

To Byrd Saville and Family:

Byrd, our condolences to you and your whole family. The world will miss Judy immensely. We are truly sorry for your loss. Our hearts ache for you. Nothing any of us can say will help ease the pain but know that Judy was an amazing woman whose warmth and good nature touched all who knew her. Words mean little but, please know that your mutual love and dedication for each other is an inspiration to all your HRB shipmates. Her loss is devastating and we're sorry, deeply sorry.

With love,

Your Hampton Roads Base Family



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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."

From the Base Commander

Shipmates:



Greetings

everyone. It feels like fall is slowly creeping in with cooler weather. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and do not stuff yourself with too much turkey. Next month is the Christmas Party and remember it is at the Best Western Sand Castle in Virginia Beach, from 13-15 December. It is a good time and we will have music again this year! As we ring in 2020 please keep in mind that the National Convention is going to be in Tucson, Arizona, from 24-29 August. It is not too early to plan for that event. Let us look after one another and I hope to see you at the next base meeting.

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*From the Secretary/
Treasurer*

The annual dues renewal drive is in progress and I've now sent out two emails to everyone who needs to pay Base and/or National dues for the 2020 calendar year and beyond. I will be sending out another email this week. As of this writing, 47 of 113 members who have to, have responded and already renewed their membership by paying their dues. If you are one of the members I sent an email to, please, pay your dues so I can put this matter to bed sooner than later and not have to worry about it anymore. I really need to have all the dues paid by 15-DECEMBER so I can send National their portion before the end of the year. Consider paying multi-year dues or even better, Life dues. If you are interested in Life dues you must contact me to verify the amount and it must be for both Base and National.



Nominations for the 2020 Hall of Fame (HoF) boat were made at our 19-OCTOBER meeting. At our 16-NOVEMBER meeting we will have presentations for each of the five boats nominated and vote to make the HoF selection at our 21-DECEMBER meeting.

If you ordered a calendar, our Storekeeper, Fran Vorce, will be distributing them at our 16-NOVEMBER meeting.

The Base Winter Holiday Party is 13 – 15 DECEMBER at the Best Western Sandcastle Beachfront Hotel on Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach. Tickets are \$20 each and are available from Fran Vorce. The registration form and Schedule of Events is attached to this newsletter. We always have a good time at this annual event and the more attending the merrier the party.

This year is an election year for Base Officers with the election being held at our 21-DECEMBER meeting. Brian Daugherty is the Nominating Committee chair. If you are interested in an elected Base leadership position, please contact Brian directly (bdaugherty7@verizon.net) and let him know. The responsibilities of each elected officer position can be found in the Base Bylaws **ARTICLE IV – ELECTED BASE OFFICERS**

We have been talking about fund raising for the Base and the Executive Board has approved a program starting in 2020. This is a Base Sponsorship Program for personal sponsorship of the Base Operations and Scholarships with recognition for each of the sponsors. A breakdown of all the different levels of sponsorship and the benefits of each level is attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions about this new program, contact any member of elected Base leadership.

The application, instructions, and hints for the HRB 2020 – 2021 Scholastic Scholarship were sent to everyone by email. If you need another set, send me an email to let me know.

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. Finally, don't forget about our regular monthly meeting at FRA #60 on 16 November, we want to see you there, 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.... We Honor...



Boats Lost in November

USS CORVINA (SS-226): Lost on Nov 16, 1943 with the loss of 82 men when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was on her 1st war patrol and appears she was lost to the torpedoes of a Japanese submarine.



USS SCULPIN (SS-191): Lost on Nov 19, 1943 with the loss of 63 men near Truk. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. Forty-one men were taken prisoner; only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT John Philip Cromwell, aboard as a potential wolfpack commander. He rode the Sculpin down, fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



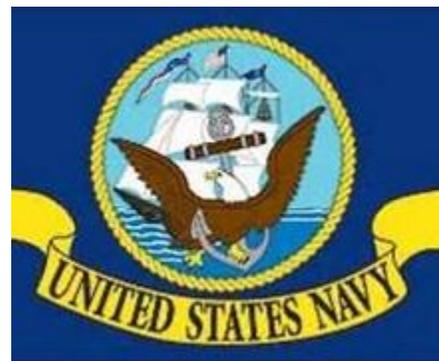
USS ALBACORE (SS-218): Lost on Nov 7, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her eleventh war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.



USS GROWLER (SS-215): Lost on Nov 8, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 12th war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy, probably as a result of a depth charge attack or victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes.



USS SCAMP (SS-277): Probably was sunk on November 16, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay. On her 8th war patrol, she may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate and destroy her with depth charges.



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WELCOME ABOARD

At the October 19 meeting, we gained three new members.

TM1(SS) DOMENICK A. MISSAGGIA qualified on USS SPADEFISH (SSN-668) in 1970.



Domenick also served aboard USS Omaha (SSN-692).

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MM2(SS) BRIAN LEE SHARP qualified on USS KEY WEST (SSN-722) in 1988.



Brian also rode USS Jacksonville (SSN-699), USS Bergall (SSN-667) USS Emory Land (AS-39) and USS Montpelier (SSN-765)

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TMCM(SS) GAR LEE HARRIS qualified on USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN-600) in 1974.



Gary's career also included USS (Alexander Hamilton (SSBN-616), USS Las Angeles (SSN-688), USS Houston) (SSN-713) and USS Key West (SSN-722).

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HRB November Birthdays

- 5: Tom Amann
- 6: Thomas Bergen
- 7: Lowell Lewis
- 8: Ed Kracker
- 11: Bob Spencer
- 13: Bert Hoyt, Bob Marquez, Paul Williams
- 15: Jim Simpson
- 16: Al Konetzni, Frank Decker
- 18: Randy Kingsbury
- 19: Marlin Boyle, Scott Seddon
- 20: Keith Nesbit, Samuel Boyd
- 21: Byrd Saville
- 22: Harlie Dockens
- 23: D. J. Heisner
- 24: Ruddy Summers
- 26: Ron Boddy
- 30. Eric Adkins



Hampton Roads Crew Attend Thresher Memorial Dedication



Thank you to Keystone Base for submitting the recent American Submariner article regarding the background and flow of events at the 26 October Thresher Memorial Dedication. Since they used many of the same words and phrasing that I would have used, I refer you to that article for that particular information. You'll find it on page 29 of the Fourth Quarter 2019 edition.

Many USSVI members made the trip to Arlington that day. Hampton Roads Base representation was organized by Sam Stevens. Accompanying Sam were Ron O'Donnell, Joe Demnicki, Ken Karr, Scot Wells and Jim Gazard.

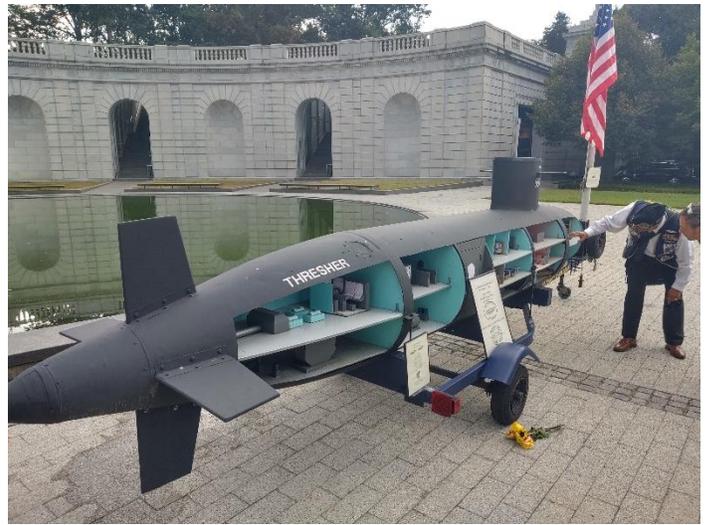
Sam took the pictures below”



Before the Ceremony



Thresher Memorial Stone



Thresher Cut Away from Marblehead Base



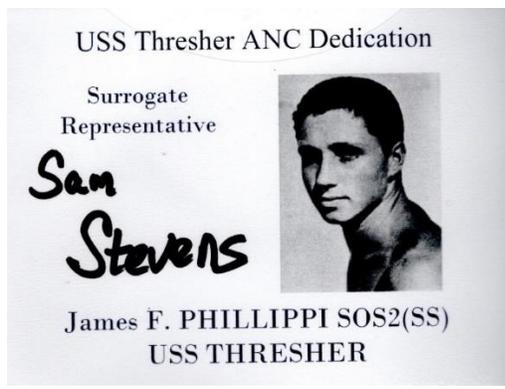
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Sam Stevens with Thresher Memorial Foundation CEO Kevin Galeaz

The following is an Email from Sam:

"I forgot to send this photo to you for the Thresher Memorial piece you mentioned you were writing about the USS Thresher ANC Memorial. While there, I visited a table set up for family of the Thresher folks. They asked if I was a family member. (I was wearing my vest). I said no. They asked if I'd like to be a surrogate representative for a sailor who was lost, but had no family member in attendance for the dedication... I said certainly of course. Attached find a copy of the ID card they gave me to represent him with".



Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) News



The October visit to NMC-P had to be cancelled. We are looking forward to the next visit on 19 November.

2021 HALL of FAME NOMINEES

The nominees and proponents for this 2021 are:

- USS GUARDFISH (from last year) was nominated by Ron O'Donnell.
- USS ATLANTA (from last year) was nominated by Bill Heron.
- USS PROVIDENCE (from last year) was nominated by Sam Stevens.
- USS SPADEFISH was nominated by Domenick Missaggia.
- USS HENRY CLAY was nominated by Dave Duffié.

Presentations supporting these boats and final voting will be made at the 16 November and 21 December base meetings, respectively.

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Upcoming Events

November 2019

11: Veterans Day Parade

16: Base Meeting

17: German Volkstrauertag (Memorial Day)

19: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

December 2019

13-15: Holiday Party

21: Base Meeting

TBD: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

January 2020

18: Base Meeting

21: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

February 2020

15: Base Meeting

18: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

March 2020

21: Base Meeting

24: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

April 2020

18: Base Meeting

21: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

May 2020

18: Base Meeting

21: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

TBD: Scorpion Memorial

TBD: WWII Memorial & Hall of Fame

25: 136th Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade

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HOLIDAY PARTY

Our 2018 Holiday Party is slated for the second weekend of December. **GET YOUR RESERVATIONS TO FRAN & TED ASAP!!**



See the attached reservation form.

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November Historic Events

10 November 1775 - Congress voted to raise two battalions of Continental Marines, establishing the Marine Corps.

1 November 1841 - The "Mosquito Fleet," commanded by Lt. Cmdr. J. T. McLaughlin, carried 750 Sailors and Marines into the Everglades to fight the Seminole Indians.



3 November 1853 - The frigate Constitution, as the flagship of the African Squadron, under the command of Commodore Isaac Mayo, captured American slaver the schooner H. N. Gambrill, 60 miles south of Congo River. This capture was Constitution's last prize.

17 November 1943 - USS Sailfish / Squalus (SS-192): Sailfish departed, under the command of Robert E. M. Ward, for her 10th war patrol, which took her South of Honshu. She suffered a "hot run" in tube 8, and after the skipper himself went over the side to inspect the damage, ejected the torpedo.

19 November 1943- USS Nautilus (SS-168) entered Tarawa lagoon for the first submarine photograph reconnaissance mission. It was later damaged by friendly fire from USS Santa Fe (CL 60) and USS Ringgold (DD 500) off Tarawa. Due to the mission's secrecy, Nautilus' presence was unknown to the vessels.

25 November 1944 - USS Hardhead (SS-365) attacked a Japanese convoy 60 miles west of Manila and sank Coast Defense Vessel No.38 off Bataan Peninsula while USS Atule (SS 403) sank Japanese freighter Santos Maru off Sabtang Island, Luzon. Also, USS Mingo (SS 261) sank Japanese army transport Manila Maru.

29 November 1944 - USS Archerfish (SS-311) sank Japanese carrier Shinano on her maiden voyage 160 nautical miles southwest of Tokyo Bay. Shinano was the largest warship sunk by any combatant submarines during World War II. Also, on this date, USS Scabbardfish (SS-397) sank Japanese submarine I-365 east of Honshu.

26 November 1952 - USS Tirante (SS-420): Tirante was recommissioned at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, ME. After conversion to GUPPY configuration and conducting shakedown, she returned to the East Coast of the United States to prepare for her first deployment with the Sixth Fleet.



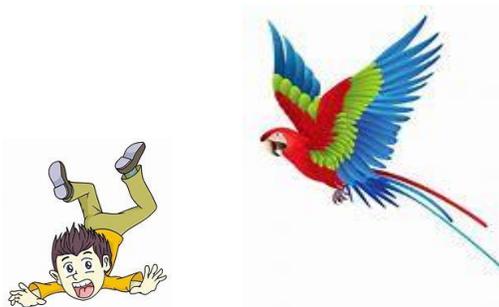
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Humor

A man boards an airliner, takes his seat, and is surprised to find a large purple parrot in the seat next to him. As the aircraft takes off, a pretty flight attendant walks down the aisle past the man and his seat mate. 'Hey, bitch', says the parrot, 'bring me a whiskey and soda, and make it snappy!' The flight attendant looks annoyed, but walks on. A minute later, she walks back up the aisle, and the parrot pipes up again: 'Damn it, you lazy street walker, where's my whiskey? Hurry it up!' Visibly flustered, the flight attendant hurries up the aisle and returns quickly with the parrot's drink.

Impressed with the parrot's technique, the man decides to get some quick service for himself. 'Hey, slut,' says the man, 'get me a dry martini and don't drag your sorry ass - I want it right now !'

The flight attendant turns red with anger and runs to the front of the plane. In a moment she returns with the First Officer and two burly male flight attendants. The crewmen seize the passenger and the parrot, jerk open the emergency door and hurl them both out of the airplane at 20,000 feet.



As the two hurtle out the door, the parrot says to the man, 'Ya know, for someone who can't fly, you got a lotta balls.'

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AN OLD WOMAN PROSPECTOR RODE INTO TOWN. SHE WALKED UP AND TIED HER OLD MULE TO THE HITCHING POST.



AS SHE STOOD THERE, BRUSHING SOME OF THE DUST FROM HER FACE AND CLOTHES, A YOUNG GUNSLINGER STEPPED OUT OF THE SALOON WITH A GUN IN ONE HAND AND A BOTTLE OF WHISKEY IN THE OTHER.

THE YOUNG GUNSLINGER LOOKED AT THE OLD WOMAN AND LAUGHED, "HEY OLD WOMAN, HAVE YOU EVER DANCED?"

THE OLD WOMAN LOOKED UP AT THE GUNSLINGER AND SAID, "NO, I NEVER DID DANCE...NEVER REALLY WANTED TO."

A CROWD HAD GATHERED AS THE GUNSLINGER GRINNED AND SAID, "WELL, YOU OLD BAG, YOU'RE GONNA DANCE NOW," AND STARTED SHOOTING AT THE OLD WOMAN'S FEET.

THE OLD WOMAN PROSPECTOR NOT WANTING TO GET HER TOE BLOWN OFF -- STARTED HOPPING AROUND. EVERYBODY WAS LAUGHING.

WHEN HIS LAST BULLET HAD BEEN FIRED, THE YOUNG GUNSLINGER, STILL LAUGHING, HOLSTERED HIS GUN AND TURNED AROUND TO GO BACK INTO THE SALOON.

THE OLD WOMAN TURNED TO HER PACK MULE, PULLED OUT A DOUBLE-BARRELED SHOTGUN, AND COCKED BOTH HAMMERS. THE LOUD CLICKS CARRIED CLEARLY THROUGH THE DESERT AIR.

THE CROWD STOPPED LAUGHING IMMEDIATELY.

THE YOUNG GUNSLINGER HEARD THE SOUNDS, TOO, AND HE TURNED AROUND VERY SLOWLY. THE SILENCE WAS ALMOST DEAFENING.

THE CROWD WATCHED AS THE YOUNG GUNSMAN STARED AT THE OLD WOMAN AND THE LARGE GAPING HOLES OF THOSE TWIN BARRELS.

THE BARRELS OF THE SHOTGUN NEVER WAVERED IN THE OLD WOMAN'S HANDS, AS SHE QUIETLY SAID, "SON, HAVE YOU EVER KISSED A MULE'S ASS?"

THE GUNSLINGER SWALLOWED HARD AND SAID, "NO M'AM ... BUT... I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO."

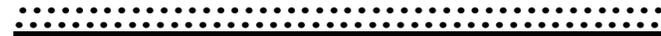
THERE ARE A FEW LESSONS HERE FOR ALL OF US:

- 1 - Never be arrogant.
- 2 - Don't waste ammunition.
- 3 - Whiskey makes you think you're smarter than you are.
- 4 - Always, always make sure you know who has the power.
- 5 - **Don't mess with older women; they didn't get old by being stupid.**





"HE'S ABOUT 5' 3", WEARING A RED JACKET, SMELLS OF BEER, AND HE SHOT A GUN AT ME"



[USWN ARTICLES](#)

[Navy Reestablishes Submarine Group 2](#)

[U.S. Submarine Forces Public Affairs, October](#)

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) -- Taking another important step in response to the reemergence of great power competition, the Navy reestablished Commander, Submarine Group (SUBGRU) 2 in Norfolk, Virginia. Sept.30 following its disestablishment in August 2014.

The move follows the reestablishment of commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet (C2F) in 2018, and is aimed at enhancing the Navy’s capacity to command and control its undersea warfare forces seamlessly across the entire Atlantic area, from the eastern seaboard of the United States to the Barents Sea, and even into the Southern Atlantic, if the need arises.

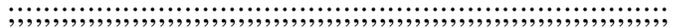
“The security environment continues to grow more challenging and complex-- particularly in the North Atlantic,” said Vice Adm. Charles Richard, commander, Submarine Forces. “To maintain America’s undersea superiority, we must increase naval power and our readiness for high-end blue water warfare. How we’re organized to command that employment will be a driving factor in our success – that’s why we’re re-establishing SubGroup 2 today.”

SUBGRU 2 is commanded by Rear Adm. James Waters, who also assumed duties as commander, Task Force (CTF) 84. CTF 84 is the theater anti-submarine warfare (TASW) commander for U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

“Our motto, ‘Praeparavit Regnatura,’ means ready to dominate. We will prepare forces to control the undersea domain through rigorous competitive training, and a thorough understanding of our adversaries and the environment where we both operate,” said Waters. “Further, we will innovate and advance the art of theater anti-submarine warfare through complex fleet exercises and war games.”

Additionally, the command is capable of operating as an embedded CTF within C2F when it is activated as a Maritime Command Element, and to serve as the TASW commander for Commander, U.S. 4th Fleet, as assigned. SUBGRU 2 will have additional administrative control responsibilities delegated from Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic.

“As you carry out your day-to-day duties, you must understand that winning decisively in a potential ‘Fourth Battle of the Atlantic’ should be your guiding vision,” said Adm. Christopher Grady, commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command. “The best way to prevent a fight is to be prepared to win decisively should anyone choose to threaten us. We believe in power for peace.”



[Alaskan Islanders Yearn for the Navy to Build a Bering Sea Base](#)

[Not Attributed. The Associated Press, September 30](#)

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Melting sea ice, increased shipping and shifting defense priorities are factors in deciding whether the U.S. military re-establishes permanent facilities in Alaska’s Bering Sea region, officials said.



The Native regional Aleut Corporation owns much of the land on Adak Island and is promoting a military return to the Aleutian Islands, Alaska Public Media reported Thursday.

A potential permanent base in Alaska is under consideration, but no decisions have been made, said Navy spokesperson Lt. Rochelle Rieger.

The Pentagon closed a large naval air base on Adak in the 1990s, but the Navy and Marine Corps recently held large-scale exercises there to test cold-climate capabilities.

The conditions allowed military personnel to practice maneuvers used during missions including moving large numbers of troops and supplies from a warship onto shore, said Navy Rear Adm. Cedric Pringle.

"That's exactly what we'd do with a combat situation,"

Pringle said. "That's exactly what we would do in a humanitarian situation, as well."

Adak is 444 miles (715 kilometers) from the nearest population hub, Unalaska, and more than 1,200 miles (1,931 kilometers) from Anchorage.

As ice melts in the Arctic, Aleut Corporation envisions a cargo shipping hub on Adak serving vessels using the Northern Sea and Trans-Polar routes.

The Navy's return would also contribute to the revival of the small civilian community on the island, which has a population varying between 100 and 300 throughout the year, said Paul Fuhs, corporation military liaison.

"When you're in a war you don't get to pick your weather," Fuhs said. "They like it, it's a challenge. They want to challenge their troops."

Submarine Forces Boss Tapped to Lead STRATCOM

Rachel S. Cohen, USNI Air Force Magazine, October 21

Vice Adm. Chas Richard, the Navy's commander of submarine forces, is next in line to lead US Strategic Command after previously serving as its No. 2 uniformed official.

The White House nominated Richard on Oct. 15 to succeed Air Force Gen. John Hyten, the incoming vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Senate Armed Services Committee will vet Richard at an Oct. 24 hearing.

He is also up for a promotion to admiral.

Richard currently serves as head of Submarine Force Atlantic and Allied Submarine Command. "As a former deputy commander of STRATCOM, Admiral Richard understands the responsibilities of the command and its mission well," Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) said Oct. 17. "With threats from Russia and China continuing to grow, nuclear deterrence is becoming more important than ever and STRATCOM requires experienced and capable leadership."

Fischer chairs SASC's strategic forces subcommittee and is the senior senator from Nebraska, where STRATCOM is headquartered at Offutt AFB outside Omaha.

If confirmed, Richard will play a key role in overhauling the Pentagon's nuclear weapons and related aircraft in the coming decades, shifting responsibility for space assets from STRATCOM to the new US Space Command, updating nuclear command-and-control systems for the 21st century, and more.

The nominee to be commander of U.S. Strategic Command told lawmakers at his confirmation hearing today that adoption of a "no first use" policy for nuclear weapons is a bad idea. "My best military advice would be to not adopt a no first use policy," Richard was also



clear that modernization needs to continue moving forward on the U.S. nuclear triad, which involves ground-based missiles — commonly referred to as intercontinental ballistic missiles — submarine-launched ballistic missiles and air-launched cruise missiles, dropped from bomber aircraft. In all three areas, the U.S. modernization effort is underway.

"We have delayed and life-extended the triad systems to the maximum extent possible," said Richard, who serves now as commander of Navy Submarine Forces. "What I mean by that is we are bumping into physics and engineering limits." For example, the Ohio-class submarine, which carries the Trident II D5 missile, for instance, was designed for 30 years of use. It's been in service now for 42 years.

According to Richard, the recapitalization of the nuclear triad is needed, worth the investment and doable. "That's only 3.5% of the defense budget on top of the 3.5% we spend to maintain the system that we have," he said. "That defense budget is itself a fraction of the discretionary budget of this nation... that's what buys our deterrence and defense against the only existential threat this nation faces.



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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 19-OCTOBER-2019

Meeting was called to order by Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley 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, Adam Kingsley.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley.
- The Tolling of the Boats Ceremony was read by Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner while the bell was rung by Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley.
- New members Gary Lee Harris, Domenick Missaggia, and Brian Lee Sharp were recognized; they stood and identified themselves and their backgrounds.
- There were no members visiting from National Leadership, Region Leadership, District Leadership, or other Bases.
- A round robin of introductions, led by Base Member John Donaldson, was then 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:

- R.O. Bradford – He was well enough to attend today's meeting.
- Al Friedman – He is home following Doctor's orders, recovering and rebuilding his strength – no contact.
- Al Keck – Despite our best efforts we've had no recent contact with him or his daughter.
- Doc Kennedy – He was well enough to attend today's meeting.
- Bill Mereno – He was well enough after recent chemo treatments to attend today's meeting.
- Lynn (Buggs) Moran – He has recovered enough from surgery that he attended today's meeting.
- Cletis Nester – He was supposed to have back surgery the end of September however, four days before his surgery he had a stroke. He does not have any residual effects from the stroke but, his back surgery was postponed indefinitely 'til he is cleared by cardiology.

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

- The minutes of the 21-SEP-2019 Base Meeting were emailed out to all members on 22-SEP.
- 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 at TPattison@Cox.net, so that he can generate one for you.
- There is no further 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-SEPTEMBER-2019 was **\$ 38,993.18**.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of SEPTEMBER-2019 of **\$ 2134.40**.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of SEPTEMBER-2019 of **\$ 1341.75**.
- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01-SEPTEMBER-2019 at **\$ 22,794.07** and ended the month at **\$ 22,795.47** for a net increase/~~decrease~~ of **\$ 1.40**.
- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-SEPTEMBER-2019 at **\$ 894.33**, after donations, and expenditures totaling **\$ 83.50**, ended the month at **\$ 977.83**.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-SEPTEMBER-2019 at **\$ 3770.67**, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling **\$ 50.09**, the program ended the month at **\$ 3820.76**.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-SEPTEMBER-2019 at **\$ 1172.47**, after donations, interest, and expenditures, totaling **\$ 25.02**, ended the month at **\$ 1197.49**.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of the end of SEPTEMBER was **\$ 562.65**.
- This has resulted in a net increase/~~decrease~~ of **\$ 792.65** in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for the month of SEPTEMBER-2019.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of the end of the month was **\$ 39,966.79**.
- The quarterly audit of the Base financial records for the third quarter of 2019 has been completed with no discrepancies.

Store Keeper's Report: Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Base Storekeeper, Fran Vorce:

- Fran is not here today.
- The order for the 2020 USSVI Calendars has been placed and the calendars will be distributed at our November meeting.
- If you have something specific you need from the Store Keeper, send an email to FVorce@Verizon.net.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - The annual membership renewal drive has started and emails have been sent out to everyone who needs to renew their membership.
 - So far, **- 31 -** of **- 113 -** members who have to have renewed their dues.
 - During the quarterly Wellness check of our more senior members, we have been unable to make contact with CAPT Hay, LCDR Keck, or CAPT Murray, if you are in contact with any of these three members, please, have them get in touch with Craig by phone or email.
 - The roster of all HRB members sent out on 07-OCTOBER-2019.
 - With gains and losses we are at **- 297 -** members; last year at this time we had **- 280 -** members so this is a gain/~~loss~~ of **- 17 -** members over last year and that's great!
 - **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 **- 16 -** members.
 - We need to keep up the good work of bringing in new members; if we **STILL WANT** to get to 300 members before the end of this year, three more and we've made it
 - From now until the end of the year, new members (other than active duty) who join through 2020 will pay \$45.00 for their dues (National - \$30.00 & Base - \$15.00).
 - Active Duty that are qualified to wear dolphins may join USSVI at no charge through the end of 2020.
 - 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.
 - If you have any questions contact Craig.
- Anyone who thinks they are due a USSVI Longevity Pin should see Craig after the meeting.
- **Scholarship Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - The application, instructions, and hints for the 2020-2021 HRB Scholarship were sent out to everyone by email on 06-OCTOBER.
 - If you have any qualified and eligible dependents you are encouraged to have them apply.
 - Included in that distribution email was information on other scholarships available through some other military and retired military related organizations.
- **Program & Events Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
 - Recently Completed Events:
 - There was a K4K visit at NMC-P on Tuesday, 24-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - The Dedication ceremony for the Thresher Memorial at ANC with reception after was on 26-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - The Virginia Beach Neptune Festival Parade was on Saturday, 28-SEPTEMBER.
 - The 14th Annual Virginia Beach DSF Golf Tournament was on Thursday, 03-OCTOBER-2019, at the Virginia Beach National Golf Club.
 - There was a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 on Saturday, 05-OCTOBER-2019 but we had no one who attended
 - There was a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 09-OCTOBER-2019.
 - There was a NSL meeting, on Wednesday, 16-OCTOBER-2019.
 - Pending Events:
 - We are having our Base meeting today.
 - We will meet for a K4K visit at NMC-P at 09:30 hours, this Tuesday, 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, if you've got the time (and can get up that early), please, come out and help support the FRA because they support us.
 - The Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade is on Monday, 11-NOVEMBER.
 - 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.
 - The Base Winter Holiday Party will be 13 thru 15-DECEMBER at the Sandcastle Hotel.
 - 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 here at FRA #60, 11:15 hours, Saturday, 21-DECEMBER.
 - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P at 09:30 hours, on Tuesday, 24-DECEMBER-2019.
- **Ways and Means Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
 - 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:
 - 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.
 - We're coming into the fall season and windbreakers or light jackets are going to be used more and more, having one with the USSVI and/or the HRB logo and/or name would help, contact Jenny.
 - I have the new generic HRB business cards for everyone get rid of your old ones and pick up a pack of new cards.
- **Newsletter Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Base Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle.
 - 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 give a simple biography to be included in the newsletter.
- **Website and Social Media** – Base Webmaster, Sam Stevens
 - The THRESHER Memorial dedication ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery followed by a reception this Thursday, 26-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - If you are intending to be at this event you should have already let Sam Stevens know.
 - All those attending are asked to meet with Sam immediately after this meeting in the back of this room.
 - Website Statistics since last meeting:
 - Number of New Site Members approved since last meeting – 0
 - Total number of website member/users – 93
 - Number of unique visitors to the site last 30 days - 79
 - Facebook Statistics
 - New Page members last 30 days - 08
 - New Page Interactions last 30 days – 248 (v 64%)
 - Total Page “Likes” – 1,043 (^ 20)
 - Total Members – 172 (+2%)
 - Special Report – Thresher Memorial
 - A number of members (Wells, Gazard, O'Donnell, Domnecki, and myself) attended the USS Thresher Memorial Dedication at Arlington National Cemetery.
 - I have updated the web page to reflect all the latest information – including a link to the YouTube video of the dedication event.
 - Event photos have been provided - watch for them in the next Base Newsletter.
- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** – Committee Co-Chairman, Dick Helm:
 - Nominations will be during the program for this meeting.
- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – Committee Co-Chairman, John Sidlovsky.
 - We visited on Tuesday, 24-SEPTEMBER when we got together with – 6 – boys and – 1 – girl aged – 3 – years through – 15 – years old.
 - We had a crew of – 7 – for the visit.
 - We will visit the kids again on Tuesday, 22-OCTOBER 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** – 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:
 - We're putting together a binder for the history of the memorial observations.
- **NORFOLK Sail Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley for Committee Chairman, Gary Merryman:
 - We've not had any success in our attempts to contact with the City Councilman for Ocean View.
 - We are still trying to get the plans for other memorials to 688 class ships.
 - We need to develop our business plan and have it approved by the Base E-Board before we can move much further forward.

Old Business:

- Adam Kingsley – Plans for the restoration of parade trailers.
 - We're still looking for a suitable drop-tank to use as the base for our submarine float rebuild.
 - The Ride-On trailer will also need to be rebuilt due to wood rot.
- Sam Stevens – Report on the USS Thresher ANC Memorial Dedication Ceremony.
- Adam Kingsley – follow-up report on the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival Parade, Saturday, 28-SEPTEMBER.
- Adam Kingsley – the Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade will be on Monday, 11-NOVEMBER, more information will be sent out as it becomes available,

New Business: (none)

Program:

- Nominations for the 2020 Hall-of-Fame Boat – HoF Committee Co-Chairman, Dick Helm.
 - All nominations for the 2020 Hall-of-Fame Boat must have a sponsor including those that were nominated last year but not selected.
 - USS GUARDFISH (from last year) was nominated by Ron O'Donnell.
 - USS ATLANTA (from last year) was nominated by Bill Heron.
 - USS PROVIDENCE (from last year) was nominated by Sam Stevens.
 - USS SPADEFISH was nominated by Domenick Missaggia.
 - USS HENRY CLAY was nominated by Dave Duffié.
 - Presentations for all of the nominated boats will be made at our November meeting.
- New program for fund raising by personal sponsorship and recognition – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley.
 - This new Base Sponsorship program will be implemented for the 2020 calendar (fiscal) year.
 - See the Sponsorship Levels breakdown (separate attachment) for further explanation.

Good of the Order:

- Brian Krammes – Our shipmate, Byrd Saville, is having a very hard time right now. His wife, Judy who used to accompany Byrd to the meetings here, has deteriorated to the point that although she is not in a coma, she is not responsive to any normal stimulus. Byrd is staying at her bedside now.

- Craig Werner – I want to recognize Rock Pedroni for all he has done to help and support Byrd Saville. Rock has acted as a true shipmate and deserves this recognition.

- **Review of boats lost in this month** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
 - USS O-5 (SS-66) in 1923
 - USS S-44 (SS-155) in 1943
 - USS WAHOO (SS-238) in 1943
 - USS DORADO (SS-248) in 1943
 - USS SEAWOLF (SS-197) in 1944
 - USS ESCOLAR (SS-294) in 1944
 - USS SHARK II (SS-314) in 1944
 - USS DARTER (SS-227) in 1944
 - USS TANG (SS-306) in 1944

- **Review of members' birthdays for the month** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - Bob Vincent on 01-OCT
 - Joe Procida on 02-OCT
 - Harold Weston on 02-OCT
 - Brad Sargent on 03-OCT
 - Bud Atkins on 05-OCT
 - Gene Lockwood on 05-OCT
 - Walt Kreger on 06-OCT
 - Ed Wegiel on 08-OCT
 - Dave Snyder on 10-OCT
 - Jason Ritchie on 12-OCT
 - Joe Pepperman on 13-OCT
 - Gene Roberts on 13-OCT
 - Mike McGinn on 14-OCT
 - Rich Moore on 14-OCT
 - Jeff Briggs on 16-OCT
 - Greg McRae on 16-OCT
 - Mike Noftsgar on 17-OCT
 - Clif Williams on 17-OCT
 - Tony Ficca on 20-OCT
 - Bill Ralston on 20-OCT
 - Dave Cosgrove on 22-OCT
 - Mike York on 26-OCT
 - Dave Davidson on 27-OCT
 - Al Keck on 27-OCT
 - Bobby Holt on 29-OCT
 - Harry Hampson on 30-OCT

- The 50/50 raffle of \$ 113 was won by: Buggs Moran (the base received \$ 112).
- The booze raffle was won by: Beverly Galles (the base received \$ 107).
- Winter Holiday Party tickets raffle brought in: \$ 17.
- There was \$ 39.50 donated through the Donations Bucket for the Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund.
- Pen Sales brought in: \$ 20.
- There was a total of \$ - 0 - was donated for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program.
- There was a total of \$ 21 was donated for the Emergency Relief Fund.
- There were - 58 - members and - 6 - guests present at this meeting.

Our next Regular Base meeting will be at 11:15 hours, Saturday, **16-NOVEMBER-2019** here at FRA Hall #60.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 hours by Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,



Handwritten signature of Craig S. Werner in blue ink.

EMCS(SS) Craig S. Werner, U.S.N. (Ret.)
Hampton Roads Base Secretary & Treasurer
222-5 Sandpiper Drive
Portsmouth, VA 23704-1543
757-373-3142

Storekeeper's Inventory

(as of: 21-SEPTEMBER-2019)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Qty. On Hand</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
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)	0	\$ 15.00
Holland Club (Gold Dolphins)	2	\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI - Khaki (Silver Dolphins)	4	\$ 15.00
HRB-Submarine Veteran - Khaki (Gold Dolphins)	2	\$ 15.00
PATCHES & CLOTHING		
Hampton Roads Chapter Patch	37	\$ 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	112	\$ 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	0	\$ 4.50



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."



Annual Sponsorship Program

(effective for calendar year 2020)

Sponsor Level	Benefits	Donation
COLUMBIA Class Sponsor	2 Christmas Party Tickets 4 Summer Picnic Tickets 8 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$500*
VIRGINIA Class Sponsor	2 Christmas Party Ticket 2 Summer Picnic Ticket 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$300*
SEAWOLF Class Sponsor	1 Christmas Party Ticket 2 Summer Picnic Ticket 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$200*
OHIO Class Sponsor	2 Summer Picnic Ticket 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$150*
LOS ANGELES Class Sponsor	1 Summer Picnic Ticket 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$125*
STURGEON Class Sponsor	3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$100*
41 for FREEDOM Sponsor	1 Raffle Ticket at Each Monthly Base Meeting** Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$75*
NAUTILUS Era Sponsor	Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$50*
DIESEL BOATS FOREVER Sponsor	Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page Supports HR Base Operations and Scholarship Fund	\$25*

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

<p>Hampton Roads Base of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. A 501(c)19 Veteran Organization, Tax ID №, 06-1007203</p>	<p>Base Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month (except March) at FRA Hall #60, 9601 1st View Street, Norfolk, VA 23503-1603 https://www.HRB-USSVI.org (Hampton Roads Base Website)</p>
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CHRISTMAS PARTY REGISTRATION - 2019

13 - 15 December (schedule of events on next page)

Make your check, payable to USSVI-HRB and mail to:

Ted Vorce, Christmas Party Chmn. (Do not make check out to Ted)
129 Ravenna CRSE
Chesapeake, VA 23322-2088

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address (if you have one): _____

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BEST WESTERN SANDCASTLE BEACHFRONT HOTEL INFO.
1307 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Best Western Sandcastle Phone Number: (757) 428-2828

Guestroom Rates: Group rate for guestroom is **\$79.00 per night** plus applicable taxes for single and double occupancy. A deposit of the first night and taxes must be paid upon making reservations. **The rate includes a full American breakfast buffet each morning.**

Will you be staying at the Sandcastle Oceanfront Resort Hotel?
Please note that check in time is (1500) and check out time is (1100).

Please "Check Mark" which nights you will be staying:

Friday (13 Dec 19) _____ and/or Saturday (14 Dec 19) _____

Registration Fee: None 😊. We do encourage **Pot-luck snacks** and remember to **BYOB** and **Mixers**.

Banquet Fee: **Tickets \$20** (per ticket)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Fri - 13 Dec

- 1200 - Hospitality Room Opens
- 1500 - Hotel Check-In (Liberty Call - Liberty Call.)
- 2300 - Hospitality Room Secured (Taps, Taps - Lights Out.)

Saturday - 14 Dec

- 0700 - Breakfast
- 0900 - Hospitality Room Open (Liberty Call - Liberty Call)
- 1500 - Army/Navy Game (Go Navy - Beat Army!)
- 1730 - Tolling of the Boats (Bar secured during ceremony)
- 1830 - Dinner begins (Pollards will cater - Yummy!)
- 1900 - Music and Dancing (DJ Pending)
- 2300 - Hospitality Room Secured (Taps, Taps - Lights Out)

Sunday - 15 Dec

- 0700 - Breakfast
- 0700 - Hospitality Room Open for pack up of personal belongings
Note: The room will not be monitored once pack-up begins
- 1100 - Hotel Check Out - (Hotel Liberty Expires ☹)

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