



Hampton Roads Base United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

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USS HENRY CLAY SSBN 625 HALL OF FAME BOAT 2025

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 47 Guests present 7

Regular Base Meeting Minutes for June 21, 2025

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. memorial banner was not needed this month.
- The invocation was made by Chaplain Scott Wells
- 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 Ceremony was read by Base Junior Vice Commander Ron O'Donnell, and the bell was rung by Senior Vice Commander Adam Kingsley
- A round robin of introductions, led by Base Chief of the Boat, 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.

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New members,

Chris murray Lapon

Ken Powell Thomas Jefferson

Other veteran group leaders

Byron Pinaldo 1st vice commander legion 357

SJ Cole commander SAL legion 357

Rick Severnghaus editor Submarine league Journal

John Fenter Adjutant Legion Riders

Chris Murray Regional President FRA East coast



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

- Brian Krammes
- Bruce Smith

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.
- New business cards are now available for you to use in help recruiting Members to our base

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

- Financial report was distributed to members at the meeting on the tables

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee - Base Senior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley

- We have 286 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

May 31st submission deadline found 3 applicants and the board is reviewing and deciding on this years winner

Winner awarded at August meeting

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

Completed events:

- SUBLANT SOY Selection
- May Guest Speaker Ryan Walker author TM2 Henry Breault MOH
- Scorpion Memorial May 25
- Memorial Day Parade 26 May Portsmouth.
- WW II memorial/ Hall of Fame Submarine Learning Facility NOB May 29

Upcoming events:

- Peninsula Agency on Aging guest speaker in June about supporting Veterans



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

Storekeepers Report - Base Storekeeper John Fenter now have mini doplins and tie pins and k4k bears

Public Relations and Publicity Committee – Ron O'Donnell

Newsletter Committee: – Newsletter Editor, Anthony Ficca

Nothing New to Report

Holland Club Committee - Chairman, Bill Heron

SCORPION Memorial Committee – Chairman, Bill Heron

The Knights of Columbus Assemblies 2430 and 2184 conducted the annual combined USS Scorpion Memorial, 4 Chaplains Memorial and WW II US Submarine Memorial Ceremony. The memorial ceremony took place at Knights of Columbus Council 5480's hall at 12742 Nettles Dr, Newport News, VA 23606 on Sunday, 25 May from 2-4 PM there was a good assembly of Subvets and Active Duty Submariners including Comsubforce CMC. There was a great front page story in the Daily Press and Virginia Pilot covering the event.

Website and social media – Base Webmaster, Sam Stevens

Hall of Fame /World War II Committee – Chairman, Ken Swan

WWII Memorial and HOF date/time was held on Thursday May 29th at 10 am at Submarine Learning Facility (Norfolk Base) with picnic provided by SYSCO. Tours of submarine bridge trainer and VA Class dive trainer planned following ceremony.

VADM Gaucher (COMSUBLANT) was in attendance spoke during the speak at the WWII Subvets part of the ceremony. Comsubfor is a former USS Flying Fish SSN673 sailor and challenged Tony Ficca to nominate her to be nominated for the next HOF honoree. We had a good showing at the event and Capt Dave Dufie was an excellent speaker on behalf of this years Inductee USS Henry Clay SSBN 625.

Many Thanks to all who participated including our Base Honor Guard and Our Hosts at Submarine Training Facility at Ramage Hall.

Kaps (SS) Kids Committee – Chairman, John "Sid" Sidlovsky 5/20 5 members attended, next visit 6/24/25 visit meet 930 3rd floor of the medical center

Hampton Roads (ERF) Committee – Chairman, Jack Ritz

Event Coordinator – Beverly Galles

- Picnic is coming up soon August.16th Tickets are for sale today 10\$ ticket 7\$ members
- Attached you will find the registration form for the picnic that can be filled out and sent to Beverly



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USSVI 2028 Convention Committee - Chairman, Dave Duffie'

- We are bidding for 2028
- This July the National Convention Coordinator will be visiting the area with Dave and Sid to tour potential venues for the convention

OLD Business:

- Base Qual Card

New Business:

Program: Guest Speaker Peninsula Agency on Aging Anthony Veterans Transportation Program

Veterans 60 or older to get assistance in transportation to non emergency medical transportation to VA Medical Centers on the Peninsula or Southside

Senior Services Southeastern VA

Good of the Order:

- **Gary-** Report on Khaki Social 061125
 - The Base Commander extended the invitation from the Submarine Officer Spousal Assoc. to attend a social event at the Afterglow Brewery located at 2330 Bowdens Ferry Rd, Suite 600, Norfolk (by ODU) on Wednesday 18 June 2025 from 1730-2030(5:30-8:30pm). Please wear vests
 - Rick Severenhaus Talent pipeline
- Navy Ball 250th anniversary

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

Tolling of the Boats for June

USS Herring SS-233

USS R-12 SS-89

USS Golet SS-361

USS Bonefish SS-223



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USS S-27 SS-132

USS O-9 SS-70

USS Runner SS-275

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

Rock 50/50 – Beverly Galles John Sidlovski winner 123 Base 97

Booze Raffle– Beverly Galles Brian Krammes selected the 25\$ gift card Base 77

Next Meeting - Base Commander, Gary Galles

Our next Regular Base meeting will be July 19, 2025 11:15

We will keep you posted if events change.

Meeting Adjourned _____ 12:40 _____.

Submitted by

Anthony Ficca Base Secretary

Approved by

Gary Galles Base Commander