



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."*



USS L. MENDEL RIVERS HALL OF FAME BOAT 2024

Base Commander - Gary Galles, Present

Base Senior Vice Commander - Adam Kingsley, Present Base

Junior Vice Commander - Ron O'Donnell, Present

Secretary - Vacant

Treasurer - John "Sid" Sidlovsky, Present

Minutes for the regular base meeting, 15 June 2024

The regular base meeting was called to order at 1115 by the **Base Commander - Gary Galles**.

The Base Chief of the Boat installed the Banner on the podium in memory of STS2(SS) Timothy Sanders, USN.

A Moment of Silence was observed for All Submariners on Eternal Patrol.

The Invocation was presented by the **Base Chaplin - Art Nelson**.

The USSVI Creed was read by the **Base Senior Vice Commander - Adam Kingsley**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the **Base Commander - Gary Galles**.

The Tolling of the Boats was performed by **Base Senior Vice Commander - Adam Kingsley & Base Junior Vice Commander - Ron O'Donnell**.

The Base Commander welcomed all members and visitors.

There were no visiting National, Regional, or District Representatives

There were 2 new members.

- **Rich Osborne**
- **Andy Van**

The Round Robin of Introductions was held by the **Base Chief of the Boat, Gary Merryman**. All members announced their name, qual boat, and guests.

There were 63 people in attendance (57 members and 6 guests).

The Binnacle List was read by the Base Chaplin - Art Nelson:

- **Craig Warner** is continuing to fight cancer.
- **John Fenter** is present and recovering.
- **Beverly Galles** is having surgery 6-27-24

The Secretary's Report was read by the **Base Secretary – John Sidlovsky (Interim)**.

- If anyone is interested in the job as Base Secretary please let the Base Commander, Gary Galles and the Immediate Past Base Commander, Brian Daugherty know.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by the Base Treasurer - John "Sid" Sidlovsky (See enclosure)

Committee Reports

Storekeeper report was presented by the **Base Storekeeper, Will Lane**.

- A lot of supplies have been replenished.
- If you want anything special, contact Wil and he will order it for you.

Membership Committee was read by the **Base Senior Vice Commander - Adam Kingsley** we have 278 members. Last year we had 280 members.

If you need a badge, contact the **Base Chief of the Boat - Gary Merryman** (gary232361@yahoo.com)

Active-Duty Membership - **Base Senior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley** put out that those on active duty get free dues on the second year with the first year paid for.

A USSVI Longevity Pin presentation by the **Base Senior Vice Commander - Adam Kingsley**:

- **None**

The Scholarship Committee was presented by the **Base Senior Vice Commander - Adam Kingsley**. The members are:

- **Adam Kingsley** – Chairman
- **John "Sid" Sidlovsky** – Treasurer (Non-voting member)
- **Jack Ritz**
- **Ron O'Donnell**
- The committee has selected **Jack Clayton**, the grandson of **Peter Flannery** for the **HRB 2024-2025 Scholarship**. Jack will receive \$1,500.00 sent to his school on his behalf.

Programs & Events Committee were presented by the **Base Junior Vice Commander - Ron O'Donnell**:

- Portsmouth Parade was held on 5-27-24, 11 attended.
- USS Helena Hail and Farewell was held on 6-7-2024, 5 attended.
- SLF Change of Command 6-10-2024, 2 attended.
- USS New Hampshire Hail and Farewell in 2 weeks
- Pig Boats is the subject of our next month's program.

Ways and Means Committee- **Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley**: Sponsorship program.

Public Relations and Publicity Committee - **Base Chief of the Boat Gary Merryman**:

- The Base Commander put out that the COB is stepping down and if anyone is interested in being the Base COB let the Base Commander know. It is an appointed position. Gary Merryman will stay on as COB until a relief is chosen.

Newsletter Committee – **Editor, Anthony Ficca** reminded us the newsletter will come out quarterly. If you have any input, please write your article and submit it to the Newsletter Editor. The next issue will be submitted next week.

Holland Club Committee – **Chairman, Bill Heron** inducted **Gary Harris** into the Holland Club

The Scorpion Memorial – **Chairman - Bill Heron**.

- Scorpion Memorial was held on May 19, 2024 at the Knights of Columbus. The COB's daughter, CAPT Mary E a Bishop Nolan & her husband Art attended.
- Briefed us that the Scorpion Memorial may be held every 5 years.

Website and Social Media – **Gary Galles for Webmaster - Sam Stevens, No**

report. Hall of Fame/WWII Commi ee –

- **Dick Helm for the WWII Memorial for Chairman Ken Swan**, service was held at the Submarine Learning Facility outside on 23 May 24. The wreath was presented to the USS Helena to take to sea.
- **Ron O'Donnell for Hall of Fame for Chairman Ken Swan**, is looking for a chairman replacement. If interested, please contact Ken Swan. The USS L. Mendel Rivers was inducted at the Submarine Learning Facility (SLF) on 23 May 2024. Former members were present for the induction and enjoyed a picnic. The SLF opened some of their trainers for the guests.



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Committee Reports (continued)

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

- 3 Members went and saw 3 patients.
- The next visit will be this Tuesday 6/18/24 at 10:00 at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital

Hampton Roads (ERF) Committee – **Chairman Jack Ritz** stated there were no requests for assistance for the ERF.

Picnic – **Coordinator Beverly Galles** said the picnic is not on track for August. Club 60 double-booked the day with another venue. Prices have gone up due to the increase in inflation:

- Children up to 5 years old will be free
- Ages 6 through 17 and USSVI members will cost \$7 per person
- Guests will cost \$10 per person
- Registration forms have been sent out and will be accepted today. A wristband will be issued on the day of the picnic.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Tony Ficca made a motion to open nominations for the position of Base Secretary. It was seconded by Ron O'Donnell. Rick Perez nominated Tony Ficca, and Tony accepted.
- There were no other nominations at this time.
- The Base Commander is holding the nominations open until the next meeting and we will then vote.
- Beverly Galles made a motion to hold the August Picnic on 10 August 2024 vice 17 August 2024. It was seconded by Lisa Rearick.
- The Base Commander called for a hand vote. The Vote was unanimous in favor of changing the Picnic to 10 August 2024.

Program:

- To commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the "Dolphins" Jack Ritz made a handout with the history of the dolphins for your reading pleasure (see enclosure).

- **American Financial, Mark Dorsey** gave a brief on re-employment finances. His contact information is attached.
- **Our member, Gerry Trahovicky,** gave a presentation about the state taking away rights for the widows and orphans of deceased veterans.

Good of the Order:

- **The National Convention** will be held in Cleveland Ohio this year. The website is up and running, <https://subvetconven.on.org>. The convention will be 18-25 August 2024.
- **Craig Warner** has been selected as a recipient of the Robert Link award by National. It will be presented at the National Convention.
- **Rick Severinghaus** presented Buildsubmarines.com. Jobs wait for entry and skilled tradesmen to serve the Submarine Industrial Base lead by Blue Forge Alliance. For more information go to <https://dibtalentpipeline.com/virginia>, or email at vapipeline@tmgva.com; phone 757 268-6772.

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

**USS O-9 (SS-70), USS S-27 (SS-132), USS Runner (SS-275), USS R-12 (SS-89),
USS Herring (SS-233), USS Golet (SS-361), USS Bonefish (SS-223)**

Birthdays For June- **Base Commander, Gary Galles**

Rock 50/50 – Beverly Galles. **George Williams** won earning him \$126 and the base earned \$106.

Booze Raffle– Beverly Galles. **Walter Williams** won the gift certificate as the base earned \$108.

Our next Regular Base meeting will be at 11:15 hours, June 15, 2024, at Club 60. The Base Commander Adjourned the meeting @ 1236.

HRB Monthly Balance Sheet Y-T-D - As of 6/15/2024

6/15/2024

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Account	3/31/2024 Balance	4/30/2024 Balance	5/31/2024 Balance	6/15/2024 Balance
ASSETS				
Cash and Bank Accounts				
NFCU Cert 240905	5,137.89	5,158.06	5,178.99	5,178.99
NFCU Cert 241208	5,076.62	5,096.97	5,118.08	5,118.08
NFCU Cert 250308	7,523.33	7,553.88	7,585.57	7,585.57
NFCU Cert 250608	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
NFCU Savings	22,534.52	22,539.14	22,543.91	15,043.91
PNC Checking	6,635.74	4,654.49	4,097.75	4,073.19
SK Cash	333.04	333.04	133.04	133.04
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	47,241.14	45,335.58	44,657.34	44,632.78
TOTAL ASSETS	47,241.14	45,335.58	44,657.34	44,632.78
LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	47,241.14	45,335.58	44,657.34	44,632.78

HRB ERF/K4K Monthly Balance Sheet Y-T-D - As of 6/15/2024

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Account	3/31/2024 Balance	4/30/2024 Balance	5/31/2024 Balance	6/15/2024 Balance
ASSETS				
Cash and Bank Accounts				
Emerg. Relief Fund	962.17	1,077.17	1,082.17	1,082.17
Kap(SS)4Kid(SS)	1,428.07	1,428.07	839.33	839.33
NFCU Cert 250608	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	2,390.24	2,505.24	1,921.50	9,421.50
TOTAL ASSETS	2,390.24	2,505.24	1,921.50	9,421.50
LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	2,390.24	2,505.24	1,921.50	9,421.50

HRB ERF/K4K Income/Expense by Category Y-T-D

4/1/2024 through 6/15/2024

6/15/2024

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Category	4/1/2024- 4/30/2024	5/1/2024- 5/31/2024	6/1/2024- 6/15/2024	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME				
ERF Donations	115.00	5.00	0.00	120.00
TOTAL INCOME	115.00	5.00	0.00	120.00
EXPENSES				
K4K Expenses	0.00	588.74	0.00	588.74
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	588.74	0.00	588.74
OVERALL TOTAL	115.00	-583.74	0.00	-468.74

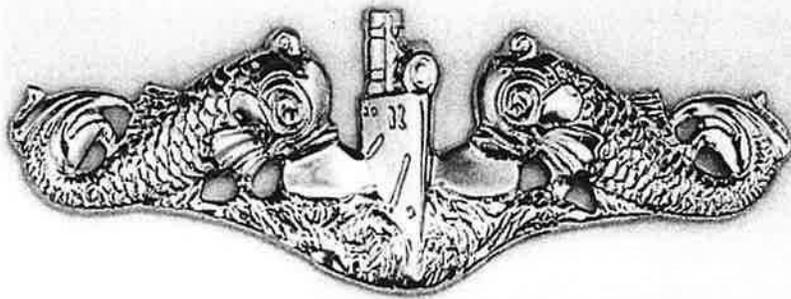
HRB Income/Expense by Category Y-T-D

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Category	4/1/2024- 4/30/2024	5/1/2024- 5/31/2024	6/1/2024- 6/15/2024	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME				
02 - Base Dues Inc	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
03 - Nat Dues Inc	270.00	0.00	0.00	270.00
04 - Donations to Base				
ERF Donations	115.00	5.00	0.00	120.00
Gen Donations	24.00	31.00	0.00	55.00
TOTAL 04 - Donations to Base	139.00	36.00	0.00	175.00
06 - Interest & Div Inc	75.69	78.50	0.00	154.19
08 - Events Inc				
Picnic Inc	0.00	165.00	0.00	165.00
Sub Ball	490.00	0.00	0.00	490.00
Xmas Party Inc	0.00	3.00	0.00	3.00
TOTAL 08 - Events Inc	490.00	168.00	0.00	658.00
09 - Fund Raising				
Base Sponsorships	0.00	180.00	0.00	180.00
Raffle 50_50	101.00	101.00	0.00	202.00
Raffle Booze	90.00	112.00	0.00	202.00
SK Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SK Revenue	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Sub Pens Sales	0.00	12.00	0.00	12.00
TOTAL 09 - Fund Raising	191.00	455.00	0.00	646.00
10 - Other Inc				
2024 Life Dues Install	129.00	129.00	0.00	258.00
TOTAL 10 - Other Inc	129.00	129.00	0.00	258.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,444.69	866.50	0.00	2,311.19
EXPENSES				
11 - Dues to Nat	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
18 - Base Ops Exp				
Admin Supplies	37.37	0.00	0.00	37.37
Cloud Storage	11.99	11.99	11.99	35.97
Credit Card Fees	103.34	29.16	12.57	145.07
Other Ops Exp	0.00	8.50	0.00	8.50
Postage Exp	97.55	0.00	0.00	97.55
TOTAL 18 - Base Ops Exp	250.25	49.65	24.56	324.46
21 - Event Exp				
K4K Expense	0.00	588.74	0.00	588.74
Sub Ball Exp	2,800.00	0.00	0.00	2,800.00
TOTAL 21 - Event Exp	2,800.00	588.74	0.00	3,388.74
22 - Fund Raising Exp				
SK Inventory	0.00	906.35	0.00	906.35
TOTAL 22 - Fund Raising Exp	0.00	906.35	0.00	906.35
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,350.25	1,544.74	24.56	4,919.55
OVERALL TOTAL	-1,905.56	-678.24	-24.56	-2,608.36



History

On 13 June 1923, Captain Ernest J. King, Commander, Submarine Division Three (later Fleet Admiral and Chief of Naval Operations during World War II), suggested to the Secretary of the Navy (Bureau of Navigation) that a distinguishing device for qualified submariners be adopted. He submitted a pen-and-ink sketch of his own showing a shield mounted on the beam ends of a submarine, with dolphins forward of, and abaft, the conning tower. Commander Submarine Division Atlantic strongly endorsed the suggestion.

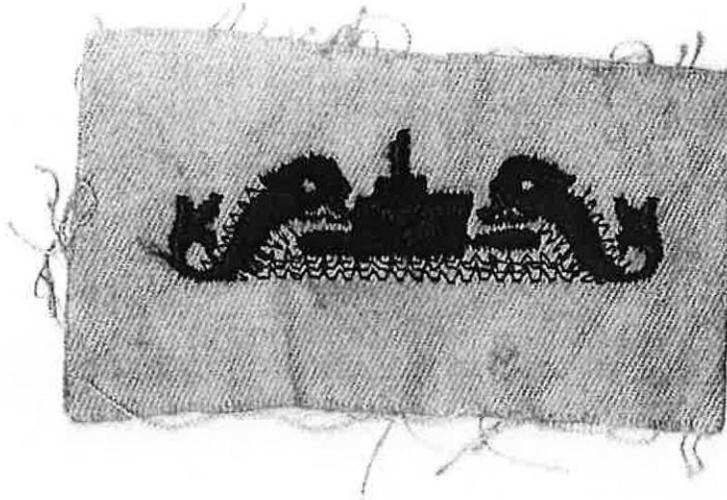
The bureau considered a shark and shield motif as well but ultimately hired a Philadelphia jewelry design firm to create the design.

The firm hired was named Bailey, Banks, and Biddle, out of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to create a final design out of the submissions. The firm narrowed the ideas to two designs which were integrated to produce the final emblem: a surfaced O-class submarine flanked by two dolphins resting their heads on the sub's bow planes. (Dolphins were deemed a fitting symbol twice over: as the supposed patron of Sailors, and because they dive and surface similarly to submarines.) The design became official in March 1924 when it was approved by Acting Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt Jr. It has undergone only minor changes since its introduction 100 years ago.

Today a similar design is used: two Mahi-mahi, commonly known as dolphin fish, flanking the bow and conning tower of a submarine. On 20 March 1924, the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation recommended to the Secretary of the Navy that the design be adopted. The recommendation was accepted by Theodore Roosevelt Jr., Acting Secretary of the Navy.

The officers' insignia was at first a bronze, gold-plated metal pin, worn centered above the left breast pocket and above the ribbons and medals. Enlisted men wore an embroidered insignia sewn on the outside of the right sleeve, midway between the wrist

and elbow. The device was two and three-quarters inches long, embroidered in white silk for blue clothing and vice versa.



Interesting enough Capt King who originated the concept for the warfare design had never qualified on submarines himself but served as CO of subbase New London.

Beginning in 1943, the Navy authorized a new design for medical officers in which the submarine motif was replaced by two fish flanking a silver acorn over a gold oak leaf. In 1950, submarine engineering officers were granted their own insignia wherein the submarine motif was replaced by a gold disc inlaid with the letter "E." The letter was replaced two years later with a ship's screw. Not to be forgotten, submarine supply officers received their own version of the insignia in 1964 that displayed three oak leaves bordered by acorns.

Qualification in submarines is a daunting task. However, once finished you become part of a fellowship that can only be understood by those who have done it themselves. That can only be truly recognized by the very small and special group of men and women that have the pride and honor of calling themselves SUBMARINERS.



Thank you.

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2	Beverly Galles	member
3	RO BRADFORD	MEMBER
4	Gary Merryman	Member
5	Lynn Merryman	Member
6	Bill Heron	member
7	Mary Heron	member
8	Rebecca Kingsley	member
9	Adam Kingsley	member
10	Rich Crockett	MEMBER
11	Bud Yjerman	Member
12	Hydr MORAD	Member
13	Dick Helt	Member
14	John "Sid" Sidlovsky	member
15	Art Nelson	Chaplain
16	DUKE BRADFORD	MEMBER
17	RON BASILA	MEMBER
18	JACK RITZ	member
19	WIL LAYNE	MEMBER
20	JOHN BALDWIN	MEMBER
21	JACKIE BALDWIN	GUEST
22	GARY LEE HARRIS	MEMBER
23	Eugene M Johnson	MEMBER
24	Gino Destefano	member
25	DAVE LOCKWOOD	MEMBER
26	MIKE YORK	MEMBER
27	Ray Satal	Member
28	ROD DUNN	life
29	CHARLES JOHNSON	MEMBER
30	Tony DEMARCHI	MEMBER
31	Neil Chaves	MEMBER
32	Anthony Aiken	Member
33	Jane Grant	member
34	GARY HANSEN	MEMBER
35	David Zacharias	member
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1	BOB RODRIGUEZ	DOC PEREZ
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3	Tony Fuent	
4	Rick PEREZ.	
5	Isaac Shelton	
6	JOHN FENTER	GUEST
7	RO BRADFORD	MEMBER,
8	Gary Gales	
9	Bill Meron	
10	Tony DEMARCHI	MEMBER
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37	Eric Kellgren	member
38	Tamara Kellgren	member
39	Scott A. Wells	member
40	RICK SHAW	MEMBER
41	JOE DENNICKI	U
42	Andy VAWRYSKAM	New Member
43	Mike Kennedy	Lisa Wilkins Member
44	LDS Wilkins	guest
45	SANDY SANDOVAL	member
46	JOHN FENTER	GUEST
47	BOB RODRIGUEZ	MEMBER
48	Rich Osborne	member
49	Dan Smith	member
50	George Williams	HOWARD WILLIAMS
51	Rich Goveringhaus	TAMMY HART - WESTON HART member
52	HOWARD WILLIAMS	
53	TAMMY HART	
54	WESTON HART	
55	Art Oman	Member
56	Ken Leming	Member
57	Gerry Tarhovichy	Member
58	R.A. Frye or	Member
59	Robin O'DONNELL	Guest
60	Mark Dorsey	Guest speaker
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63 Total
 6 Guests
 57 members