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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."

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From the Base Commander

Shipmates,

September is finally here and with it comes cooler weather.



With the change of the season we need to keep our head on a swivel and be on the look-out for children and school buses. We continue to look for programs/speakers that will enhance our meetings. If you have any ideas please pass them along to Gary Galles, our Senior Vice. A special shout out to Brian Daugherty, our past Commander, who continues to forge ahead in obtaining the USS NORFOLK (SSN 714) sail. Please note that Brian needs our support and volunteers to assist him in this endeavor. As a team we can make this happen! I appreciate everyone that continues to help with the set-up of the meetings, volunteering to sell raffle tickets, and clean-up. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.



See you at the September meeting! With My Utmost Respect,

Ted Vorce Base Commander USSVI Hampton Roads Base 757-376-2458 tvorce@verizon.net

From the Senior Vice-Commander

Shipmates,

An unfortunate event has happened to my wife, Beverly, with the passing of her father. In fair health, aging along, he fell broke his hip, had surgery, transferred to hospice, and got



underway on eternal patrol, all in a week's time.

We have had much success in our wellness check program, and for it to continue effectively we need to inform our loved ones to let Craig know when we have hiccups in our steps. This goes for all, but if you are over 80 we will reach out to keep in touch if you disappear for a while. Please, for all, keep our recalls up to date.

Since none of us know of our underway schedule for eternal patrol, we need to consider the events of our passing and help those left behind. Have all those decisions made in advance in a notebook, planning your desires for funeral/memorial, hymns, military honors, etc., And then ensure whoever is to carry out our wishes has knowledge of the location of this notebook, will, and directives. This will ease a lot of tension for our loved ones.

Please be safe during this holiday weekend!

Gary





From the Secretary/ Treasurer

Shipmates,

This month we start our dues renewal drive and I've sent out dues requests by email (snail mail where required). I ask that, if you owe dues, you pay them **as**



soon as possible so that I don't have to be sending out constant email reminders, or worse, having to phone you for dues payment. I don't like being a nag. Please consider paying Life Dues so that you can put the issue of dues behind you for the future. If you are interested in paying Life Dues you must contact me by email (preferred) or phone to confirm how much those Life dues are for you. We will also run the Life Dues by Installment program if there is sufficient interest in it but you must be current (dues paid through 2019) in order to take advantage of this program that has you paying 10% of your total Life dues amount each month January through October.

I will be making contacts for the quarterly wellness check program this month. It is for our members who are 80 years old or older. If you fit that demographic, you can save me some effort and give me a call. There is one member, **CS1(SS) Roy S. Palmer,** I have lost all contact with and need help to re-establish contact with him or his family. If you have some means to contact him or his family, please do so and let me know by email or phone so I can update the records. Alternately, you can pass the contact information to me so I can reach out to him and/or his family.

Online voting for the 2018 USSVI National Election is now live. The polls are open for voting until 23:59 hours, 10-OCTOBER- 2018. Members may vote by logging on to the USSVI web site – <u>ussvi.org</u> – and clicking on the "Vote in National Election" button. Just like in our civilian life, voting in our National and local elections is a right and a responsibility and if you don't vote you shouldn't

complain, the same thing applies to voting in our organization. This is your opportunity to affect who we have in our National Leadership positions, this is very important for you, for our Base, and for USSVI on the whole. Please, take the time to do your research and vote through the National website.

The new USSVI National website (https://www.ussvi.org/home.asp) continues to have problems. I don't believe the website will be up before 01-FEBRUARY-2019. I will continue to keep you informed of what is happening with this project as the information becomes available.

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, I hope to see you at the meeting.

~ Stay Safe & Stay Well ~

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

SPECIAL INVITATION

TRAILER WORKING PARTY

8 September / 15 September (if needed) 2460 Apiary Court, Virginia Beach











We remember....We Honor



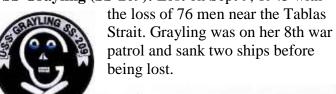
Boats Lost in September

USS S-5 (SS-110): Lost on September 1, 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. (Check this out on Wikipedia) Salvage attempts were unsuccessful; S-5 settled to the bottom and was abandoned.

USS S-51 (SS-162): Lost on September 25, 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 Sept 9, 1943 with







USS Pompano (SS-181): Pompano was sunk

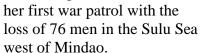


(between September 17 and October 5) with the loss of 77 men while on her 7th war patrol. She was possibly lost on September 17, 1943. Japanese records show that a submarine was sunk in her patrol area on 17



September by air & depth charge attack off 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 9/25/1943. This boat's last recorded ship (Taiko Maru) sunk happened on Sept 25th, so she probably hit a mine on or after that date but before Oct 5th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.

USS Cisco (SS-290): Lost on September 28, 1943 on



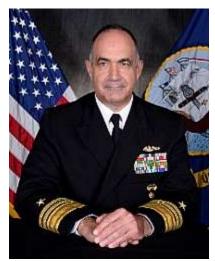


CHANGE OF COMMAND

At the 3 August SubForce/SubLant change of command, Hampton Roads Base was well represented. VADM Joseph Tofalo was relieved by VADM Charles Richard. Among the hundreds attending were Ted and Fran Vorce, Adam Kinsley, Gary Galles, Craig Werner and Marlin and Jan Boyle.



There is an extensive article from Undersea Warfare News on page __ that covers the event in depth. Please read the article if you want to know more about the new top submariner.



VADM Charles Richard





VADM Joseph Tofalo

To watch the video of the ceremony, visit go to Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/sublant/

HRB September Birthdays

- 2: Tommy Moore
- 3: Jenny Dugan, Larry Hayes
- 4: Doc Worthington
- 5: Doc Ritz
- 7: John (Sid) Sidlovsky
- 8: Ed Hynes, John Baldwin, Bob McClaren
- 15: Paul Hansen
- 16: Bill Heron, Tommy Pollock
- 22: Ken Swan
- 23: Bill Hazard
- 26: Vernon Wright
- 27: Bill Moreno, Ike Spears
- 28: Dick Fox, Steve Jiran
- 29: Bob Rodriguez
- 30: Ted Vorce



KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) News

On August 19 the K4K crew visited NMC-P. The crew consisted of Sid Sidlovsky, Lynn Moran, Robert Vincent, Joe Demnicki, Robert Frye and Marlin Boyle. This trip, four girls (ages 4 to 19) were made honorary submariners. The next visit is 18 September. All are welcome.

Upcoming Events

September 2018

- **15:** Base Meeting
- **18:** K4K Visit
- 29: Neptune Festival Grand Parade
- **29:** FRA #60 Field Day

October 2018

- **04:** Dolphin Scholarship Golf Tournament
- **17:** Naval Submarine League (NSL) meeting, Norfolk Room Sewell's Point Golf Course
- **20:** Base Meeting
- 21-28: USSVI Convention Cruise
- 27: FRA #60 Field Day

November 2018

- 12: Veterans' Day Parade
- 14: FRA #60 Members Meeting
- 17: Base Meeting / Hall of Fame Election

December 2018

07-09: Holiday Party

- **12:** Naval Submarine League (NSL) meeting, Norfolk Room Sewell's Point Golf Course
- 15: Base Meeting / Hall of Fame Election

January 2019

19: Base Meeting

February 2019

16: Base Meeting

March 2019

16: Base Meeting



April 2019

05: 118th Submarine Anniversary Ball, VA Beach Convention Center

20: Base Meeting

May 2019

16: WWII Submarine Memorial & Hall of Fame Ceremonies

18: Base Meeting

June 2019

21: Base Meeting / Holland Club Induction

Veteran's Creed

Recently many veterans' groups jointly created the creed quoted below.

- 1. I am an American veteran
- 2. I proudly served my country
- 3. I live the values I learned in the military
- 4. I continue to serve my community, my country and my fellow veterans
- 5. I maintain my physical and mental discipline
- 6. I continue to lead and improve
- 7. I make a difference
- 8. I honor and remember my fallen comrades

Contributing and backing this were/are AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, HillVets, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Reserve Officers Association, Student Veterans of America, Team Rubicon Global, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Wounded Warrior Project.

Although USSVI was not directly involved in this effort, there is no apparent conflict with our creed. As all USSVI full members are veterans, I see no reason for any of us to not live by this creed also.

September Historic Events

September 7, 1776 - David Bushnell's submarine Turtle is used by Sgt. Erza Lee to attack HMS Eagle in New York Harbor. Lee's efforts to attach a "torpedo" to the ship's hull are frustrated by coppersheathing, marine growth, perhaps merely a hard spot in the hull, which prevents the drill from boring into the ship bottom and it drifts away

September 10, 1813 - During the War of 1812, Commodore Oliver H. Perry leads his fleet at the Battle of Lake Erie, flying his "Don't give up the ship" flag on the brig USS Lawrence, which is destroyed during battle. Rowing in open boat to Niagara with survivors, Perry brings the fleet into action and wins the engagement. Reporting on British squadron defeat, he writes: "We have met the enemy and they are ours...."

September 1, 1920 - USS S-5 (SS-110): She commenced a dive for a submerged test run. Water unexpectedly entered the submarine through the main air induction system pouring into the control room, engine room, torpedo room, and the motor room. S-5 sank, but the entire crew managed to escape.

September 1, 1925 - Cmdr. John Rodgers and a crew of four in a PN-9 aircraft run out of fuel on the first San Francisco to Hawaii flight. Landing at sea, they rig a sail and set sail for Hawaii. On Sept. 10, they are rescued by the submarine USS R-4, 10 miles from Kaui, then Territory of Hawaii.

September 11, 1942 - Pharmacists Mate First Class Wheeler B. Lipes performs an emergency appendectomy on Seaman 1st Class Darrell D. Rector on board USS Seadragon (SS 194) on patrol in the South China Sea.



September 15, 1942 - USS Nautilus (was V-6) (SS-168), on her 3rd war patrol, returned to Japanese waters to join the submarine blockade chain stretched from the Kurile Islands to the Nansei Shoto. Nautilus torpedoed and sank 3 marus and destroyed 3 sampans to add over 12,000 tons to her score.

September 3, 1943 - USS Snapper (SS-185) closed a convoy of 5 cargo ships and 2 escorts. When the port escort came into view "head on," Snapper fired a "down-the-throat" shot at the frigate Mutsure, that blew the enemy's bow completely off and enveloped her in flames as she sank.

September 8, 1943 - USS Trout (SS-202) sank the Japanese submarine I-182.

<u>USWN ARTICLES</u>

Commander, Submarine Forces Holds
Change of Command
MCC Darryl Wood, Navy.mil, August 3

Since taking command of the Submarine Force in September 2015, Tofalo played a pivotal role in the future of the force. As Commander, Submarine Forces, he focused his efforts on ensuring the U.S. Navy maintains undersea superiority today and into the future. As Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic, he had operational command of all U.S. submarines home ported on the Atlantic coast, as well as supporting shore activities. As Commander, Allied Submarine Command, he acted as the principal advisor to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization on submarine plans, operations, and doctrine.

Tofalo kicked off remarks by reminding guests that sixty years ago today, 3 August 1958, USS Nautilus (SSN 571) reached the North Pole, and became the first submarine in history to do so.

"This "top of the world" historical reference is certainly fitting," said Tofalo. "Because I'm "on top of the world" today, as it has been the honor of my lifetime to command the greatest Submarine Force the world has ever known. A Force made up of 24,000

outstanding active duty, government civilians and reservists, and their families, who combined are only 4% of the greater Navy, yet operate 25% of the Navy's warships including 70% of Nation's accountable nuclear weapons."

Admiral John Richardson, Chief of Naval Operations, and Admiral Christopher Grady, Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command were guest speakers during the ceremony.

Richardson, a former Commander, Submarine Forces himself, recognized the history of the submarine community and described a culture inspired by four generations—the pioneers, the warfighters, the cold warriors, and the innovators.

"Joe has led his team to strengthen the readiness of the fleet, strengthen the bonds of trust and confidence," said Richardson. "He has spent every waking moment thinking about how to make our force stronger, ready to sail under the seas and over the horizon, to face any challenge, and to return stronger than when we left."

In welcoming and recognizing the many distinguished guests at today's ceremony, Grady also lauded Tofalo's leadership, his continued support of excellence, and the elite culture that he established within the submarine community.

A native of upstate New York, Tofalo graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. He also holds a Master of Science in Engineering Management from Catholic University of America. His father was a 35-year career naval officer, and his mother was a Navy WAVE, one of the first enlisted women in the Navy.

Tofalo was commanding officer of the Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarine USS Maine (SSBN 741), and was Commander, Submarine Squadron 3, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Prior sea assignments include the Permit-class attack submarine USS Flasher (SSN 613), the Ohio-class guided-missile submarine USS Michigan (SSGN 727), and the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Montpelier (SSN 765).



His shore assignments include three assignments on Commander, Submarine Forces staff; two assignments on Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces staff; four assignments on the Chief of Naval Operations staff; U.S. Joint Forces Command; and the Joint Staff.

Selected for Rear Admiral in December 2009, his first flag assignment was as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Global Force Management and Joint Operations (N3B), U.S. Fleet Forces Command. In August 2011, he relieved as Commander, Submarine Group 10, and in December 2013 as Director, Undersea Warfare on the Chief of Naval Operations staff in the Pentagon.

Tofalo retired from active duty as part of the ceremony after more than 35 years of service in the U.S. Navy, and left the Force with one last challenge.

"To the Sailors and the Force, I challenge you to continue our emphasis on competence and character, relentlessly pursuing your theoretical maximum performance as both individuals and teams," he said. "I also challenge you to continue to do everything with honesty and integrity. Revel in hard facts and the certitude of being a standards-based organization."

Upon assuming command, Richard thanked Tofalo for passing on a Force that is "ready to deliver" and reassured Richardson, Grady and Hyten that he understands their strategic guidance and the important role submarines play in the nation's defense.

"The mission of our Submarine Force today is clear, said Richard. "We are back in a world in the midst of major power competition. In that competition our strength undersea is a key advantage that we have," said Richard. "That will not change on my watch. With so much at stake, we cannot let up and must execute our mission with a continued sense of urgency."

To the men and women of the Submarine Force, Richard delivered just one thought, "Prepare for battle! This was Admiral Tofalo's direction, and it is mine as well," said Richard. "It is only by being prepared for battle that we can hope to avoid it. If we cannot, our nation expects and demands victory. We shall not fail!"

A native of Decatur, Alabama, and a graduate of the University of Alabama, Richard has also earned master's degrees with honors from the Catholic University of America and the Naval War College. His flag assignments include command of Submarine Group 10 in Kings Bay, Georgia, and the deputy commander of Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike at U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM).

His operational assignments include command of USS Parche (SSN 683) as well as Submarine NR-1, then the U.S. Navy's only nuclear-powered, deep-submergence submarine. He also served aboard USS Portsmouth (SSN 707), USS Asheville (SSN 758) and USS Scranton (SSN 756).

Richard's recent staff assignments include service as the executive assistant and naval aide to the Under Secretary of the Navy; chief of staff, Submarine Force Atlantic; and command of Submarine Squadron (SUBRON) 17 in Bangor, Washington. Other staff assignments include director of resources on the staff of the Under Secretary of Defense (policy); squadron engineer on the staff of SUBRON-8 and duty on the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Submarine Warfare) staff. He has also served as a member of Chief of Naval Operations' Strategic Studies Group XXVIII, studying the integration of unmanned systems into naval force structure.

Richard previously served as the director, Undersea Warfare Division (N97) in Washington, D.C., and was responsible for the planning, programming and budgeting for acquisition, operational readiness and modernization of the submarine force and its support. He most recently served as deputy commander of United States Strategic Command.



THIS IS FROM FRA NEWS BYTES DATED 31 AUGUST 2018

CNO Selects New MCPON

The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. John Richardson selected Fleet Master Chief Russell Smith to be the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) August 29. "After a thorough and deliberate review process, I am confident that Fleet Master Chief Smith is the right leader to be our Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy," said Richardson. "I look forward to working with him to advocate for our Sailors and their families selflessly serving around the world." The previous MCPON Steven Giordano resigned this past June. His resignation came during an ongoing inquiry by the Navy Inspector General's office into claims that Giordano created a "toxic work environment." Fleet Master Chief SW/IW/AW Russell Smith had been acting MCPON since Giordano resigned. Smith joined the Navy in 1988 and began his career as an airman, later becoming a weapons technician and an intelligence specialist. His sea duty assignments have included SEAL Team 4 and the aircraft carriers USS ENT ERPRISE, USS CARL VINSON and USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

As the Navy's 15th MCPON, Smith will serve as the senior-ranking enlisted leader and advisor to the CNO. The position of MCPON was created by legislation in 1966 that was strongly supported by FRA. The MCPON also serves as a spokesperson on issues impacting enlisted personnel.

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Wireless Communication Breaks Through
Water-Air Barrier
Matt Matheson, MIT News Office, August 22

MIT researchers have taken a step toward solving a longstanding challenge with wireless communication: direct data transmission between underwater and airborne devices.

Today, underwater sensors cannot share data with those on land, as both use different wireless signals that only work in their respective mediums. Radio signals that travel through air die very rapidly in water. Acoustic signals, or sonar, sent by underwater devices mostly reflect off the surface without ever breaking through. This causes inefficiencies and other issues for a variety of applications, such as ocean exploration and submarine-to-plane communication.

In a paper being presented at this week's SIGCOMM conference, MIT Media Lab researchers have designed a system that tackles this problem in a novel way. An underwater transmitter directs a sonar signal to the water's surface, causing tiny vibrations that correspond to the 1s and 0s transmitted. Above the surface, a highly sensitive receiver reads these minute disturbances and decodes the sonar signal.

"Trying to cross the air-water boundary with wireless signals has been an obstacle. Our idea is to transform the obstacle itself into a medium through which to communicate," says Fadel Adib, an assistant professor in the Media Lab, who is leading this research. He co-authored the paper with his graduate student Francesco Tonolini.

The system, called "translational acoustic-RF communication" (TARF), is still in its early stages, Adib says. But it represents a "milestone," he says, that could open new capabilities in water-air communications. Using the system, military submarines, for instance, wouldn't need to surface to communicate with airplanes, compromising their location. And underwater drones that monitor marine life wouldn't need to constantly resurface from deep dives to send data to researchers.



Another promising application is aiding searches for planes that go missing underwater. "Acoustic transmitting beacons can be implemented in, say, a plane's black box," Adib says. "If it transmits a signal every once in a while, you'd be able to use the system to pick up that signal."

Decoding vibrations

Today's technological workarounds to this wireless communication issue suffer from various drawbacks. Buoys, for instance, have been designed to pick up sonar waves, process the data, and shoot radio signals to airborne receivers. But these can drift away and get lost. Many are also required to cover large areas, making them impracticable for, say, submarine-to-surface communications.

TARF includes an underwater acoustic transmitter that sends sonar signals using a standard acoustic speaker. The signals travel as pressure waves of different frequencies corresponding to different data bits. For example, when the transmitter wants to send a 0, it can transmit a wave traveling at 100 hertz; for a 1, it can transmit a 200-hertz wave. When the signal hits the surface, it causes tiny ripples in the water, only a few micrometers in height, corresponding to those frequencies.

To achieve high data rates, the system transmits multiple frequencies at the same time, building on a modulation scheme used in wireless communication, called orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing. This lets the researchers transmit hundreds of bits at once.

Positioned in the air above the transmitter is a new type of extremely-high-frequency radar that processes signals in the millimeter wave spectrum of wireless transmission, between 30 and 300 gigahertz. (That's the band where the upcoming high-frequency 5G wireless network will operate.)

The radar, which looks like a pair of cones, transmits a radio signal that reflects off the vibrating surface and rebounds back to the radar. Due to the way the signal collides with the surface vibrations, the signal returns with a slightly modulated angle that corresponds exactly to the data bit sent by the sonar signal. A vibration on the water surface representing a 0 bit, for instance, will cause the reflected signal's angle to vibrate at 100 hertz.

"The radar reflection is going to vary a little bit whenever you have any form of displacement like on the surface of the water," Adib says. "By picking up these tiny angle changes, we can pick up these variations that correspond to the sonar signal."

Listening to "the whisper"

A key challenge was helping the radar detect the water surface. To do so, the researchers employed a technology that detects reflections in an environment and organizes them by distance and power. As water has the most powerful reflection in the new system's environment, the radar knows the distance to the surface. Once that's established, it zooms in on the vibrations at that distance, ignoring all other nearby disturbances.

The next major challenge was capturing micrometer waves surrounded by much larger, natural waves. The smallest ocean ripples on calm days, called capillary waves, are only about 2 centimeters tall, but that's 100,000 times larger than the vibrations. Rougher seas can create waves 1 million times larger. "This interferes with the tiny acoustic vibrations at the water surface," Adib says. "It's as if someone's screaming and you're trying to hear someone whispering at the same time."

To solve this, the researchers developed sophisticated signal-processing algorithms. Natural waves occur at about 1 or 2 hertz — or, a wave or two moving over the signal area every second. The sonar vibrations of 100 to 200 hertz, however, are a hundred



times faster. Because of this frequency differential, the algorithm zeroes in on the fast-moving waves while ignoring the slower ones.

Testing the waters

The researchers took TARF through 500 test runs in a water tank and in two different swimming pools on MIT's campus.

In the tank, the radar was placed at ranges from 20 centimeters to 40 centimeters above the surface, and the sonar transmitter was placed from 5 centimeters to 70 centimeters below the surface. In the pools, the radar was positioned about 30 centimeters above surface, while the transmitter was immersed about 3.5 meters below. In these experiments, the researchers also had swimmers creating waves that rose to about 16 centimeters.

In both settings, TARF was able to accurately decode various data — such as the sentence, "Hello! from underwater" — at hundreds of bits per second, similar to standard data rates for underwater communications. "Even while there were swimmers swimming around and causing disturbances and water currents, we were able to decode these signals quickly and accurately," Adib says.

In waves higher than 16 centimeters, however, the system isn't able to decode signals. The next steps are, among other things, refining the system to work in rougher waters. "It can deal with calm days and deal with certain water disturbances. But [to make it practical] we need this to work on all days and all weathers," Adib says.

The researchers also hope that their system could eventually enable an airborne drone or plane flying across a water's surface to constantly pick up and decode the sonar signals as it zooms by.

The research was supported, in part, by the National Science Foundation

Navy Starts Giving Waivers To Enlisted Sailors Who Want To Serve More Than 30 Years

Scott Maucione, Federal News Radio, August 21

Military officers will see some of the biggest changes to the promotion system in years due to provisions in the 2019 defense authorization act. But enlisted Navy sailors can expect new developments as well.

The Navy is trying to fill some of its less popular sea duty billets by waiving the limitations on how many years senior enlisted sailors can serve, according to a message to the fleet Vice Adm. Robert Burke, the chief of Naval Personnel.

The program offers high year tenure waivers to chiefs, senior chiefs and chief petty officers willing to go out to sea. The waivers allow those sailors to serve more than the maximum 24, 26 or 30 years for those respective ranks.

"We need sailors who are personally engaged in the success of our Navy as well as their own personal success," Burke stated in the memo. "Similarly, we need leaders who encourage and enable this. This initiative to provide increased opportunity for our senior enlisted leaders to stay Navy will help us maintain the leadership experience and technical acumen we need at sea as we grow the force. It also allows our senior enlisted leaders to continue to perform and compete for advancement."

The new program isn't the only way the Navy is trying to keep some of its older sailors in the force.

Earlier this year, the Navy announced its targeted reentry program.

The program gives golden and silver tickets to sailors leaving the military. The golden ticket allows sailors to return to active duty within a year of their release. Silver ticket holders will get two years to decide if they want a streamlined path back into active duty.

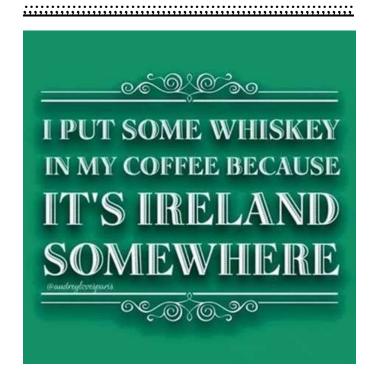
"The program is designed to take folks that are top performers in the Navy. We tried to talk them into



staying, they made up their mind, we respect their decision. They're going to leave, but we've earmarked them, they were top performers, if they change their mind within one year or two years of their decision they've got a fast track to come back in," Burke told Federal News Radio in March.

That program goes after petty officer third class to petty officer first class enlisted ranks who attained community qualifications, demonstrated superior performance in fitness reports and passed their most recent fitness assignment.

The Navy plans to grow by about 21,000 in the next five years, so it will be pushed to recruit and retain its members as it expands



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NEWSLETTER INPUT – Medical

This article is included in our Newsletter to help all concerned get ready for the ending of the TRDP.

THE TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL PROGRAM IS ENDING ON 31-DECEMBER-2018

From the webpage, https://www.military.com/militaryadvantage/2018/07/24/some-new-military-retiree-dental-plans-have-waiting-periods.html?ESRC=eb_180725.nl

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Some New Military Retiree Dental Plans Have Waiting Periods

Military retirees who are currently using orthodontic services through <u>Tricare</u>'s dental plan or who may soon need or want them should select a new plan this fall that does not have a waiting period, as the Tricare retiree dental program comes to an end.

Last year, Congress ordered Tricare to shutter its retiree dental plan by Dec. 31, 2018.

Instead, military retirees will be able to purchase dental coverage through the <u>Federal</u> <u>Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) marketplace</u> during an open enrollment period Nov. 12 to Dec. 10. Vision coverage will also be available for the first time for retirees, active-duty families, and Guard and reservists.

Although 2019 coverage rates for those plans have not been released, retirees will likely see similar dental costs and coverage options under the new plans as are currently available under the Tricare dental system.

But retirees who are using the Tricare retiree plan through Delta Dental to receive orthodontic services have more to worry about than just selecting a plan that fits their general needs. They also must read the fine print about potential coverage delays.

That's because many dental plans come with a long waiting period before a buyer can utilize the coverage for orthodontia.

"FEDVIP carriers will not cover in-progress treatment if you enroll in a FEDVIP plan that has a waiting period or does not cover the service," Angerlyn Johnson, a program analyst at the Office of Personnel Management, told Military.com in a statement.

That means if retirees or covered family members are in the middle of orthodontic treatments and choose a plan during open enrollment that includes a waiting period, they could be stuck paying for those services out of pocket.

Retirees can view the FEDVIP marketplace <u>here</u>. Although you can compare currently available plans now, rates and other updates for 2019 will not be released until this fall.

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This article was updated after FEDVIP officials clarified that none of their plans have waiting periods for work other than orthodontia.



Hampton Roads Base

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.



"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 18-AUGUST-2018

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 Chaplain, Brian Krammes.
- The USSVI Creed was read by the Base Junior 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 Junior Vice Commander, Gary Galles.
- A round robin of introductions was held starting with new member William T. Bond giving his name, qual boat and the year he qualified then followed by all other members present identifying themselves with their qualification boats along with introducing any guests they brought to the meeting.

Binnacle List: Base Chaplain, Brian Krammes:

- ENC(SS) lke Spears called this morning to say his blood pressure is out of control and he won't be here.
- MMCS(SS) Wilfred Tilton Is still safe from the Volcanic eruptions on the Big Island of Hawaii
- ETCM(SS) Bud Warren is out today because of a cold.

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

- We received a very nice thank you letter from FRA #60 for the two tables we donated.
- The minutes of the 21-JULY-2018 Base Picnic were emailed out to all members on 22-JULY.
- 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 was supposed to be up and running by the middle of last month but it still is not ready.
- Now that we have the USSVI National elections in progress, with balloting for National Officers and a major change to the National Constitution and Bylaws open through 10-OCTOBER, I cannot foresee the new USSVI.org website being active on-line before the end of the dues renewal period which will run through 31-JANUARY-2019.
- To vote in the elections log on to the current USSVI web site (USSVI.org Log-In link) and click on the "Vote in National Election" button (the third button down on the left edge of the webpage).
- There is one candidate listed for each position and an option for a write-in candidate.
- There is also an opportunity to vote for or against the proposed change to the C&B.
- To view the proposed change, click on this link: Proposed Change to C&B
- I encourage everyone to vote in the USSVI National Election if you don't vote, don't bitch!

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

- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts opening balance as of 01-JULY-2018 was \$ 37,487.76.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of JULY-2018 of \$723.43.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of JULY-2018 of \$ 417.50.
- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01-JULY-2018 at \$ 21,575.73 and ended on 31-JULY-2018 at \$ 21,850.16 for a net increase/decrease of \$ 274.43 for the month of JULY-2018.
- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-JULY-2018 at \$ 1040.83, after donations, and expenditures totalling \$ 2.50, ended on 31-JULY-2018 at \$ 1043.33.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-JULY-2018 at \$ 3502.61, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ 100.09, the program ended on 31-JULY-2018 at \$ 3602.70.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01- JULY-2018 at \$ 1453.53, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$5.04, ended on 31- JULY-2018 a \$ 1458.57.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of 31- JULY-2018 was \$53.90.
- This has resulted in a net increase/decrease of \$305.93 in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for JULY-2018.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of 31-JULY-2018 was \$ 37,898.82.

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

- After this meeting I will be stepping down as Storekeeper for personal reasons.
- MMW2(SS) Ryan Straughan, a newer member, will be taking over as Store Keeper after this meeting.
- 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.

Committee Reports:

- Membership Committee Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - The Quarterly Wellness Check program, which we put in place at our June meeting, for our members 80 years old or older, was very well received by all the members we contacted to check on.
 - As a result of that program we found that we lost 2 members to Eternal Patrol that we were not aware of, CAPT Roy Werthmuller in May of 2016 and QM1(SS) Maurice Laubach in November of 2017.
 - We've lost all contact with CS1(SS) Roy Palmer, who will turn 90 in December of this year, if you have any means of contacting him or his family, please, let me or Craig know.
 - The roster of all HRB members sent out on 04-AUGUST-2018.
 - With gains and losses we are at <u>-278 -</u> members; this is a gain of <u>-11 -</u> members over where we
 were this time last year and that's great! We need to keep up the good work of bringing in new
 members.

- O I've looked over the membership numbers nationally again and because Charleston Base isn't standing still we still need to grow the Base by <u>− 10 −</u> members in order to tie with Charleston Base and <u>− 11 −</u> to take over 2nd place in membership.
- If you have any suggestions of ways to increase our membership and meeting attendance please let the Base leadership know of it.
- o 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 Hampton Roads Base Scholarship for the 2018-2019 awardee, Cameron Wells, the son of STSC(SS) Scott Wells, acknowledged our scholarship and thanked us for it at the picnic.
 - The Committee has to meet to review our application and other documents before we can make the new documents for the 2019-2020 scholastic year.
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- **Program & Events Committee** Base Junior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - Recently Completed Events:
 - The Base Picnic Meeting was on 21-JULY-2018.
 - SUBFOR Change of Command was on 03-AUGUST-2018.
 - VADM Charles A. Richard relieved VADM Joseph E. Tofalo who retired.
 - There was an FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 08-AUGUST-2018.
 - There was a NSL meeting this past Wednesday evening, 15-AUGUST-2018.
 - o Pending Events:
 - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 21-AUGUST-2018.
 - There will be an FRA #60 meeting here 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 12-SEPTEMBER-2018.
 - We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 15-SEPTEMBER-2018.
 - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 25-SEPTEMBER-2018.
 - The Neptune Festival Grand Parade will be Saturday, 29-SEPTEMBER-2018.
 - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 29-SEPTEMBER-2018.
 - The 13th Annual Dolphin Scholarship Virginia Beach Golf Tournament will be Thursday, 04-OCTOBER-2018.
 - There will be an FRA #60 meeting here 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 10-OCTOBER-2018.
 - There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 17-OCTOBER-2018.
 - We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 20-OCTOBER-20108.
 - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 23-OCTOBER-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.
 - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 27-OCTOBER-2018.
 - Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade, Memorial Service and Luncheon will be on Monday 12-NOVEMBER-2018.
 - There will be an FRA #60 meeting here 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 14-NOVEMBER-2018.
 - We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 17-NOVEMBER-2018.

- There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 20-NOVEMBER-2018.
- There will be an FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 21-NOVEMBER-2018.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 24-NOVEMBER-2018.
- The Base Winter Holiday Party will be 7 & 8 DECEMBER-2018 at the Sandcastle Hotel.
- There will be an FRA #60 meeting here 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 12-DECEMBER-2018.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 12-DECEMBER-2018.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 15-DECEMBER-2018.
- There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 18-DECEMBER-2018.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 29-DECEMBER-2018.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 19-JANUARY-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 16-FEBRUARY-2019.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 20-FEBRUARY-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 09-MARCH-2019.
- The 119th Submarine Birthday Ball will be on Friday, 05-APRIL-2019 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center starting at 18:00 hours.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 17-APRIL-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 20-APRIL-2019.
- The Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Boat ceremonies will be 16-MAY-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 18-MAY-2019.
- The 51st anniversary of the loss of USS SCORPION will be 22-MAY-2019.
- The 135th Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade in Portsmouth is on Monday, 27-MAY-2019.
- The Holland Club Induction Ceremonies FOR YEAR GROUP 1969 will be during our 15-JUNE-2019 meeting.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 19-JUNE-2019.
- The Base Picnic Meeting and Scholarship Award Announcement will be on 20-JULY-2019.
- Ways and Means Committee Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
 - o Raffle chances for tickets to this year's Base Winter Holiday Party being sold at the raffles table.
 - Buy your raffle tickets for \$1 each (there are no multi-ticket discounts).
 - We'll be drawing for a pair during our November's Good of the Order.
 - Submarine Pens are available for sale; see the Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner, after the meeting to purchase your pens.
 - o 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:
 - o The FRA here is very good to us and don't charge us for the use of their facilities.
 - For Public Relations with them we need to support them when and where we can.
 - We should be helping out with their monthly field days, please, consider being here to help. in this efforts
 - 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.
 - o I have HRB generic business cards for everyone to carry see me if you need any.

- Newsletter Committee Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle:
 - o 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.
- Website and Social Media Base Webmaster, Sam Stevens
 - Our Base website (https://www.hrb-ussvi.org) is up and running while still under development, modification, and improvements.
 - Over all.
 - Use of the website is low and often ebbs and flows.
 - It is my hope to find and provide engaging content for publication on the site.
 - If you have topics of interest that you'd like to see on the site, talk to me...
 - Website (as of the week of 18-AUGUST)
 - Total 68 site members
 - 4 New members since the Base Picnic
 - Facebook (as of the week of 18-AUGUST)

Total members: 145Active members: 75

- Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee Base Commander, Ted Vorce for Committee Chairman, Ken Swan:
 - You should be thinking of nominees now, nominations are made during our October meeting.
 - o Presentations for consideration of nominated boats are made at our November meeting.
 - Selection of the HoF boat is done by vote of all members present at our December meeting.
- Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee John Sidlovsky for Committee Chairman Rich Corey:
 - o We visited the NMC-P Pediatrics Ward on 24-JULY, with 2 members.
 - We visited with five kids (three boys and two girls) aged 6 months through 17 years old.
 - We will visit the NMC-P on 21-AUGUST, any who will be going please contact John Sidlovsky.
 - 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.
 - o 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 Committee Chairman, John Donaldson:
 - Nothing to report this month.
 - Remember that starting in 2019 HRB is responsible for setting up and coordinating the memorial ceremonies.
- Norfolk Sail Committee Committee Chairman Base Commander, Brian Daugherty:
 - Recycling of the NORFOLK will start late next year.
 - We have to submit the formal letters of endorsement from both HII and the City of Norfolk to NAVSEA before then.
 - We still need to man up the sub-committees and start their work.
 - Otherwise we need to acknowledge this project will not happen.
 - There is too much work for one man to do.
 - We have some volunteers for the sub-committees but we still need more support.

Old Business:

- Base picnic Craig Werner:
 - It was a big success despite the wet weather.
 - o Everyone seems have been pleased with the movies playing in the meeting hall.
 - There are still 6 reservations that have yet to be paid for.
- Trailer Repairs John Sidlovsky:
 - o There are still some repairs and refurbishments that need to be done, although not as major.
 - We will have another working party for the trailers the weekend of 08-SEPTEMBER, with an alternate 15-SEPTEMBER if the weather is bad.

New Business – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

- Now that the CSF CoC has occurred do we want to attempt to restart the Quarterly Waterfront Socials?
 - o I met VADM Richard at the Hail & Farewell after the CoC and he seems to be receptive to us.
 - We will contact his office to invite him to a meeting.
 - We will also clear with his office restarting the Quarterly Waterfront Socials.

Program: (none for this meeting)

Good of the Order:

- Review of boats lost in the month Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
 - o USS S-9 (SS-70) in 1942

o USS BULLHEAD (SS-332) in 1945

o USS FLIER (SS-250) in 1944

USS COCHINO (SS-345) in 1949

- USS HARDER (SS-257) in 1944
- Review of members' birthdays for the month new Base Commander, Ted Vorce:
 - Billy Nytko on 01-AUGUST
 - Clete Nester on 02-AUGUST
 - Brian Bayer on 02-AUGUST
 - Pete Flannery on 03-AUGUST
 - Craig Werner on 03-AUGUST
 - Bob Coe on 05-AUGUST
 - Scott Wells on 09-AUGUST
 - John lannetta on 10-AUGUST
 - Stan Schulz on 11-AUGUST
 - Jim Reynolds 13-AUGUST
 - Charles Firebaugh on 15-AUGUST
 - Dave Mitchell on 16-AUGUST
 - Donald Duck on 17-AUGUST
 - o Ron Lewis on 17-AUGUST
 - Don Lundquist on 19-AUGUST
 - Steve Sudkamp on 19-AUGUST
 - John Tapscott on 20-AUGUST

- Ken Lamine on 21-AUGUST
- Terry Pattison on 21-AUGUST
- Gary Galles on 22-AUGUST
- Dan Brion on 23-AUGUST
- Chip Chiappazzi on 24-AUGUST
- Tony Walker on 24-AUGUST
- Matt Raftery on 25-AUGUST
- Duke Brandon on 26-AUGUST
- Ken Wiltshire on 26-AUGUST
- Bob Rayburn on 26-AUGUST
- Vic Duarte on 27-AUGUST
- o Mike Hanson on 29-AUGUST
- Rich Crockford on 30-AUGUST
- Charlie Bush on 30-AUGUST
- Kerry Logan on 31-AUGUST
- Jim Norton on 31-AUGUST
- Tom Pauls on 31-AUGUST

- The 50/50 raffle of \$ 122 was won by: Ken Lamine (the base received \$ 121).
- The booze raffle was won by: <u>Bill Mereno</u> (the base received <u>\$ 105</u>).
- Winter Holiday Party tickets raffle brought in: \$ 28.
- There was <u>\$ 28</u> donated through the Donations Bucket for the Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund.
- Pen Sales brought in: **\$ 22**.
- There was a total of \$ -0- was donated for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program.
- There was a total of \$ 10 was donated for the Emergency Relief Fund.

There were <u>- 59 - members and <u>- 8 - guests present</u> at this meeting.</u>

Our next Regular Base meeting will be: 15-SEPTEMBER-2018 here at FRA Hall #60.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately **12:05** hours by new Base Commander, Ted Vorce.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,

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

Hampton Roads Base Secretary & Treasurer

Storekeeper's Inventory (as of: 18-AUGUST-2018)

<u>ITEM</u>	Qty. On Hand	Unit Price	
BALL CAPS			
HRB-USSVI (Silver Dolphins)	0	\$	15.00
HRB-USSVI (Gold Dolphins)	1	\$	12.50
HRB-Submarine Veteran (Silver Dolphins)	5	\$	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)	1	\$	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
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
Leather Belt w/ Buckle	1	\$	62.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
HRB Challenge Coins	116	\$	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	2	\$	4.50