



HAMPTON ROADS BASE

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The purpose/creed of USSVI is 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 may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, USSVI shall provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The USSVI supports 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."

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From the Base Commander

From 3 July thru 11 August are known as the dog days of



summer. The heat has been setting records where I am, and I look forward to cooler weather. I hope everyone has stayed cool and remembered to check on your shipmates. Fran and I are headed to the National Convention in Buffalo in a few days, and we are looking forward to reporting back to everyone on upcoming news and changes within the Submarine community. The summer months have been busy and I'm looking forward to September and the rest of the year.

Keep a Green Board,

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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NLT the 22nd of the preceding month.

Hampton Roads Base meetings are held at 11:15 hours, on the third Saturday of every month at FRA #60 located at 9601 1st View Street, Ocean View, Norfolk, VA



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From the Base Senior Vice Commander

I hope all of you are doing well. I think we had a great meeting. The highlight of the meeting was seeing Ken Lamine show up. It was very inspiring.

We got news from Ted Vorce, the 2024 National Convention is going to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.



Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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From the Base Junior Vice Commander

Rolling into fall we've got some upcoming events to look forward to, the biggest being our appearance in the Neptune Festival Grand Parade. Details are listed in the Upcoming Events section below.



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From the Base Secretary

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Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

Lynn Merryman
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From the Base Treasurer

As brought up at our August meeting, we need volunteers to perform Base Quarterly Financial Audits. I intend to catch up on this and do our 2022 3rd Quarter Audit in October. We currently have 19 paid Base Sponsorships for a total of \$2,025.00. It isn't too late to help the Base to reach our goal of \$2,250 for Sponsorships. Ken Swan put out a Base Challenge at the meeting to raise \$2,500.00 with sponsorships. If interested in providing additional support to the Base



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with a Sponsorship, just send me an email and I can send you an invoice for the Sponsorship using our Clover credit card payment app, or just see me at the next Base Meeting.

We are in the middle of Hurricane season, be prepared with an emergency preparedness kit Brothers & Sisters!

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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The CoB's Corner

I would like to apologize to Gene Destefano. Gene was the person who recommended an Oktoberfest-type event for the Base, and I brought the event up at our Base meeting. I am looking for who would be interested in cooking brats (Beer and Non-Beer) German Salad, etc. I don't want to do all the work and I can't. We have an average of 45 people at our meetings. I need a team of 5 or more, if you can help, please contact me.



Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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From the Base Chaplain

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From the Base Storekeeper

Hello everyone. I hope this finds you well. Ted and I are headed to Buffalo. I have a National Storekeepers meeting next week while at the convention.

Keep in mind that we have new khaki and Navy blue covers in with both gold and silver dolphins. Reach



out to me via phone or email and I can put one in the mail for you (\$20.00 plus shipping & handling). I will have our 2023 Submarine Calendars soon and will be selling those at the meetings.

Closing out with:

Little Known Facts About the Submarine: *John Philip Holland built several submarines before the USS Holland, which became the first undersea craft commissioned by the U.S. Navy. The Holland was accepted on April 11, 1900, for a price of \$150,000. Today's nuclear-powered submarines cost in excesses of \$30,000,000 and that's without the power plant.*

Take care and God Bless! Xoxoxo

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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From the Editor

Now that it is September, school is back in session. This means that the kids (future Submariners?) are going to be out and about during travel times more than they were during the summer.



Please, be careful when you are on the road and pay attention. Look out for the little ones (and those not so little) who may step out into traffic, both in the mornings when they may not be fully awake yet, and in the afternoons when they are tired from a full day of classes. Also remember, if you come up on a stopped school bus, which has its warning lights lit, it is never okay to pass it, in either direction. Again, please be careful.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

~ ***Stay Safe & Stay Well*** ~

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

As always, we're on the lookout for ideas for base fundraising opportunities. You can present them to the Base leadership or contact me directly at any time.

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Membership

As we slowly increase our membership, I encourage all of you to be as active in our organization as your lives will allow. We are looking for volunteers to perform audits and call on the phone tree.

Hampton Roads Base

Members: **277**
with E-mail: **257**
Owe National Dues: **63**
Owe Base Dues: **78**



Regular Annual: **70**
USSVI Life Members: **184**
Base Life Members: **172**
Holland Club: **130**
Reg Associate: **10**
Life Associate: **2**
Charter Members: **0**
Senior Members: **0**
War Veterans: **249**

August Membership Statistics (before our meeting)

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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HRB Scholarship Program

We have sent the check out to San Francisco State University for the scholarship recipient, Ava O'Donnell for this year's scholarship. Now is the time to encourage your loved ones, who are eligible, to plan for next year and apply.

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Public Relations and Publicity

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 promote our public image. I have the new generic HRB business cards for everyone (see the sample below). Please, get rid of your old ones and pick up new ones at any meeting.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

Lynn Merryman

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Upcoming Events

There is a VFW night at the Norfolk Tides Sunday, 04-September. Details can be found here:
<https://happeningnext.com/event/vfw-night-at-the-tides-eid3a094rlkmg>

There is a POW/MIA Memorial wreath laying at the Flame of Hope Memorial on Oceana Blvd at 11:00 hours, Thursday, 22-September, call (757) 373-9390 for more information

The Virginia Beach Neptune Festival Parade will be Saturday, 01-October. The parade start time is 11:30 hours. Float judging is at 10:30 hours. We have to arrive for staging by 09:30 hours. We will muster in the Convention Center parking lot at 08:30 hours to load up and shuttle to the staging point.

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The Winter Holiday Party is Coming

This year's Winter Holiday Party is going to be held at Best Western Plus Sandcastle Beachfront Hotel in Virginia Beach ([link](#)), the same location as in previous years. The rooms will be \$90 per night. You must make your reservations with the hotel at 757-428-2828 (not Best Western's national reservations number) and specify you are with the SubVets. More on the times will come out next month. The event dates are 9 – 11 December. We will begin selling tickets at next month's Base meeting. The event tickets are \$25 per person which covers Saturday's

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festivities. There will be a potluck dinner on Friday, the Army-Navy game will be on the TV Saturday, and Saturday night will be our catered holiday banquet with the same caterer as last year and a great DJ for entertainment. We will continue the Holiday Party Tickets raffle at our meetings and will draw the winner at the November meeting. If you have already bought your tickets at the time of the drawing and you win the raffle, you will be reimbursed.

Any questions or comments should be sent to me by phone or email (below).

Beverly Galles by phone (252-562-3534) or by email at BGalles9@yahoo.com

A Heads-Up for 2024

As was said by the E-Board, we did not bid to host the 2024 National Convention. That convention is now going to be held in Cleveland Ohio.



More will follow as available.

From the E-Board

The E-Board had a (Zoom) meeting on 17-August.

- CONVENTION- The decision was made not to participate in the 2024 convention due to an inability to man all the positions. The city of Norfolk would like to have the convention in the future. Discussed was the hope the USSVI

SUBVETS Hampton Roads Base would host the 2026 convention.

- QUARTERLY AUDIT- As the quarterly financial audits are coming due, it has been suggested, as they are completed, to have another Base member's review to verify all information is within good practices. Also mentioned was investigating into the possibility of Codifying the Budget into the Bylaws.
- HAMPTON ROADS BASE ANNUAL PICNIC- The decision was made to put out a request to attending members at the SUBVETS meeting for a committee to come together and get more members involved in the picnic decision-making process.
- USS NORFOLK SAIL- The decision is to meet with the Norfolk Sail Committee for progress details and to discuss future funding including what HRB will contribute and when.
- QUARTERLY KHAKI SOCIALS – We will try to reinvigorate this program and bring it back to life. The Quarterly Khaki Social is a major recruiting tool. Ken Swan will be communicating with officials at SUBLANT about this program idea. To restart the program, we may look at a yearly Active-Duty social first.
- OPEN FORUM- It has been noted with all things discussed, more involvement needs to happen. Ideas are needed for new members to be sought out for all items mentioned to be a success.
- The Executive board has many things they would like to see come to life, (i.e.: a general contact phone tree, a phone tree for checking on our Octogenarian members, etc.). These are items that need people without exhausting existing members. To reiterate, help is needed to recruit New Members.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

~ *Stay Safe & Stay Well* ~

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

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Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame

Sadly, we lost Ed Kracker, our last WWII SubVet before this year's (2022) ceremony. Ed wanted the Hampton Roads Base to have the residual funds from the WWII Submarine Veterans after his passing with the proviso that HRB would continue to fund the memorial wreath presented at the ceremony and

taken to sea for dedication by a Norfolk submarine. We are currently working on an amendment to the Base Bylaws and upon approval, Dick Helm as SubVets WWII Treasurer plans to present the funds during the 2023 ceremony.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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About The Base Website and Social Media

For those members seeking Base Website Access:

Members are validated against the Base Roster email address given to the Secretary in your membership application. If the email address you wish to connect to the Website differs from the email contained in the Roster, please, update the roster by contacting the Base Secretary at

Secretary.HRBBase@gmail.com

The URL for the Base Website is

<https://www.HRB-USSVI.org>

The URL for the Base Facebook page is

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/USSVIHRB/>

The Base newsletters are archived on our website.

The Archival page may be found by hovering your cursor over the Base Operations tab on the website. Doing so will bring the archival button into view.

Website statistics since the last meeting

☐ Number of New Website Member requests since the last meeting – 10

☐ Website Member requests declined: 3

☐ Current Total number of members/users – 126

☐ Visits in the last 30 days – 152 (+32)

☐ Number of unique visitors to the site in the last 30 days – 87 (+12)

☐ Site Sessions 100 (+4%)

Facebook statistics

☐ New Page members in the last 30 days – 02

☐ Page Members declined: 4

☐ Active Members in the last 30 days 142

☐ New Page Interactions in the last 30 days – (-0.5%)

☐ Total Members – 201 (+2)

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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Holland Club News

All the candidate members that didn't make it to the Holland Club Induction ceremonies at the July meeting have been contacted and given three choices; be inducted at the August Meeting, be inducted at the September Meeting, or give me a good mailing address to send them their Holland Club materials. I've already had contact with four of the eight members involved. Somehow, I'll get in contact with the remaining four.

At our August meeting, we inducted David Stanley.



Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

EMCM(SS) William (Bill) Heron, U.S.N. (Ret.)

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The Norfolk Sail Project

MEETING MINUTES FOR SAIL PROJECT

The Project so far has been presented to the Pinewell Civic League and the Veterans Affairs Commission of Norfolk.

- JULY 19, 2022- Pinewell Civic League (with Councilman Tommy Smiegal in attendance).
 - Presented future plans for the Sarah/Susan Constant Memorial Park.
 - Explained layout and possible name change, advised contact with the Daughters of the American Revolutionary War.
 - The budget for the Sail Project was presented. More logistic research needs to be followed up.
- AUGUST 10, 2022- Veterans Affairs Committee (with Len Ramerias and Ken Paulson in attendance).
 - Advised Norfolk Sail Project 501(c) has been established.

- Presented future plans for the Sarah/Susan Constant Memorial Park.
- Explained layout and possible name change, advised contact with the Daughters of the American Revolutionary War.
- Discussion of solar power for lighting and also placing the Operation Torch State Sign in the park as Part of the Military Exploration Theme.
- Funding is on hold as the exact location still needs to be approved.
- AUGUST 15, 2022- Military Economic Development Advisory Committee (MEDAC).
 - There Were 26 attendees present including:
 - Norfolk Mayor- Kenneth Alexander.
 - Rear Admiral- Mid-Atlantic Region- Scott Gray.
 - Chairman-Jeff Kavanaugh.
 - Veterans Affairs Comm. Of Norfolk Rep- Len Remias.
 - Point of Contact- Joel Rubin.
 - Just to name a few.
 - The Norfolk Sail Project was shown in detail as to how it is to be presented once completed.
 - Location still needs to be approved.
 - The Mayor and Rear Admiral Gray were impressed with the idea.
 - MEDAC Chair RADM (Ret) Kavanaugh wants this tourist attraction to happen in the Ocean View area.
- Yet to happen or to be scheduled (TBD):
 - SEPTEMBER 08, 2022- Willoughby Civic League.
 - OCTOBER- Parks and Rec Commission.
 - Ocean View Civic League -TBD.
 - Architectural Review Board -TBD.
 - Board of Zoning Appeals – TBD.
 - City Planning Commission – TBD.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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Emergency Relief Fund

Submarine Brothers, Submarine Sisters, and associated members of Submarine Veterans Hampton Roads Base. The Base Emergency Relief Fund was created to help base members in need without having to wait for the next base meeting. This will also allow



the member in need to discreetly reach out to one of the committee members: Chair Craig Dudley (Cell 757-618-5624), or Members EM2(SS) Paul Schmidt (Cell: 757-481-1297) or HMCS (SS) Jack Ritz (757-647-4669) or to our Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman (Cell: 757-354-7259). The members can talk about their issue privately and vote to approve or reject the application, and once approved reach out to the Base treasurer to get the funds released.

There is a designated ERF donation container at each of our meetings. All funds donated are kept separate from other Base Funds. For the past few months, we have been working on a Base Tee Shirt to raise some money for the relief fund and would help support Community outreach. As of the August Meeting. We have enough shirts to place the order. I have reached out to the company and am waiting to hear back on the estimated delivery date.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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The USS SCORPION Memorial

The scheduled ZOOM meeting was held on Sunday, 7 August to discuss the 55th Scorpion Memorial in 2023. In addition to several family members, there were several Scorpion shipmates in attendance.

It was agreed that the Memorial be conducted by the Knights of Columbus in Newport News, on Sunday, 21 May 2023. The Memorial will be held at the Scorpion Memorial, adjacent to the Virginia War Museum, in Huntington Park, 9285 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, VA 23607.

We will be surveying hotels in both Newport News and Hampton to determine an appropriate location for families to gather prior to the Memorial service and possibly hold a dinner after the service.

A follow-up ZOOM meeting is scheduled for 18:30 hours EDT, Sunday, 16 October 2022 for further discussion and planning.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

CWO4 John Donaldson, U.S.N. (Ret.)

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A New Member from the Meeting ***Say Hi!***



Mike Kolb, Qualified in 1983
Onboard USS ATLANTA (SSN 712)

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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KAP(SS)4KID(SS) News

We had 4 Base Members supporting this visit and we saw 4 patients. One was a revisit of a sweet little girl that we saw last month and was featured in the August newsletter. Attached is a picture sent to me from her mom as she was proudly wearing her pink Honorary Submariner ballcap while the family was recently on vacation. Just warms the heart to see all the smiles we bring to all the kids and the families in some need of cheering up from some crazy and kindhearted Bubbleheads.





Our next KAP(SS)4KID(SS) visit is scheduled for 10:00 hours Tuesday 20-September-2022. If you are interested in helping with these visits, please reach out to me. As a reminder, all donations for this program are only used to support HRB KAP(SS)4KID(SS). Bravo Zulu to all that support this monthly base outreach program.

Rules for visits:

- ☐ Must be fully COVID-19 vaccinated, (booster shots are not required). You do not have to show a vaccine card as this is on the honor system.
- ☐ Following patient isolation protocols, each visit will be at the patient's room door only.
- ☐ Face Masks must be worn in the hospital.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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HRB Members with September Birthdays

(If I've gotten your birthday wrong, or missed it, please let me know.)

03: Art Picart
 03: Doug Simon
 04: Paul Benton
 04: Ray Casella
 04: Paul Worthington
 05: Domenick Missaggia
 08: John Baldwin
 08: Ed Hynes
 08: Bob McClaren
 09: Terry Miles
 10: Tom Hanlon
 12: Matt Beckman
 12: Tim Palmer
 15: Paul Hanson
 16: Bill Heron
 16: Tommy Pollock
 17: Paul Lucas
 17: Scott Luers
 22: Bruce Cohen
 22: Joe Hanisko
 22: Ken Swan
 27: Beverly Galles
 27: Ike Spears
 28: Richard Fox
 28: Stephen Jiran
 29: Bob Rodriguez
 30: Brian Sharp
 30: Ted Vorce

We remember....



Boats Lost in the Month of September

USS S-5 (SS-110)

Lost on September 1st, 1920, when a practice dive went wrong and she sank bow-first, with her stern showing above the water. In a dramatic adventure, her exhausted crew was rescued during the next few days. Salvage attempts were unsuccessful, S-5 settled to the bottom and was abandoned.



USS S-51 (SS-162)

Lost on September 25th, 1925, with the loss of 33 men when it was sunk after collision with SS CITY OF ROME off Block Island.

USS GRAYLING (SS-209)

Lost on September 9th, 1943, with the loss of 76 men near the Tablas Strait. GRAYLING was on her 8th war patrol and sank two ships before being lost.

USS POMPANO (SS-181)

POMPANO was sunk between September 17th and October 5th, 1943, with the loss of 77 men while on her 7th war patrol. Possibly lost on September 17th. Japanese records show that a submarine was sunk in her patrol area on 17 September by an air & depth charge attack off of the Aomori Prefecture near Shiriya-Zaki. Before being lost, she sank two enemy cargo ships. The exact cause of her loss remains unknown, but she probably was sunk by the air/sea attack above or fell victim to a mine on or after September 25th. This boat's last recorded ship (Taiko Maru) sunk happened on September 25th, so she probably hit a mine on or after that date but before October 5th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.

USS CISCO (SS-290)

Lost on September 28th, 1943, on her first war patrol with the loss of 76 men in the Sulu Sea west of Mindanao.

*They shall not grow old as we who are left behind
grow old.*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
them.*

*From the rising of the sun in the morning, until
it's rising again the following morning,*

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM,

FOREVER.

From the Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations (HRCVO)

The HRCVO sponsors an annual Veterans' Day luncheon. It will be at 12:00 noon (or after the memorial ceremony), 11-November, at the Double

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Tree Hotel, 1900 Pavilion Drive, Virginia Beach. The cost per person is \$25. Tickets must be purchased in advance. RSVP NLT 30-October by phone at 757-467-9017 or by email at mmaliniak@cox.net.

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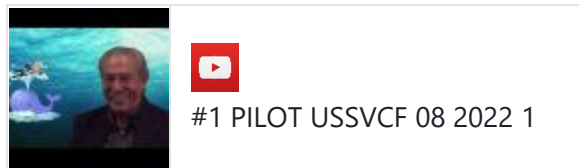
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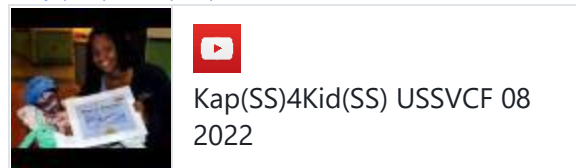
Some information about a couple of USSVI programs:

If you have already tried to view either or both of these YouTube videos and didn't have success, click on the links below, or copy them and paste them (individually) into your browser address bar, then press the enter key. Like and Subscribe to the USSVCF YouTube videos.

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[Kap\(SS\)4Kid\(SS\) USSVCF 08 2022](#)



Look for future USSVCF and USSVI YouTube videos coming soon. Let me know what you think of these.

Thanks,

Wayne E. Phillips (former USN TM2(SS) Launcher Tech)

USSVI ES2 District Commander (2017 - Present)

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For those of you interested in Veterans' care (and we all should be):

[New veterans' care center to open soon in Virginia Beach; Gov. Youngkin tours facility](#)

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On his first trip to the site as Virginia's governor, Glenn Youngkin visited the soon-to-open Jones and Cabacoy Veterans Care Center near Virginia Beach's municipal complex. "It's the idea that we should want our veterans to stay here and not move away, where in fact Virginia is better off because our veterans are here," he told a crowd of eager visitors. This year, one chapter closes but another begins after a years-long journey in the city. State and city leaders first broke ground on the center in 2017 under then-Governor Terry McAullife. The 128-bed inpatient care facility is designed to provide nursing care, memory care, and more for the region's veterans. Now, the building is months away from opening for its first patients. "There will be four veteran care centers around the Commonwealth: one in Roanoke, Richmond, one here opening soon, and one that looks exactly like it in Fauquier County. These four facilities provide most needed support and care." Governor Youngkin received a tour of the facility alongside the First Lady of Virginia, saying the resources in place to improve simple aspects of life some others may take for granted is what sets this effort apart for the region's veterans. "I just was in what will be a full functioning gym with a most important attribute, an automobile, there to help veterans with the simple task of getting in and out of a car. Think about how important that is: independence, self-sufficiency, and pride come with the ability to take care of yourself, getting in and out of your car and driving somewhere," he said. The center's name honors the lives of two war heroes: Colonel William Jones III and Sergeant Christopher Cabacoy, both from the Hampton Roads area. Governor Youngkin also ceremoniously donated a quarter of his yearly salary to the Virginia Veterans Services Foundation.



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For your information and edification about the Hampton Roads Base:

Hampton Roads Base History/Trivia

The Hampton Roads Base of the United States Submarine Veterans Incorporated was chartered on January 18, 1998, and by the end of that year had 18 members. Currently, the Hampton Roads Base has 270+ members and is either the second or third most populous Base in the USSVI organization.



A few cartoons and jokes for those of us who have been around for a while.
(The average age of HRB members is 70+):



A Senior Might Say...

As I've grown older, I've learned that pleasing everyone is impossible, but pissing everyone off is a piece of cake.

I'm responsible for what I say, not what you understand.

Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it the most never use it.

My tolerance for idiots is extremely low these days. I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously there's a new strain out there.

It's not my age that bothers me; it's the side effects.

I'm not saying I'm old and worn out, but I make sure I'm nowhere near the curb on trash day.

As I've gotten older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy efficient.



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A little something to tax your memories:

Some Submarine History/Trivia Quiz

Question #1

Which U.S. Navy submarine became, in 1959, the first in the world to be equipped with nuclear-armed ballistic missiles?

- USS Robert E. Lee
- USS Patrick Henry
- USS Abraham Lincoln
- USS George Washington
- USS Theodore Roosevelt

Question #2

The Cold War-era USS Nautilus (SSN-571) is notable in the history of submarine development for what reason?

- First diesel-powered submarine
- First submarine to shoot down an aircraft
- First operational nuclear-powered submarine
- First submarine to destroy an aircraft carrier
- First submarine to experience a mutiny

Question #3

Which U.S. Navy submarine, in 1960, became the first to circumnavigate the globe?

- USS Scorpion
- USS Seawolf
- USS Gato
- USS Skipjack
- USS Triton

Answers

Question #1
USS GEORGE WASHINGTON
Question #2
First operational nuclear-powered submarine
Question #3
USS TRITON

Quiz Source:

Military.com



Recent drills with US Navy missile subs show how Marine special operators would get to the frontline in a fight against China.

This is the last of a two-part article originally published by “Business Insider” (click [HERE](#) for the original article with art work).

- Recent US Navy-Marine Corps drills highlight an overlooked method of getting operators on target.
- The drills involved Marines launching from submarines, which can be done on the surface or underwater.
- These kinds of submarine operations are harder for enemies to detect but come with inherent risks.

How it's done and why it's risky

However, as with most special-operations infiltration and exfiltration methods, submarine operations come with a lot of risk. Combat diving generally has significant physical risk, which only increases when a nuclear-powered submarine is involved.

"The risks include significant physiological risks while conducting submarine lock in, lock out and closed-circuit diving operation due to complicated pressure changes in the operation," said Galvin, who is the author of "A Few Bad Men," an account of the first Marine special operations combat deployment to Afghanistan and how it overcame attacks from all sides.

The lock-in and lock-out technique is used to get operators into and out of a submerged submarine undetected by enemy eyes or sensors. The Navy has a certain number of submarines with specially designed "lock-out trunks."

At the release point, the operators enter the lock-out trunk wearing their scuba gear and the trunk is flooded to match the outside water pressure. Once the appropriate pressure is reached, the operators open the trunk's hatch and head to their target, taking with them any necessary gear, such as inflatable boats.

Throughout this procedure, the submarine remains submerged but close to the surface.

During lock-out operations, commandos have to be very careful with their air levels and ensure that the air in the trunk doesn't have too much carbon dioxide, which can be deadly for the operators and compromise the mission, as too much of the gas can create bubbles that an adversary can pick up with sonar.

Lockouts are no piece of cake, and lots can go wrong during the process, especially when there are operational restrictions — for example, operating at night and the general need for secrecy.

Mistakes under those conditions "can result in convulsions, hypoxia, decompression sickness, as well as becoming disoriented, navigational errors, exhaustion, oxygen toxicity, severe cramps (especially during cold-weather diving operations) and equipment malfunctions, which can lead to not being able to have the entire team continue the subsurface mission," Galvin said.

Some of those side effects can appear after the subsurface phase of the infiltration or exfiltration and can even lead to long-term effects for the operators affected.

Submarine-borne infiltration and exfiltration "has one of the highest operational-risk assessments of all special-operations missions and requires highly trained, specialized diving medical technicians, diving medical officers to operate decompression chambers, and training on submarine chamber operations," Galvin added.

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DID YOU KNOW ...



THE AMERICAN FLAG

is also called:

OLD GLORY

THE STARS AND STRIPES

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Since 1777,

37 STARS

have been added to the flag
– one for each new state.



The 13 stripes represent the

**13 ORIGINAL
COLONIES**

THE COLORS ARE MEANINGFUL TOO:

RED signifies hardness and
valor, **WHITE** stands for
purity and innocence, and
BLUE signifies vigilance,
perseverance and justice.



**SIX
AMERICAN
FLAGS**

have been planted
on the moon.



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The National Blood Supply is still critically low.

This has a lot to do with the COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant shutdown of much of the country.



**American
Red Cross**

**Blood
Services**

If you can and are willing to donate blood, PLEASE, make an appointment to donate at any available Blood Donation event. This website gives you all the information you need or want and will allow you to make the appointment:

https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/blood-donation-process/donation-process-overview.html?gclid=Cj0KCQjw6pOTBhCTARIsAHF23fl2mCFAQVInErXH86ZAN2-qtXqMAYSJCUj1QiwoxXBZJnLaxBvkpOwaAtpsEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds

The blood donation process from the time you arrive until the time you leave takes about an hour.
The donation itself takes only about 8-10 minutes on average.



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The **Virginia State** Legislature has passed the bill that makes a **Navy License Plate** available for use on our vehicles. The House of Delegates unanimously passed the Navy Plate Bill (SB212), clearing the final hurdle before going to the Governor for signature.

(Marketing image. DMV digital proof)



For the latest update on these license plates:

<https://www.navyplatevirginia.com/latest-updates/>



United States Submarine Veterans Inc (USSVI)

Hampton Roads Base

2022 Annual Base Sponsorship Program

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****Must attend the meeting to collect raffle tickets, all tickets are for the same raffle, your choice. *Donations are NOT tax-deductible.**



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