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June 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:



The beginning of summer is officially here and it is heating up!

As a reminder, if you plan to attend the USS THRESHER memorial in Washington, DC, you need to sign up at our website located at:

<https://www.hrb-ussvi.org>

Please keep in mind that if your name is not submitted via the website you will not be allowed to attend the follow-on party at the memorial. If you do not have access to the website call our WEB Master Sam Stevens and he will ensure your name is added to the list. (757-814-7976)

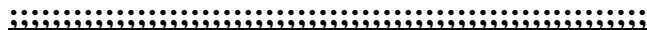
I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic on July 20th. If you did not buy your ticket at the last meeting and would like to still attend, please call Craig Werner and let him know that you will be buying a



ticket at the door. We want to ensure we have good numbers for the caterer.

Enjoy the summer and stay cool! Blessings,

Ted
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From the Secretary/ Treasurer

I am taking reservations for our annual picnic on 20-JULY by phone (757-373-3142) or email (GrumpyOldSquid@gmail.com) and will take payment at the door. As in the past, reservations are \$5 per person (12 years old and up) and the Base picks up the balance of the cost. Please, make your reservation as soon as possible so that I can let the caterer know how many people we'll have in attendance (if you made your reservation at our 15-JUNE meeting you are covered). **REMEMBER, A RESERVATION MADE IS A RESERVATION THAT MUST BE PAID.** The food is again going to be from Pigs-Я-Us; they've done well by us these past few years and I expect they will again. The picnic is in lieu of our JULY meeting.



The Base Picnic Meeting is going to be at FRA #60 again this year. There will be the usual monthly clean-up at the FRA at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 06-JULY and a specific clean-up for the picnic at 09:00 hours, Saturday, 13-JULY to clean up the patio area in preparation for the picnic.

At our 21-MAY K4K visit at NMC-P we had a representative of their PAO office and a writer for the Virginia Pilot community newspaper, *The Beacon*, going around with us. The article and pictures by the NMC-P PAO representative was in last month's newsletter, *Currents* (Issue No. 19-06). The article by the writer for the Beacon, David Macaulay, is well worth looking at and can be found here, https://pilotonline.com/news/local/article_a1950dbc-8151-11e9-95b2-c3bb17bda1af.html.

The Base is looking to have a good representation at the Thresher Memorial dedication at Arlington National Cemetery 26-SEPTEMBER and Sam Stevens (SSStvns7@gmail.com), is the coordinator for our participation. If you intend to go to the ceremony and reception that will follow, please make sure he has your name by visiting our website and making a reservation at this webpage, <https://www.hrb-ussvi.org/thresher-anc-memorial-project>. It would be nice if we could put together a good-sized group to attend the event and represent HRB-USSVI. If our group is large enough, we may be able to hire a bus for the trip up and back.

There WILL NOT be a Submarine Khaki Social in July. Instead, we are planning to have the newly pinned CPOs at it and are now looking to have it on Friday, 20-SEPTEMBER. It will be open to all SubVets, COMSUBFOR Khakis, and their wives/significant others.

School is out for the summer and kids are moving around all day long now, please, take care as you are driving about and keep your eyes open for young ones running out into your path. **BE CAREFUL!**

Also, it is HOT out there, if you are doing things outside drink plenty of water and don't let yourself get overheated.

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

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We remember....



Boats Lost in July

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USS Grunion (SS-216):



Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two subchasers and damaged a third but, was never heard from again. Grunion's mangled remains were found in the Bering Sea in 2006 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska.

USS S-28 (SS-133):



Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where S-28 was operating. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.

USS Robalo (SS-273):



Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd war patrol. She struck a mine about 2 miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when that destroyer was sunk. The skipper was Manning Kimmel, son of RADM Husband E. Kimmel.

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HOLLAND CLUB INDUCTION

Our 15 June meeting was highlighted by our annual Holland Club Induction Ceremonies. The event was emceed by Scott Wells who also did a stellar job of preparing and printing the programs. Bravo-Zulu, Scott!

This year Bud Warren officially welcomed 2019 Holland Club members. Some photos of the eleven inductees and the Holland Club Members present are below:





Ron Boddy - USS SEACAT (SS-399)

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Mervin Burlette - USS HARDER (SS-568)

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David Coffield - USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSBN-642)

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Gene Destefano - USS CUBERA (SS-347)

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John Elliott - USS SARGO (SSN-583)

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Anthony Franzitta - USS HALIBUT (SSN-587)

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Tom Pauls - USS SAM RAYBURN (SSBN-635)

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John Pedroni - USS NAUTILUS (SSN-571)

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Harry Seibel - USS Sea Robin (SS-407)

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Vernon Wright - USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN-619)



Marlin Boyle - USS George Washington (SSBN-598)

Unfortunately, we were unable to make it an even dozen as William Mulligan of USS George Marshall was unable to join us.

**See group photo on
next page**





Upcoming Events

July 2019

- 13:** Field Day at FRA 60
- 20:** Base Meeting/Picnic/Scholarship Announcement
- 23:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P

August 2019

- 17:** Base Meeting
- 21:** Navy Submarine League Meeting
- 20:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P
- 15-20:** USSVI Convention - Austin, TX

September 2019

- 20:** Submarine Khaki Social (location is TBD)
- 21:** Base Meeting
- 23-26:** USS Thomas A. Edison Reunion - Norfolk
- 23-26:** FRA Healthy Wealthy & Wise - Waterfront Marriott
- 24:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P
- 26:** USS Thresher Memorial Dedication Ceremony

October 2019

- 16:** Navy Submarine League Meeting
- 19:** Base Meeting
- 22:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P

November 2019

- 16:** Base Meeting
- 19:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P

December 2019

- 13-15:** Holiday Party
- 21:** Base Meeting
- TBD:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P

January 2020

- 18:** Base Meeting
- 21:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P

February 2020

- 15:** Base Meeting
- 18:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P

March 2020

- 21:** Base Meeting
- 24:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P

April 2020

- 18:** Base Meeting
- 21:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P

May 2020

- 18:** Base Meeting
 - 21:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P
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KAP(SS)4KID(SS) News



On June 18 the K4K crew visited NMC-P. The sailors outnumbered the patients by a nine to four margin. The crew was comprised of Lynn Moran, Rich Corey, Joe Demnicki, Craig Werner, Walter Kreger, Bill Heron, Robert McClaren, George Williams and Marlin Boyle.

Two boys and two girls were made honorary submariners. The kids' ages ranged from 22 months to 18 years.





After Action Muster



HRB July Birthdays

- 01: Dale Craig
- 04: *The United States of America*, Greg Weber
- 05: Dave Duffié
- 08: Dave Carney
- 09: Sid Sidlovsky
- 11: Lowell Lewis, Larry Ward
- 12: Nate Mewhinney
- 13: Adam Kingsley
- 15: George Vest
- 16: Craig Faubion
- 17: Mark Wadell, Ed Sanderson
- 19: John Sullivan
- 20: Eric Kellgren, Dwayne Smith
- 22: Doug Roberts, Tom Carty
- 24: Chris Fairbanks
- 26: Andrew Smith
- 27: Brian Daugherty
- 29: Lynn Merriman
- 30: Paul Rice, Rob Rogers



July Historic Events

July 9, 1846 - During the Mexican-American War, Cmdr. John B. Montgomery and his detachment of Marines and sailors from the sloop-of-war USS



Portsmouth raise the U.S. flag over (Yerba Buena) San Francisco, Calif.

July 14, 1853 - Commodore Matthew C. Perry lands and holds the first meeting with the Japanese at Uraga, in which he delivers President Millard Fillmore's request for a treaty to representatives to the Emperor. Allowing time for reflection and discussion, Commodore Perry returns in March 1854 and finalizes the Treaty of Kanagawa.

July 1, 1911- Designer Glenn Curtiss makes the first flight in the Navy's first aircraft, Curtiss A 1, at Lake Keuka, NY, and prepares Lt. Theodore G. Ellyson, the first Naval Aviator, for his two A 1 solo flights.

July 15, 1942 - USS Silversides (SS-236) departed Pearl Harbor, HI. on her 2nd war patrol which was also conducted in the area of Kii Suido.

July 2, 1944 - USS Barb (SS 220) bombards Japanese installations on Kaihyo Island, Japan in the first successful use of rockets against shore positions.

July 7, 1944 - USS Mingo (SS 261), USS Skate (SS 305), USS Sunfish (SS 281), USS Flasher (SS 249), and USS Bonefish (SS 223) sink up to eight Japanese ships.

July 30, 1945 - A Japanese submarine (I-38) sinks USS Indianapolis (CA 35), northeast of Leyte. Only 316 of her 1,199 crew survive. Due to communications and other errors, her loss goes unnoticed until survivors are seen from a passing aircraft on Aug. 2. Four days earlier, she had delivered atomic bomb components used on Japan in August.

July 25, 1956 - USS Edward H. Allen (DE 531) and USNS Private H. Thomas (AP 185) rescue more than 200 passengers from Andrea Doria and transport them to New York after the Italian liner collides with Swedish liner Stockholm off Nantucket on the New England coast. Forty-six people died from the collision, but 1,600 passengers and crew are saved.



FRA

HEALTHY WEALTHY & WISE

The following was provided by John Donaldson. **MAKE YOUR PLANS!**

This coming September 23 through 26, the FRA Veterans Service Foundation will be presenting its first ever conference.

The "Healthy Wealthy & Wise" Conference will be held at the Marriott Waterside in Norfolk, presented by the newly formed FRA Veterans Service Foundation. The content will be presented by federal and state Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in their fields of Aging, Health, Financial advice and more.

The program will address these areas:

HEALTHY:

Electronic Health Records
MISSION ACT
Tri-West/Choice Act
Expansion of Caregiver Program
FEDVIP

WEALTHY:

Financial Literacy
Financial Planning
DFAS
Entrepreneurship
Consumer Protection

WISE:

Transition Planning
Senior Enlisted Track
Career Planning
Veteran & Retiree Legislation
Aging as a Vet
Arlington National Cemetery Procedures

More information and registration information at:

<https://www.fra.org/fra/vsf/Conference.aspx>

HUMOR

- If 4 out of 5 people suffer from diarrhea, does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?
- Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?
- If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
- If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
- Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?
- If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?
- If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?



USWN ARTICLES

Navy Sub's Top Enlisted Fired Over Claims He Shared Prescription Pills

Gina Harkins, Military Times, June 7

The top enlisted leader on a Hawaii-based submarine was fired this week after an investigation revealed reports, he had given his own prescription medication to other sailors. Master Chief Machinist's Mate (Auxiliary) Mark Szymanski, former chief of boat on the attack submarine Jefferson City, was removed from his position on Wednesday, according to Navy officials. The relief was carried out by Cmdr. Steven Dawley, the sub's commanding officer, after an investigation revealed personal misconduct, Cmdr. Cindy Fields, a spokeswoman for Submarine Force Pacific, told Military.com.

"Senior leaders are expected to uphold the highest standards of personal and professional conduct at all times," Fields said. "We take any allegation of misconduct seriously so when a report of alleged misconduct was made, an investigation was initiated."

Szymanski could not immediately be reached for comment. A Navy official with knowledge of the investigation that led to his relief told Military.com that it stemmed from claims the master chief shared medication prescribed to him with other sailors.

"Master chief had a valid prescription for medication, and there was a report made that [he] provided that prescription medication to two other chief petty officers," the official said. "They threw it away -- it was not taken by anyone, but it was a valid prescription for him."

Szymanski reported to the Jefferson City in April 2017, according to his personnel records. He previously served on the fast-attack submarine Olympia and was the learning standards officer at

Submarine Learning Center in San Diego, where he was assigned from 2012 to 2015.

He's now assigned to Naval Submarine Support Command in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where the Jefferson City is based, Fields said. Senior Chief Sonar Technician (Submarines) Daryl Green is the sub's new chief of boat, she added. He checked in this week.

Szymanski's relief comes on the heels of misconduct from members of an East Coast-based sub circulated what a Navy leader described as a "rape list." At least two members of that crew were separated from the Navy as a result of the investigation, which found female crew members had been rated on their looks by men aboard, who described explicit acts they wished to carry out with the women.

Fields stressed that U.S. Submarine Forces holds all personnel to high standards, and said the majority of sub crew members meet those expectations daily.

"It's critical for people to uphold these standards [as warfighters], and the majority of individuals are working hard every day as leaders to maintain those high standards of both personal and operational readiness," she said.

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Cianbro wins \$12.2M contract at Portsmouth Navy Shipyard

Dave Kovalesski, Homeland Preparedness News, June 19

Cianbro was awarded a \$12.2 million contract to expand the warehouse facility at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) in Portsmouth, N.H.

"I have long advocated for the Navy to address the modernization needs at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and I am so pleased to announce that the contract has been officially awarded for this critically needed upgrade," U.S. Sen. Susan Collins



(R-ME), a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said.

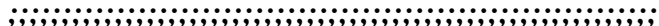
The funding for the project was included in the fiscal year 2019 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill, which was signed into law in September of 2018.

“PNSY is critical to southern Maine’s economy and our national security,” Collins continued. “This expansion will help ensure the readiness of our nation’s submarine fleet and provide valuable support to the hardworking employees at the shipyard as they repair and modernize Navy submarines.”

The warehouse facility will help the shipyard receive, inspect, and distribute submarine components for worldwide fleet support.

Collins, a member of the Senate Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, has long championed the funding for this project.

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard’s primary mission is to overhaul, repair and modernize the US Navy’s submarine fleet.



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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 15-JUNE-2019

Meeting was called to order by 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 Member, Byrd Saville.
- The USSVI Creed was read by the Base 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 Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner while the bell was rung by Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles.
- There were no members visiting from National Leadership, Region Leadership, District Leadership, or other Bases.
- A round robin of introductions, led by Base CoB, Craig Dudley, 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:

- Brian Krammes – Infection in his one good foot – he is having surgery on 26-JUNE to have that foot removed.
- Bill Mereno – Tumor on his liver – it is slow growing and neither he nor his doctors are very concerned about it but are watching it.
- Bugs Moran – Pneumonia, being treated at home with antibiotics – treatment has been successful and he was at this meeting.

Announcement – Base Commander, Ted Vorce

We are changing the normal sequence of our meeting today so our guests may leave after the program and aren't bored to tears by our business meeting

Program: Holland Club Inductions

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| • Ron Boddy | • Tony Franzitta |
| • Marlin Boyle | • Bill Mulligan |
| • Butch Burlette | • Tom Pauls |
| • Dave Coffield | • Rock Pedroni |
| • Gino Destefano | • Harry Seibel |
| • John Elliott | • Starboard Wright |

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

- The minutes of the 18-MAY-2019 Base Meeting were emailed out to all members on 19-MAY.
- 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 new 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-MAY-2019 was \$ 40,445.63.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of MAY-2019 of \$ 499.77.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of MAY-2019 of \$ 547.16.
- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01-MAY-2019 at \$ 22,363.68 and ended the month at \$ 22,362.95 for a net increase/decrease of \$ 0.73.
- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-MAY-2019 at \$ 1845.33, after donations, and expenditures totaling \$ 7.00, ended the month at \$ 1852.33.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-MAY-2019 at \$ 4853.53, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ 1115.14, the program ended the month at \$ 3738.39.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-MAY-2019 at \$ 1156.35, after donations, interest, and expenditures, totaling \$ 5.03, ended the month at \$ 1161.38.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of the end of MAY was \$ 386.80.
- This has resulted in a net increase/decrease of \$ 47.39 in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for the month of MAY-2019.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of the end of the month was \$ 39,288.13.

Store Keeper's Report – Base Storekeeper, Ryan Straughan:

- I will be taking orders for USSVI 2020 Calendars for \$10 each in August and September
 - I **WILL NOT** be ordering any extras, if you want a calendar you must order and pay for it.
- 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 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 Store Keeper, send him an email (Ryan.A.Straughan@gmail.com).

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - The roster of all HRB members sent out on 06-JUNE-2019.
 - With gains and losses we are at – 292 – members; last year at this time we had – 277 – members so this is a gain/loss of – 15 – members over last year and that's great! We need to keep up the good work of bringing in new members.
 - **WOO-HOO!!! 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 – 13 – members.
 - As a reminder, anyone on Active Duty that is qualified to wear dolphins may join USSVI at no charge through the end of 2019.
 - 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 selectee and those that were not selected have been informed by email and snail mail.
 - The scholarship awardee has been invited to attend our July Picnic meeting.
- **Program & Events Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
 - Recently Completed Events:
 - There was a K4K visit at NMC-P on 21-MAY-2019.
 - The 51st anniversary of the loss of USS SCORPION was at the Virginia War Memorial Museum on 26-MAY-2019.
 - The 135th Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade in Portsmouth was on 27-MAY-2019.
 - Very successful, we had 17 members and 4 guests in the parade.
 - There was a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 on 01-JUNE-2019.
 - There was a FRA #60 meeting here this past Wednesday evening, 12-JUNE-2019.
 - Pending Events:
 - The Holland Club Induction Ceremonies FOR YEAR GROUP 1969 will be during our meeting today.
 - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 18-JUNE-2019.
 - There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, this Wednesday, 19-JUNE-2019.
 - There will be a General Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 06-JULY-2019.
 - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 10-JULY-2019.
 - There will be a Targeted Field Day to clean-up the patio and such here at FRA #60 in final preparations for our Picnic starting at 09:00 hours, Saturday, 13-JULY-2019.
 - The Base Picnic Meeting and Scholarship Award Announcement will be on 20-JULY-2019.
 - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 23-JULY-2019.

- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 03-AUGUST-2019.
- There will be a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 14-AUGUST-2019.
- The 2019 USSVI National Convention in Austin Texas 14 thru 20-AUGUST-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 17-AUGUST-2019.
- There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 20-AUGUST-2019.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 21-AUGUST-2019.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 07-SEPTEMBER-2019.
- There will be a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 11-SEPTEMBER-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 21-SEPTEMBER-2019.
- There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 24-SEPTEMBER-2019.
- Dedication ceremony for the Thresher Memorial at ANC with reception after at 16:00 hours, 26-SEPTEMBER-2019.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 05-OCTOBER-2019.
- There will be a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 09-OCTOBER-2019.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 16-OCTOBER-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 19-OCTOBER-2019.
- There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 22-OCTOBER-2019.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 02-NOVEMBER-2019.
- There will be a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 13-NOVEMBER-2019.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 07-DECEMBER-2019.
- There will be a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 11-DECEMBER-2019.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 18-DECEMBER-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 21-DECEMBER-2019.
- There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 24-DECEMBER-2019.
- **Ways and Means Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
 - We still need a good fundraiser for this year.
 - Kirk Unruh came up with a fund raiser raffle for a bottle, one of one hundred, of Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, special bottling.
 - This is donated by the distillery and we're waiting to learn if we're going to be given one for raffle.
 - Tickets for a raffle for two pair of tickets to the 2019 Base Winter Holiday Party are being sold at the raffles table.
 - Raffle tickets are \$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, \$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:
 - In conjunction with the City of Norfolk's stated intentions to update and improve the Harbor Park we were interviewed by WAVY-10 and were on their early evening news about our Norfolk Sail Project.
 - 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 **NEW** HRB generic business cards for everyone to carry see me for a supply.
 - These cards have a pale blue background color.
 - You should discard any HRB business cards that you may have with any other background color.
- **Newsletter Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle:
 - If you have anything for next month's newsletter, get it in by the twenty-second (22nd) of this month as I will be out of town at the end of the month for a wedding.
- **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 – 5 –
 - Total number of website member/users – 118 –
 - Number of unique visitors since last meeting – 23 –
 - Facebook statistics
 - New Page members since last meeting – 1 –
 - New Page Interactions since last meeting – 308 – (8% increase)
 - Total Page "Likes" – 1017 –
 - Total Members – 160 – (increase of 1)
 - Special Notes (Web pages/forms/banners/special announcements)
 - We are reaching out to the American Submariner to try and make arrangements as an organization wide project to thank the people of Margarten for their care and support of the American Cemetery (from WWII) there..
 - The THRESHER Memorial dedication ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery followed by a reception will be Thursday, 26-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - If you are intending to be at this event you should go to the Base website and make a reservation so they have a good head count for the reception.
- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** – Committee Chairman, Ken Swan:
 - Start thinking about a candidate for the next HoF selection.
- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Committee Co-Chairman, John Sidlovsky:
 - We visited on Tuesday, 21-MAY
 - We got together with – 2 – boys and – 3 – girls aged – 4 – months through – 16 – years old.
 - We had a crew of – 7 – for the visit.

- We had the NMC-P PAO along with a writer for the Compass (a local newspaper) go around with us.
 - Our visit has been publicized with an article on the Pilot On-Line and we're expecting it to be published in a local Community Newspaper.
- We will visit the kids again on Tuesday, 18-JUNE after meeting at 09:30 hours, in the 2nd floor Food Court of Building 3.
- 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** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for 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 USS Scorpion 51st memorial was held at Virginia War Memorial in Newport News, VA on Sunday, 26-MAY.
 - USSVI Hampton Roads Base was in attendance with 17 members and guests.
 - We assisted the Knights of Columbus in conducting the ceremony.
 - Scorpion family members and shipmates presented a wreath to commemorate the 99 lost crew members.
 - The ceremonies honored more than the SCORPION memorial, it also honored the four Chaplains memorial, the 52 Submarines Lost in WWI memorial, the POW/MIA memorial, and the Vietnam memorial, each of which had a representative outdoor memorial at the Virginia War Memorial Museum.
 - Disappointingly, CSS-6 did not send a representative to accept the wreath to be dropped at sea.
- **NORFOLK Sail Committee** – Committee Member, Brian Daugherty:
 - We've been in touch with Chris Knoble, the lead for the In-Activation division at NAVSEA (PMS392, is the division that processes the boats after they're deactivated).
 - In PMS392 parlance, we're talking about "hull recycling".
 - Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNSY), where all deactivation occurs, has a significant backlog and hull recycles are LOW-priority,
 - Chris estimates/guestimates the NORFOLK Sail to be ready for pick-up around the 2026-2028 timeframe
 - PSNSY has limited storage capacity, so they won't hold it long after removal from the ship.
 - Jason Brock will be our PMS392 Point-of-Contact.

Old Business:

- Gary Galles – Plans for the restoration of parade trailers.
 - We're still trying to locate and obtain an aircraft drop tank or other suitable base to build a new float.
 - We have a few leads we're pursuing for it.
- Sam Stevens – USS Thresher ANC Memorial Dedication Ceremony
 - Instructions and a link have been sent out by email for the preliminary sign-Up form (electronic) for this event.
 - You must follow these instructions if you are planning to attend this event.
- In preparation for our 20-JULY Picnic meeting we need a cleanup crew here at the FRA at 08:30 on Saturday, 13-JULY in addition to the regular cleanup the first Saturday of the month (06-JULY).
- Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner – 2nd Submarine Khaki Social for 2019.
 - Friday, 12-JULY as a tentative date, subject to scheduling confirmation with CSL/CSS-6.
 - As soon as I have the information I will get it out by email.

New Business:

- Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner – We're taking reservations for next month's picnic at the Raffles table, \$5 per person aged 13 and up (a reservation made is a reservation to be paid).
- Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner – Election of Southeast Region District #1 Commander.
 - The only candidate on the ballot is the incumbent, Dave Campbell.
 - Write-In candidates are acceptable provided they meet the requirements for the position.
 - You may also formally abstain.
 - I must have Ballot responses NLT 28-JUNE so that they can be reported by 30-JUNE.

Good of the Order:

- The Crew that worked on our wall here in the meeting room did a GREAT JOB!!!.
- **Review of boats lost in this month** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
 - USS O-9 (SS-70) in 1941
 - USS S-27 (SS-132) in 1942
 - USS R-12 (SS-89) in 1943
 - USS RUNNER (SS-275) in 1943
 - USS HERRING (SS-233) in 1944
 - USS GOLET (SS-361) in 1944
 - USS BONEFISH (SS-223) in 1945
- **Review of members' birthdays for the month** – Base Commander, Ted Vorce:
 - Paul Schmidt on 03-JUNE
 - Randy Kulp on 04-JUNE
 - Jim Lastauckas on 08-JUNE
 - Bill Tilton on 08-JUNE
 - Dick Helm on 11-JUNE
 - Rock Pedroni on 11-JUNE
 - John Walsh on 13-JUNE
 - Robert Beech on 17-JUNE
 - Bill Mulligan on 20-JUNE
 - Dan Bohlke on 23-JUNE
 - Clyde Russel on 25-JUNE
 - Andy Vuckovich on 26-JUNE
 - Dave Lockwood on 28-JUNE
 - Efren Monis on 30-JUNE
 - Bill Newton on 30-JUNE
 - Dave Stanley on 30-JUNE

- The 50/50 raffle of \$ 132 was won by: Bill Heron (the base received \$ 131).
- The booze raffle was won by: Paul Schmidt (the base received \$151).
- Winter Holiday Party tickets raffle brought in: \$ 4.
- There was \$ 23 donated through the Donations Bucket for the Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund.
- Pen Sales brought in: \$ 5.
- There was a total of \$ 32 was donated for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program.
- There was a total of \$ - 0 - was donated for the Emergency Relief Fund.
- There were - 65 - members and - 38 - guests present at this meeting.

Our next Base meeting will be our PICNIC at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 20-JULY-2019 here at FRA Hall #60.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 hours by Base Commander, Ted Vorce.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,



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

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Storekeeper's Inventory

(as of: 15-JUNE-2019)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Qty. On Hand</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
BALL CAPS		
HRB-USSVI (Silver Dolphins)	5	\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI (Gold Dolphins)	1	\$ 12.50
HRB-Submarine Veteran (Silver Dolphins)	2	\$ 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)	0	\$ 15.00
Holland Club (Gold Dolphins)	2	\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI - Khaki (Silver Dolphins)	5	\$ 15.00
HRB-Submarine Veteran - Khaki (Gold Dolphins)	2	\$ 15.00
PATCHES & CLOTHING		
Hampton Roads Chapter Patch	38	\$ 8.00
USSVI Patch (4- 1/2 x 3- 1/8)	1	\$ 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	2	\$ 6.00
Vice Commander	1	\$ 3.50
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
Vest Clasp w/ Silver Dolphins	3	\$ 25.00
MISCELLANEOUS		
HRB Challenge Coins	116	\$ 10.00
HRB Decal (Silver Dolphins)	20	\$ 5.00
HRB Decal (Gold Dolphins)	2	\$ 5.00
Dolphin Decals (6")	0	\$ 1.75
License Plate Frames	1	\$ 4.50
2019 USSVI Calendars	6	\$ 10.00