-the-Hat for support of the Bases in North Carolina that have been hit by hurricane Florence and suffered losses and we collected \$400 which we will get to them.
- Review of boats lost in the month - Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
  - USS S-5 (SS-110) in 1920
  - USS S-51 (SS-162) in 1925
  - USS GRAYLING (SS-209) in 1943
  - USS POMPANO (SS-181) in 1943
  - USS CISCO (SS-290) in 1943
- Review of members' birthdays for the month – new Base Commander, Ted Vorce:
 

○ Doug Simon on 03-SEPTEMBER	○ Tommy Pollock on 16-SEPTEMBER
○ Art Picart on 03-SEPTEMBER	○ Ken Swan on 22-SEPTEMBER
○ Doc Worthington on 04-SEPTEMBER	○ Bill Hazard on 23-SEPTEMBER
○ John Baldwin on 08-SEPTEMBER	○ Vern Wright on 26-SEPTEMBER
○ Ed Hynes on 08-SEPTEMBER	○ Bill Mereno on 27-SEPTEMBER
○ Bob McClaren 08-SEPTEMBER	○ Ike Spears on 27-SEPTEMBER
○ Tom Hanlon on 10-SEPTEMBER	○ Dick Fox on 28-SEPTEMBER
○ Paul Hansen on 15-SEPTEMBER	○ Steve Jiran on 28-SEPTEMBER
○ Bill Heron on 16-SEPTEMBER	○ Bob Rodriguez on 29-SEPTEMBER
	○ Ted Vorce on 30-SEPTEMBER

- The 50/50 raffle of **\$ 106** was won by: **Bill Hazard** (the base received **\$ 105**).
- The booze raffle was won by: **Gary Galles** (the base received **\$ 74**).
- Winter Holiday Party tickets raffle brought in: **\$ 34**.
- There was **\$ 19** donated through the Donations Bucket for the Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund.
- Pen Sales brought in: **\$ 20**.
- There was a total of **\$ -0-** was donated for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program.
- There was a total of **\$ 6** was donated for the Emergency Relief Fund.

There were **- 56 -** members and **- 5 -** guests present at this meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately **12:05** hours by Base Commander, Ted Vorce.

*Fair Winds and Following Seas,*



**EMCS(SS) Craig S. Werner, U.S.N. (Ret.)**  
**Hampton Roads Base Secretary & Treasurer**  
 222-5 Sandpiper Drive  
 Portsmouth, VA 23704-1543  
 757-373-3142



# Storekeeper's Inventory

(as of: 22-SEPTEMBER-2018)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Qty. On Hand</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
<b>BALL CAPS</b>		
HRB-USSVI (Silver Dolphins)	0	\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI (Gold Dolphins)	1	\$ 12.50
HRB-Submarine Veteran (Silver Dolphins)	4	\$ 15.00
HRB-Submarine Veteran (Gold Dolphins)	5	\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI (Commander)	1	\$ 12.50
US Sub Vets Inc. (Commander)	3	\$ 12.50
US Sub Vets Inc. (Captain)	2	\$ 15.00
Holland Club (Silver Dolphins)	0	\$ 15.00
Holland Club (Gold Dolphins)	2	\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI - Khaki (Silver Dolphins)	1	\$ 18.00
HRB-Submarine Veteran - Khaki (Gold Dolphins)	3	\$ 15.00
<b>PATCHES &amp; CLOTHING</b>		
Hampton Roads Chapter Patch	40	\$ 8.00
USSVI Patch (4-1/2 x 3-1/8)	2	\$ 10.00
USSVI Patch (3-5/8 x 3)	0	\$ 3.00
USSVI Patch (2-7/8 x 2-3/8)	0	\$ 3.00
USSVI Life Member Patch	2	\$ 6.00
Vice Commander	1	\$ 3.50
Life Member Rocker Patch	0	\$ 6.00
Holland Club Patch	3	\$ 7.00
Vice President Patch	1	\$ 3.00
Base Secretary Patch	1	\$ 3.00
Base Chaplain Patch	1	\$ 3.00
Base Store Keeper Patch	2	\$ 3.00
Associate Member Patch	1	\$ 3.00
USSVI Bolo Tie	2	\$ 7.00
USSVI Booney Hat (Khaki w/ Gold Dolphins)	1	\$ 20.00
Vest Clasp w/ Silver Dolphins	1	\$ 25.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
HRB Challenge Coins	116	\$ 10.00
HRB Decal (Silver Dolphins)	21	\$ 5.00
HRB Decal (Gold Dolphins)	2	\$ 5.00
Dolphin Decals (6")	2	\$ 1.75
License Plate Frames	2	\$ 4.50
2019 USSVI Calendars	0	TBD

# NEWSLETTER INPUT – Special

We have been invited to the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for Al Keck

14:00 hours, Saturday, 27-OCTOBER-2018

PLEASE, RSVP to Debbie @ 757-618-6453 NLT 15-OCTOBER

Avalon Church of Christ  
844 Woodstock Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23464



## Delta Dental Of California Retiree Plan Options

		AETNA	BLUE DENTAL		DELTA PPO		GEHA		METLIFE		UCCI
SELF	M	\$34.85		\$21.47	\$22.06	\$43.62	\$21.97	\$38.65	\$21.39	\$39.04	\$27.95
	Y	\$418.20		\$257.64	\$264.72	\$523.44	\$263.64	\$463.80	\$256.68	\$468.48	\$335.40
SELF + 1	M	\$69.82		\$42.97	\$44.14	\$87.23	\$43.94	\$77.31	\$42.79	\$78.11	\$55.88
	Y	\$837.84		\$515.64	\$529.68	\$1,046.76	\$527.28	\$927.72	\$513.48	\$937.32	\$670.56
CLASS A (BASIC)		100%	100% Standard IN/ 60% OUT	100% High IN/ 90% OUT	100% Standard IN/ 60% OUT	100% High IN/ 90% OUT	100% Standard	100% High	100% Standard IN/ 60% OUT	100% High IN/ 90% OUT	100% IN/ 80% OUT
		D & P*, sealants (up to 19 )	D & P*, sealants	D & P*, sealants	D & P*, sealants (up to 19 )	D & P*, sealants (up to 19 )	D & P*, sealants	D & P*, sealants	D & P*, fluoride, sealants (up to 18 )	D & P*, fluoride, sealants (up to 18 )	D & P*, fluoride, sealants (up to 18 )
CLASS B		60%	55% Standard IN/ 40% OUT	70% High IN/ 60% OUT	65% Standard IN/ 40% OUT	70% High IN/ 60% OUT	55%	80%	55% Standard IN/ 40% OUT	70% High IN/ 60% OUT	80% IN/ 60% OUT
		Fills @ amal rate, perio, extractions	Fillings, oral surgery, perio scaling	Fillings, oral surgery, perio scaling	Fillings, endo, perio and oral surgery	Fillings, endo, perio and oral surgery	Fillings, endo, perio and oral surgery	Fillings, endo, perio and oral surgery	Fillings, perio and oral surgery	Fillings, perio and oral surgery	Fills @ amal rate, endo, perio, oral surgery and prosthetic repair
CLASS C		40%	35% Standard IN/ 20% OUT	50% High IN/ 40% OUT	45% Standard IN/ 20% OUT	50% High IN/ 40% OUT	35%	50%	45% Standard IN/ 20% OUT	50% High IN/ 40% OUT	50% IN/ 40% OUT
		Crowns, build ups, root canals, perio services, dentures	Crowns, implants, bridges, dentures and root canals	Crowns, implants, bridges, dentures and root canals	Inlays, onlays, crowns, build up, endo, perio and implants	Inlays, onlays, crowns, build up, endo, perio and implants	Crowns, endo, partials, perio, implants	Crowns, endo, partials, perio, implants	Crowns, dentures, root canals, partials and occlusal guard	Crowns, dentures, root canals, partials and occlusal guard	Crowns, endo, perio, prosthodontic services, implants
CLASS D (ORTHO)		50% 2000 IN/OUT	50% 2000 IN/1000 OUT	50% 3500 IN/1000 OUT	50% 2000 IN/1000 OUT up to 19	50% 3500 IN/1000 OUT up to 19	\$2,500	\$2,500	N/A	50% 2000 IN/1500 OUT	50% 3000
WAITING PERIOD (ORTHO ONLY)		12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
MAXIMUM		\$25,000.00	1500 IN/ 750 OUT	UNLIMITED IN/3500 OUT	1500 IN/ 600 OUT	30000 IN/ 3000 OUT	\$2,500	\$35,000	\$1,500	\$35,000	\$15,000
DEDUCTIBLE		No for In/Out Network	No for IN/ 75 OUT	No for IN/ 50 OUT	No for IN/ 75 OUT	No for IN/ 50 OUT	No for In/Out Network	No for In/Out Network	No for In/Out Network	No for In/Out Network	N/A
DENTAL ACCIDENT SERVICES											\$2,000
* Diagnostic & Preventive											

This chart is based on CURRENT prices and costs and availability which are subject to change for the 2019 benefit year.

Check out the information at <https://www.tricare.benefeds.com/InfoPortal/containerPage?EventName=retirees&ctoken=> for the 2019 benefit year.