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You don't know how sorry I am for the monumental foul-up in last month's edition. Totally blowing the entry on the Hall of Fame Boat was in excusable.

To make it a little right....the 2020 Hall of fame Boat is:
USS SPADEFISH (SSN-668)



Spadefish served from 1969 thru 1997 anywhere from the Caribbean Sea to Grenada, to Libya, to the Persian Gulf, to the Arctic Ocean, and places to unnamed.

Following an especially successful operation in one those unnamed places, she received a Navy Unit Citation along with a Distinguished Service Medal for her Captain.

She was nominated for the Hall of Fame by Plank Owner Domenick Missaggia and by far received the most votes at the December 2019 meeting.

Again, Congratulations to USS SPADEFISH.



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Our Creed:

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country.

That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments.

Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment.

Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice.

The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."

From the Base Commander

Shipmates:



What a great meeting we had in January. All current Officers were sworn in for another term, by our National Junior Vice Commander, Steve Bell. I would like to thank the other elected officers for continuing to step up to the plate and make our organization successful. **BRAVO ZULU** to:

- Gary Galles
Senior Vice Commander,
- Adam Kingsley
Junior Vice Commander
- Craig Werner
Secretary & Treasurer

We continue to grow our membership and currently we have been having some active duty Submariners join.

Remember to wear your Navy gear and carry your cards with you when you are out and about. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting

V/R Ted



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From the Secretary/Treasurer

The annual dues renewal drive has not concluded well for us. Of the **113** who needed to renew their membership only **101** did which means we've lost **12** members; I am most sorry to say.



We don't have the specifics yet, but both the Sailor-of-the-Year Program and the Submarine Birthday Ball are coming up. I will get the information about both of these out as soon as I have it.

Also coming up is the WWII Submarine Memorial, a very solemn and memorable ceremony, along with the Hall-of-Fame Boat Ceremonies honoring the USS SPADEFISH. Again, I will get the information out as soon as I have it. This combined event is followed by a picnic sponsored by Sysco Foods and tours of the SLF trainers.

The **Annual Base Individual Sponsor Program** (for 2020) is still available for anyone who wishes to support the Base. Contact me to make a donation and become a Base Sponsor.

The Base is running the Life Dues by Installments program again this year. Please see the program description that is attached to this newsletter and if you are interested, contact me.

Applications for the HRB 2020 – 2021 Scholastic Scholarship must be submitted no later than 15-APRIL. If you have any dependents who are eligible for the scholarship, make sure they get their application in. If you need another set of application documents, send me an email and I will get them to you.

That will be all from me for this month. As always, if you need something, don't hesitate to email me or call

me so I can help you out. I'm only as far away as your computer or the other end of your phone. Finally, don't forget about our regular monthly meeting at FRA #60 on 15 February. We want to see you there, otherwise...

~ *Stay Safe & Stay Well* ~

EMCS(SS) Craig S. Werner, U.S.N. (Ret.)
Hampton Roads Base Secretary & Treasurer

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Boats Lost in February

We remember.... We Honor



USS Shark (SS 174): Lost on Feb 11, 1942 with the loss of 59 officers and men on her first war patrol. Shark was the first US Submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific. She was most likely sunk by depth charges.



USS Amberjack (SS 219): Lost on Feb 16, 1943 with the loss of 72 officers and men on her third war patrol. Of Rabaul, she was attacked by a torpedo boat and then depth charged by a subchaser.



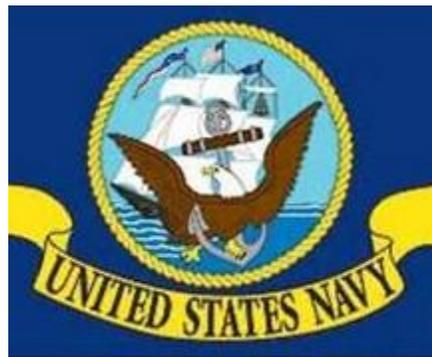
USS Grayback (SS 208): Lost on Feb 27, 1944 with the loss of 80 officers and men on her tenth war patrol. She appears to have been caught on the surface in the East China Sea by a Japanese carrier plane whose bombs made a direct hit. During this war patrol she sank 4 ships totaling 21,594 tons and was tied for 11th in the number of ships sunk.



USS Trout (SS 202): Lost on Feb 29, 1944 with the loss of 79 officers and men on her 11th war patrol. She was sunk by escorts in the middle of the Philippines Basin after sinking a passenger-cargoman and damaging another in a convoy. She carried out several notable special missions, including carrying over two tons of gold bullion out of Corregidor in February 1942.



USS Barbel (SS-316): Lost on Feb 4, 1945 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 4th war patrol. Based on Japanese records, she was bombed near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage. The day before, she reported she survived 3 depth charge attacks.



OFFICER INSTALLATION 2020

At the 21 December meeting the base officer election took place. The existing roster of elected officers, that had been previously nominated, was approved by acclamation.

We welcomed Steve Bell, National Junior Vice Commander and his bride, Ma Bell, to our January 18 meeting. Steve officiated at the “swearing in” of the base officers:

- Base Commander: Ted Vorce
- Senior Vice Base Commander: Gary Galles
- Junior Vice Commander: Adam Kingsley
- Secretary & Treasurer: Craig Werner

Below is a photo of the ceremony;



Steve, Craig, Adam, Gary & Ted (L-R)





Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) News

On 21 January the HRB crew visited three boys and two girls at NMC-P. The kids' ages ranged from four months to 22 years. The crew of George Williams, Marlin Boyle, Joe Demnicki, Brett Ransom, Sid Sidlovski, Brian Krammes, Lynn Moran, Rich Corey and Bob McClaren are pictured below (L-R)



Again, thanks to Child Life Coordinator Chris Brogan for making the detailed arrangements.

UPCOMING VISITS:

18 February, 18 March (Tentatively)



Welcome Aboard

At our January meeting three new members joined us.

First is ETC(SS) Michael Chagnon qualified when aboard USS Guardfish (SSN-612) in 1975.



Mike also rode USS Tinosa (SSN-606).

The second new member is ETV2(SS) Austin Palmer who earned his dolphins aboard USS Maryland (SSBN-738) in 2015.



Austin is currently assigned to USS Wyoming (SSN-742)



The third new member is MMN1(SS) Brett Ransom. Brett qualified aboard USS Tennessee (SSBN-734) in 2006.



He also has served aboard USS Virginia (SSN-774) and USS Washington (SSN-787). Currently, Brett is working at the Submarine Learning Center and was able to join the crew on the recent Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visit.

HRB February Birthdays

- 1: John Springett
- 3: Tom Murray; Gary Merryman
- 5: Fred Lowack
- 8: Mike McNamara
- 9: Mike Chagnon, Tommy Moore
- 12: Rebecca Kingsley, Lynn Pattison
- 17: Scott Humpert
- 19: Taco Villarial; Bill Neff
- 20: Tim Richard
- 21: Gino Destefano; Ron O'Donnell, Dan Sherry
- 23: John Elliott, Gary Gard
- 27: Rocky Rockefeller
- 29: Cecile Walraven



Upcoming Events

February 2020

- 15: Base Meeting
- 18: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP
- 19: NSL Meeting
- 22: Blue and Gold Auction

March 2020

- 21: Base Meeting
- 24: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

April 2020

- 15: NSL Meeting
- 18: Base Meeting
- 21: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

May 2020

- 16: Base Meeting / Holland Club Induction
- 19: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP
- 21: WWII Memorial & Hall of Fame
- 25: 136th Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade
- 31: Scorpion Memorial

June 2020.

- 17: NSL Meeting
- 20: Base Meeting/Picnic/Scholarship Announcement
- 19: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP



February Historic Events

Feb 17, 1864: While at anchor off Charleston, SC, the Steam Sloop of War USS Housatonic was attacked by the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley using a spar torpedo. USS Housatonic is recorded as the first warship to be sunk by a submarine.

Feb 04, 1942: USS Trout (SS-202) loaded 20 tons of gold bars and 18 tons of silver coins from the Philippines National Treasury as ballast to replace the weight of ammunition they had just delivered to US and Philippine forces in Manila.

Feb 03, 1944: USS Aspro (SS-309) departed Midway enroute to her 2nd war patrol to the area north of Truk. She spotted a large Japanese submarine, I-42. After a long surface pursuit, she fired four torpedoes. They heard an explosion then saw her bow rise and the sub sank by her stern.

Feb 10, 1944: USS Pogy (SS-266): Pogy spotted a convoy off the southern tip of Formosa, guarded by three Japanese destroyers. Pogy attacked with five torpedoes, sinking the Japanese destroyer Minekaze and 5,500 ton passenger cargo ship Malta Maru, and damaging another freighter.

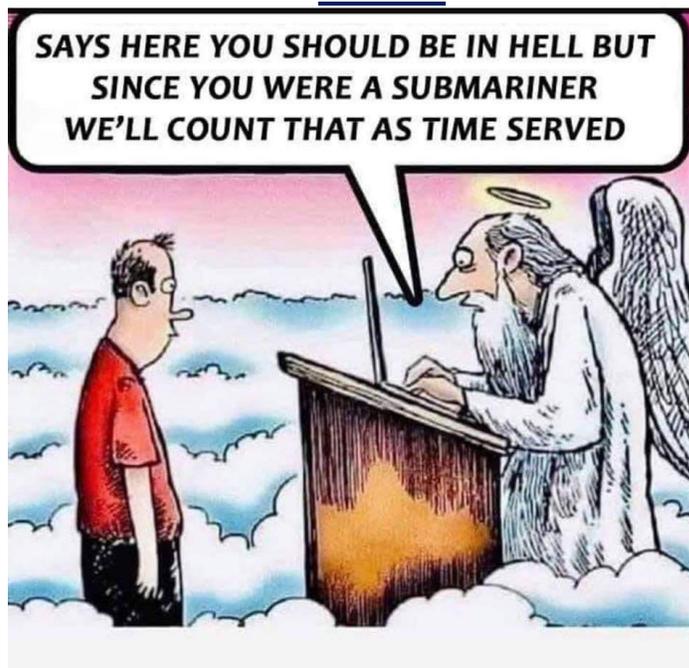
Feb 11, 1944: USS Gudgeon (SS-211): Gudgeon's 11th war patrol saw a few successful sinkings of Japanese vessels. She torpedoed and sank the already damaged 3091 ton merchant Satsuma Maru off Wenchow, China.

Feb 13, 1945: USS Sennet (SS-408): Sennet sank two 300 ton picket boats with the combined gunfire of the submarines Sennet, Haddock (SS-231) & Largarto (SS-371)

Feb 12, 1947: The first launch of a guided missile, the Loon, took place on board USS Cusk (SS 348).



Humor



‘Nuff Said ??



Special Biographic Tribute

We will not be including Undersea Warfare News articles in this edition. Instead, we will be reading a serialization of a package put together by HRB member Jim Taylor and his brother, Andy, regarding their father, EMI(SS)Gordon Taylor and his service during WWII.



Included will be summaries of his patrols and excerpts from Gordon's personal diary. Please enjoy.

Gordon was born on 24 March 1922 in Alberta, Canada. He later moved to West Orange NJ. He worked as a patent draftsman for Bell Telephone Labs before enlisting on 16 October 1942 in NYC. After boot camp in Newport Rhode Island, there were a series of schools including EM school also in Newport. Then came Sub School, that was followed by Battery & Gyro School, and Torpedo School in Groton. Mare Island was a waypoint enroute to Pearl Harbor and the Gato Class USS Tinosa. The story picks up there.

Reported aboard SS-283 - USS Tinosa July 29, 1943

Tinosa Patrol 4: Departing Midway on 27 October, *TINOSA* headed for the Palau-Truk sea lanes. On the morning of 22 November, she sighted two cargo ships and two small escort craft steaming in convoy. The submarine fired six torpedoes, scoring hits on both cargo ships. The entire action took only five minutes and left her between two mortally stricken ships, her position clearly marked by torpedo wakes leading out ahead and astern -- a perfect fix for the enemy escorts. Amid the sounds of the cargo vessels breaking up, *TINOSA* dove deep to avoid the certain counter attack of the escort vessels. A short time later, four depth charges exploded close by the submarine, knocking out her planes, gyro, steering, internal communications, and other equipment. She made a wild climb to 250 feet then dove to 380 feet, before her crew regained control. *TINOSA* then resumed evasive tactics which enabled her to elude the remnants of the convoy late in the afternoon.

After that patrol Gordon cross decked to the fresh from overhaul at Mare Island USS Thresher (SS-200) on 24 October 1943. Thresher, a Tambor class boat had nine done patrols including supplying Filipino guerillas with thousands of rounds of ammunition.



Thresher 10th Patrol

Newly refitted, *Thresher* departed the west coast on 8 October 1943 and arrived at Pearl Harbor one week later; she commenced her tenth war patrol on 1 November, bound for the waters north of the [Caroline Islands](#). Prowling north of Truk, *Thresher* commenced tracking a five-ship convoy on the morning of 12 November and slipped past two escorts shortly before midnight.

She fired three torpedoes into a 4,862-ton transport. The next attack, another three torpedo spread, missed their mark. Escorting antisubmarine craft hunted in vain for the American attacker, dropping 20 depth charges in a harassing barrage.

Thresher 11th Patrol

Thresher's 11th war patrol (this one under command of Duncan C. MacMillan, Class of 1926^[14]) took her to the [South China Sea](#) south of Formosa. While cruising on the surface on 10 January 1944, *Thresher* sighted a pair of masts, low on the horizon, and quickly dove to avoid possible detection. Coming to periscope depth soon thereafter, she approached cautiously, keeping in mind the ship may have been the advance screen of a convoy. The contact proved to be a 150-ton trawler. *Thresher* battle-surfaced, commencing fire at 6,000 yards (5,500 m); the trawler sank after *Thresher* expended 45 5 inches (130 mm) shells, 1,000 rounds of [.50 cal \(12.7 mm\)](#); and 770 20 millimetres (0.79 in) rounds.

Thresher next set course for the [Luzon Strait](#), between [Batan Island](#) and [Luzon](#), in the [Philippines](#). At 11:43 on 15 January, she came to the surface and spotted a Japanese aircraft carrier^[citation needed] with an escorting destroyer soon thereafter. The boat submerged to periscope depth in time to observe two enemy destroyers rapidly approaching. With insufficient time to maneuver for a "down the throat" shot, *Thresher* went deep and rigged for [silent running](#). The destroyer churned overhead and dropped four depth charges, none close. After remaining overhead two hours, dropping between ten and fifteen more depth charges,^[15] the enemy finally turned away, leaving *Thresher* unscathed.

Again coming to periscope depth at 17:00, *Thresher* soon sighted a four-ship convoy at 12,000 yards (11,000 m) with a single sub-chaser as escort. Surfacing at 19:11, *Thresher* began the chase, tracking the convoy by [radar](#). The three leading targets steamed in column, with the escort between the third and fourth merchantmen. *Thresher* maneuvered to the west to silhouette the targets against the rising moon. The convoy changed course at 21:55, giving *Thresher* an excellent setup for her stern tubes. At 22:07, the boat let fly from 1,800 yards (1,600 m) with four torpedoes at the lead ship, a 6,960 ton freighter. *Thresher* observed two hits, and the vessel, its bow in the air, was observed in a sinking condition.

Thresher next fired three bow tubes at the second target, a 4,092 ton freighter. Three torpedoes struck the freighter^[15] and literally blew her to pieces. The cargo of oil burst into flames and illuminated the night as brightly as day.

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Thresher 11th patrol (continued):

The third ship started firing on *Thresher* with deck guns, passing down the port side at 800 yards (730 m). With the submarine now readily visible, and her stern tubes dry, *Thresher* dove as bullets from the approaching escort splashed nearby. *Thresher* counted some 20 explosions from depth charges before the patrol craft left an hour later. Upon surfacing, *Thresher* was again alone and set off to patrol along the Singapore-to-Japan trade route

On 26 January, *Thresher* made radar contact with a small [convoy](#) and soon spotted two ships steaming along beneath the overcast night skies. At 00:11, *Thresher* fired three bow torpedoes at a 1,266-ton freighter, then bent cleared the area. Her "fish" scored a bullseye, and the quarry disappeared within a minute. A second spread, 35 seconds after the first, claimed a 2,205-ton freighter. A third target made off to the south at high speed, "spraying the ocean with five-inch ammunition". ^[citation needed] Resuming the approach at 00:20, *Thresher* doggedly tailed the Japanese ship for four hours before reaching a favorable attack position. Firing her last torpedoes at 04:46, *Thresher* began to build up speed and had just commenced a turn when one torpedo struck the enemy ship, causing a tremendous explosion. The blast slowed the freighter, but its tremendous concussion stopped *Thresher* dead in the water. All four main engine overspeed trips were actuated; cork insulation flew; lights broke; clocks stopped; and water poured down the antenna trunk. By the time *Thresher* regained battle readiness, the enemy was too far away to encourage further pursuit. Well within the range of shore-based aircraft, *Thresher* quit the chase. Escorts, alerted to the fact an American submarine was prowling in the vicinity, arrived on the scene and conducted a three-hour-long, futile, depth-charging.

On 28 and 29 January, *Thresher* patrolled the [Formosa](#)-to-Palau route, in the [Luzon Strait](#), before returning *via* [Midway Island](#) to Pearl Harbor where she arrived on 18 February. There, Lieutenant Commander MacMillan was awarded the [Navy Cross](#) for his aggressive action during the patrol.^[16]

Thresher 12th patrol:

Thresher went to sea again on 18 March 1944, departing [Pearl Harbor](#) for the central [Caroline Islands](#). She remained on air-sea rescue ("lifeguard") station during American carrier strikes on [Truk](#), bombarded [Oroluk Atoll](#) on 11 April, and photographed islands in that group. The boat played "hide and seek" with numerous enemy aircraft and witnessed several American bombing raids on [Truk](#). She sighted only two enemy ships and was unable to attack either, before she returned to Pearl Harbor on 8 May.



Thresher 13th patrol:

On 14 June 1944, *Thresher* headed out for her 13th war patrol, again commanded by MacMillan. 25 June, she joined a "wolfpack" that also included *Apogon* (SS-308), *Guardfish* (SS-217), and *Piranha* (SS-389). Nicknamed the "Mickey Finns" and under the overall command of Captain William V. "Mickey" O'Regan^[17] (flying his flag in *Guardfish*), the group picked up "ditching signals" from a downed aircraft that afternoon and changed course to investigate. Arriving in the vicinity on 27 June, they found only a drop tank and no trace of plane or pilot.

Over the succeeding days, the boats observed several planes but contacted only a few fishing vessels and small patrol craft. This drought of targets continued until 11 July, when *Thresher* made radar contact with a group of six ships steaming on the Formosa-Luzon route. As she changed course to intercept, she dispatched contact reports to the other boats. *Guardfish* and *Apogon* picked up the contact, but *Piranha* could not. *Thresher* deployed to a position 15,000 yards (14,000 m) astern of the convoy, to trail the enemy group and be ready to pick off stragglers. *Guardfish* took the enemy's port flank, and *Apogon* maneuvered to the convoy's starboard quarter.

A Japanese escort latched on to *Thresher*, however, and trailed her, depriving her of a chance to attack the convoy. Meanwhile, *Piranha* managed to sink a 6,504-ton passenger/cargo ship. *Apogon* was rammed and forced to return to base for repairs.

Rendezvousing on 13 July, the remaining boats resumed the hunt. At 16:00 on 16 July, *Thresher* sighted smoke on the horizon. She surfaced and dispatched a contact report. After a cat-and-mouse period of some two hours, she noted the convoy consisted of six ships: a large tanker, three freighters, and two escorts.

Thresher closed beneath a clear and dark night sky. At 23:29, with the range to the near escort at 2,000 yards (1,800 m), she commenced fire. Three torpedoes sped from the forward tubes toward the lead escort, three to the first freighter. *Thresher* then turned and emptied all four stern tubes at the second freighter. Four explosions were sighted and as *Thresher* departed at high speed, another six soon after.

Commencing a reload of her tubes at midnight (00.00 or 24.00), *Thresher* returned to the area and continued the attack on the convoy which consisted now of only three ships: a freighter, the oiler, and an escort. At 01:18, *Thresher* fired two bow tubes at the escort and three at the leading freighter; the sub then fired her stern tubes at the oiler. Soon thereafter, *Thresher* heard at least six explosions. The escort promptly began a depth charge barrage. Returning to periscope depth, *Thresher* found the convoy had remained stubbornly afloat. She began reloading her tubes again at 01.22 and returned to the chase.

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Thresher 13th patrol (continued):

While tube number six was still being reloaded, *Thresher* fired two other bow tubes at the freighter, two more at the oiler, and the remaining full one at the escort; she then swung about and fired one stern tube at the latter. Two torpedoes exploded at 02:46, and the cargo ship sank immediately. One minute later, two "fish" struck the oiler. A tremendous explosion lighted the entire sky, and the ship sank within 15 seconds.

While it could not be ascertained whether or not the last escort went down, the effect of two torpedo hits made it likely he had been heavily damaged. All torpedoes expended, *Thresher* headed for Midway. The boat claimed to have destroyed the entire convoy, but a post-war assessment confirmed only two cargo vessels, *Sainei Maru* (4,916 tons) and *Shozan Maru* (2,838 tons), and no escort.^[18] *Thresher* did, however, receive the [Navy Unit Commendation](#) for the patrol.

Thresher 14th patrol:

Upon completion of voyage repairs, *THRESHER* stood out of Midway on 23 August, bound for the Yellow and East China Seas on her 14th War Patrol. Six days later, while cruising on the surface, *THRESHER* was battered by heavy seas which caused the boat to roll some 53 degrees from the vertical and produced waves up to 50 feet high.

Rounding the southern tip of Kyushu, *THRESHER* sighted several small craft before making contact with a minelayer and two subchasers on the 10th. Clearing the vicinity at high speed, *THRESHER* headed for new patrol grounds.

THRESHER was twice frustrated on the 13th, when a large oiler passed far out of reach and a freighter -- attacked with four torpedoes -- remained stubbornly afloat. An escorting aircraft harried the boat and prevented any further attacks.

At 1531 on 18 September, *THRESHER* sighted the masts, funnel and bridge of a ship on the horizon. After determining the enemy's base course and zigzag plan, *THRESHER* surfaced and locked on the freighter with radar at 1923. Another pip, an escort vessel, soon appeared on the radar screen.

By 2100, *THRESHER* had maneuvered into position off the enemy's port bow and waited for the Japanese ships to make a zig which would place her at a desirable point for the attack. *THRESHER* closed in for the kill and loosed four torpedoes as the group turned to the right. The quarry, however, elected to move contrary to the hunter's expectations; and the first spread ran wide of its targets. *THRESHER*, still undetected, quickly came about and fired four stern "fish" from 1,200 yards.

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Thresher 14th patrol (continued):

The second spread ran true and struck a 6,854-ton freighter. The explosions broke the cargoman's back, and she quickly slipped from sight. *THRESHER* retired at high speed when she detected the presence of three additional ships -- including a light cruiser -- closing rapidly.

Reloading, *THRESHER* turned upon her pursuers, loosing a spread of torpedoes which barely missed. Subsequently evading her hunters and shifting to waters off Manchuria, the boat sighted only fishing craft until the 26th, when a large cargo vessel hove into sight at 0944. *THRESHER* surfaced at 1315 and headed for the nearest point on the enemy's zigzag course. An hour later, the boat spotted a floatplane on patrol, and hurriedly "pulled the plug" to submerge. As she went deep, one depth charge exploded nearby.

Staying under until 1600, *THRESHER* came to the surface and regained her target at 1815. Tracking her quarry until sunset it was postulated the enemy vessel was bound for Daisei Gunto and an intercept course was plotted accordingly.

Attacking from the bright moon side, *THRESHER* fired two bow tubes -- aiming one torpedo at the hull near the mainmast and one at the fore. Both struck home, and the 1,468-ton freighter broke up and sank within a minute.

The following day -- 26 September -- *THRESHER* came upon a 5,000-ton oiler and cut loose with four stern tubes from a range of 4,000 yards. Those on the bridge saw the target disappear within a minute. Empty of torpedoes, *THRESHER* headed for Midway. En route, on 3 October, she sighted, tracked, and approached a small trawler. After sunset, *THRESHER* surfaced and manned her deck guns. After firing 27 rounds of 5-inch ammunition, the boat soon received an answer in the form of shells which fell around the boat and forced her to back off. Too dark to see the target, *THRESHER* resumed her passage to Midway.

After fueling at Midway on 8 October, *THRESHER* sailed for the Hawaiian Islands and arrived at Pearl on the 12th. **Gordon was "especially commended by commanding officer for having made an outstanding contribution to the success of the Thresher's 14th war patrol.**

Gordon Taylor was re-assigned to the commissioning crew of the USS Carp on December 27, 1944.

Next Month will contain his diary during his assignment to Carp.



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Appointed Member: John Sidlovsky





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 18-JANUARY-2020

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

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Base Commander, Ted Vorce.
- A moment of silence for our departed brother and sister submariners was observed.
- The invocation was made by Base Chaplain, Brian Krammes.
- The USSVI Creed was read by the Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley.
- The Tolling of the Boats Ceremony was read by Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner while the bell was rung by Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley.

Welcome visitors – Base Commander, Ted Vorce:

- National, Regional, or District Representatives or members visiting from other Bases (please stand and be recognized).
 - RMCM(SS) Steven D. Bell the National Junior Vice Commander.
 - RM1(SS) Gary J. Wallick of the USSVI Mid-Atlantic Base.

Round Robin of Introductions – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:

- New members stand and give their name, qual boat, and qual year.
 - ETC(SS) Michael S. Chagnon, qualified in 1975 onboard the USS GUARDFISH (SSN-612).
 - ETV2(SS) Austin Phinney, qualified in 2015 onboard the USS MARYLAND (SSBN-738).
 - MMN1(SS) Brett D. Ransom, qualified in 2006 onboard the USS TENNESSEE (SSBN-734).
- All Base members stood and gave their name and qual boat.
- Members of Leadership identified their leadership position as well as their qual boat.

Binnacle List – Base Chaplain, Brian Krammes:

- Al Friedman – no recent contact.
- Al Keck – He is now in an Assisted Living Center in Tennessee – no recent contact.
- Walt Kreger – last reported in the hospital recovering from an urgent stent emplacement because he collapsed when visiting his wife who is in the same hospital – no recent contact.
- Cletis Nester – He is recovering at home from a stroke and still is in need of back surgery – no recent contact.
- Jay Stokes – He has had a fall at home and been to the ER twice this week (he's banged up).

Secretary's Report – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

- The minutes of the 18-DECEMBER Base Meeting were emailed out to all members on 19-DECEMBER.
- All members are reminded to keep the Secretary informed of any changes in email address, snail mail address, phone number or any other personal statistics maintained by the Base.

- When you receive the monthly roster, please, look it over for corrections to your data and any blanks that you can fill in and get that information to me.
- I need everyone's help to keep everything up-to-date, for National and the Base, please, help me with this.
- I also need to know about any members who should be on the Binnacle list but aren't.
- If you need a member's identity badge contact Terry Pattison, in person or by email (TPattison@Cox.net), so that he can generate one for you.
- There is no further news on the new USSVI.org website.

Treasurer's Report – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts opening balance as of 01-DECEMBER-2019 was **\$ 40,555.70**.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of DECEMBER-2019 of **\$ 3267.64**.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of DECEMBER-2019 of **\$ 2819.46**.
- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01-DECEMBER-2019 at **\$ 22,839.47** and ended the month at **\$ 23,042.42** for a net increase/decrease of **\$ 202.95**.
- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-DECEMBER-2019 at **\$ 1298.83**, after donations and expenditures totaling **\$ 404.11**, ended the month at **\$ 1702.94**.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-DECEMBER-2019 at **\$ 3820.96**, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling **\$ 40.10**, the program ended the month at **\$ 3861.06**.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-DECEMBER-2019 at **\$ 1243.56**, after donations, interest, and expenditures, totaling **\$ 10.03**, ended the month at **\$ 1253.59**.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of the end of DECEMBER was **\$ 100.00**.
- This has resulted in a net increase/decrease of **\$ 448.18** in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for the month of DECEMBER-2019.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of the end of the month was **\$ 40,471.86**.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts opening balance as of 01-JANUARY-2019 was **\$ 38,494.58**.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of 31-DECEMBER-2019 was **\$ 41,008.90**.

Store Keeper'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 a contribution to the donations bucket, it helps and is appreciated.
- If you have something specific you need from the Base Store Keeper, send her an email (FVorce@Verizon.net).

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - 2019 finished poorly and 2020 has not started out well, since our last meeting we've lost three members (in a ten day period).

- RMC(SS) William A. (Bill) Mereno.
- RMCM(SS) Clyde H. (Haynes) Russell.
- ETC(SS) Kerry L. Logan.
- From Brian Krammes, the Base Chaplain – No one really wants to contemplate their own demise but it is important that those you will leave behind know what your wishes are when it comes to your final services and how much (if any) you want the Base involved in those services and that you are entitled to Military Honors rendered by an Honor Guard from the Navy.
- The annual membership renewal drive is about complete, phone calls have been made; emails and snail-mail letters have been sent out to everyone who needs to renew their membership, and a final warning letter will be sent out shortly.
 - So far, 98 of 113 members who have to have renewed their dues.
- The roster of all HRB members sent out on 05-JANUARY-2020.
- With gains and losses as of the beginning of this meeting we are at - 297 - members; last year at this time we had - 289 - members so this is a gain/loss of - 8 - members over last year and that's great!
- **WE'RE STILL #2!!!** I've looked over the membership numbers nationally again and, as of now, we still hold 2nd place in membership nationally by - 7 - members.
- As a reminder, anyone on Active Duty that is qualified to wear dolphins may join USSVI at no charge through the end of the calendar (fiscal) year, if you have any questions contact Craig.
- 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 Craig after the meeting.
- **Scholarship Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - The application, instructions, and hints for the HRB 2020 – 2021 Scholastic Scholarship were sent to everyone by email. If you need another set, send an email to Craig to let him know.
 - Applications for the HRB 2020 – 2021 Scholastic Scholarship are now being accepted and must be received by the Committee, via email, no later than 15-APRIL.
- **Program & Events Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
 - Recently Completed Events:
 - There was a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting, Saturday, 04-JANUARY.
 - The wreath pickup at the Horton Military Cemetery was Monday, 06-JANUARY.
 - There was a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60, Wednesday, 08-JANUARY.
 - Our JANUARY-2020 Base meeting is here today.
 - Pending Events:
 - We have a scheduled K4K visit at NMC-P on 21-JANUARY.
 - Sailor-of-the-Year Presentation Ceremonies will be sometime late JANUARY or early FEBRUARY, information will be sent out as soon as it is available.
 - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 01-FEBRUARY.
 - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 12-FEBRUARY.
 - We will have a Base meeting here at FRA #60 at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 15-FEBRUARY.
 - We have a scheduled K4K visit at NMC-P on 18-FEBRUARY.
 - There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 19-FEBRUARY.
 - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 07-MARCH.
 - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 11-MARCH.

- We will have a Base meeting here at FRA #60 at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 21-MARCH.
- We have a scheduled K4K visit at NMC-P on 24-MARCH.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 04-APRIL.
- There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 08-APRIL.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 15-APRIL.
- We will have a Base meeting here at FRA #60 at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 18-APRIL.
- We have a scheduled K4K visit at NMC-P on 21-APRIL.
- The 120th Submarine Birthday Ball will be in APRIL at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, information will be sent out as soon as it is available.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 02-MAY.
- There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 13-MAY.
- We will have a Base meeting here at FRA #60 at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 16-MAY.
- The Holland Club Induction Ceremonies FOR YEAR GROUP 1970 will be during our May meeting.
- We have a scheduled K4K visit at NMC-P on 19-MAY.
- The Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Boat ceremonies will be in MAY at SLF Norfolk, information will be sent out as soon as it is available.
- The 52nd anniversary of the loss of USS SCORPION will tentatively be on 31-MAY information will be sent out as soon as it is available.
- The 136th Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade in Portsmouth will be in MAY information will be sent out as soon as it is available.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 06-JUNE.
- There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 10-JUNE.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 17-JUNE.
- The Base Picnic Meeting and Scholarship Award Announcement will be here at FRA #60 at our 20-JUNE meeting.
- **Ways and Means Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
 - Enrollment for the new fund raising program by sponsorship is open.
 - Brian Daugherty has become a sponsor at the STURGEON Class level.
 - John (Sid) Sidlovsky has become a sponsor at the VIRGINIA Class level.
 - This program will be in effect for the 2020 calendar (fiscal) 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 & Treasurer, Craig Werner.
 - Submarine Pens are available for sale; see the Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner, after the meeting to purchase your pens, \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
 - If you have suggestions for any other income streams let Base Leadership know of them.
- **Public Relations and Publicity Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
 - A reminder for everyone, please wear your HRB ball caps and other USSVI logoed clothing (shirts, jackets, etcetera) when running around and about town. - We want to be seen, to get our name out in the community and to promote our public image.
 - We're well into the fall/winter season and windbreakers or jackets are going to be used more and more, having one with the USSVI and/or the HRB logo and/or name would help, contact Jenny.
 - I have the new generic HRB business cards for everyone get rid of your old ones and pick up new.

- **Newsletter Committee** – Base Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle.
 - If you have anything for next month's newsletter, get it in by the twenty-fifth of this month.
 - All new members need to see the Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle to have their picture and give a simple biography to be included in the newsletter.
- **Website and Social Media** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Base Webmaster, Sam Stevens.
 - Website Statistics since last meeting:
 - Number of New Site Members approved since last meeting – 0
 - Total number of website member/users – 95
 - Number of unique visitors to the site in the last 30 days – 165 (^119%)
 - Facebook Statistics
 - New Page members last 30 days - 4
 - New Page Interactions last 30 days – 175 (+17%)
 - Total Page “Likes” – 1081 (^40)
 - Total Members – 180 (+2%)
 - Are there any members who do not know the URL for the Website?
 - It can be found in the Newsletter each month.
- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** – Committee Chairman, Ken Swan:
 - Preparations are ongoing.
 - Sysco is expected to be onboard.
 - The SLF has a new CMC.
 - The event is still expected to be in May but the actual date has not yet been set.
- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – Committee Co-Chairman, John Sidlovsky.
 - We have a K4K visit at NMC-P this Tuesday, 21-JANUARY.
 - We will gather in the food court of NMC-P building 3 at 09:30 hours.
 - Anyone wanting to make a donation specifically to the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program should get it to Craig and make sure you specify it's for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program.
- **Hampton Roads Base Emergency Relief Fund Committee** – Committee Chairman, John Sidlovsky:
 - We've had no requests for financial assistance since our last meeting.
 - If you are in need of financial help, as per our Bylaws, contact any member of the committee.
 - Anyone wanting to make a donation specifically to the Emergency Relief Fund should get it to Craig and make sure you specify it's for the Emergency Relief Fund or drop it into the ERF Donations Box on the booze table.
- **SCORPION Memorial Committee** – Committee Chairman, John Donaldson:
 - The tentative date for the ceremonies at the Knights of Columbus is 31-MAY.
 - Next step is to coordinate with CSL for the wreath presentation and taking it to sea.
- **NORFOLK Sail Committee** – Committee Chairman, Gary Merryman:
 - I have closed out the business that kept me devoted the necessary time to this project and I will be pursuing this with more determination going forward.
 - Anyone who is willing to help with this project should meet with me after this meeting so that we can start moving forward.
 - Future meetings of this Committee will be separate from the Base meetings.

Old Business:

- Craig Werner – I am delinquent in acknowledging our member, Bill Mulligan, for his donation of the new bell we are using for Tolling of the Boats, thank you, Bill.

- Gary Galles – Plans for the refurbishment of the parade trailers.
 - We will be starting with the Ride-On trailer as it is in most need of attention since the plywood is delaminating.
 - Brian Daugherty has made available an indoor work area from his company at 3335 Croft Street, Norfolk; he and I will be checking it out after this meeting.

New Business:

- Craig Werner – At the visitation for RMCM(SS) Clyde H. Russell, his family donated a bell that is almost a duplicate of the bell we are now using for the Tolling of the Boats.
 - We have the family's permission to auction off this bell for fund raising.
 - We will be setting up the auction after the E-Board decides how to set that up.
- Craig Werner – The FRA is happy to do lunches for us even though they are barely breaking even on the deal because of our minimal use of the service they provide.
 - If we want them to continue to provide the lunches we have to increase our participation to a minimum of 15 lunches at each of our meetings.
 - A polling of the members present did not come up with a sufficient commitment to continue with the way we have been doing lunches in the past.
 - Alternatively, we can buy our lunches at the bar off their menu and at menu price (as it set up today).
 - A copy of the Bar menu will be sent out with the meeting notices in the future.
 - It is suggested that you place your lunch order with the bar and pay for it as you come in for the meeting so that your lunch will be ready for you at the end of the meeting.

Program

- NJVC, Steve Bell – Induction of newly elected Base Officers for the 2020 – 2021 term.
 - As Base Commander – YNCM(SS/SW/AW) Ted Vorce
 - As Senior Base Commander – MMCS(SS/DV) Gary Galles
 - As Junior Base Commander – ETC(SS) Adam Kingsley
 - As Base Secretary and Treasurer – EMCS(SS) Craig Werner
- Base Commander, Ted Vorce – Announcement of newly appointed/re-appointed positions:
 - E-Board members
 - ET1(SS) Marlin Boyle
 - CAPT Ken Swan
 - ET1(SS) John (Sid) Sidlovsky (newly appointed)
 - Appointed Leadership
 - Base Chaplain - STS1(SS) Brian W. Krammes
 - Base CoB – TMC(SS) John (Rock) Pedroni (newly appointed)
 - Base Storekeeper - YNCS(AW/SW) Fran Vorce
 - Base Website & Social Media Coordinator - STS1(SS) Sam Stevens
 - Base Historian – EM2(SS) Paul R. Schmidt
 - Committee Chairs
 - K4K Committee – TCMC(SS) Rich Corey & ET1(SS) John (Sid) Sidlovsky
 - ERF Committee – ET1(SS) John (Sid) Sidlovsky
 - Sub Memorial & Hall of Fame Boat Committee – LCDR Dick Helm & CAPT Ken Swan
 - Scorpion Memorial Committee – CWO4 John Donaldson
 - Norfolk Sail Committee – MM1(SS) Gary Merryman

Good of the Order:

- **Review of boats lost in this month** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
 - USS S-36 (SS-141) in 1942
 - USS S-26 (SS-131) in 1942
 - USS ARGONAUT (SS-166) in 1943
 - USS SCORPION (SS-278) in 1944
 - USS SWORDFISH (SS-193) in 1945
- **Review of members' birthdays for the month** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - Mike Lamy on 03-JAN
 - Earl Densten on 03-JAN
 - Harry Allison on 05-JAN
 - Ken Karr on 05-JAN
 - Shirley Begay on 07-JAN
 - Walt Ganey on 08-JAN
 - Dave Hinkle on 08-JAN
 - Ed Bourne on 08-JAN
 - Rich Corey on 08-JAN
 - Ron Hyson on 10-JAN
 - Jim Gazard on 11-JAN
 - Al Crowder on 12-JAN
 - Bob Philipps on 14-JAN
 - Al Budd on 18-JAN
 - Ruben Holstrom on 19-JAN
 - Tony Franzitta on 20-JAN
 - Moses Pollard on 21-JAN
 - Harry Biela on 23-JAN
 - Brian Krammes on 23-JAN
 - Tom Thompson on 24-JAN
 - Vance Braziel on 24-JAN
 - Bob Frye on 26-JAN
 - Jim Beauchamps on 27-JAN
 - Dennis Olson on 28-JAN
 - Bob Tobin on 28-JAN
 - Brian O'Neill on 28-JAN
 - Alan Stubbe on 29-JAN
 - Dennis Myers on 30-JAN
 - David Yoh on 30-JAN
 - Curtis Thompson on 30-JAN
 - Glen Little on 30-JAN
- The 50/50 raffle of \$ 148 was won by: Steve Bell, who donated the money to our Scholarship fund (the base received \$ 147).
- The booze raffle was won by: Gene Destafano (the base received \$ 131).
- Winter Holiday Party tickets raffle brought in: \$ 9.
- Pen Sales brought in: \$ - 0 -.
- There was \$ 154 donated through the Donations Bucket for the Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund.
- Pen Sales brought in: \$ - 0 -.
- There was a total of \$ - 0 - was donated for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program.
- There was a total of \$ 15 was donated for the Emergency Relief Fund.
- There were - 74 - members and - 3 - guests present at this meeting.

Our next Regular Base meeting will be at 11:15 hours, Saturday, **15-FEB-2020** here at FRA Hall #60.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:05 hours by Base Commander, Ted Vorce.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,

EMCS(SS) Craig S. Werner, U.S.N. (Ret.)

Hampton Roads Base Secretary & Treasurer

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Storekeeper's Inventory

(as of: 19-JANUARY-2020)

ITEM	Qty. On Hand	Unit Price
BALL CAPS		
HRB-USSVI (Silver Dolphins)	0	\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI (Gold Dolphins)	1	\$ 12.50
HRB-Submarine Veteran (Silver Dolphins)	1	\$ 15.00
HRB-Submarine Veteran (Gold Dolphins)	5	\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI (Commander)	1	\$ 12.50
US Sub Vets Inc. (Commander)	4	\$ 12.50
US Sub Vets Inc. (Captain)	2	\$ 15.00
Holland Club (Silver Dolphins)	0	\$ 15.00
Holland Club (Gold Dolphins)	0	\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI - Khaki (Silver Dolphins)	4	\$ 15.00
HRB-Submarine Veteran - Khaki (Gold Dolphins)	2	\$ 15.00
Garrison Cover (Silver Dolphins)	1	\$ 10.00
PATCHES & CLOTHING		
Hampton Roads Chapter Patch	33	\$ 8.00
USSVI Patch (4-1/2 x 3-1/8)	0	\$ 10.00
USSVI Patch (3-5/8 x 3)	0	\$ 3.00
USSVI Patch (2-7/8 x 2-3/8)	0	\$ 3.00
USSVI Life Member Patch	0	\$ 6.00
Vice Commander	1	\$ 5.00
Life Member Rocker Patch	0	\$ 8.00
Holland Club Patch (small)	2	\$ 5.00
Vice President Patch	1	\$ 3.00
Base Secretary Patch	1	\$ 5.00
Base Chaplain Patch	1	\$ 5.00
Base Store Keeper Patch	1	\$ 5.00
Associate Member Patch	1	\$ 5.00
USSVI Bolo Tie	2	\$ 10.00
USSVI Booney Hat (Khaki w/ Gold Dolphins)	1	\$ 20.00
Vest Clasp w/ Silver Dolphins	3	\$ 30.00
Holland Club Golf Shirt	2	\$ 30.00
Dolphin Golf Shirt	0	\$ 30.00
MISCELLANEOUS		
HRB Challenge Coins	95	\$ 10.00
HRB Decal (Silver Dolphins)	17	\$ 5.00
HRB Decal (Gold Dolphins)	1	\$ 5.00
Dolphin Decals (6")	0	\$ 5.00
Blue Frame License Plate Holder	4	\$ 8.00
Chrome License Plate Frame	0	\$ 15.00
Silver Dolphin Key Chain	0	\$ 8.00
Submariner's Wife Pins	0	\$ 8.00
My Other Car is a Submarine Decal	0	\$ 3.00



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Annual Individual Sponsor Program (for 2020)

Sponsor Level	Benefits	Donation
COLUMBIA Class Sponsor	2 Christmas Party Tickets 4 Summer Picnic Tickets 8 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$500*
VIRGINIA Class Sponsor	2 Christmas Party Tickets 2 Summer Picnic Tickets 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$300*
SEAWOLF Class Sponsor	1 Christmas Party Ticket 2 Summer Picnic Tickets 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$200*
OHIO Class Sponsor	2 Summer Picnic Tickets 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$150*
LOS ANGELES Class Sponsor	1 Summer Picnic Ticket 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$125*
STURGEON Class Sponsor	3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$100*
41 for FREEDOM Sponsor	1 Raffle Ticket at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$75*
NAUTILUS Era Sponsor	Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$50*
DIESEL BOATS FOREVER Sponsor	Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$25*

****Must attend meeting to collect raffle tickets, all tickets are for same raffle, 50/50 or Booze. *Donations are NOT tax deductible.**

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Life Dues by Installments Program

Schedule of National and Base Life Dues		
USSVI National Life Dues (based upon member's age at the end of the program year)	Under 46 years old	\$500.00
	46 through 55 years old	\$400.00
	56 through 65 years old	\$300.00
	66 through 75 years old	\$200.00
	76 years old and older	\$100.00
Hampton Roads Base Life Dues (based upon member's age at the end of the program year)	Up through 45 years old	\$250.00
	46 through 55 years old	\$200.00
	56 through 65 years old	\$150.00
	66 through 75 years old	\$100.00
	76 years old and older	\$ 50.00

Any member who is interested in paying Life dues **must** contact me first since Life dues are dependent upon the member's age at the end of the calendar year and we need to be in agreement of how much Life dues will be for the member.

- The member must become a National Life Member before they can become a Base Life Member (or they can become both at the same time).
- I strongly discourage anyone from becoming a National Life member without also becoming a Base Life member.
- The member must have their dues current through the end of the current year in order to use the Life Dues by Installments Program.
- The Life Dues by Installments Program requires the member to pay 10% of the total Life dues owed by the end of each month, January through October and those payments are held by the Base Treasurer in the Base banking accounts.
- A member can sign up for the program anytime through the end of March but will have to bring their monthly payments up to date.
- Life dues are not submitted to the National office until after the first of November.
- If a member starts on the Life Dues by Installments Program and does not keep up with the monthly payments or for some other reason drops out of the program, what monies they've already paid into the program will be refunded to them in full.

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