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June Meeting Minutes

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:



I would like to thank everyone for your confidence in the new leadership that was voted in at our last meeting. As the new Commander, I look forward to this new season of change.

Also, we welcome Gary Galles as the Senior Vice and Adam Kingsley as the Junior Vice. I know we will make a great team! If anyone has ideas or suggestions to make our Base better, please feel free to reach out to anyone of us.

As we continue to grow in membership, let's continue to stay vigilant in looking for new members. Wear your Navy pride gear and carry the wallet cards to hand to potential shipmates.



We would really like to get ahead of the Charleston Base!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic in July and handing out our scholarship award.

Blessings,

Ted

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*From the Secretary/
Treasurer*

It is July, summer time, hot and muggy weather time. If you are doing things outdoors, please, be careful and stay hydrated (water not beer). If you can, avoid being out in the sun during the hottest part of the day, 11:00 A.M. through 3:00 P.M. Use sunscreen to avoid sunburn and keep an eye on any of the future submariners that may be under your care for signs of excessive exposure to the sun. Also, at this time of year we're subject to violent storms with thunder and lightning. If you are involved in outdoor activities when one of these storms comes up, please, stay safe and move indoors (not under a tree) especially if you are on the beach or poolside. If you're golfing, put down your clubs and if you can't get indoors lie down flat, as lightning tends to seek out metal and the tallest items in an area.



As a final comment (I hope) about the replacement of both of my knees; I've made my goal and have started riding my bicycle (when it's not too hot) hooray! I even rode my bike to the hospital (about 2

miles away) for the last check-up I had, a week or so ago. My surgeon and the others I dealt with in the clinic all got a kick out of it.

As of our June meeting, we've started a program of quarterly wellness checks for any of our members who are 80 years old or older who we haven't seen or heard from in a while. We want to make sure they're well. This list can be accessed through the Base website (<https://www.hrb-ussvi.org/>), as a sub-heading under the Members Qualification tab. If you do make contact with one of these members, please, let me know by email or phone so I can update my records.

We're getting close with the new USSVI National website (<https://www.ussvi.org/home.asp>). The Beta testing of the website has been completed at the National, Regional, and District levels. Beta testing at the Base level is in progress as of this writing and I'm involved in that. Once they've made the adjustments made necessary by the Beta testing, the website will go live, hopefully by the middle of this month. I'll be letting everyone know when it's up.

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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We remember....

Boats Lost in July

USS Grunion (SS-216):



Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two subchasers and damaged a third but, was never heard from again. Grunion's mangled remains were found in the Bering Sea in 2006 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska.

USS S-28 (SS-133):



Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near

USS Robalo (SS-273):



Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk. The skipper was Manning Kimmel, son of RADM Husband E. Kimmel.



NEW LEADERSHIP ASSUMES THE WATCH

With Base Commander Jim Reynolds shoving off to Georgia, our bylaws required that a new slate of officers be picked and an election be held. The nominating committee, headed by Immediate Past Commander Brian Daugherty, formulated the following lineup: Base Commander-Ted Vorce; Senior Vice Commander- Gary Galles, Junior Vice Commander- Adam Kingsley.

After call for nominations from the floor was unanswered, a motion to close nominations and proceed to the election was made, seconded and approved. A voice vote to approve the slate as presented was held and passed unanimously.

Brian then presided as the oath of office was taken.



(l-r) Adam, Gary, Ted



HOLLAND CLUB INDUCTION

As usual, our June meeting was highlighted by our annual Holland Club Induction Ceremonies. This year Bud Warren officially welcomed four 2018 Holland Club members.

Franklin Decker - USS George C. Marshall (SSBN-654)



Dick Helm - USS Gudgeon (SS-567)



John Sullivan – USS Barbero (SS-317)



George Williams - USS Redfin(SS-272)



See group photo on next page.





DO WE NEED A BIGGER BOAT??



WELCOME ABOARD

At the 16 June meeting our membership again grew, this time with the addition of two shipmates.

Ryan Straughan is on active duty as a MMW2 [He says TM2(SS)]. He qualified aboard USS Pasadena (SSN-752) in 2012.



Ron Boddy left the service as an ET2(SS). He qualified aboard the USS Seacat (SS-399) in 1956.



Shipmates, “Welcome Aboard”!



KAP(SS)4KID(SS) News

On June 19 the K4K crew visited NMC-P. The crew consisted of Sid Sidlovsky, Craig Werner, Lynn Moran, Robert Vincent, Joe Demnicki, Walter Kreger, Robert McClaren, George Williams & Marlin Boyle. A total of nine children (six boys and three girls) were made honorary submariners.



HRB July Birthdays

- 1: Dale Craig**
4: *The United States of America*, Jeffrey Cross, Ed Margary
11: Lowell Lewis
12: Kevin Adams
13: Adam Kingsley
15: George Ves
16: Ted Davis, Craig Faubion
17: Mark Wadell, Ed Sanderson
19: John Sullivan
20: Eric Kellgren
22: Doug “Big Robbie” Roberts, Tom Carty
24: Chris Fairbanks
26: Andrew Smith
27: Brian Daugherty
30: Paul Rice, Mike Rogers



Upcoming Events

July 2018

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

August 2018

- 15:** Naval Submarine League (NSL), Norfolk Room
Sewell's Point Golf Course
18: Base Meeting

September 2018

- 15:** Base Meeting
26: King Neptune Festival Parade

October 2018

- 17:** Naval Submarine League (NSL), Norfolk Room
Sewell's Point Golf Course
20: Base Meeting
21-28: USSVI Convention Cruise



November 2018

- 12:** Veterans' Day Parade
20: Base Meeting

December 2018

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

January 2019

- 19:** Base Meeting

February 2019

- 16:** Base Meeting

March 2019

- 16:** Base Meeting

April 2019

- 20:** Base Meeting

May 2019

- 18:** Base Meeting

July Historic Events

July 9, 1846 - During the Mexican-American War, Cmdr. John B. Montgomery and his detachment of Marines and sailors from the sloop-of-war USS Portsmouth raise the U.S. flag over (Yerba Buena) San Francisco, Calif.

July 14, 1853 - Commodore Matthew C. Perry lands and holds the first meeting with the Japanese at Uraga, in which he delivers President Millard Fillmore's request for a treaty to representatives to the Emperor. Allowing time for reflection and discussion, Commodore Perry returns in March 1854 and finalizes the Treaty of Kanagawa.

July 1, 1911- Designer Glenn Curtiss makes the first flight in the Navy's first aircraft, Curtiss A 1, at Lake Keuka, NY, and prepares Lt. Theodore G. Ellyson, the first Naval Aviator, for his two A 1 solo flights.

July 15, 1942 - USS Silversides (SS-236) departed Pearl Harbor, HI. on her 2nd war patrol which was also conducted in the area of Kii Suido.

July 2, 1944 - USS Barb (SS 220) bombards Japanese installations on Kaihyo Island, Japan in the first successful use of rockets against shore positions.

July 7, 1944 - USS Mingo (SS 261), USS Skate (SS 305), USS Sunfish (SS 281), USS Flasher (SS 249), and USS Bonefish (SS 223) sink up to eight Japanese ships.

July 30, 1945 - A Japanese submarine (I-38) sinks USS Indianapolis (CA 35), northeast of Leyte. Only 316 of her 1,199 crew survive. Due to communications and other errors, her loss goes unnoticed until survivors are seen from a passing aircraft on Aug. 2. Four days earlier, she had delivered atomic bomb components used on Japan in August.

July 25, 1956 - USS Edward H. Allen (DE 531) and USNS Private H. Thomas (AP 185) rescue more than 200 passengers from Andrea Doria and transport them to New York after the Italian liner collides with Swedish liner Stockholm off Nantucket on the New England coast. Forty-six people died from the collision, but 1,600 passengers and crew are saved.



Humor

I JUST discovered my age group!

I am a Seenager (Senior teenager).

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 55-60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store.

I like the wine store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared?

And I don't have acne.

Life is Good!

Also, if you are a Seenager, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains.

Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!!

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

So please forward this to your friends; they may be my friends, too.



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USWN ARTICLES

Navy Testing New Two-Piece Work Uniforms as Alternative to Coveralls on Ships

Ben Werner, usni.org, June 4

Comfort, current fashion and functionality are leading factors for U. S. Fleet Forces Command as it develops a two-piece flame-retardant work uniform that could be used instead of the current standard coveralls aboard ships, service officials told USNI News.

This summer, about 350 sailors from surface warfare, aviation and submarine communities are testing how well two-piece flame-retardant uniform prototypes fit into their daily routines. The testing officially started Friday and will run until September, Fleet Forces spokeswoman Lt. Jamie Seibel told USNI News on Monday.

“This would be an option for people on sea duty who don’t need to wear coveralls,” Seibel said.

The desire for a fire-resistant two-piece work uniform was brought up more than a year ago when Fleet Forces was testing the now-approved Improved Flame-Resistant Coverall.

The goal set in January 2017 was to develop a flame-resistant alternative to the coverall, something offering sailors some flexibility with what they can wear onboard. Being a one-piece outfit, the coverall limits how sailors can dress in warm environments. The two-piece is intended to offer a professional and modern-looking alternative, allowing sailors to wear command approve t-shirts in appropriate situations, according to a Fleet Forces statement.

Feedback from the coverall testing, Seibel told USNI News, was that sailors said, “I’d really like something to wear off the ship.”

Current Navy regulations prohibit sailors from wearing coveralls away from their work environment.

Three variants are being tested: A dark navy blue top and trousers; a light blue top with the dark blue trousers; and a khaki top and trousers. Also being tested during this process is an ankle-height work boot with a steel toe and oil-resistant body and treads, resembling a slip-on Chelsea-style boot.

Sailors are encouraged to take a Fleet Forces-run online survey on the two-piece uniform variants. The Fleet Forces Facebook page has garnered more than 100 comments about the two-piece uniforms. Many said the untucked shirts looked unprofessional.

Whether or not the Navy will stick with an untucked look is one of the many design questions Fleet Forces will consider after the testing and comments period is over, Seibel said.

“People were interested in untucked,” Seibel said. “NWUs are untucked.”

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US Navy pushes ahead with bid to extend the range of its sub-killer torpedo

David Larter, Defense News, June 13

The U.S. Navy, aiming to make its attack submarines even more stealthy and lethal at extended ranges, took a big step forward with a contract announcement Tuesday.

The Office of Naval Research awarded Aerojet Rocketdyne a contract that aims to increase the efficiency of the engine of its Mark 48 heavyweight torpedo, a weapon designed to kill deep-



diving Soviet submarines and advanced surface ships, according to a release from the company

The award, worth \$2.6 million, will go toward developing a prototype engine that gets more bang for the buck out of the Navy's standard Otto fuel propellant. If awarded, the second phase of the program would integrate the engine into a full-scale propulsion system, the announcement said.

The award is part of ONR's Torpedo Advanced Propulsion System project, which has some lofty ambitions attached to it, said Bryan Clark, a former submarine officer and analyst with the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

The idea behind extending the range of the torpedo is to keep valuable submarines away from potential targets and allow a third party (a P-8 Poseidon overhead, for example) to relay the targeting data, Clark said.

"Through third-party targeting, you can use it as a standoff weapon," he said. "If you can extend that range to 50 or more miles, you can attack submarines without your sub having to hold that target organically with its sensors."

At those ranges, it's unlikely the submarine would give away its position by firing a torpedo, he said. Using this method, he added, the service can get the most out of the weapons packed on the attack boat.

"If you have 30 torpedoes onboard, you may only have one or two targets within range of your sensors and weapons," Clark said, arguing that with third-party targeting, one could conceivably use the submarine as a submerged arsenal.

The concept is similar to the cooperative engagement technology that the surface navy is developing, where an aircraft such as an F-35 or E-2D detects an incoming hostile track and relays kill-

quality target data to the ship for engagement with a long-range missile, such as an SM-6.

The technology allows ships to remain stealthy by keeping off its big air-warfare radars, and instead relying on airborne sensors for targeting data.

Applying the same concept to the submarine world still has some issues, however, because torpedoes fired at long ranges take a good long while to reach their targets, Clark said. That means the Navy will have to puzzle out how to relay targeting updates to the Mark 48 as it travels toward the enemy ship from so far away.

Israel's Navy Tests New Long-Range Heavy Torpedo

Anna Ahronheim, Jerusalem Post, June 19

The Israel Navy successfully completed a test of a new torpedo system set to enter operational use on Israel's submarine fleet, a senior Navy officer announced Tuesday.

The trial of the heavy torpedo, which was carried out on Monday night against targets simulating enemy ships, was the final test of a series of pre-planned experiments to test the system's competence.

"The implementation of the system constitutes a significant step in the strengthening of the Navy and in maintaining the superiority of the IDF in the naval arena," the senior officer said, adding that the new torpedo systems have more accurate attack capabilities and can reach farther distances.

According to the senior Navy officer, the new state-of-the-art long-range versatile heavy torpedo can reach targets dozens of kilometers away-both on land and underwater- and is set to become the submarine fleet's main missile.



The digitalization of the weapons system (as opposed to the older analog systems) will also the Navy to continuously upgrade its software.

Israel is highly dependent on the sea with over 90% of Israel's imports arriving via the sea and while the country's navy is relatively small compared to other IDF corps, it has a significant amount of territory to protect since the expansion of the country's exclusive economic zone (EEZ) from 40 miles to 150 miles from shore years ago.

While there is no hermetic protection on the sea, due to the threat posed by Hezbollah's arsenal of Grad rockets and other longer-range projectiles, the navy has upgraded its weapons and defensive systems on its entire combat fleet.

"The naval arena is becoming very complex and this new torpedo preserves Israel's freedom of action and the secrecy of Israel's submarines which are an indispensable strategic tool for state security," the senior officer said.

Israel's small but deadly submarine fleet has been very active in recent months, the first naval officer said, explaining that 60% of the hours that the fleet has been active were operational hours.

Israel currently has three Dolphin-class submarines and two Dolphin 2-class submarines with another one expected to be delivered later this year. According to Jane's Defence Weekly, a magazine reporting on military and corporate affairs, the first batch of the three new submarines are expected to be operational in 2030.

The new submarines being built by Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS) are expected to replace the older Dolphins at a cost of combined price of NIS 5 billion (\$1.3 billion).

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US Navy Reveals 'Superslippery' Submarine And Warship Coating That Lets Craft Slide Through The Water More Easily

Mark Prigg, Daily Mail, June 25

American military researchers have developed a radical new coating that could help submarines and boats slide through the water more easily.

They say the radical 'omniphobic' coating could save millions in fuel costs - and keep them in pristine condition. The chemical coating is clear, durable, can be applied to numerous surfaces and sheds just about any liquid.

To engineer their innovative coating, Tuteja and his research team studied vast computer databases of known chemical substances. They then entered complex mathematical equations, based on each substance's molecular properties, to predict how any two would behave when blended.

The rubber-like combo they came up with can be sprayed, brushed, dipped or spin-coated onto numerous surfaces, and it binds tightly. The coating also can withstand scratching, denting and other hazards of daily use.

The way the molecules separate makes the coating optically clear. It can repel water, oil, alcohol and even peanut butter, the US Navy says.

The Office of Naval Research (ONR) is sponsoring the work by Dr. Anish Tuteja, an associate professor of materials science and engineering at the University of Michigan, to develop the coating.

Of particular interest to the Navy is how omniphobic coatings can reduce friction drag-resistance created by the movement of a hull through water-on ships, submarines and unmanned underwater vessels.

The team say the effect is like 'jogging through a swimming pool', and because of the water's resistance, each stride is more difficult and requires more energy and effort.

'A significant percentage of a ship's fuel consumption [up to 80 percent at lower speeds and 40-50 percent at higher speeds] goes toward maintaining its speed and overcoming friction drag,' said Dr. Ki-Han Kim, a program officer in ONR's Sea Warfare and Weapons Department. 'If we could find a way to drastically reduce friction drag, vessels would consume less fuel or battery power, and enjoy a greater range of operations.'

After analyzing hundreds of combinations, researchers found the right mix for their coating.

The molecular marriage was a hit during laboratory tests. The rubber-like combo can be sprayed, brushed, dipped or spin-coated onto numerous surfaces, and it binds tightly.

The coating also can withstand scratching, denting and other hazards of daily use.

And the way the molecules separate makes the coating optically clear. Besides reducing friction drag, Tuteja envisions other Navy uses for the omniphobic coating-including protecting high-value equipment like sensors, radars and antennas from weather.

In addition to omniphobic coatings to lessen friction drag, ONR is sponsoring other types of coating research to prevent corrosion on both ships and aircraft and fight biofouling (the buildup of barnacles on hulls).

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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 16-JUNE-2018

Meeting was called to order by Base Senior Vice 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 member Byrd Saville.
- The USSVI Creed was read by the Base Junior Vice Commander, Gary Galles.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Base Senior Vice Commander, Ted Vorce.
- The Tolling of the Boats Ceremony was read by Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner while the bell was rung by Base Chaplain, Brian Krammes.
- A round robin of introductions was held starting with new members Ron Boddy, and Ryan Straughan giving their names, qual boats and 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:

- CAPT Theodore (Ted) Davis – Is 95 years old and languishing in his senior center. He could use someone "adopting" him and visiting with him on a regular basis; please see me for contact information.
- ETR3(SS) Ed Hynes – Was at today's meeting.
- STS1(SS) Brian W. Krammes – Was at today's meeting.
- LCDR Mike McNamara – Was at today's meeting.
- MMCS(SS) Wilfred Tilton – Is still safe from the Volcanic eruptions on the Big Island of Hawaii.

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

- We received a very nice thank you note from the Balloch family for our support last month along with a donation of \$250 for our Scholarship Fund and the ERF.
- Minutes of the 19-MAY-2018 Base Meeting were emailed out to all members on 20-MAY.
- 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 running properly but they are getting closer, they've put it through Alpha testing and it's going into Beta testing.

Hampton Roads Base

of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

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Base Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month (except March)
at FRA Hall #60, 9601 1st View Street, Norfolk, VA 23503-1603

www.USSVI.org (find a Base/Virginia/Hampton Roads)

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

- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts opening balance as of 01-MAY-2018 was \$ 39,452.40.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of MAY-2018 of \$ 604.32.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of MAY-2018 of \$ 757.67.
- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01-MAY-2018 at \$ 21,605.72 and ended on 31-MAY-2018 at \$ 21,570.04 for a net ~~increase~~/decrease of \$ 35.68 for the month of MAY-2018.
- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-MAY-2018 at \$ 1785.83, after donations, and expenditures totalling \$ 33.50 ended on 31-MAY-2018 at \$ 1819.33.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-MAY-2018 at \$ 3846.63, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ -394.11 the program ended on 31-MAY-2018 at \$ 3452.52.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-MAY-2018 at \$ 1217.46, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ 51.03 ended on 31-MAY-2018 at \$ 1268.49.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of 31-MAY-2018 was \$ 94.70.
- This has resulted in a net ~~increase~~/decrease of \$ 153.35 in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for MAY-2018.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of 31-MAY-2018 was \$ 38,935.47.

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:
 - The roster of all HRB members sent out on 09-JUNE-2018.
 - With gains and losses we are at - 277 - members; this is a gain of - 10 - 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 2nd 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, Ted Vorce:
 - The Hampton Roads Base Scholarship for the 2018-2019 scholastic year is being awarded to Cameron Wells, the son of STSC(SS) Scott Wells.
 - Cameron is a Liberal Arts student entering his second year at Thomas Nelson Community College, intending to transfer to a four year institution after completing this coming year and will be at our Annual Picnic meeting to address us.
 - The Committee has 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:
 - The 50th USS SCORPION Memorial Service will be 25 thru 28-MAY-2018 on NOB Norfolk.
 - The 134th Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade in Portsmouth is on Monday, 28-MAY-2018.
 - Pending Events:
 - The Holland Club Induction Ceremonies FOR YEAR GROUP 1968 will be during this meeting.
 - The Base Picnic Meeting and Scholarship Award Announcement will be on 21-JULY-2018.
 - SUBFOR Change of Command will be on 03-AUGUST-2018
 - VADM Charles A. Richard is relieving VADM Joseph E. Tofalo.
 - The Neptune Festival Grand Parade will be Saturday, 29-SEPTEMBER.
 - 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:
 - 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).
 - We'll be drawing for a pair during our November's **Good of the Order**.
 - 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.

- **Website and Social Media** – Base Webmaster, Sam Stevens
 - <https://www.hrb-ussvi.org>, is up and running while still under development and modification.
 - The website is working well on both Apple and Windows machines as well as on IOS and Android phones.
 - We found an anomaly when using tablets, IOS or Android, and have had to modify the website so that it works best on tablets.
 - If you use a tablet and desire addition help accessing our pages, please contact me at hrb.ussvi@gmail.com
 - If you have anything that you think should be posted on our website get it to Sam and he will format it and clear it through the Base Secretary for posting.
 - Website
 - Total visitors since activation: 3165 (as of 11-JUNE)
 - New member accounts; 48 (May), 58 (June).
 - Member accounts with profiles: 26
 - Facebook
 - Total members: 137
 - New members: 5
 - Active members: 101
- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** –Committee Chairman, Ken Swan:
 - We've gotten some publicity via the Undersea Warfare News and it has been noted by at least one of the higher ups in Washington who has been given an explanation of our program.
 - We're now in the holding pattern until next year but you should be thinking of nominees now.
 - We will start the process again this fall.
- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – John Sidlovsky for Committee Chairman Rich Corey:
 - We visited the NMC-P Pediatrics Ward on 22-MAY, with 5 members.
 - We visited with seven kids (three girls and four boys) that were there.
 - We gave out the new stuffed animals with the K4K logo and the kids loved them.
 - We will visit the NMC-P on 19-JUNE, 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 or drop it into the ERF Donations Box on the booze table.
- **USS SCORPION Memorial Committee** – Committee Chairman, John Donaldson:
 - The 50th Anniversary Memorial Ceremonies went very well.
 - We now have the lead for all annual USS SCORPION Memorial Ceremonies here in Norfolk.
 - We should consider having enhanced observances for 5 year anniversaries.
 - We need to establish a standing committee for all future observances.

- **Norfolk Sail Committee** – Committee Chairman Base Commander, Brian Daugherty:
 - There hasn't been much progress since our last Base meeting.
 - We have the endorsements from both HII and the City of Norfolk.
 - We have to coordinate with them for formal letters of endorsement to forward to NAVSEA.
 - We still need to man up the sub-committees and start their work.
 - Otherwise we need to acknowledge this project will not happen.
 - There is too much work for one man to do.
 - We have some volunteers for the sub-committees but we still need more support.

Old Business:

- **Eagle Scout presentation for Jerimiah Brian Aldridge** – Craig Werner:
 - The Eagle Scout Ceremony on the 2nd went well. The Scout Council does a good job in elevating a scout to the rank of Eagle.
 - I spoke with the Council's Eagle Scout Coordinator and we should get information about upcoming Eagle Scout presentations sooner through her.
- **Base picnic - Base Secretary & Treasurer** - Craig Werner:
 - It will be Saturday, 21-JULY-2018 here at FRA #60 in their patio and meeting room in lieu of our regular Base meeting.
 - We will have some entertainment here in the meeting room during the picnic.
 - We will start serving at noon.
 - Pork Barbeque on Buns with different sauces
 - Fresh Cut French Fries
 - Onion Rings
 - Baked Beans
 - Corn
 - Coleslaw
 - As we've done for the past several years, members are paying \$5 a person while the Base is paying the other \$5 per person.
 - See me to make your reservations and pay for them, the sooner the better so I have a head count for the caterer.
- **Trailer Repairs** – John Sidlovsky:
 - BZ to all Brothers that helped with initial major repairs, especially Gary Galles that went well above & beyond the call of duty.
 - We will schedule another repair party (probability in September) to do some other repairs and refurbishments.
 - Replace Safety Chains & paint all Rims on both Trailers.
 - Final fine patching & painting of the Submarine float.
 - Personnel trailer
 - Finish painting seating area.
 - Better mounting of the (5) Flag Holders trailer.
 - Replace the Trailer lighting on both trailers.

New Business – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

- Wellness Check Committee – John Sidlovsky
 - Last month Craig made us aware of two members who need personal contact and we've had no confirmation from anyone that they made contact.
 - Craig has provided me with a roster of 47 members who are 80 years old or older.
 - Some of them are active and we see them with some frequency.
 - Others we've had no contact with for some period of time.
 - We need to reach out and contact these members, preferably in person.
 - The list of members to be contacted will be identified on the Base website.
 - If and when you have contact with any of them let Craig know so we can track this.
- The Nominations Committee's slate of candidates for the Base's consideration – Brian Daugherty.
 - The candidates the committee is putting forward for vacant positions are;
 - Base Commander – Ted Vorce (moving up from Senior Vice Commander).
 - Base Senior Vice Commander – Gary Galles (moving up from Junior Vice Commander).
 - Base Junior Vice Commander – Adam Kingsley
 - Nominations are open from the floor for the open positions to be elected.
 - There were no nominations from the floor.
 - A motion was made by Bud Warren to close the nominations and to elect the slate of officers put forward by the committee.
 - The motion was seconded by Craig Dudley.
 - The election was held immediately by voice vote and the slate of officers was elected with no negative votes or abstentions.

Program: The Holland Club Induction Ceremonies FOR YEAR GROUP 1968 – Bud Warren.

- Frank Decker
- Dick Helm
- John Sullivan
- George Williams

Good of the Order:

- Gary Galles pointed out we need more tables than are currently available from the FRA.
 - He moved the Base purchase two tables that match those here and donate them to the FRA.
 - The motion was seconded by Gene Destafano.
 - The motion was approved by voice vote with no negative votes or abstentions.
 - Gary Galles will make the purchase for the Base after consulting with the FRA for their source.
- Review of boats lost in the month - Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
 - USS O-9 (SS-70) in 1941
 - USS S-27 (SS-132) in 1942
 - USS R-12 (SS-89) in 1943
 - USS RUNNER (SS-275) in 1943
 - USS HERRING (SS-233) in 1944
 - USS GOLET (SS-361) in 1944
 - USS BONEFISH (SS-223) in 1945

- Review of members' birthdays for the month – new Base Commander, Ted Vorce:
 - Paul Schmidt on 03-JUNE
 - Bill Tilton on 08-JUNE
 - Dick Helm on 11-JUNE
 - Rock Pedroni on 11-JUNE
 - Jon Walsh on 13-JUNE
 - Bob Beech on 17-JUNE
 - Alan J. Grossman 19-JUNE
 - Bill Mulligan on 20-JUNE
 - Dan Bohlke on 23-JUNE
 - Clyde Russell 25-JUNE
 - Andy Vuckovich on 26-JUNE
 - Dave Lockwood on 28-JUNE
 - David Stanley on 30-JUNE
 - Efren Monis on 30-JUNE
 - Bill Newton on 30-JUNE
- The 50/50 raffle of **\$ 141** was won by: **Earl Densten** (the base received **\$ 141**).
- The booze raffle was won by: **Gary Galles** (the base received **\$ 145**).
- Winter Holiday Party tickets raffle brought in: **\$ 10**.
- There was **\$ 69** donated through the Donations Bucket for the Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund.
- Pen Sales brought in: **\$ 15**.
- There was a total of **\$ 50** was donated for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program, including **\$ 50** from Earl Densten.
- There was a total of **\$ 85** was donated for the Emergency Relief Fund, including **\$ 50** from Earl Densten.

There were **- 69 -** members and **- 10 -** guests present at this meeting.

Our next Regular Base meeting will be: **21-JULY-2018** here at FRA Hall #60, our annual picnic meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately **12:20** hours by new Base Commander, Ted Vorce.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,



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

(as of: 16-JUNE-2018)

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