

USS Flying Fish SSN 673 Hall of Fame Boat 2026

19 September 2026

Base Commander - Gary Galles, Present

Base Senior Vice Commander - Adam Kingsley, Present

Base Junior Vice Commander - Ron O'Donnell, Present

Secretary – Anthony Ficca, Present

Treasurer - John “Sid” Sidlovsky, Present

Members present 58 Guests present 10

Regular Base Meeting Minutes for September 19 , 2026

The meeting was called to Order by the Base Commander, Gary Galles 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 led by Brian Krammes
- The USSVI Creed was read by the Base Senior Vice Commander Adam Kinglsey
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Base Commander Gary Galles
- A round robin of introductions, led by Base COB Dave Johnston was then held with all members present identifying themselves with their qualification boats along with introducing any guest they brought to the meeting.

Welcome any Visitors.

Three guests from the Organization Quilts of Valor who attended to be the monthly program

“Any leadership from other veteran’s organization (Please stand and be recognized)”

Byron Pianalto Legion Post 327

Rick Severinghaus NSL

Any new members - Please stand and be recognized.

1. James Blakely
2. Ralph Joseph
3. Zachary McCoy
4. Michael O'Dell
5. Sally Sauer Associate
6. Jonathan Christ Associate
7. Cdr Lamay

Binnacle List – Base Chaplain Scott Wells 757-912-7395

Harley Dockens
Paul Hanes
Lynn & Barb Moran
Eric & Tamara Kellgren
Gary Carter

Secretary's Report – Base Secretary, Tony Ficca.

- Reminder to all to keep the base informed of changes in contact information IE Email. Phone address etc.
- Base business cards are available to use in recruiting these business card include QR Codes that will lead people to our base webpage and the information about our meeting location

Treasurer's Report – Base Treasurer- John "Sid" Sidlovsky

The report was distributed to the membership for review on all tables while "Sid" reviewed and presented our base financial status.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee - Base Senior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley

- We have 310 Base Members as of today.
- Badges Gary Merryman gary2361@yahoo.com
- Active-Duty Membership is free for the first year
- USSVI Longevity Pins

Scholarship Committee - Base Senior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley

Programs & Events Committee - Base Junior Vice Commander, Ron O'Donnell

Will Discuss interest in Spirit of Norfolk Luncheon/dinner Cruise

Neptune Festival Parade is September 26th. Our position in the parade is 42. Need to muster at parking lot across from convention center at 09:00

Bodacious Bazaar will be happening in November

Nov 11 Virginia Beach Veteran's Day Parade

Ways and Means Committee - Base Junior Vice Commander, Ron O'Donnell

Storekeepers Report - Base Storekeeper John Fenter

K4k teddy bears \$10, 2027 Calendars \$15,

Public Relations and Publicity Committee – Ron O'Donnell

Holland Club Committee - Chairman, Bill Heron

SCORPION Memorial Committee – Chairman, Bill Heron

Website and social media – Base Webmaster, Sam Stevens

Our Base Webpage <https://www.hrb-ussvi.org/>

Our Base Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/325304167605241/>

We Now Have a presence on X formerly known as twitter

Kaps (SS) Kids Committee – Chairman, John "Sid" Sidlovsky

We visited The Naval Medical Center on 18 August 3 base members visited 2 patients , Our next visit will be Tuesday September 22nd muster at 0930 in the gedunk area bldg. 3

Hampton Roads (ERF) Committee – Chairman, Jack Ritz

No requests for support have been received this month.

Event Coordinator – Beverly Galles

Holiday party tickets are now on sale for December 11 and 12th is the party , Beverly will discuss the holiday party schedule and the Hotel registration process, we will attach the registration flyer and hotel info to this months meeting minutes

USSVI 2028 Convention Committee - Chairman, Dave Duffie'

To be held at the Hilton Main in Downtown Norfolk

- We Have been awarded the National USSVI Convention for 2028
- We received our first corporate sponsorship 5000 from VFW post 392
- Looking for volunteers to help with Getting Various Clubs who have gambling to donate a portion of their profits to our Convention.

Hall of Fame /World War II Committee – Chairman, Ken Swan . now is the time to start thinking about what boat you will be nominating on in October, presenting in November and Voting on in December

Today's Program

Quilts of Valor will be present today to present custom made quilts to three of our members

We will be honoring:

Joseph Demrick USN 56 - 75

Richard Helm USN 66 - 79

Brian Krammes USN 82 – 92



Joseph and Dick were also recognized for their service during the Vietnam war.



OLD Business:

Gary Galles reviewed the updated base bylaws and the procedure for adopting and implementing the updated changes. Approval motioned /seconded. Voted passed by membership vote the completed new bylaws will be submitted to the Regional District Commander for Approval and Implementation

Gary gave us an update on the progress of the New Float the team has been working on for the past months it is coming along nicely but a completion and launching date has not been determined for the PCU HRB USSVI , we will continue to update the membership on its progress.

New Business:

AWARD Presentation – Brian Daugherty

Golden Anchor award won by Hampton Roads Base Class 1 base USSVI 2026

Beverly Galles will be new USSVICF Ambassador

Good of the Order:

Gary will report on the National Convention happenings including review of the Awards won by our base and base members

Silver Anchor award for Beverly Galles , Robert Link awards for Gary Galles and John Sid , Sidlovsky

Dave Johnston Had submitted updated revised Tolling of the Boats to the National Leadership and these have been approved for use. This includes information on discoveries regarding boats that have confirmed eternal patrol information. We now include in the Tolling

USS Bonefish (SS-582)

On 24 April 1988 Bonefish was underway in the Atlantic off the coast of Florida. She was snorkeling when a leak from her Trash Disposal Unit caused an electrical short in a battery supply cableway. The resulting arcing caused a fire and then a battery explosion. Intense heat and smoke forced the crew to surface the boat and go topside. They were rescued by accompanying Navy ships, but not before three crewmembers were overcome by smoke and died. Towed to Charleston, Bonefish was inspected and found to be extensively damaged and beyond repair. She was decommissioned and scrapped.

Ron O'Donnell presented a report to membership regarding VDOT Tunnel Closures on the HRBT route to take place each weekend in October that will cause traffic to be rerouted towards the Monitor and Merrimack route on each weekend. Please pay attention to local news postings regarding these closures

Rick Severinghaus invited those interested in attending the NSL Meeting on Monday Night 09/21/26 at Sewells Point Golf Course meeting room above the Pro Shop at 1830 there will be a presenter talking about the planning that went into the circumnavigation of the globe by the USS Triton in 1960.

We will have Oktoberfest in November , Please sign up if you are coming. Sign up sheet on the Bar

Fred Needham will be on the Honor Flight in October

Review of Boats lost in this month: Junior Vice Commander Ron O'Donnell

Tolling of the Boats for September

USS S-5 (SS-110)

USS Grayling (SS-209)

USS Pompano (SS-181)

USS S-51 (SS-162)

USS Cisco (SS-290)

Birthdays For The Month - Base Commander Gary Galles (Please bring the Birthday List with you)

Rock 50/50 – Beverly Galles	winner	Mrs Charles Steenburgh	\$ 166	base \$136
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Booze Raffle– Beverly Galles winner Brian Daugherty, Woodford Reserve base \$129

Our next Regular Base meeting will be October 17, 2026 11:15

We will keep you posted if events change.

Meeting Adjourned____12:37_____.

Submitted by

Anthony Ficca Base Secretary

Approved by

Gary Galles Base Commander