



# 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."*



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### Regular Base Meeting Minutes for 16 July 2022

**Call to order and welcome** – Base Commander, Ted Vorce:

*“ Please place all alarms in the cutout position. All spurious alarms will result in a \$1 fine”  
((Ted’s Comments as required))*

“Please Rise”

**A Moment of Silence for All Submariners on Eternal Patrol. Invocation** – Base Chaplain Art Nelson.

**Reading of the USSVI Creed** – Senior Vice Base Commander, Gary Galles (filling in will be Gary Merryman).

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Base Commander, Ted Vorce.

**Tolling of the Boats** – Senior Vice Base Commander, Gary Galles (filling in will be Gary Merryman) (*Bell tolling JVBC Adam Kingsley*).

“Please be seated.”

**Welcome any visitors** – Base Commander, Ted Vorce:

- In particular any National, Regional, or District Representatives (please stand and be recognized).

**Round Robin of Introductions** – Base Chief of the Boat, Gary Merryman:

- New members stand and give their name, qual boat, and qual year.
- Anyone visiting from other Bases please stand and give your name, qual boat, and where are visiting from.
- All Base members stand and state their name and qual boat.
- Badges are available in the container located on the front table if you have informed the COB that you need one.

**Binnacle List (updated 19 July 22)** – Base Chaplain, Art Nelson: Please let the Secretary or Chaplain know about any members who should be included on the Binnacle list.

Art Nelson	Art has congestive heart failure; he is working on improving his health
John Baldwin	John has not been at a few meetings, if anyone knows anything please let Ted know. Ted will be personally checking-in with John

**Secretary’s Report** – Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman:

- The June picnic had 49 members attending with 5 guest and 1 new member.
- The meeting started at 11:15 and end at 12:15pm
- The Updated Roster went out 17 May 2022 and the next one will be distributed once updated.
- All members are reminded to keep the Secretary informed of any changes in email address, snail mail address, phone numbers or any other personal statistics maintained by the Base.
- When you receive the base roster; please look it over for corrections to your data. Provide any information that needs to be filled into the blanks to me. We need everyone’s help in keeping the roster up-to-date.
- The interim USSVI website is on the new ([http://ussubvets.org/t officelgin.asp](http://ussubvets.org/t_officelgin.asp))

**Treasurer’s Report** – Base Treasurer, Brian Daugherty, John Sidlovsky is on Travel

1 Jun	Combined Base Operating & Special Designated Accounts opening balance.	<b>\$40,562.44</b>
30 Jun	Combined Base Operating and Special Designated Accounts ending balance.	<b>41,553.74</b>

**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; however, feel free to contribute to the donations bucket.
- If you have something specific you need from the Base Storekeeper, send her an email ([fvorce@verizon.net](mailto:fvorce@verizon.net)).

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Membership Committee** –Gary Merryman, Gary Galles is on vacation

17 May 22	Roster sent out to all HRB members. Next roster will be sent out as updated.
30 Jun 22	With gains and losses, we are currently at <b>272</b> members. Last year at this time we had <b>284</b> members. (Loss of 12 members).

### **Please Note:**

- If you need a member's identity badge, contact Gary Merryman and he can generate one for you.
- As a reminder, anyone on Active Duty that is qualified to wear dolphins may join USSVI for two years for a \$35.00 fee, 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 contact the Base leadership.
- Anyone who thinks they are due a USSVI Longevity Pin should see Base Senior Vice Commander after the meeting.

**Scholarship Committee** – Rick Perez, Gary Galles is on vacation: Ronald O'Donnell accepted the Scholarship Certificate for his Granddaughter Ava O'Donnell who was unable to attend as she is in California.

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

- Next Base Meeting will be 20 AUG 2022.
- Talks of participating in the Neptune parade on 1 OCT 2022 and the Veterans Day Parade.

**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, please ask base leadership.
- If you want to sign up for the program, please, see the Base Secretary or Treasurer.
- Submarine Pens are available for sale; see the Base Storekeeper to purchase pens, \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
- 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, contact Base Leadership.

**Public Relations and Publicity Committee** – Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman:

- A reminder for everyone, please wear your HRB ball caps and other USSVI logo clothing (shirts, jackets, etc.) when about town. Hopefully, this will spark conversation and create an opportunity to invite a potential new member to our Base meeting.
- I have the new generic HRB Business Cards for anyone that needs them.

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

- If you have anything for next month’s newsletter, get it in by the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, Sam Stevens:

- Website Statistics since last meeting:
- Number of New Site Members approved since last meeting – 10
- Total number of website member/users – 126
- Number of unique visitors to the site in the last 30 days – 75 -08%

**Facebook Statistics**

New Page members last 30 days.	-02
New Page Interactions last 30 days.	(-0.5%)
Total Members	201

**Please note:**

- If there are any members who do not know the URL for the Base Website, it is in the Base Newsletter every month and on the submarine pens.
- Any question please contact the webmaster at [hrb.ussvi@gmail.com](mailto:hrb.ussvi@gmail.com)

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

- SLF Norfolk did a great in May with the WWII Memorial and HOF ceremony.
- Per the HR Base bylaws, nominations for next year’s HOF boat will be received at the October meeting, discussed at the November meeting with voting at the December meeting.

**Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – Committee Co-Chairman, John Sidlovsky, Terry Miles to Report.

- K4K outings have been restarted. Our last visit on was on Tue. 6/19/22 we had (7) Base Members that attended and we visited (6) patients. One was a repeat visit, and we had the honor of visiting our youngest patient ever – a 3-day old baby boy.
- The next KAP(SS)4KID(SS) visit to NMCP Bldg. 2 Ward 4B (Pediatric Hematology/Oncology) is scheduled for **Next Tue 7/19/22 @1000**. 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.

Patient isolation protocol is being relaxed (as appropriate). Visits are now normally allowed in the patient's room.

Face Masks are to be worn.

**Please Note:** Inform me if you intend to support this visit. John "Sid" Sidlovsky (757) 328-9796. Anyone wanting to make a donations, 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 (ERF) Committee** – Committee Chairman, Craig Dudley:

If you have a current financial support need, please reach out to me 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: 757-328-9796) 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.

**SCORPION Memorial Committee** – Committee Chairman, John Donaldson:

- A virtual meeting will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss plans for the 55<sup>th</sup> Memorial and Base members are encouraged to participate.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/841076700?pwd=WDRCHdZnkvRmYwxTitZMzFXSzFLQT09>

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

- Civic League Pinewell meeting will be July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Old Business:** 2022 Convention in August in Buffalo, New York. The Rickover Hall of Fame Ceremony had a great turn out Thank you, Ken Swan, for making this event happen. It was nice to see Captain Spruitenburg, and Admiral Cohen and all the crew that could come out for the event. Our June Picnic was a success

**New Business:**

**Good of the Order:**

Congratulations to the following new Members of the Holland Club

Neal Chavez -1968	William Ralston -1970	Duane Ettwein -1971	Oscar Hudson -1972
Bradley Matters -1970	Stephen Schultz -1970	Dan Heneger -1971	Earl Koepcke -1972
Domenick Missagia -1970	David Stanley -1970	David Snyder -1971	Anthony Walker -1972
Robert Phillips -1970	Thomas Etter -1971	Franklin Dunn -1972	Alfred Waters -1972

**Review of boats lost in this month** – Ronald O’Donald

1	USS GRUNION (SS-216)
2	USS S-28 (SS-133)
3	USS ROBALO (SS-273)

**Review of members’ birthdays for the month** – Base Commander, Ted Vorce

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>DOB</b>
David G.	Carney	7/8/47	Paul B.	Rice	7/30/65
Brian A.	Daugherty	7/27/67	Douglas L	Roberts	7/22/44
David A.	Duffie	7/5/53	Robert M.	Rogers	7/30/53
Christopher S.	Fairbanks	7/24/64	Edward P.	Sanderson	7/17/34
Craig S.	Faubion	7/16/57	John R.	Sidlovsky	7/9/60
Eric J.	Kellgren	7/20/78	Andrew A.	Smith	7/26/53
Adam M.	Kingsley	7/13/73	John A.	Sullivan, Jr.	7/19/38
Bradley P	Matters	7/3/49	George D.	Vest	7/15/41
James A	Mattox	7/27/66	Mark	Waddell	7/17/59
Lynn	Merryman	7/29/60	Larry M.	Ward	7/11/55
Nathan A.	Mewhinney	7/12/43	Gregg	Weber	7/4/66

**Next Meeting:** Our next Regular Base meeting will be at 11:15 hours, Saturday, **20 AUG 22.**

- We will keep you posted if events change.

*Fair Winds and Following Seas,*



Ted Vorce, YNCM(SS/SW/AW), USN, Ret  
Hampton Roads Base Commander

Lynn Merryman,  
Hampton Roads Base Secretary

**The "ROCK" 50/50 Raffle**

Donated: \$160.00

Winner: Budd Albert

Winner Received: \$80.00

Base Received: \$80.00

**Emergency Relief Fund: 0**

**Submarine Pens sold: \$5:00**

**Booze Raffle tickets sold \$56.00**

**Holiday Raffle tickets sold: \$6.00**

There were 49 members 5 Guests and one new member

Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm