



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."*



USS L. MENDEL RIVERS HALL OF FAME BOAT 2024

Base Commander - Gary Galles, Present
Base Senior Vice Commander - Adam Kingsley, Present
Base Junior Vice Commander - Ron O'Donnell, Present
Secretary - Lynn Merryman, Excused
Treasurer - John "Sid" Sidlovsky, Present

9 March 2024 – Base Meeting Minutes

The regular base meeting was called to order at 1115 by the Base Commander - Gary Galles.

The Base Commander asked for thoughts and prayers for the family of **EMCS/SS John E. Springett Sr.** as he departed on eternal patrol on the February 25, 2024.

A Moment of Silence was observed for All Submariners on Eternal Patrol.

The Invocation was presented by the Base Chaplin - Art Nelson.

The USSVI Creed was read by the Base Senior Vice Commander - Adam Kingsley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Base Commander - Gary Galles.

The Tolling of the Boats was performed by Base Senior Vice Commander - Adam Kingsley & Base Junior Vice Commander - Ron O'Donnell.

The Base Commander welcomed all members and visitors.

There were no visiting National, Regional, or District Representatives

There were 2 new members:

- **Charles "Chuck" Johnson**
- **Austin "Butch" Jordan**

The Round Robin of Introductions was held by the Base Senior Vice Commander - Adam Kingsley for the Base Chief of the Boat - Gary Merryman. All members announced their name, qual boat and guests.

There were 45 people in attendance (40 members and 5 guests).

The Binnacle List was read by the Base Chaplin - Art Nelson:

- **Craig Warner is continuing to recover.**
- **John Fenter was just released from the hospital.**
- **Bernard "Lynn" Pattison is recovering from lung cancer.**

The Secretary's Report was read by the Base Commander - Gary Galles.

The Treasurer's Report was presented with a new format by the Base Treasurer - John "Sid" Sidlovsky (**See attached Enclosure**)

Storekeepers Report was presented by the Base Commander - Gary Galles for Will Lane.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee was read by the Base Senior Vice Commander - Adam Kingsley we have 285 members.

If you need a badge, contact the Base Chief of the Boat - Gary Merryman (gary232361@yahoo.com)

Active-Duty Membership - Base Senior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley put out that those on active duty get free dues on the second year with the first year paid for.

A USSVI Longevity Pin presentation by the Base Senior Vice Commander - Adam Kingsley:

- **Robert Rodriguez – 5 years**

The Scholarship Committee was presented by the Base Senior Vice Commander - Adam Kingsley. The new hints and application for the school 2024-2025 are being revised and will be posted on the website. The members are:

- **Adam Kingsley** – Chairman
- **John “Sid” Sidlovsky** – Treasurer (Non-voting member)
- **Jack Ritz**
- **Ron O’Donnell**

Programs & Events Committee were presented by the Base Junior Vice Commander - Ron O’Donnell:

- March 16, 2024 - The St. Patty’s Day Parade, meet at Westmont and Granby at 0900, step off at 1000 (email to follow).
- April 26, 2024 – The Submarine Birthday Ball at the Virginia Beach Convention Center.
- May 23, 2024, 1000 – WWII Submarine Memorial.
- May 23, 2024 (following WWII Submarine Memorial) – Submarine Hall of Fame at the Submarine Learning Facility. We need drivers to escort people into the NOB. (Picnic, trainers, and possibly a boat tour to follow). Please contact Ron O’Donnell.
- May 27, 2024, Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade.

Ways and Means Committee - Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley: No report.

Public Relations and Publicity Committee - Base Chief of the Boat Gary Merryman: No report.

Newsletter Committee – Anthony Ficca reminded use the newsletter will come out quarterly as per the approval of the membership last meeting. If you have any input, please write your article and submit it to the Newsletter Editor.

Holland Club Committee - Chairman, Bill Heron briefed us that 9 members are available for induction into the Holland Club. 2 live out of town and 1 will be out of town for the ceremony in April.

The Scorpion Memorial is scheduled for the month of May, the date and time may be moved and will be determined later per the Chairman - Bill Heron.

Website and Social Media – Webmaster - Sam Stevens, No report.

Hall of Fame Committee – Ron O’Donnell for Chairman Ken Swan. Ken is looking for a chairman replacement. If interested, please contact him.

Kaps(SS) 4 Kids(SS) Committee -- John “Sid” Sidlovsky

- We had another great visit last month on Tue. 02/20/24. We had a total of (3) Base & (2) Associate Members. We were fortunate that there was only 2 patients to visit.
- The next Kap(SS) 4 KID(SS) visit to NMCP Bldg. 2 Ward 4B (Pediatric Hematology/Oncology) is scheduled back on our normal Tuesday on **Tue 3/19/24 @1000**. Meet in Bldg. 3, 2nd Floor Coffee Shop with the Subway in it at 0930. Rules for this visit:
 - Must cleanse hands prior to and just after leaving a patient’s room.
 - Please inform me if you intend to support this visit – my cell: (757) 328-9796.
- Anyone wanting to make a donation specifically to the Kap(SS) 4Kid(SS) program should give it to me as the Base Treasurer. Please make sure you specify that it’s for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program.

Committee Reports (continued)

Hampton Roads (ERF) Committee - Jack Ritz stated there were no requests for assistance for the ERF.

Picnic – Beverly Galles said the picnic is on track for August and the caterer is confirmed. Prices have gone up due to the increased price of inflation:

- Children up through 5 years old will be free.
- Ages 6 through 17 and USSVI members will cost \$7 per person.
- Guests will cost \$10 per person.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- The Base Commander has made arrangements for the Submarine Birthday Ball Tickets. Costs are \$70 per person. COMSUBLANT has to have ticket reservations by April 1, 2024. Tickets are available through Ron O'Donnell and payment through "Sid." There will plenty of room as additional space has been made available for up to 3200 people. There is a centerpiece contest. Please let the Base Commander know if you have any ideas and want to push forward with this endeavor.
- The Tidewater Wooden Boat Workshop has requested a donation. **We got a motion to donate \$100 and was seconded without discussion. The vote was carried unanimously by a hand vote.**

Program: **Speaker - Va Beach Veterans Care Center - David "Ron" Caldwell**

Mr. Caldwell briefed us on the Jones & Cabacoy Care Center. The purpose of the center and the eligibility requirements. You must be a Virginia military veteran with an honorable discharge. Payment is your insurance. If you are 70%-100% disabled, there is no charge. This facility is a care center not a hospital, like a skilled nursing and short-term rehabilitation, Long-term care, and has an Alzheimer's/Dementia care unit available. He encourages us to visit and check out the facility. It is also okay to visit the residents. The Jones & Cabacoy Veterans Care Center is located @ 2641 Nimmo Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA, 757 263-3100.

Good of the Order:

- The National Convention will be held in Cleveland Ohio this year. The website is up and running, <https://subvetconvention.org>. The convention will be 18-25 August 2024.
- David Johnston talked about the resting place of the USS Albacore SS-218. Information can be found @ <https://fortmilesmuseum.org>. We will have a link put on our website.
- Jenny Dugan informed us of her new website and invited us to roam through and check it out: <https://subvest.com>.

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

USS F-4 (SS-23), USS H-1 (SS -28), USS Perch (SS-176), USS Grampus (SS-207),
USS Triton (SS-201), USS Tullibee (SS-284), USS Kete (SS-369), USS Trigger (SS-237)

Birthdays For March - Base Commander, Gary Galles

Rock 50/50 – Beverly Galles. Eric Kellgren won earning him \$102 and the base earned \$92.

Booze Raffle – Beverly Galles. Dave Lockwood won the bottle of Woodward Reserve as the base earned \$94.

Our next Regular Base meeting will be at 11:15 hours, April 20, 2024, at Club 60.

The Base Commander Adjourned the meeting @1227.

HRB Meeting Minutes Approved By:

Gary Galles

Base Commander

Enclosure: Treasurer Report:

3/9/2024

HRB Monthly Balance Sheet Y-T-D - As of 3/9/2024

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Account	12/31/2023 Balance	1/31/2024 Balance	2/29/2024 Balance	3/9/2024 Balance
ASSETS				
Cash and Bank Accounts				
NFCU Cert 240905	5,077.20	5,097.79	5,117.14	5,117.14
NFCU Cert 241208	5,015.40	5,036.17	5,055.68	5,055.68
NFCU Cert 250308	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
NFCU Savings	15,021.52	25,024.91	25,029.87	17,529.87
PNC Checking	19,557.41	9,456.43	9,425.90	9,597.56
SK Cash	333.04	333.04	333.04	333.04
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	45,004.57	44,948.34	44,961.63	45,133.29
TOTAL ASSETS	45,004.57	44,948.34	44,961.63	45,133.29
LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	45,004.57	44,948.34	44,961.63	45,133.29

HRB Income/Expense by Category Y-T-D - Year to Date

1/1/2024 through 3/9/2024

3/9/2024

Category	1/1/2024- 1/31/2024	2/1/2024- 2/29/2024	3/1/2024- 3/9/2024	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME				
02 - Base Dues Inc	460.00	30.00	105.00	595.00
03 - Nat Dues Inc	660.00	60.00	90.00	810.00
04 - Donations to Base				
ERF Donations	26.00	19.00	0.00	45.00
Gen Donations	66.00	2.00	15.00	83.00
TOTAL 04 - Donations to Base	92.00	21.00	15.00	128.00
06 - Interest & Div Inc	44.75	43.82	0.00	88.57
09 - Fund Raising				
Base Sponsorships	890.00	1,065.00	0.00	1,955.00
Other FR Inc	0.00	90.00	0.00	90.00
Raffle - Xmas Party	11.00	0.00	0.00	11.00
Raffle 50_50	110.00	65.00	0.00	175.00
Raffle Booze	120.00	93.00	0.00	213.00
SK Donations	56.00	10.00	0.00	66.00
SK Revenue	65.00	4.00	0.00	69.00
Sub Pens Sales	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
TOTAL 09 - Fund Raising	1,252.00	1,352.00	0.00	2,604.00
10 - Other Inc				
2024 Life Dues Install	0.00	129.00	0.00	129.00
TOTAL 10 - Other Inc	0.00	129.00	0.00	129.00
Bal Fwd NFCU Cert 250308	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FROM NFCU Savings	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
FROM PNC Checking	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	12,508.75	1,635.82	7,710.00	21,854.57
EXPENSES				
11 - Dues to Nat	1,100.00	120.00	0.00	1,220.00
18 - Base Ops Exp				
Cloud Storage	11.99	11.99	11.99	35.97
Credit Card Fees	108.72	43.45	26.35	178.52
HC Supplies	0.00	74.38	0.00	74.38
IT and Website	167.90	80.92	0.00	248.82
Mailbox Exp	496.80	0.00	0.00	496.80
Other Ops Exp	295.70	0.00	0.00	295.70
Postage Exp	0.00	30.00	0.00	30.00
TOTAL 18 - Base Ops Exp	1,081.11	240.74	38.34	1,360.19
21 - Event Exp				
K4K Expense	0.00	392.20	0.00	392.20
Xmas Party Exp	310.89	0.00	0.00	310.89
TOTAL 21 - Event Exp	310.89	392.20	0.00	703.09
22 - Fund Raising Exp				
Booze Raffle Exp	72.98	0.00	0.00	72.98
Sub Pens Exp	0.00	869.59	0.00	869.59
TOTAL 22 - Fund Raising Exp	72.98	869.59	0.00	942.57
TO NFCU Cert 250308	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
TO NFCU Savings	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,564.98	1,622.53	7,538.34	21,725.85
OVERALL TOTAL	-56.23	13.29	171.66	128.72

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ASSETS				
Cash and Bank Accounts				
Emerg. Relief Fund	917.17	943.17	962.17	962.17
Kap(SS)4Kid(SS)	1,820.27	1,820.27	1,428.07	1,428.07
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	2,737.44	2,763.44	2,390.24	2,390.24
TOTAL ASSETS	2,737.44	2,763.44	2,390.24	2,390.24
LIABILITIES				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	2,737.44	2,763.44	2,390.24	2,390.24

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ERF Donations	26.00	19.00	0.00	45.00
TOTAL INCOME	26.00	19.00	0.00	45.00
EXPENSES				
K4K Expenses	0.00	392.20	0.00	392.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	392.20	0.00	392.20
OVERALL TOTAL	26.00	-373.20	0.00	-347.20