

USS Flying Fish SSN 673 Hall of Fame Boat 2026

20 June 2026

Base Commander - Gary Galles, Absent

Base Senior Vice Commander - Adam Kingsley, Present

Base Junior Vice Commander - Ron O'Donnell, Present

Secretary – Anthony Ficca, Present

Treasurer - John “Sid” Sidlovsky, Present

Members present 53 Guests present 3

Regular Base Meeting Minutes for June 20th, 2026

The meeting was called to Order by the Base Senior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley 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 led by Chaplain Scott Wells
- The USSVI Creed was read by the Base Junior Vice Commander Ron O'Donnell
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Base Senior Vice Commander Adam Kingsley
- A round robin of introductions, led by Base COB Dave Johnston was then held with all members present identifying themselves with their qualification boats along with introducing any guest they brought to the meeting.

Welcome any Visitors.

“Any leadership from other veteran’s organization (Please stand and be recognized)”

Binnacle List – Base Chaplain Scott Wells 757-912-7395

Harley Dockens

Paul Hanes

Lynn & Barbara Moran

Eric & Tamara Kellgren

Gary Galles

Secretary's Report – Base Secretary, Tony Ficca.

- Reminder to all to keep the base informed of changes in contact information IE Email. Phone address etc.
- Base business cards are available to use in recruiting these business card include QR Codes that will lead people to our base webpage and the information about our meeting location

Treasurer's Report – Base Treasurer- John "Sid" Sidlovsky

Report through 05/31 has been submitted and distributed to the membership

Committee Reports:**Membership Committee - Base Senior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley**

- We have 300 Base Members as of today.
- Badges Gary Merryman gary2361@yahoo.com
- Active-Duty Membership is free for the first year
- USSVI Longevity Pins
 - Bill Heron 25 year pin not present today
 - Ron O'Donnell 10 year pin

Scholarship Committee - Base Senior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley

There will not be a Scholarship awarded this year since no applicants met the established criteria.

Programs & Events Committee - Base Junior Vice Commander, Ron O'Donnell**Ways and Means Committee - Base Junior Vice Commander, Ron O'Donnell****Storekeepers Report - Base Storekeeper John Fenter**

Full donation table with items that are available

New pens with HRB logo for sale and Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) teddy bears for sale

Public Relations and Publicity Committee – Ron O'Donnell**Holland Club Committee - Chairman, Bill Heron will not be present today nothing to report**

SCORPION Memorial Committee – Chairman, Bill Heron will not be present today Tony Ficca will reports the following on Bill's Behalf

Wanted to note that the Keynote speaker at this year's Scorpion Memorial was Capt Richard Morgan (ret) he was a TMSN on the Scorpion and left the boat not long before their final voyage. Capt Morgan gave heartfelt words about listening to the names of his shipmates being read off and bell tolled for the lost and how he often thinks of them and remembers how the COB of the Scorpion was an inspiration to him furthering his Naval Career and was grateful that these memorials continue to keep them and their families memories alive.

Website and social media – Base Webmaster, Sam Stevens

Our Base Webpage <https://www.hrb-ussvi.org/>

Our Base Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/325304167605241/>

We Now Have a presence on X formerly known as twitter

Kaps (SS) Kids Committee – Chairman, John "Sid" Sidlovsky

Visted on 05/19 6 people visited 6 patients.

Visted Gary Galles on 05/29/2026 post surgery made an Honorary Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) patient

Next visit will be Wednesday 06/24/2026 at 09:30 meet at the gedunk area of the Portsmouth Naval Medical Center

Hampton Roads (ERF) Committee – Chairman, Jack Ritz will not be present today.

No requests for support have been received this month.

Event Coordinator – Beverly Galles

Base Picnic will be held in place of our July 18th meeting, tickets have been on sale for that last few months and the registration form is avail online on the base website. Please get your tickets by July 1st . We will need to get numbers to the caterer for the event

Also it is time to consider planning on attending the Holiday Party in December. Beverly has a questionnaire form the is asking for input into the Planning process for December's event.

USSVI 2028 Convention Committee - Chairman, Dave Duffie' Dave will not be present at this month's meeting

- We Have been awarded the National USSVI Convention for 2028
- We received our first corporate sponsorship 5000 from VFW post 392
- Looking for volunteers to help with Getting Various Clubs who have gambling to donate a portion of their profits to our Convention.

Hall of Fame /World War II Committee – Chairman, Ken Swan

The WWII memorial and Hall of Fame induction of USS Flying Fish took place on May 28th, VADM Gaucher was the Keynote speaker for the Hall of Fame induction and we were given a great introduction into his New Role of DRPM Submarines, as well as some of his fond memories of his Qual Boat. Yes there are still active Sturgeon Class Sailors in the Fleet. There was a great assembly of Flying Fish Sailors present for the event. We offer our gratitude to the CO, XO and entire staff of Submarine Training Facility Norfolk, as well as gratitude to Mr Gary Kelly who constructed the Shadow Box.

Today's Program

Dave Johnston gave a presentation on the discovery of the USS Herring SS- 233 Lost 1 June 1944

The positive Identification was confirmed by Naval Historical Archives on 01 June 2026

OLD Business:

John "Sid" Sidlovsky will update us on the updated base bylaws and the procedure for adopting and implementing the updated changes. Final version of updates will be voted on for acceptance at our Base August meeting.

New Business:

Brian Daugherty will discuss the project of building a new base submarine parade float and will be seeking to form a team of skilled ship building volunteers for building new submarine float for parades. Motion to approve building new submarine float with budget of \$15000.00 motion passed via voice vote from membership.

Gary Carter would like to discuss needed "Sea Dads" to support our base qual card program for onboarding of new Members posted sign up sheets for new members and volunteer sea dads to get matched up

Good of the Order:

National voting period for National leadership and National bylaw changes. will go live July 7-September 5th link will be emailed out from national

AUKUS Project Submarine Squadron 3 will be reestablished in Australia

Review of Boats lost in this month: Junior Vice Commander Ron O'Donnell

Tolling of the Boats for June

USS Herring SS-233

USS R-12 SS-89

USS Golet SS-361

USS Bonefish SS-223

USS S-27 SS-132

USS O-9 SS-70

Birthdays For The Month - Senior Vice Commander Adam Kingsley (Please bring the Birthday List with you)

Rock 50/50 – Beverly Galles winner Mike Hutchins \$ 137 base \$ 107

Booze Raffle– Beverly Galles winner Ron Bussilla chose gift card base \$ 95

Next Meeting – will be our base Picnic on July 18th 11:00

Our next Regular Base meeting will be August 15, 2026 11:15

We will keep you posted if events change.

Meeting Adjourned _____ 13:10 _____.