



Hampton Roads Base

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.



"To Perpetuate the Memory of our Shipmates, who gave their lives"

Commander Ted Vorce

HALL OF FAME BOAT USS ATLANTA

Senior Vice Commander Gary Galles

Regular Base Meeting Minutes for May-20- 2023

Meeting was called to order by Senior Vice 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 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 Junior Vice Base 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 5/20/2023) – Base Chaplain, Art Nelson:

Craig Werner- Fighting Cancer with Radiation Treatments
Bill Schoenberg interment will be held on June 20, 20323

Secretary's Report – Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman

- At our last meeting there were (44) members in attendance, (1) guest.
- 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 base roster, please, look it over for corrections to your data and any blanks that you can fill in or change data that needs updating to get that information to me.
- 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 The COB in person or by email (gary2361@yahoo.com), so he may generate one for you.

Treasurers Report:- John "Sid" Sidlovsky

HRB Accounts	Beginning Balance of 02/01/23	Ending Balance 02/28/23	Net Gain (Loss)
Base Operations & Scholarships:	\$ 42,466.41	\$ 43,290.18	\$ 823.77
Base Total Income w/K4K & ERF	\$ 2,995.50		
Base Total Expenditures w/K4k & ERF:	\$ 2,168.60		
KAPS(SS)4(KID(SS):	\$ 2,690.07	\$ 2,668.70	\$ (21.37)
Emergency Relief Funds:	\$ 559.67	\$ 584.17	\$ 24.50

- National Annual & Lifetime Dues will be going up 20% effective 01-APR-23
 - Consider becoming a fully paid Lifetime Member by then and you would get credit for your 2023 dues if you just paid in the last couple months.
 - Our HRB 2023 Life Membership Dues Installment Program has been revised to show the dues increase.

<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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As a reminder if you were a 2022 Base Sponsor, you can get a 10% discount if you renew your base Sponsorship of 2023. We collected 2,415.00 in 2023 Sponsorships. Bravo Zulu to all our 2023 Sponsors.

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

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Committee – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles**
 - With gains and losses we are now at - 275 members; last year at this time we had 279 members so this is a gain/loss of - 4 members over last year. As a reminder, anyone on Active Duty that is qualified to wear dolphins may join USSVI for \$???: 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 Gary after the meeting.
- **Scholarship Committee – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles** the Scholarships application information has been mailed and emailed. Deadline for Scholarship applications is May 31st, 2023
- **Program & Events Committee – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:**
- The Portsmouth Memorial Parade is May 25th Rain or Shine Maps, and assignment went out to membership as well as reminders.

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

Enrollment for the new fund-raising program by sponsorship is open. his program will be in effect for the 2023 calendar year.

- If you have any questions about the program, you can ask any member of Base leadership.
- 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 – Base COB Gary Merryman**

Trying to reach Fire Marshall on base to confirm okay for Burger Burn Picnic at a Sub Pier for the sailors aboard the submarines.

- **Newsletter Committee – Newsletter Editor, Tony Ficca:**

- If you have anything for next month's newsletter, get it in by the 22nd twenty-second of the month.
- All new members need to see the Tony Ficca, to have their picture taken and give a simple biography to be included in the newsletter. Email Tony at: newsletter.hrb@gmail.com for any input you may have for the newsletter.

Website and social media – Base Webmaster, Sam Stevens:

- 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

- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** – Committee Chairman, Ken Swan
The event was held on Thursday 25 May 2023 at 1000. At Submarine Learning Facility at NOB. A Shadow Box was presented to commemorate the event. Sysco Foods catered the event.

- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – Committee Co-Chairman, John Sidlovsky:

Our last visit was on Tue. 4/18/23, we had a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny (aka Gary Merryman) this visit along with (3) Base & (3) Associate Members supporting this visit.

The next KAP(SS)4KID(SS) visit to NMCP Bldg. 2 Ward 4B (Pediatric Hematology/Oncology) is scheduled for Next Tuesday 5/23/23 1000. Meet in Bldg. 3, 2nd Floor Coffee Shop with the Subway in it at 0930. Rules for this visit:

- Please inform me if you intend to support this visit.
- Must cleanse prior to visit and after leaving a patient's room.
- John "Sid" Sidlovsky (757) 328-9796

Anyone wanting to donate specifically to the Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) program should get it to Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman or Base Treasurer, John "Sid" Sidlovsky and make sure you specify 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 need, contact ERF Committee Members MM1 (SS) Craig Dudley, (757-618-5624), EM2 (SS) Paul Schmidt (757-481-1297), John "Sid" Sidlovsky (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.

- **SCORPION Memorial Committee** – Committee Chairman, John Donaldson:
The 55th USS Scorpion Memorial was conducted by the Father Michael J. Bader Knights of Columbus and was held on Sunday, 21 May at the Scorpion Memorial located at the Virginia War Memorial Museum, 9285 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA.
The ceremony will begin at 1400 and will include the presentation of a wreath to be taken to sea on a submarine or placed at the USS Scorpion Memorial in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Virginia Beach. Weather permitting, a picnic after the memorial. There were ten(10) Subvets in attendance.
- **NORFOLK Sail Committee** – Committee Chairman, Gary Merryman:
Moving forward, the next steps are with City officials and proceeding with the planning.
www.norfolksubmemorial.com

Old Business: Annual Dues drive.

New Business:

- Base Sponsorship Program for 2023
- Picnic is August 19th.

Program: No Program

Good of the Order:

- **Review of boats lost in this month** – Ron O'Donnell

USS Squalus (192), USS Lagarto (SS-371)

USS Stickleback (SS-415), USS Scorpion (SSN-589)

- **Review of members' birthdays for the month** – Base Commander, Ted Vorce:

The Birthdays were read by our Commander.

The "Rock" 50/50 Raffle: Total donated \$190.00.

Bugs Moran: won \$95.00 base received \$95.00.

Booze Raffle: Total donated \$85.00.

Doc Perez: chose the bottle of Jack Daniels.

Emergency Relief Fund: \$10.00.

Submarine Pens: \$5.00.

XMAS Fund: \$8.00.

COB collected \$2.00 for missing badges/phone ringing.

Hampton Roads Base USSVI: \$.00

If you have anyone in the family that is getting ready to look for many financial resources for college let them know of our scholarship program and have them, get their information together.

The Bodacious Bazaar is back. Discussion of the possibility of the Subvets participating at no cost if we have volunteers to man the table, and while your there you may even find a treasure or two.

Final words for this month, Thank you to all members who told their remembrance stories of what they remembered about the scorpion and the members of the boat. this year is flying thank you to all for the support you have given me as your secretary, I know it takes me a little more time tan usual to get things out, as work does pay a part in everyday responsibilities, but all in all you all have taught me a lot more than I knew before I took on this challenge.

In addition a donation of \$2,500.00 was given to the Norfolk Sail Project.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 hours by Base Commander, Ted Vorce

Our next Regular Base meeting will be at 11:15 hours, Saturday, **17 June-2023**. While we hope to meet in person, we will remain flexible and keep you informed of when and where we will meet.