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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 Base Commander

Shipmates,



We had a good meeting February 17<sup>th</sup> with 64 members and 7 guests. Even though we did not have a program, we still accomplished a lot with the election of Ken Swan to the Executive Board and identifying two volunteers for Base Historian and Social Media. These two positions are being filled for the first time at our base and I am pleased to say we have no unfilled positions at this time.

Please note on your calendars the March Meeting which will be the second Saturday in March due to St. Patrick's Day celebrations at FRA60 on the third Saturday.

Enjoy the warm weather we are having and let's hope we don't get another super cold snap before Spring.

I hope to see you all on March 10<sup>th</sup>.



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### *From the Senior Vice-Commander*

I am looking forward to this new position in the hopes of getting to know each one of you better and also to strive to beef up our membership. We have grown every meeting at the FRA by at least one new member. I was at Lowes last year and someone saw my cover with the silver dolphins and commented on how they use to be in the Navy and in Submarines. Right then I handed him one of our social cards stating the date and time of our meetings and now he and his wife have joined. Please keep wearing your covers and keep a few of our social cards in your wallet. Even if you see someone who has a Navy cover on, ask if they were ever in the Submarine force and strike up a conversation.



Did you know that the origin of our insignia dates back to June 1923, when Captain Ernest King, USN, Commander, Submarine Division Three (later Fleet Admiral and Chief of Naval Operations), suggested to the Secretary of the Navy that a device for qualified submariners be adopted? He submitted a pen-and-ink sketch as an example. A Philadelphia firm, Bailey, Banks and Biddle, was requested to design a suitable badge. In 1928, a member of that firm told Ensign William C. Eddy that they were looking for a design. Eddy, using sketches of the 1926 Naval Academy class crest that he had designed, came up with the present submarine insignia.

Stay engaged and keep wearing Navy pride gear. We have tall tales (I mean stories) to pass down to a younger generation. Lead on!

V/r

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### *From the Secretary/ Treasurer*



This month will only be a short entry. I'm sitting at home, recovering from a total replacement of my left knee, it was time. I'm uncomfortable, at a low but constant level. The difference is before the surgery, the pain was at a higher level. I'm hoping that once I'm through with all the physical therapy, occupational therapy, follow-up appointments, and whatever else, I won't be living in constant and debilitating pain. That's my hopes anyway. Oh, by the way, did I mention I have to have my right knee replaced as well? The earliest I can have that done is six weeks from the left knee replacement. I'll have to go through the whole therapy and recovery rig-a-ma-roe again. I'm told it is worth the effort and pain I'm going through now and should be living just about pain free when everything is done. I sure hope so. I'm working through the Naval Hospital, and I'm quite pleased with the level of professionalism and competence I find there. Enough about me.

Don't forget about the 118<sup>th</sup> Submarine Birthday Ball which will be on 14-APRIL-2018. It will be here before you know it. I anticipate that tickets will be \$75 each (or there about), as they were last year. We're anticipating getting the specifics for the ball and receiving the tickets any time now. It will be at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott as it was last year.

Speaking of membership, we had 3 new members sign up at the February meeting, that's good! I'd like to continue to see us having 1 or 2 (or more) new members at every meeting and I'd really like to see us pick up enough new members to overtake the Charleston Base and become the second largest Base in USSVI sometime this year. It will take a little work by everyone to make it happen.

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

standing. 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. If you need another set, please contact me and I will email them to you. Applications are due to Ted Vorce, electronically, NLT 15-APRIL, time is running out. 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.

*~ Stay Safe & Stay Well ~*

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

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## Welcome Aboard

At the February meeting three new members joined us:



**ICC(SS) John Anderson qualified aboard the USS Stonewall Jackson (SSBN-634) in 1972.**



**STS1(SS) Sam Stevens qualified on USS Batfish (SSN-681) in 1983.**





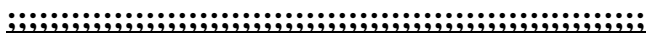
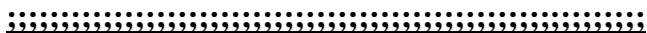
**LCDR Billy Nytko qualified aboard USS Alaska (SSBN-732) in 2004.**

If my addition is correct, that brings our membership to 268.

Also, at the January meeting I did not get a picture of CAPT Steve Sudcamp. But I did at the recent meeting.



**Steve qualified aboard USS Tinosa (SSN-606) in 1976.**



## Why we remember....

### **Boats Lost in March**



**USS F-4 (Skate) (SS 23):** Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men. She foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu when acid corrosion of the lead lining of the battery tank let seawater in to the battery compartment, causing loss of control. She was raised in August 1915.



#### **USS H-1 (Seawolf) (SS-28):**



Lost 26 March 1920 while being towed by USS Vestal. On March 12, Seawolf ran aground about 400 yards off of Santa Margarita Island, Baja California. Due to the ship's condition and rough sea, the CO, LCDR James Webb, ordered the ship to be abandoned and the crew to make for shore. Of the crew of 25, the CO and three other men were lost.

**USS Perch (SS 176):** Lost on March 3, 1942 near Java with no immediate loss of life, while on her first war patrol. She survived two severe depth chargings in less than 200 feet of water by 3 Japanese destroyers. The crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 61 officers and men taken prisoner, 55 survived the war and six died as POWs. **Late Hampton Roads Base member Turk Tuner was among the POWs**



**USS Grampus (SS 207):** Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 71 officers and men, on her 6th war patrol. She was lost in Vella Gulf, sunk after engaging two Japanese destroyers.



**USS Triton (SS 201):** Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men. She was sunk north of the Admiralty Islands during a fight with three Japanese destroyers. Triton was the first boat to engage the enemy in December 1941 off Wake Island, sinking 9 ships, 1 submarine, and a destroyer.



**USS Tullibee (SS 284):** Lost on March 26, 1944 with the loss of 79 officers and men, on her fourth war patrol. It is believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.



**USS Kete (SS 369):** Lost on March 20, 1945 with the loss of 87 officers and men at the end of her second war patrol. She was probably sunk near Okinawa by a Japanese submarine that itself was subsequently lost.



**USS Trigger (SS 237):** Lost on March 26, 1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men, on her 12th war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese anti-submarine vessels and aircraft. Trigger ranked 7th in total tonnage sunk and tied for 8th in number of ships sunk.



## **HRB March Birthdays**

- 1: Bob Saenz
- 2: Mike Ammann
- 6: Dave Coffield, Jay Stokes
- 9: Larry Hayes, Jenny Dugan
- 12: John Donaldson; Roy Vess
- 14: Dave Bridges
- 15: Art Oman, Chuck Steenburgh
- 17: Pat Urello
- 19: Joe Demnicki,
- 22: Barry Porter
- 24: Roy Werthmuller
- 26: Bud Warren, Jr.
- 27: Ron Pervere, Ed Cirucci; Jake Melton, Carl Boyd
- 30: Eric Strickland



## **Upcoming Events**

### **March 2018**

- 10:** Base meeting
- 14:** FRA #60 Meeting (1900 hrs.)

### **April 2018**

- 14:** Hampton Roads 118<sup>th</sup> Submarine Birthday Ball
- 21:** Base Meeting

### **May 2018**

- 17:** WWII Memorial / Hall of Fame Ceremony
- 19:** Base Meeting
- 25-28:** Scorpion Memorial
- 28:** 134<sup>th</sup> Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade

### **June 2018**

- 21:** Base Meeting / Holland Club Induction

### **July 2018**

- 21:** Base Meeting / Annual Picnic / Scholarship Award Announcement

### **August 2018**

- 18:** Base Meeting

### **September 2018**

- 15:** Base Meeting

## **October 2018**

**20:** Base Meeting

**21-28:** USSVI Convention Cruise

## **November 2018**

**11:** Veterans' Day Parade

**20:** Base Meeting



### **2018 SUBLANT Sailors of the Year**

During a luncheon in the Pennsylvania House on board naval station Norfolk, SUBLANT Force Master Chief John Perryman announced and recognized the 2018 awardees. "I have the pleasure to recognize today these fine petty officers, who represent the best of our Navy," said Perryman. "Their professionalism and dedication are equally apparent in the performance of their duties and their commitment to their community. These Sailors lead the way among their peers and decisively contribute to the Navy's continued success, I congratulate each of you."

Vying for the title of SUBLANT SeaSOY were:

- Machinist's Mate (Auxiliary) 1st Class Robin Anderson, a native of Centennial, Colo., assigned to USS North Dakota (SSN 784),
- Machinist's Mate (Auxiliary) 1st Class Brandyn Harper, assigned to USS Maryland (SSBN 738) (Gold), and
- Machinist's Mate (Nuclear) 1st Class Marshall Ross, a native of Ada, Okla., assigned to USS La Jolla (SSN 701)

SUBLANT ShoreSOY Candidates were:

- Logistics Specialist 1st Class Samantha Mincey, a native of Los Angeles, Calif., assigned to Trident Refit Facility Kings Bay,
- Legalman 1st Class Sherry Hoffman, a native of Biloxi, Miss., assigned to Submarine Squadron Six, and

- Machinist's Mate (Auxiliary) 1st Class Anthony Phillips, a native of Queens, NY., assigned to Regional Support Group Groton.

Prior to the luncheon the candidates participated in a week of events that included a welcome reception, an area-command SOY luncheon, a physical training competition, leadership mentoring, an interview, a community-relations event, and historical lectures designed to educate, mentor, test and assess each SOY candidate.



*PT was not easy*



*Candidates and Mentors on a Naval Heritage Tour*





Finally, the choices were made. MM1(SS) Marshall Ross was named the SeaSOY while LS1(SW) Samantha Mincey became the 2018 ShoreSOY.



*Force Master Chief John Perryman congratulating MM1(SS) Marshall Ross*



*Force Master Chief John Perryman congratulating LS1(SW) Samantha Mincey*

USSVI and Hampton Roads Base were represented by District Commander Dave Campbell, HRB Commander Jim Reynolds, Secretary/Treasurer Craig Werner, and members Joe Demnicki, and Earl Dentsen and Pete Flannery.

Dave and Jim presented the candidates with certificates of achievement and gift on behalf of the USSVI and Hampton Roads base.



***BRAVO ZULU to ALL Candidates***

***All SOY photos are courtesy of SUBLANT***





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## March Historic Events

**Mar 03 1776** - Under the command of Commodore Esek Hopkins and Marine Capt. Samuel Nicholas, the Continental Navy makes the first American amphibious landing operation at New Providence, Bahamas, and captures the forts for much needed ordnance and gunpowder.

**Mar 27 1794** - President George Washington signs "An act to provide a naval armament" authorizing the construction of six frigates: United States, Constellation, Constitution, Chesapeake, Congress, and President.



**USS CONSTITUTION**

**Mar 20 1912** - USS Skipjack (SS-24), the first US submarine with diesel engines, was running on the surface of Hampton Roads when Fireman W.T. Walsh lost his footing fell overboard. Walsh, a non-swimmer was quickly foundering. Upon seeing Walsh's plight, the Commanding Officer, LT Chester

A. Nimitz dove in to the rescue. Due to Walsh's panic and an outgoing tide, return to the Skipjack was not possible. Nimitz kept both afloat until they were picked up by a boat from the battleship North Dakota. (from 'The Admirals' by Walter T. Bornmen)

**Mar 03 1942** - USS Perch (SS 176), after being depth-charged and irreparably damaged by Japanese destroyers Ushio and Sazanami, is scuttled by her crew in the Java Sea. All hands survive but are taken prisoner.

***Late HRB Member Turk Turner was one of those who endure more than three years of captivity.***

**MAR 13 1944 - 1944 | USS Sand Lance (SS-381):** Sand Lance came up to periscope depth and found herself in the midst of a Japanese convoy, consisting of 5 merchantmen and 3 heavily armed warships. Sand Lance had only 6 torpedoes remaining, but she made them count. At least 2 of the ships went to the bottom, light cruiser Tatsuta and cargoman Kokuyo Maru, carrying over 1,000 enemy troops. For her success, Sand Lance underwent a 16-hour, 100 depth charge pounding from the accompanying destroyers.

**Mar 08 1961**- USS Patrick Henry (SSBN 599): When Patrick Henry surfaced off Holy Loch, Scotland, she had set a record for her type, cruising submerged 66 days and 22 hours.

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Joseph Sobran said: "'Need' now means wanting someone else's money. 'Greed' means wanting to keep your own. 'Compassion' is when a politician arranges the transfer."

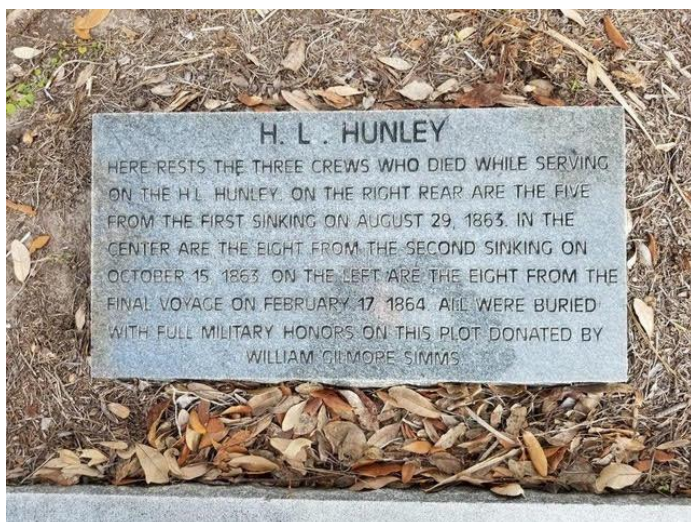
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## CSS Hunley Photos

*I should have had these photos, furnished by Earl Dentsen, in last month because she sank on 17 February 1864. I don't think that captions are necessary.*



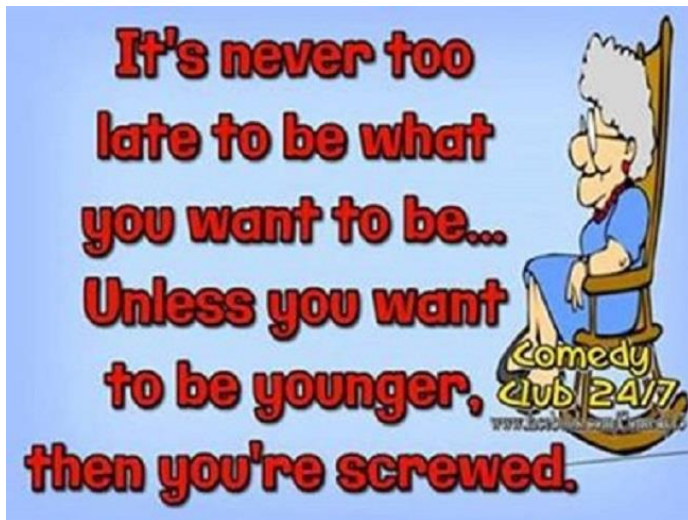
SAILORS, REST IN PAECE



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## HUMOR

Life is short.  
Smile while  
you still  
have teeth.



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## USWN Articles

### Navy Awards \$7.25M To Convert Nuclear Submarine Into Training Vessel

James LaPorta, UPI.com, February 1

Oceaneering International has been awarded a contract for the conversion of a U.S. Navy nuclear submarine into a moored training ship.

The deal, announced Wednesday by the Department of Defense, is valued at more than \$7.25 million under the terms of a cost-plus-fixed-fee contract.

The agreement provides for maintenance, inspections and repairs for the conversion of the USS San Francisco, a Los Angeles-class fast-attack nuclear submarine, into a moored training ship.

Once converted, the San Francisco is slated to be docked at the Navy's Nuclear Power Training Unit in Charleston, S.C., to aid in the training of newly-minted submariners through 2040, according to Naval Today.

The Pentagon said the contract is "necessary for conducting the hull structural survey in accordance with unrestricted operations maintenance requirement card 003" under Navy regulations.

Work on the contract will occur in Portsmouth, Va., and is expected to be completed by August 2019.

The total amount of the contract will be obligated to Oceaneering International at the time of award from Navy Fiscal 2017 shipbuilding and conversion funding.

## **Ready, Set, Wear: Guidelines for IFRV Wear Announced**

**USFF Public Affairs, Navy.mil, February 5**

**NORFOLK** - Effective immediately, commands can now order the Improved Flame Resistant Variant (IFRV) coverall. Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces (USFF) announced manner and occasion of wear guidance for the IFRV Feb. 5.

The approval of the IFRV as a fleet organizational clothing item to replace the legacy Flame Resistant Variant (FRV) coverall was announced in early January 2017 after the completion of a series of afloat wear tests. The IFRV addresses comfort and durability issues found with the original FRV coverall.

"The original FRV was rapidly introduced to the fleet because Sailor safety is our top priority," said CAPT Mark Runstrom, director, Fleet Supply Operations/Services, USFF. "However, we recognized immediately that we needed a coverall that is more durable, functional, and comfortable as well as safe. That is what the IFRV is all about."

Sailors stationed aboard ships and submarines will be issued a minimum of two IFRV coveralls with units authorized to procure name tags using unit operating target funds. The manner of wear will be the same as the FRV coveralls, prescribing wearers to don full sleeves and secured fastenings. The current 9-inch black, steel-toed boot and Navy or command ball caps are authorized for wear with the coverall.

Approved belts include a black cotton web belt for E1-E6, a khaki cotton web belt for chief petty officers and officers and; riggers' belts are authorized at command discretion.

Rank tabs and insignia are authorized to be sewn or pinned on the coverall based on the wearer's duties and unit preference.

Rectangular, Velcro-backed name tags will be worn centered, 1/4-inch above the left breast pocket-similar in size, shape and content to the V-neck sweater name tag. Embossed leather name tags or fabric embroidered unit specific name tags similar to those worn on the green Nomex flight jacket will be authorized for wear at the discretion of unit commanders.

Blue or brown undershirts are authorized for wear with the IFRV, although blue undershirts are being phased out with the introduction of the Navy Working Uniform Type III.

Members will not be authorized to stencil or serialize any portion of outer fabric of the IFRV nor attach unit or flag patches due to the risk of degrading the flame resistant fabric. However, Sailors are allowed to stencil the inner parts for identification purposes.

The IFRV will be prescribed as an underway uniform and the appropriate attire for events such as sea and anchor detail. Commands can authorize the IFRV for wear ashore or in-port and when working in conditions where excessive wear to the uniform could occur or when needing arc or flash protection.

The IFRV coverall is made from a flame resistant, tri-fiber blend designed to offer arc flash protection and provide improved moisture management by allowing the fiber to breathe more efficiently. The IFRV coverall is also designed for sustained durability lasting nearly twice as long as the FRV.

Additionally, feedback during fleet testing of the IFRV revealed a desire for a two-piece FRV. USFF has developed several versions with varying design features that will be tested in the spring of 2018.





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## **Teamwork Crucial to Safe Sailor Medical Evacuation From Underway Submarine**

### **MC3 Tristan B. Lotz, The Dolphin, February 8**

Overcoming difficult weather and complicated logistics, members of Naval Submarine Base New London (SUBASE)'s Port Operations and Fire Departments played a crucial role in evacuating a critically injured Sailor from USS North Dakota (SSN 784) while the submarine was underway recently.

"We got a call from the squadron duty officer telling us what happened and asking if there was anything we could do," said Patrick M. O'Brien, a captain in the SUBASE fire department, recounting the events of Friday evening, Jan. 13. "Since our primary mission is to support those subs, the answer was 'absolutely'."

The mission proved more difficulty than originally expected as extremely dense fog and the darkness of the night hindered the effort.

"I've never seen anything like it before," said Rich Willette, Ship Pilot for SUBASE. "I've done medevacs, but never like this. ...Never at night in zero visibility. Think of the differences between a light fog and a dark fog: you couldn't see anything. It was just black!"

With the injured Sailor aboard the submarine in critical condition, closing the distance between North Dakota and the rescue team aboard the tugboat John P. Wronowski and getting the Sailor to a hospital trauma unit was of vital importance.

Willette knew the submarine would have to be guided up the Thames River, closer to awaiting transport to New London's Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, for a safe rescue.

Firefighters forming the rescue team aboard the tug knew they had to bring as supplies and equipment to prepare for any possible scenario.

"We brought a lifting harness; we brought a crane; we brought a litter and sleeve, our basic trauma bag, and an AutoPulse—so in the event of cardiac arrest, we could jumpstart his heart," said SUBASE firefighter Brad Crandall. "We were planning on the worst, considering where we were going."

After a nerve-wracking journey out into the dark waters to meet the submarine, tugboat John P. Wronowski's Master Cal Edmunds was faced with an equally challenging rendezvous.

"We couldn't see it," said Edmunds, describing his initial approach to North Dakota. "We let the boat get ahead of us first, so I could at least see the stern light: a yellow light, which isn't much of a reference. We actually had to use the radar for most of it to get ourselves lined up with the sub."

Once North Dakota was "made fast"- tied - alongside the tug, the rescue team got into action to begin retrieving the injured Sailor from inside the submarine, a difficult task with the submarine's confined doorways and hatches and narrow hallways.

"We knew we were going to get the job done," said Crandall. "When we went out there, Fireman Michael Pierangelo's job was to go down into the sub and assist the crew in any medical care they wanted to give the patient before we lifted him out. The patient was conscious and awake, but every time he tried to stand up, his blood pressure tanked and he almost passed out. We knew he was not going to be able to leave by himself."

Leaving would be no easy matter. The injured Sailor was being treated by the submarines' personnel in the Wardroom; on the second of the submarine's three levels.



"We had to use a couple extra trauma dressings to clean up the wound, give a couple extra medications for the pain, and then we got him prepared for extrication," said Crandall.

Placing the injured Sailor into a Reeves Sleeve, the rescue team carefully maneuvered the litter through the submarine to North Dakota's tightly-cramped weapons hatch. There, the manpower of the rescue team was tested as the litter was lifted vertically up and out of the confines of the submarine and onto its deck. From the deck of the submarine, the rescue team cautiously carried the litter across the span of moving water that separated the coupled vessels.

SUBASE Fire Chief Thomas Clapsadle Jr. remarked that it was a situation that the department hadn't come across in his 28 years at the department.

Once aboard the tug with the injured Sailor, the rescuers focused on making their best time to the pier at Fort Trumbull State Park where additional SUBASE firefighters and local emergency service personnel stood by.

"They were on the phone with the guys at the hospital," said Edmunds. "They asked, 'How long will it take to get him over here for treatment? I told them, give me 10 minutes. I think we were there in three or four. The doctors said, 'That was the fastest 10 minutes of my life!'"

Once ashore, the injured Sailor was stabilized at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital and then transferred to Yale New Haven Hospital.

For the members of SUBASE's Port Operations and Fire Departments who were crucial to the rescue's success, the event was just another opportunity to make a difference, according to Clapsadle.

For Cmdr. Mark Robinson, commanding officer of USS North Dakota (SSN 784), the rescue efforts

were nothing short of extraordinary. He recognized both the SUBASE firefighters and the Port Operations harbor pilot and tug teams that helped save his crew member's life.

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## **Mattis: Deploy-Or-Get-Out Rule Is About Fairness**

**Aaron Mehta, Navy Times, February 18**

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**WASHINGTON** – New rules requiring members of the military to be able to deploy or get out were put in place to ensure fairness in deployment rates, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said.

"You're either deployable, or you need to find something else to do. I'm not going have some people deploying constantly and then other people, who seem to not pay that price, in the U.S. military," Mattis told reporters Feb. 17 in his first comments on the issue since the new policy was formally introduced.

"If you can't go overseas [and] carry a combat load, then obviously someone else has got to go. I want this spread fairly and expertly across the force."

Under new rules first reported on by Military Times, military members who have been non-deployable for the past 12 months or more will be separated from the military.

Approximately 11 percent, or 235,000, of the 2.1 million personnel serving on active duty, in the reserves or National Guard are currently non-deployable, Command Sgt. Maj. John Troxell, the senior enlisted adviser to Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Joe Dunford, told Military Times earlier this month.

Of that total non-deployable force, Troxell said, about 99,000 are on that list for administrative reasons, such as not having all their immunizations or their required dental exams. About 20,000 are not



deployable due to pregnancy, and 116,000 are not deployable due to either short- or long-term injuries.

In discussing why he felt this policy was needed, Mattis said he felt it was no longer fair to ask healthy warfighters to carry the load for others, particularly due to the stress on military families from multiple deployments.

“They need time at home; they need time with their families. We may enlist soldiers, but we re-enlist families. That’s the way it is. If you can’t keep the family together, then you’re either going to lose the family or you’re going to lose the soldier, and that’s a net loss for our society and for our military,” he said.

Mattis stressed that those who were injured in the field would be exempt from the new policy, saying “we’ll find a place to use them. That’s a special category. They’ve earned that special status.” But for everyone else, either you have to be able to meet the requirements, or it’s time for you to go.

However, the secretary did acknowledge that the failure to meet deployability requirements is not always on the individual. The classic example is a situation where someone was unable to get a dental appointment quickly enough and hence did not meet the requirements.

And so, Mattis’ message is not just to the troops, but to those in charge: make sure bureaucracy doesn’t get in the way, and make every option available for those who need to get certain checks done. As an example, he imagined a scenario of “a base where everyone is dentally fully qualified, and they have a fort 200 miles away that’s not, bring down the dentist and get them qualified.”

“This isn’t all ‘somebody screwed up,’” he said. “The services have got to make certain they are working on.

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# 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 17-FEBRUARY-2018**

Meeting was called to order by Base Commander, Jim Reynolds 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 John Baldwin.
- The USSVI Creed was read by the Base Senior Vice Commander, Ted Vorce.
- 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, Ted Vorce.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Base Commander, Jim Reynolds.
- A round robin of introductions was held starting with new 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 for Base Chaplain, Brian Krammes:

- TCM(SS) Rich Corey – Attended today's meeting.
- 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 – He is MUCH better but still recovering, he's visiting his mother this weekend.
- LT Harry J. Seibel – Attended today's meeting.
- ENC(SS) Ike Spears – Attended today's meeting.

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

- Minutes of the 20-JANUARY-2018 Base Meeting were emailed out to all members on 21-JANUARY.
- 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-JANUARY-2018 was **\$ 39,787.68**.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of JANUARY-2018 of **\$ 2005.47**.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of JANUARY-2018 of **\$ 1602.69**.
- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01- JANUARY-2018 at **\$ 21,674.65** and ended on 31- JANUARY-2018 at **\$ 21,811.62** for a net increase/decrease of **\$ 214.50**.

- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01- JANUARY-2018 at \$ 1597.33, after donations, and expenditures totalling \$ 214.50, ended on 31- JANUARY-2018 at \$ 1731.83.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01- JANUARY-2018 at \$ 3766.26, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ 80.09, the program ended on 31- JANUARY-2018 at \$ 3846.35.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01- JANUARY-2018 at \$ 1107.35, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ 0.03, ended on 31- JANUARY-2018 a \$ 1107.38.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of 31- JANUARY-2018 was \$ 115.00.
- This has resulted in a net increase/decrease of \$ 402.78 in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for JANUARY-2018.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of 31- JANUARY-2018 was \$ 40,285.58.

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

- 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, Ted Vorce:
  - With gains and losses we are at - 265 - members; this is a gain of - 7 - members over where we were this time last year and that's great! We need to up the good work of bringing in new members.
  - There was no listing of HRB members sent out this month due to the changeover of the USSVI website and database..
  - We still need to grow the Base by 50 members in order to overtake Charleston Base and take over 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 was completed at the end of this January and 6 members were automatically dropped by National because they did not renew their membership.
  - Anyone who thinks they are due a USSVI Longevity Pin should see Craig after the meeting.
- **Scholarship Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Ted Vorce:
  - 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.
  - You should also review the requirements for the USSV-CF Scholarship, the Dolphin Fund Scholarship, the VFW and VFW Auxiliary Scholarships (if you are a member of the VFW), the FRA Scholarships (if you are a member of the FRA), and any other military organization's scholarships that are offered and your relatives may be eligible for based on your military service.

- **Program & Events Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
  - Recently Completed Events:
    - COMSUBLANT Sailor-of-the-Year Ceremony was on 09-FEBRUARY-2018.
    - There was an FRA #60 meeting here this past Wednesday evening.
  - Pending Events:
    - There will be a NSL meeting on 20-FEBRUARY, contact Pete Flannery for details.
    - The 2018 Silver & Gold Dolphin Auction will be on 24-FEBRUARY-2018.
    - 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 118<sup>th</sup> Submarine Birthday Ball will be on 14-APRIL-2018.
    - The Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Boat ceremonies will be 17-MAY-2018.
    - The 50<sup>th</sup> USS SCORPION Memorial Service will be 25 thru 28-MAY-2018 on NOB Norfolk.
    - The 134<sup>th</sup> 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, Gary Galles:
  - The raffle chances for the 118<sup>th</sup> Submarine Birthday Ball tickets are being sold at the raffles table.
    - We'll be drawing two winning raffle tickets at the end of next month's 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:
  - 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 by the twenty-fifth of this month.
  - All new members need to see the Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle to have their picture and simple biography included in the newsletter.
- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** – Ron O'Donnell for Committee Chairman, Ken Swan:
  - We've contacted a former Captain of the MEMPHIS who is now an active duty 3-Star has said he will be the speaker for this year's ceremonies if he can arrange his schedule to support it.
  - We've contacted another former Captain of the MEMPHIS who is now a retired 3-Star who will attend and is willing to be the speaker if we need him to step up.
  - This year's ceremonies should be very good with this much horse power.
- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – Base COB, John Sidlovsky for Committee Chairman Rich Corey:
  - We will visit the NMC-P on 20-FEBRUARY, 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 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.
- **2018 SER Conference Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Committee Chairman, Brian Daugherty:
  - The Conference has been canceled due to insufficient response from the Region.
  - The Base has been compensated for our outlays by the Region.
  - We have a YETI Tundra 45 (litre) cooler that we bought for a raffle during the Conference but now we'll keep it and raffle it off for the Base.
- **USS SCORPION Memorial Committee** – Committee Chairman, John Donaldson:
  - The 50<sup>th</sup> USS Scorpion Memorial will be 25 thru 28 May 2018 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott.
  - The Memorial Service will be at the Scorpion Memorial on NOB at 10:00 hours, Saturday, 26-MAY.
  - Due to base security requirements, attendees, who do not have unrestricted Base access, will be required to fill out a registration form that will be available in February.
  - COMSUBLANT, VADM Joseph E. Tofalo, will give opening remarks and introduce the CNO,
  - CNO, ADM John M. Richardson will make brief remarks and introduce the event speaker, his Father, CAPT William E. Richardson, U.S.N. (Ret.), a former crew Scorpion member.
  - There will be a dinner/banquet that evening at the hotel with CAPT Richardson as the keynote speaker.
- **Norfolk Sail Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Committee Chairman Base Commander, Brian Daugherty:
  - Brian has leads to two different architectural firms that may be interested in getting on board with this project and he will try to contact them this week.

#### Old Business:

- Renovation of the Base Parade Trailers – Base Commander, Brian Daugherty.
  - Our parade trailers are in need of significant renovations.
  - We've received several suggestions for what needs to be done to each trailer.
  - Money has been allocated for this project.

#### New Business USSVI.org website – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

- The old USSVI.org website has been taken down and all its information has been archived.
- National is trying to bring up the new USSVI.org website, but they are having a lot of difficulties still.
  - It is supposed to be more user friendly
  - It is supposed to be compatible with all of today's common web browsers.
  - It is supposed to be useable on all mobile devices and smart phones.
- I'll be letting everyone know when the new website is up.

#### Program: (none)

#### Good of the Order:

- Changes in Base Leadership and Appointed Positions – Base Commander, Jim Reynolds:
  - Ken Swan is taking Rich Crockford's position on the E-Board.
  - Craig Dudley is taking back the COB position from John Sidlovsky.
  - Paul Schmidt has stepped up to take the Base Historian position.
  - Sam Steven has stepped up to take the Base Social Media coordinator.

- Review of boats lost in the month - Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
  - USS SHARK (SS-174) in 1942
  - USS AMBERJACK (SS-131) in 1943
  - USS GRAYBACK (SS-208) in 1944
  - USS TROUT (SS-202) in 1944
  - USS BARBEL (SS-316) in 1945
  
- Review of members' birthdays for the month - Base Commander, Jim Reynolds:
  - John Springett on 01-FEB
  - Tom Murray on 03-FEB
  - Gary Merryman on 03-FEB
  - Frank Angelo on 04-FEB
  - Fred Lowack on 05-FEB
  - Mike McNamara on 08-FEB
  - Tommy Moore on 09-FEB
  - Lynn Pattison on 12-FEB
  - Scott Humpert on 17-FEB
  - Wayne Murray on 18-FEB
  - Bill Neff on 19-FEB
  - Taco Villarial on 19-FEB
  - Dick Richard on 20-FEB
  - Gene Destafano on 21-FEB
  - O.D. O'Donnell on 21-FEB
  - Roger Eyrolles on 21-FEB
  - Roger Gard on 23-FEB
  - Rocky Rockefeller on 27-FEB
  
- The 50/50 raffle of **\$ 127** was won by: **Byrd Saville** (the base received **\$ 126**).
- The booze raffle was won by: **Bert Hoyt** (the base received **\$ 130**).
- Birthday Ball tickets raffle brought in: **\$ 54**; a total of **\$ 119** has been brought into the Base coffers with this raffle so far.
- There was **\$ 12** donated through the Donations Bucket for the Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund, this includes an **\$80** donation by the Region Director, Steve Bell.
- Pen Sales brought in: **\$ 33**.
- There was a total of **\$ 80** was donated for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program, this includes an **\$80** donation by the Region Director, Steve Bell.
- There was a total of **\$ 40** was donated for the Emergency Relief Fund.

There were **- 64 -** members and **- 7 -** guests present at this meeting.

Our next Regular Base meeting will be: **10-MARCH-2018** here at FRA Hall #60.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately **12:20** hours by Base Commander, Jim Reynolds.

*Fair Winds and Following Seas,*



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

(as of: 17-FEBRUARY-2018)

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