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March Meeting Minutes

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:

Things are going to get pretty busy starting this month. I hope this up and down weather has not affected too many of you. I have been out of town quite a bit in the last few weeks and am still a little out of touch.

Craig had his second knee operation and is doing well which I am sure he is happy about.

I myself flew to Palm Springs CA. and immediately started driving a friend's van back to GA for him. A five-day trip, but the weather was great and I got to see some beautiful countryside. Another ten days was spent in GA visiting my daughter and daughter and their families.



The Navy Submarine league meets the 18th. The 118th Submarine Birthday Ball is April 14th and our meeting is on the 21st. I look forward to seeing all of you at our meeting, if not, at the Birthday Ball.

V/R

Jim

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From the Senior Vice-Commander

We have a new means of communication thanks to STS1(SS) Ret. Sam Stevens (aka the Webmaster)! He has done a lot of work and created our web page that can be located at: <https://www.hrb-ussvi.org>. There you can view a wealth of information currently ranging from our newsletters, minutes, support campaigns, and benefits/information. I feel certain that as we move forward and grow this year that so will our webpage. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please reach out to Sam and communicate those ideas.



In terms of guest speakers for the group, when we meet this on 21 April I want your input on what topics of interest you might want addressed at upcoming meetings. You will find on the tables a document from me listing various subjects. Please look the list over and check mark what you would like to hear discussed for 15 - 20 minutes. In turn, I will collect the forms and report back to you to the findings.

Please continue to wear your Veterans gear and may 2018 be our best year ever. Lead on!

V/r

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*From the Secretary/
Treasurer*



I'm still at home, recovering from a total replacement of my left knee and I'm anticipating another surgery to replace my right knee early this month. The physical therapy for my left knee has been tough and I'm not looking forward to having to do it again for the right knee but I will so that I don't have to live with constant and debilitating pain in the future. That's my hopes anyway. I'm working through the Naval Hospital Total Joint Clinic and the Physical Therapy Clinic; I'm quite pleased with the level of professionalism and competence in those clinics. My goal is to be able to ride my bicycle sometime this summer.

As of this writing we've had no applications for the \$1000 Hampton Roads Base Scholarship. The Scholarship is open to any direct subordinate relative of a regular member in good standing. I highly recommend that if there is someone in your family that meets the requirements and will benefit from our scholarship you get them moving, NOW.

Applications are due to Ted Vorce electronically, (tvorce@verizon.net), NLT 15-APRIL, time is rapidly running out. If you need another set of the paperwork please contact me and I will email it to you. While we're on this topic, don't forget about the USSV-CF Scholarship. Applications for the scholarship through USSV-CF are also way down, currently; they've only received eight applications when they had more than thirty this time last year. Remember, when the number of applicants is down the chances of approval is up.

I hope you have all noticed we have a new Base website (<https://www.hrb-ussvi.org/>). It's been

developed by one of our newer members, STS1(SS) Sam Stevens and he is continuing to work on it, making modifications and improvements. Please, take the time to go to the website and check it out. If you have anything that you think might be good information to post on it or suggestions for it, contact Sam (sstvns7@gmail.com) and let him know.

The new USSVI National website (<https://www.ussvi.org/home.asp>) is still having problems and the developers continue to work on it. We do not have a good date for when it will be up again but I will let you know when I have that information.

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; otherwise.

~ Stay Safe & Stay Well ~

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



We remember....

Boats Lost in April



USS Pickerel (SS-177): Lost on April 3, 1943 with the loss of 74 officers and men, while on her 7th war patrol. She was lost off Honshu. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined, but her OP area contained numerous minefields.



USS Grenadier (SS-210): Lost on April 22, 1943 near Penang, with no immediate loss of life. She was on her 6th war patrol. While stalking a convoy, she was spotted by a plane and dove. While passing 130 feet, the plane dropped a bomb causing severe damage. She was lodged on the bottom 270 feet and the crew spent hours fighting fires and flooding. When she surfaced, she had no propulsion and was attacked by another plane. While she shot down the plane, when enemy ships arrived, the CO abandoned ship and scuttled the boat. Of the 61 crew members taken prisoner, 57 survived the war.



USS Gudgeon (SS-211): Lost on April 18, 1944 with the loss of 79 men off Saipan. Winner of 5 Presidential Unit Citations, Gudgeon was on her 12th war patrol and most likely due to a combined air and surface antisubmarine attack. Gudgeon was the first US submarine to go on patrol from



Pearl Harbor after the Japanese attack. On her first patrol, she became the first US submarine to sink an enemy warship, picking off the submarine I-173.



USS Snook (SS-279): Lost on April 8, 1945 with the loss of 84 officers and men. Snook ranks 10th in total Japanese tonnage sunk and is tied for 9th in the number of ships sunk. She was lost near Hainan Island, possibly sunk by a Japanese submarine.



USS Thresher (SSN-593): Lost on April 10, 1963 with the loss of 112 crew members and 17 civilian technicians during deep-diving exercises. 15 minutes after reaching test depth, she communicated with USS Skylark that she was having problems. Skylark heard noises "like air rushing into an air tank" - then, silence. Rescue ship Recovery (ASR-43) subsequently recovered bits of debris, including gloves and bits of internal insulation. Photographs taken by Trieste proved that the submarine had broken up, taking all hands to their deaths in 1,400 fathoms of water, some 220 miles east of Boston.

HRB April Birthdays

01: Chris Stolle
04: Jim McDonald
06: Randy Kulp
07: Jeffery Cross, Ed Magary
08: Pat Taylor
11: US SUBMARINE SERVICE
11: Ben Kern
12: Bob Michael, Harry Seibel
13: Bill Mullaly, Dan Walters
15: James Hay
16: Charles Walden, Errol Jennings
17: Tony Antonik, Craig Dudley
20: George Williams
21: Dan Hengerer
22: Jim Mason
23: Merrill Dorman
24: Earl Koepcke
29: Kirk Unruh

Upcoming Events

April 2018

14: Hampton Roads 118th Submarine Birthday Ball
21: Base Meeting

May 2018

17: WWII Memorial / Hall of Fame Ceremony
19: Base Meeting
25-28: Scorpion Memorial
28: 134th Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade

June 2018

21: Base Meeting / Holland Club Induction

July 2018

21: Base Meeting / Annual Picnic / Scholarship Award Announcement

August 2018

18: Base Meeting

September 2018

15: Base Meeting

October 2018

20: Base Meeting
21-28: USSVI Convention Cruise

November 2018

11: Veterans' Day Parade
20: Base Meeting

December 2018

07-09: Holiday Party
15: Base Meeting

January 2019

19: Base Meeting

February 2019

16: Base Meeting

March 2019

09: Base Meeting





TRICARE Dental Program Ending

(from Military.com | Week of March 26, 2018)

“The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is ending Dec. 31, 2018. Anyone with TRDP this year or those people who would have been eligible for the plan will be able to choose a dental plan from among 10 dental carriers in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). Beneficiaries can begin reviewing program options now at the [Office of Personnel Management website](#). People will be able to enroll Nov. 12 to Dec. 10, 2018. Coverage begins Jan. 1, 2019. As an added bonus, beneficiaries will also be able to enroll in FEDVIP vision coverage. For more information, visit the [FEDVIP website](#) and sign up for email notifications.

For more information about TRICARE, visit the [Military.com TRICARE section](#).”

April Historic Events

April 1, 1893 - Navy General Order 409 establishes the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

April 1, 1943 - USS Shad (SS 235) torpedoes and damages the Italian blockade runner Pietro Orseolo, shortly after the Italian ship reaches the Bay of Biscay and her escort of four German destroyers.

April 3, 1797 - Capt. Thomas Truxtun issues the first known American signal book using a numerical system entitled, Instructions, Signals, and Explanations, ordered for the United States Fleet.

April 7, 1979 - USS Ohio (SSBN 726), the first Trident submarine, launches at Groton, Conn

April 9, 1959 - The first seven Mercury astronauts are selected, including three Navy aviators and one Marine: Lt. Cmdr. Walter M. Schirra, Lt. Malcom S. Carpenter, Marine Lt. Col. John Glenn Jr., and Lt. Cmdr. Alan B. Shepard.

April 10, 1963 - During diving tests, USS Thresher (SSN 593) is lost with all hands east of Cape Cod, Mass., including commanding officer and 17 civilian technicians

APRIL 11, 1900 – USS HOLLAND acquired by the US NAVY.



April 17, 1915 - Chief Gunners Mate Frank Crilley, a naval diver, rescues a fellow diver who had become



entangled at a depth of 250 feet during salvage operations for USS F-4 submarine that had sunk March 25, 1915, with the loss of her entire crew. For his heroism on this occasion, he is awarded the Medal of Honor in 1929.

April 18, 1942 – Doolittle raid on Tokyo & Nagoya.

April 18, 1943 – U.S. Army Air Force P-38s off Bougainville, using signals intelligence, shoot down plane carrying Imperial Japanese Navy Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, Commander in Chief of the Japanese Combined Fleet.

April 24, 1906 - Reburial Commemoration Ceremony for Capt. John Paul Jones is held at the Naval Academy. At the ceremony, President Theodore Roosevelt delivers a speech in honor of the legendary Revolutionary War naval captain.

April 28, 1944 - German torpedo boats attack U.S. Navy LST convoy in Lyme Bay during Operation Tiger training for the Normandy Invasion. USS LST 507 and USS LST 531 are sunk at Portland Bill, England, and USS LST 289 is damaged, with 198 Sailors dead or missing and 551 Army dead or missing from later reports

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WWII Memorial and Hall of Fame Ceremonies

A you all know these events will be on 17 May. Please join us in honoring our departed hero fathers and brothers lost in WWII. Less solemnly we will be adding USS Memphis (SSN-691) to the post WWII boat Hall of Fame.

Bravo-Zulu to Dick Helm and Ken Swan for taking the leads on these events. They put in more than a

few hours advocating and coordinating with Sysco and the Submarine Learning Center staff to make this happen again this year.

Let's have a big turnout.

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This is a synopsis of Memphis' history taken from the HOF nomination.

“**USS *Memphis* (SSN-691)**¹, a *Los Angeles*-class submarine, was the sixth ship of the United States Navy to be named for Memphis, Tennessee. The contract to build her was awarded to Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in Newport News, Virginia on 4 February 1971 and her keel was laid down on 23 June 1973. She was launched on 3 April 1976 sponsored by Mrs. Cathy Beard, and commissioned on 17 December 1977, with Commander G. Dennis Hicks in command.

In March 1981, *Memphis* completed an around-the-world cruise via the Panama Canal, including operations with both the Sixth and Seventh Fleets.

Memphis was re-designated an experimental submarine during 1989 to test composite hull structures, unmanned underwater vehicles, advanced sonars, hull friction reduction, and other advanced technologies for the *Los Angeles* and *Seawolf* classes, but remained combat-capable.

During a mid-1990s refit, *Memphis* received numerous modifications, which added about 50 tons to her displacement, most of it aft.

- a glass-reinforced plastic (GRP) turtleback abaft the sail to accommodate remotely operated vehicles
- a towing winch and drum for experimental towed sonar arrays
- 4.27 m-high by 1.37 m-wide vertical surfaces at the ends of the stern stabilizers to accommodate sonar transducer arrays
- a 54 mm towed array dispenser in the port fin

¹ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Memphis_\(SSN-691\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Memphis_(SSN-691))



leading to the new winch abaft the sail

- supports for the stern stabilizers
- new hydraulic systems
- a fiber-optic databus
- 58 standardized equipment racks to accommodate electronic test gear

In January 1994 *Memphis* entered Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for refueling, overhaul and modifications to support her research and development role. Upon completion of the shipyard availability she was assigned to Submarine Development Squadron 12 in Groton, Connecticut.

In 1998 *Memphis* tested the Lockheed Martin Undersea Systems Universal Gravity Module (UGM) passive bottom profiler navigational system.

On 3 May 2005, *Memphis* deployed conducting two polar transits, returning to New London on 3 November 2005.

Memphis won the coveted Battenberg Cup in 2005, as well as the Squadron 12 Battle E.

On 6 May 2006, *Memphis* deployed against Iraqi insurgency, returning to New London, Connecticut, on 7 August.

On 27 June 2007, *Memphis* returned to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, for a Pre-Inactivation Restricted Availability. She returned to Groton on 8 May 2008.

After 33 years of service *Memphis* was taken out of service in a decommissioning ceremony at the Shepherd of the Sea Chapel located at the US Submarine Base in Groton, Connecticut on 1 April 2011. *Memphis* went to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to begin the inactivation process. Parts from the decommissioned *Memphis* were to be used to repair the damaged USS Miami, until the decision to cease work on the Miami was made in August 2013.

KAP(SS)4KID(SS) News

Sid Sidlovsky and crew visited the kids at NMC-P on 20 March. The 10 members were joined by Mrs. Pat Ianetta and a bag full of stuffed bears that were supplied by Fred Lowack. Fred said that the bears had been gifts to his late wife and passing them on in this manner was a way of saying thanks. There was a bear for each of the kids we saw. You should've seen the smiles from the kids.

A few photos from this visit and one from a previous visit are below:



Muster in the Geedunk. (Note the Bears in the center)



No Caption Needed





A Submariner of the 2030's
 (Photo was taken by the child's father and furnished for our use.)



This was taken on the November visit
 (Photo was taken by the child's father and furnished for our use.)

The bears were such a big hit with the Kids and parents that the idea of adding soft cuddly items to the gift set occurred to most of us there. Sid is taking the point on this idea. It looks like non-political bears may be distributed on upcoming visits.



HUMOR

Growing old is hard work... The mind says "yes" but, the body says "what the hell are you thinking"



USWN Articles

Commander's Intent for the United States Submarine Force and Supporting Organizations of March 2018

We have released the Commander's Intent for the United States Submarine Force and Supporting Organizations of March 2018.

This guidance represents a significant collaboration effort by the Force COs, Force Major Commanders and Submarine Flag Officers. This new version updates our previous guidance to ensure we are executing the National Defense Strategy, more closely aligns with the Navy's Design, and includes key actions in our four new lines of effort (including recommendations from the Comprehensive Review) while preserving the fundamental direction of its predecessor documents.

Finally, it is more warfighting-centric with initiatives and guidance to continue to improve our lethality and culture. The consistency and continuity in this version of the Submarine Force's Commander's Intent should make it clear we remain on the right track - our foundation is solid, our traditions reinforce the right attributes, and we have much to be proud of as a community.

Please click here for the full version....

<http://www.public.navy.mil/subfor/hq/Documents/Commanders%20Intent%20March%202018.pdf>

I found the following article very interesting. I wonder how the USN treated(treats) a similar situation—Marlin

Scottish Submarine Captain Who Had Finger On Nuclear Button Reveals Chilling Cold War Secrets Stephen Stewart, Daily Record, March 5

He had his finger on the nuclear button, ready to unleash World War III.

Now, former Faslane Commodore Eric Thompson – who commanded five nuclear submarines during his career – has lifted the lid on the chilling secrets of the Cold War.

Eric revealed that the frontline subs were issued with a secret letter from the prime minister to be opened in the event of nuclear armageddon.

The note – which was kept in a safe on board – would tell the crew to either retaliate by launching a cataclysmic nuclear strike or stand down. Thankfully, Eric never had to open his letter.

Eric, who was born in Coatbridge, won a - scholarship to Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth at 16. He served as an engineer officer before going on to submarines.

Nearly 40 years later, he retired as Commodore of Faslane, Britain's principal nuclear submarine base.

Among the dangers of the Cold War, Eric also shares some funnier times

He said: "Britain's nuclear deterrent Polaris submarines were continuously at 15 minutes' notice to launch a nuclear counter-strike on Russia in response to any Soviet nuclear strike against the UK.



“As I served in Polaris submarines during this period, I can testify to our readiness being a grim but effective reality. On taking office, every prime minister selects three nuclear deputies from his or her ministers.

“They are appointed to take over the firing decision should the prime minister be killed.

“If London had been reduced to rubble, there was a risk the prime minister’s firing order could not be sent

“To deal with this possibility, every new prime minister writes a personal sealed letter addressed to the Polaris submarine commanding officers and it is carried on board the submarines on patrol.

“In these letters, the prime minister gives instructions to the commanding officers on what to do if all normal communications are lost – ‘lost’ being taken as four hours with nothing heard.

“This is called the letter of last resort and, - sometimes, the letter from the grave. It is kept in a safe within a safe in the submarine control room. One such letter was held in my submarine, HMS Revenge.

“As far as I know, no prime minister’s letter has ever been opened, nor have the contents of any ever been disclosed but the possible options are obvious – retaliate, do not retaliate, seek refuge in a friendly country, or ‘you decide’.

“These letters are destroyed without being opened every time the prime minister changes.”

Eric served in five submarines, two squadrons, the staff of Submarine HQ and the Ministry of Defence. His MBE was awarded for leadership during a submarine emergency on patrol.

He would often have to go on a 10-week nuclear deterrence patrol on a sub with no contact from the outside world. In his new book, he argues that nuclear weapons were directly responsible for the avoidance of World War III.

He said: “Perhaps we should indeed thank God for the 73 years we have enjoyed without a Third World War.

“Kim Jong-un could fill the streets of Pyongyang with nuclear weapons but all he would achieve is the economic ruin of his country. We’ve been here before – that’s what finally cracked the Soviet regime. If Jong-un was to use his nuclear weapons, his regime would be wiped out. He knows that.”

Navy Will Extend Life Of One Los Angeles-Class Submarine, Assess Four Others Later

Justin Katz, Inside Defense, March 21

The Navy plans to extend the service life of one Los Angeles-class submarine by 10 years and will consider doing the same for four others based on how successfully it refuels the first vessel, according to senior Navy officials.

Rear Adm. Michael Jabaley, program executive officer for submarines, testified yesterday to the House Armed Services seapower and projection forces subcommittee that Los Angeles-class nuclear-powered submarines are not designed for “ease of refueling.” But the Navy has become more confident in its ability to refuel the Los Angeles class based on its work with the Ohio class submarines, he said.

“The biggest technical risks are taking a ship that was going to serve to 33 years and extending it for an additional 10 years,” Jabaley said.

He also said the service decided to reassess its assumptions about refueling the vessels because the Navy already has the necessary materials to do so.

Navy acquisition executive Hondo Geurts told the subcommittee the service would consider refueling four more Los Angeles-class submarines depending on its success with the first vessel.



Geurts and Jabaley testified alongside Rear Adm. John Tammen, director of undersea warfare in the office of the chief of naval operations (N97), about the submarine industrial base.

Three U.S. and British Submarines Meet at the North Pole

David Axe, War is Boring, March 22

Two American submarines and one British boat gathered near the North Pole in mid-March 2018 for one of the biggest Arctic undersea exercises in decades.

ICEX 2018, the 27th in a series of roughly biennial exercises dating back to 1959, kicked off in early March, when aircraft from the Alaska Air National Guard and the Canadian air force began delivering supplies to an ice floe inside the Arctic Circle.

The supplies allowed a military-civilian team to begin building Camp Skate. The camp boasted accommodations for around 50 people and the infrastructure for a wide range of civilian scientific experiments and military training events spanning five weeks.

For the U.S. Navy, the exercise was an opportunity to prepare for Arctic warfare. "The primary objective of this year's ICEX is to test new under-ice weapons systems and validate tactics for weapon employment," said Ryan Dropek, a test director at Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport in Rhode Island.

On March 9, the U.S. Navy nuclear-powered attack submarines USS Connecticut and USS Hartford surfaced through three feet of ice near Camp Skate. The Royal Navy fleet submarine HMS Trenchant surfaced on March 14 to join the American boats.

Virginia-Class Subs Could Be Armed With Nuclear Weapons

Julia Bergman, The Day, March 27

The Navy's director of undersea warfare recently told federal lawmakers that Virginia-class attack submarines could be armed with nuclear weapons for "escalation control," which would represent a shift in how these submarines are used.

"In terms of the submarine launched cruise missile with a potential nuclear warhead, that would be something that would be incorporated on the Virginia (class submarines) ... (as) an additional tool for escalation control," Rear Adm. John W. Tammen, Jr., testified at a March 20 hearing of the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee.

Trump's new nuclear weapons policy calls for the development of a nuclear-armed cruise missile that could be launched from the Navy's guided-missile or attack submarines, and the president's 2019 budget request includes \$1 million for a preliminary study into the development of a sea-launched, nuclear-tipped cruise missile.

The move would expand the current capabilities of attack submarines, which are designed to seek and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships. Attack submarines can carry out strikes with Tomahawk cruise missiles, characterized as medium- to long-range, low-altitude missiles, as well as torpedoes. These submarines had the capability to launch cruise missiles with nuclear warheads, but that was done away with in the 2010 Nuclear Posture Review under President Barack Obama.

Only the Navy's larger ballistic-missile submarines currently are armed with nuclear weapons. These submarines, designed for nuclear



deterrence, are capable of launching intercontinental missiles and are seen as the most survivable leg of the U.S. nuclear triad due to their stealth.

There's likely to be pushback in Congress against arming attack submarines with nuclear weapons.

"The rationale given is it's a response to Russia's violations of the INF treaty," said U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, D-2nd District, ranking member of the seapower subcommittee.

The 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty between U.S. and Russia reduced the size of each country's nuclear arsenal. The treaty does not apply to sea-launched missiles.

"A lot of us are not convinced that this is the right way to respond to that," Courtney said. "... Once people know nuclear warheads could be on cruise missiles, it creates a lot of confusion, which is why we signed the INF treaty to begin with. ... Lowering the threshold for the use of nuclear weapons is not what we need right now."

If nuclear weapons were incorporated on Virginia submarines, it wouldn't be until well into the 2020s, according to Courtney. And it's not the Navy's decision, it's Congress' since it authorizes funding, he said.

"Compared to where we are today, this is a big change in the missions of the attack submarine fleet," he said.



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*"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 10-MARCH-2018

Meeting was called to order by Base Commander, Jim Reynolds 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, Brian Krammes.
- The USSVI Creed was read by the Base Senior Vice Commander, Ted Vorce.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Base Commander, Jim Reynolds.
- The Tolling of the Boats Ceremony was read by Base Secretary/Treasurer, Craig Werner while the bell was rung by Base Senior Vice Commander, Ted Vorce.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Base Commander, Jim Reynolds.
- A round robin of introductions was held with all members present identifying themselves with their qualification boats along with introducing any guests they brought to the meeting.

Binnacle List: Base Chaplain, Brian Krammes:

- ETR3(SS) Ed Hynes – Leukemia still and cannot be in any crowds, his wife has an embolism in her lung, and his daughter's liver cancer is now in remission.
- ENC(SS) Ike Spears – His and his wife's health problems continue and was not able to be a today's meeting.
- EMCS(SS) Craig S. Werner – Had a total replacement of his left knee 2 ½ weeks ago but is here today and doing well. He is going to have a total replacement of his right knee 4 ½ weeks from now.

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

- Minutes of the 17-FEBRUARY-2018 Base Meeting were emailed out to all members on 18-FEBRUARY.
- 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.
- I need everyone's help to keep everything up-to-date, please let me know if you know about others.
- I especially 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.
- The new USSVI.org website is still not working correctly so the old USSVI.org website was brought back on line. I'll let everyone know when the new website is on line again.

Hampton Roads Base

of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.
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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)

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

- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts opening balance as of 01-FEBRUARY-2018 was \$ 40,285.58.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of FEBRUARY-2018 of \$ 1263.59.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of FEBRUARY-2018 of \$ 1312.26.
- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01-FEBRUARY-2018 at \$ 21,811.62 and ended on 28-FEBRUARY-2018 at \$ 21,740.21 for a net ~~increase~~/decrease of \$ 71.41 for the month of FEBRUARY-2018.
- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-FEBRUARY-2018 at \$ 1731.83, after donations, and expenditures totalling \$ 12.00, ended on 28-FEBRUARY-2018 at \$ 1743.83.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-FEBRUARY-2018 at \$ 3846.35, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ 0.09, the program ended on 28-FEBRUARY-2018 at \$ 3846.44.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-FEBRUARY-2018 at \$ 1107.38, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ 40.02, ended on 28-FEBRUARY-2018 at \$ 1147.40.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of 28-FEBRUARY-2018 was \$ 73.00.
- This has resulted in a net ~~increase~~/decrease of \$ 48.67 in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for FEBRUARY-2018.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of 28-FEBRUARY-2018 was \$ 40,235.02.

Store Keeper's Report: Base Storekeeper, R.O. Bradford:

- All On-Hand merchandise is available for sale.
- Patches and other merchandise from National can be ordered through the Storekeeper.
- All the materials on the Help-Yourself table are free but anything added to the donations bucket helps and is appreciated.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Ted Vorce:
 - With gains and losses we are at - 268 - members; this is a gain of - 11 - members over where we were this time last year and that's great! We need to up the good work of bringing in new members.
 - There was no listing of HRB members sent out this month due to the changeover of the USSVI website and database and problems I'm having with sending bulk emails.
 - We still need to grow the Base by 50 members in order to overtake Charleston Base and take over 2nd place in membership, nationally.
 - 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, Ted Vorce:
 - The documents for the 2017-2018 Scholastic year were sent out by email on 16-NOVEMBER.
 - **All applications this year MUST be submitted as Adobe (.pdf) or Word (.docx) documents by email, NO LATER THAN 15-APRIL-2018, this is before our next meeting.**
 - If you have any eligible family members, encourage them to apply and forward the documents to them by email.
 - You should also review the requirements for the USSV-CF Scholarship, the Dolphin Fund Scholarship, the VFW and VFW Auxiliary Scholarships (if you are a member of the VFW), the FRA Scholarships (if you are a member of the FRA), and any other military organization's scholarships that are offered and your relatives may be eligible for based on your military service.

- **Program & Events Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - Recently Completed Events:
 - There will be a NSL meeting on 20-FEBRUARY, contact Pete Flannery for details.
 - The 2018 Silver & Gold Dolphin Auction will be on 24-FEBRUARY-2018.
 - Pending Events:
 - There will be an FRA #60 meeting here at 19:00 hours on 14-MARCH, come out and give them your support since they support us.
 - The Hampton Roads Area 118th Submarine Birthday Ball will be on 14-APRIL-2018 see Ted Vorce for tickets, they're \$75 per person, hotel rooms are \$93 a night.
 - The Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Boat ceremonies will be 17-MAY-2018.
 - The 50th USS SCORPION Memorial Service will be 25 thru 28-MAY-2018 on NOB Norfolk.
 - The 134th Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade in Portsmouth is on Monday, 28-MAY-2018.
 - The Holland Club Induction Ceremonies FOR YEAR GROUP 1968 will be during our 16-JUNE-2018 meeting.
 - The Base Picnic Meeting and Scholarship Award Announcement will be on 21-JULY-2018.
 - The USSVI 2018 National Convention is a cruise 21 thru 28-OCTOBER-2018; go to the website, <http://www.ussviconvention.org/2018/> for more information.
 - Veterans Day Parade, Memorial Service and Luncheon on 12-NOVEMBER-2018.

- **Ways and Means Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - The raffle chances for the 118th Submarine Birthday Ball tickets are being sold at the raffles table.
 - We'll be drawing two winning raffle tickets during the **Good of the Order** at the end of this meeting.
 - Buy your raffle tickets for \$1 each (there are no multi-ticket discounts).
 - Submarine Pens are available for sale; see the Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner, after the meeting to purchase your pens.
 - 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:
 - I've started working with the CSL PAO office to generate a quarterly news release about the Base and the work we do. It will be included in the Undersea Warfare News and will also be released to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations in our area.
 - 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.
 - I have HRB generic business cards for everyone to carry see me if you need any.

- **Newsletter Committee** – Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle:
 - I have an information booklet about the USS HOLLAND from way back when and I'm going to get several copies made to give out to anyone who would like one, if they send me an email request.
 - 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 simple biography included in the newsletter.

- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** – Committee Chairman, Ken Swan:
 - Date/time confirmed: 17 May 2018 at 10:00 hours.
 - Several Shadowbox items received and it has been ordered.
 - Sysco confirmed commitment to support picnic again (except for drinks and basic supplies) by email to Dick.
 - SubVets will cover drinks and basic supplies (last year was about 200 dollars) but SLF has left over supplies so it should be slightly less. We provided itemized list of what we used last year with prices etc.
 - Estimated headcount for planning: 100.
 - SLF plans on asking for BOISE as tour boat as practice for Scorpion event (two weeks later).
 - SLF will host pre-reception in CO Conference Room for WWII Vets, VIPs etc.
 - SLF will open trainers for tours.
 - Shark memorial looked good.
 - Rehearsal scheduled for day prior to ceremony.
 - SLF has our checklist and knows invited speaker is active duty VADM with Ret VADM confirmed as backup.
 - SLF will support duty van rides between NEX Movie Parking Lot and SLF for those without base access.
 - Ron will be asking for Color Guard volunteers of SubVets.
 - Next HOF meeting Wed, April 4th, 1300 at SLF.

- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – Base COB, John Sidlovsky for Committee Chairman Rich Corey:
 - The February visit was cancelled due to a conflict in timing for the Ward manager.
 - We will visit the NMC-P on 20-MARCH, any who will be going please contact John Sidlovsky.
 - This is always a good time and very rewarding, just ask any of the regulars.
 - 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 formal requests for 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.

- **USS SCORPION Memorial Committee** – Rock Pedroni for Committee Chairman, John Donaldson:
 - The 50th USS Scorpion Memorial will be held at 1000 Saturday, 26 May 2018, at Norfolk Naval Station at the Scorpion Memorial between Piers 2 and 3. Foul weather location is the Base Theater, building C-9.
 - CNO, Admiral John Richardson will be present and will introduce his father, Captain William Richardson, U.S.N. (Ret.) who is a former Scorpion crew member. Lost crew members names will be read in groups of 5 after which a bell will be tolled. Scorpion widows will present a wreath to a submarine CO to be taken to sea on their next deployment.
 - Due to Naval Station Security, Hampton Roads Base members who plan on attending are requested to submit their name and the name of any family member/guest who will be attending with them to John Donaldson (john.donaldson@earthlink.net) so that name tags and lanyards can be prepared that will be distributed at the May SubVets meeting.
 - Attendees are requested to wear their SubVets vest and ball cap/garrison cap (**no boonie hats**) and arrive early enough to sit in the same location in the audience. The first 10 rows will be reserved for family members and former crew members and attendance is currently estimated to be in excess of 450, so early arrival is encouraged!
 - Tours of a submarine and the Submarine Learning Facility (SLF) have been scheduled with Scorpion family and former crew members having priority. Anyone desiring a sub tour or tour of the SLF will be accommodated on a "space available basis".

- **Norfolk Sail Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Committee Chairman Base Commander, Brian Daugherty:
 - Steve Sudkamp and Brian met with VIA Architect & Design in Norfolk, Ms. Donna Phaeneuf. She's excited about being involved in the project. She is well connected in the City of Norfolk, having been in business in Norfolk for over 25 years, and having served in multiple capacities with City Council and the like. She knows the Mayor very well. She recommends we proceed with the meeting with the Mayor with several "examples" rather than spending the money to get a 3D rendering done. She is also going to send me a cost estimate for the 3D rendering so Brian can use that cost as a reason as to why we don't have a 3D rendering. She asked Steve and Brian to give her any photos, drawings, or other information that we possible could to give her an idea of the actual dimensions of the sail.
 - Brian received an email from Kirk Unruh, who happened to be in Puget Sound for work. He said he had eyes on the 714. He was able to send me a scale drawing of the 688 class (attached), and he is getting permission from PSNS to take pictures of the 714 as she sits. If any other member is able to get engineering drawings that are not classified, that would be helpful.
 - One more bit of data: the 3D rendering we need will cost \$7,000 to \$8,000 dollars.
 - Brian hopes to have the meeting with the Mayor at least scheduled before the April meeting, if not actually complete.

Old Business:

- Renovation of the Base Parade Trailers – Trailers Custodian, John Sidlovsky:
 - Our parade trailers are in need of refurbishments and renovations.
 - We are looking to have a working party the first weekend of May to do the work at a location to be determined.
 - We're going to:
 - Replace the lights on both trailers.
 - Refurbish the seats on the Passenger trailer.
 - Rework the signs.
 - Do some repair work on the Submarine (we now have some air tools to make it easier).
 - We're also looking for inside storage for the trailers, if anyone knows of where we can store them let John know.
 - The Ride-On trailer is 8' wide by 18' long.
 - The Submarine Float trailer is 7' wide by 21' long.

New Business – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

- Thanks to our new member, Sam Stevens, we have a new Base website: <https://www.hrb-ussvi.org> check it out.
- Also thanks to Sam, we now have a Twitter account for you to follow: **@HRB-USSVI**
- Sam is our Social Media Coordinator and will be watching over our Twitter and FaceBook accounts in addition to overseeing our new website.
- I am currently having difficulty with sending bulk emails, some of them go through and some don't, there does not appear to be any rhyme or reason in why some bounce back to me and some go through, and I am working assiduously to resolve the problem, but so far, no joy.

Program: (none)

Good of the Order:

- Review of boats lost in the month - Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
 - USS F-4 (SS-23) in 1915
 - USS H-1 (SS-28) in 1920
 - USS PERCH (SS-176) in 1942
 - USS GRAMPUS (SS-207) in 1943
 - USS TRITON (SS-201) in 1943
 - USS TULLIBEE (SS-284) in 1944
 - USS KETE (SS-369) in 1945
 - USS TRIGGER (SS-237) in 1945
- Review of members' birthdays for the month - Base Commander, Jim Reynolds:
 - Bob Saenz on 01-MAR
 - Mike Ammann on 02-MAR
 - Dave Coffield on 06-MAR
 - Jay Stokes on 06-MAR
 - Larry Hayes on 09-MAR
 - Jenny Dugan on 09-MAR
 - John Donaldson on 12-MAR
 - Roy Vess on 12-MAR
 - Dave Bridges on 14-MAR
 - Art Oman on 15-MAR
 - Chuck Steenburgh on 15-MAR
 - Pat Urello on 17-MAR
 - Joe Demnicki on 19-MAR
 - Barry Porter on 22-MAR
 - Roy Werthmuller on 24-MAR
 - Bud Warren on 26-MAR
 - Ron Pervere on 27-MAR
 - Ed Cirucci on 27-MAR
 - Jake Melton on 27-MAR
 - Carl Boyd on 27-MAR
 - Eric Strickland on 30-MAR

- The raffle for Submarine Birthday Ball Tickets was held and **Adam Kingsley** won **both** pairs of tickets.
- The 50/50 raffle of **\$ 137** was won by: **Fred Lowack** (the base received **\$ 137**).
- The booze raffle was won by: **Tony Ficca** (the base received **\$ 127**).
- Birthday Ball tickets raffle brought in: **\$ 45**; a total of **\$ 164** has been brought into the Base coffers with this raffle so far.
- There was **\$ 20** donated through the Donations Bucket for the Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund.
- Pen Sales brought in: **\$ 52**.
- There was a total of **\$ -0-** was donated for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program.
- There was a total of **\$ 60** was donated for the Emergency Relief Fund, this includes a **\$42** donation by Fred Lowack.

There were **- 71 -** members and **- 8 -** guests present at this meeting.

Our next Regular Base meeting will be: **21-APRIL-2018** here at FRA Hall #60.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately **12:15** hours by Base Commander, Jim Reynolds.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,



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

Storekeeper's Inventory

(as of: 10-MARCH-2018)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Qty. On Hand</u>		<u>Unit Price</u>
BALL CAPS			
HRB-USSVI (Silver Dolphins)	2		\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI (Gold Dolphins)	1		\$ 12.50
HRB-Submarine Veteran (Silver Dolphins)	0		\$ 15.00
HRB-Submarine Veteran (Gold Dolphins)	5		\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI (Commander)	1		\$ 12.50
US Sub Vets Inc. (Commander)	3		\$ 12.50
US Sub Vets Inc. (Captain)	2		\$ 15.00
Holland Club (Silver Dolphins)	1		\$ 15.00
Holland Club (Gold Dolphins)	2		\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI - Khaki (Silver Dolphins)	0		\$ 18.00
HRB-Submarine Veteran - Khaki (Gold Dolphins)	3		\$ 15.00
PATCHES & CLOTHING			
Hampton Roads Chapter Patch	40		\$ 8.00
USSVI Patch (4-1/2 x 3-1/8)	2		\$ 10.00
USSVI Patch (3-5/8 x 3)	0		\$ 3.00
USSVI Patch (2-7/8 x 2-3/8)	0		\$ 3.00
Base Commander	0		\$ 3.50
Vice Commander	0		\$ 3.50
USSVI Life Member Patch	2		\$ 6.00
Life Member Rocker Patch	0		\$ 6.00
Holland Club Patch	3		\$ 7.00
Vice President Patch	1		\$ 3.00
Base Secretary Patch	1		\$ 3.00
Base Chaplain Patch	1		\$ 3.00
Base Store Keeper Patch	2		\$ 3.00
Associate Member Patch	1		\$ 3.00
USSVI Bolo Tie	2		\$ 7.00
USSVI Booney Hat (Khaki w/ Gold Dolphins)	1		\$ 20.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
HRB Challenge Coins	120		\$ 10.00
HRB Decal (Silver Dolphins)	21		\$ 5.00
HRB Decal (Gold Dolphins)	2		\$ 5.00
Dolphin Decals (6")	2		\$ 1.75
License Plate Frames	3		\$ 4.50
2018 USSVI Calendars	0		\$ 10.00