



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-September 2022

❖ **Meeting was called to order by Base Commander Ted Vorce, at 11:15 hours and the normal meeting opening sequence was followed:**

❖ A moment of silence for our departed brother and sister submariners was observed.

The invocation was made by Base Chaplain, Art Nelson

The USSVI Creed was read by the Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Base Commander, Ted Vorce

The Tolling of the Boats Ceremony was read by Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley, while the bell was rung by Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles

A round robin of introductions, led by Base Chief of the Boat, Gary Merryman was then held with all members present identifying themselves with their qualification boats along with introducing any guest they brought to the meeting.

❖ **Binnacle List (updated 10/17/21) – Base Chaplain, Art Nelson:**

Bill Schoenberg went on eternal patrol Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, a Memorial Service was held on Friday October 14, and the cemetery service will be at a later date. There were ten Sub-vets in attendance.

Secretary's Report – Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman

Attending we had (51) members and (3) guests in attendance

The minutes of the September Meeting were emailed out to all members on the Sept. 2nd, 2022. All members are reminded to keep the Secretary informed of any changes in email address, snail mail and phone number or any other personal statistics maintained by the Base.

When you receive the base roster, please, look it over for corrections to your data and any blanks that need to be filled in or have changed data that needs updating. Please get that information to me. I need everyone's help in keeping everything up to date, for National and the Base Roster, all help is appreciated.

I also need to know about any members who should be on the Binnacle list. The USSVI.org website is running smoothly per Tim Carlisle at National.

Collections and Raffles

Emergency Relief Fund: \$5.00

Submarine Pens: \$9.00 Christmas Fund: \$10.00

COB collected \$0. for missing badges and phone's ringing.

There were 51 members and 3 guest in attendance

THE "ROCK" 50/50 Raffle: Total donated \$125.00

Winner: Fran Vorce received \$113.00

Base received: \$112.00

Booze Raffle: \$79.00

Winner received bottle: De Wars Whiskey

Scholarship Fund: \$0.00

Kap(SS) for Kids Fund: 20.00

❖ Treasurer's Report – Base Treasurer, John "Sid" Sidlovsky:

The combined Base Operating and Special Designated Accounts opening balance as of 1-Sept.-2022 was \$37,625.91

The Base Operating Ending Balance for Sept 1--2022 was \$37,906.49

The HRB Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-Sept-2022 at \$2,687.57, and ended the month at \$2,687.57

The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-Sept-2022 at \$440.57 and ended the month at \$505.67.

The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of the end of Sept. 2022 no report given.

The combined Base Operating and Special Designated Accounts ending balance as of the end of the month was \$41,099.73 which resulted in a net increase/decrease of (\$365.58)

❖ Storekeeper's Report – Base Storekeeper, Fran Vorce:

All On-Hand merchandise is available for sale.

Patches and other merchandise from National can be ordered through the Base Storekeeper.

All the materials on the Help-Yourself table are no cost but feel free to make donations to the donation bucket, it helps and is appreciated.

Submarine Pens are available for sale; to purchase your pens, \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

If you have something specific you need from the Base Storekeeper, send her an email (FVorce@Verizon.net).

❖ **Committee Reports:**

The roster of all HRB members sent out on 15-May-2022. Next roster will be sent out when updated.

With gains and losses, we are now at **- 281-** members; last year at this time we had **- 279 -** members so this is a **gain/loss** of **2** members over last year.

If you need a member's identity badge contact Gary Merryman, in person or by email (gary2361@yahoo.com), so that he can generate one for you.

As a reminder, anyone on Active Duty that is qualified to wear dolphins may join USSVI at a charge of 37.50 for two years with the second year being free. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the officers.

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 the Senior Vice Commander

- ❖ **Scholarship Committee –Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:** Applications are now being accepted for the year 2023

- ❖ **Program & Events Committee – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:**

The Veterans Day Parade has been confirmed, location to meet at convention center Friday 11 NOV @9:30am. Any questions please contact Adam Kingsley

- ❖ **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee – Committee Chairman, Ken Swan:**

Boat nominated for the Hall of Fame are USS Guardfish, USS L.Mendel Rivers, and USS Atlanta voting will be at the December Sub-vets Meeting

- ❖ **Ways and Means Committee – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:**

Enrollment for the new fund-raising program by sponsorship is open.

This program will be in effect for the 2022 calendar year. If you have any questions about the program, you can ask any member of Base leadership. If you want to sign up for the program, please, see the Base Secretary or Treasurer.

Big ticket raffle item: In the past we have had success in raffling off items that have significant value, Any suggestions, please contact BJVC Adam Kingsley.

If you have suggestions for any other income streams let Base Leadership know of them.

- ❖ **Public Relations and Publicity Committee – Gary Merryman:**

Idea for feather flags was brought to light, discussion has been tabled for further discussion

- ❖ **Newsletter Committee – Newsletter Editor, Craig Werner:**

If you have anything for next month's newsletter, get it in by the 22nd of this month. All new members need to see the Newsletter Editor, Craig Werner to have their picture taken and give a simple biography to be included in the newsletter.

❖ **Website and social media** – Base Webmaster, Gary Galles for Base Webmaster Sam Stevens:

Facebook Statistics

Total number of website member/users – 68

Total Number of Facebook members/users –

Special Notes –

If there are any members who do not know the URL for the Base Website, it is in the Base Newsletter every month.

Any question please contact the webmaster at hrb.ussvi@gmail.com

❖ **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee – Committee Chairman, John “Sid” Sidlovsky:**

On our 9/20/22 we had (4) Base Members that attended and we visited (3) patients, we visited (3) girls and (1) Teen boy.

The next KAP(SS)4KID(SS) visit to NMCP Bldg. 2 Ward 4B (Pediatric Hematology/Oncology) is scheduled for Next Thu 10/18/22 @10:00. Meet in Bldg. 3,2nd Floor Coffee Shop with the Subway in it at 0930.

Rules for this visit:

Must be fully COVID-19 vaccinated, booster not required. Do not have to show a vaccine card as this is on the honor system

Following patient isolation protocol. Visit will be at each patient’s door to their room only.

Face Masks are to be worn.

Please inform me if you intend to support this visit. John “Sid” Sidlovsky (757) 328-9796.

Anyone wanting to make a donation specifically to the Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) program should give

It to:

Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman, or myself as Base Treasurer. Please make sure you specify that it’s for the Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) program.

Hampton Roads Base Emergency Relief Fund Committee – Committee Chairman, Craig Dudley:

If you have a current financial support need, please reach out to me Craig Dudley on my Cell 757.961.8541), or to ERF Committee Members EM2(SS) Paul Schmidt (Cell: 757.481.1297), ET1(SS) John “Sid” Sidlovsky (Cell: 757.328.0706) or to our Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman (Cell: 757.354.7259) as this is the reason that the USSVI-HRB Emergency Relief Fund was put in place.

There is a designated ERF donation container on the table. All funds donated are kept separate from other Base Funds and are only used for ERF purposes.

<p>Hampton Roads Base of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. A 501(c)19 Veteran Organization, Tax ID №, 06-1007203</p>	<p>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)</p>
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SCORPION Memorial Committee – Committee Chairman, John Donaldson:

Planning for the 55th memorial is underway. It was agreed that the Memorial Meeting will be conducted by the Knights of Columbus in Newport News, VA on Sunday 21 May 2023. The Memorial will be held at the Scorpion Memorial, adjacent to The Virginia War Museum in Hunting Park. 9285 Warwick Blvd, Newport News, VA. A follow-up ZOOM meeting is scheduled for 16 October 2022@ 16:30 EDT for further discussion and planning.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83433187236?1076700?pwd=cmxFanRZc2NOckRjTDIQUNqUGhkdzo9>

❖ **NORFOLK Sail Committee – Committee Chairman, Gary Merryman:**

The director has turned in a Letter of request to the Base Commander requesting a loan for Seed money for the Norfolk Sail project to help with some of the startup fees. There was some discussion, and it was determined that the sub-vets would like legal counsel before going any further.

Program: A check for \$3862.96 was presented to the HRB Base from the WWII Memorial Fund

Old Business: Beverly Galles, gave details for the Hotel accommodations and the conference room for the Christmas Party. The registration forms are available to sign up. The Best Western Sandcastle Beachfront Hotel is the place, call this number directly for reservations: 757-428-2828

New Business: The By-Laws were accepted and are due to be signed By the National Director

Good of the Order: John Donaldson received his fifteen-year pin.

Review of boats lost in this month – Ron O’Donald

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| USS 0-5 (SS-66) | USS Dorado (SS-248) |
| USS S-44 (SS-155) | USS Seawolf (SS-197) |
| USS Wahoo (SS-238) | USS Escolar (SS-294) |
| USS Shark II (SS314) | USS Darter (SS-227) |
| USS Tang (SS-306) | |

Recap from September’s meeting, HRB Base was fortunate to have Chief Selectee Rick Perez and his charming fellow selectees serenade the group. Congratulations to All selectees promoting.

Review of members' birthdays for the month –Senior Vice Base Commander, Ted Vorce

Last Name	FirstName	Last Name	FirstName
John M.	Baldwin, III	Paul R.	Lucas
Matthew J.	Beckman	Robert F.	McClaren
Paul D.	Benton	Domenick A.	Missaggia
Raymond J.	Casella	Timothy K.	Palmer
Bruce A	Cohen	Arthur B	Picart
Richard T.	Fox	Tommy R.	Pollock
Beverly	Galles	Robert L.	Rodriguez
Thomas M.	Hanlon	Brian Lee	Sharp
W. Paul	Hansen	Douglas M.	Simon
William J.	Hazard	Isaac	Spears
William A.	Heron	Kenneth A.	Swan
Edward J.	Hynes	Theodore L.	Vorce
Stephen A.	Jiran	Paul E.	Worthington

Our next Regular Base meeting will be at 11:15 hours, Saturday, **19-Nov-2022**. While we hope to meet in person, we will remain flexible and keep you informed of when and where we will meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. hours by **Base Commander, Ted Vorce**



Fair Winds and Following Seas,

Lynn Merryman

Hampton Roads Base Secretary

Ted Vorce, YNCM(SS/SW/AW) USN Ret.

Hampton Roads Base, Base Commander