



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-July-2020

Meeting was cancelled due to concerns regarding Corona Virus (COVID-19)

- Attached is the Tolling of the Boats Ceremony to be read in honor of those still on patrol

Welcome any visitors – Base Commander, Ted Vorce.

- I have properly relieved our Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles as the Base Commander. Thank you Gary for your assistance to the Base during this challenging time.
- Welcome to our newest Associate Member, Yvonne Wright, sponsored by her late husband Vernon.
- Please continue to invite our brothers and sisters to come to our meetings

Binnacle List – Base Chaplain, Brian Krammes:

- Al Friedman – He is home following Doctor's orders, recovering and rebuilding his strength. Going through rehab
- Al Keck – He is now in an Assisted Living Center in Tennessee being watched over by his daughter and grandson – no recent contact. Had recent contact on wellness check. Doing good.
- Walt Kreger's wife Manee is going to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota for lung issues diagnostic testing and treatment
- Cletis Nester – He is recovering at home from a stroke and still is in need of back surgery.
- Craig Werner – Is currently undergoing chemo
- Ken Wiltshire – fell and broke his hip. The hip is doing OK
- Issac Spears- was having a CT for a brain blockage
- W. Paul Hansen- who lives in Canada has bone cancer, he's in great spirits
- David Lockwood- is going through proton treatment for tongue cancer
- Gene Lockwood- Has a balance issue after falling and hitting his head having some brain damage

Secretary's Report – Interim Base Secretary Bill Bond:

- The minutes of the May Base Meeting were sent out on 13 July 2020.
- All members are reminded to keep the Secretary informed of any changes in email address, snail mail address, phone number or any other personal statistics maintained by the Base.
- When you receive the monthly roster, please, look it over for corrections to your data and any blanks that you can fill in and get that information to me.
- I need everyone's help to keep everything up-to-date, for National and the Base, please, help me with this.
- I also need to know about any members who should be on the Binnacle list but aren't.
- If you need a member's identity badge contact Terry Pattison, in person or by email (TPattison@Cox.net), so that he can generate one for you.
- There is no further news on the new USSVI.org website.

Treasurer's Report – Interim Base Treasurer, Brian Daugherty:

- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts opening balance as of 01-June-2020 was **\$43,625.31**.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of JUN-2020 of **\$253.49**.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of JUN-2020 of **\$391.45**.
- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01-JUN-2020 at **\$23,198.12** and ended the month at **\$23,406.61** for a net increase/decrease of **\$208.49**.
- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-JUN-2020 at **\$2,367.94**, and ended the month at **\$2,367.94** after donations and expenditures totaling **\$0.00**.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-JUN-2020 at **\$4,661.36**, and ended the month at **\$4,661.36** after donations, expenditures, and interest totaling **\$0.00**. After switching banks from Wells Fargo to PNC Bank, the K4K account is no longer interest-bearing.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-JUN-2020 at **\$1,278.67**, and ended the month at **\$1,278.67** after donations, interest, and expenditures, totaling **\$0.00**. After switching banks from Wells Fargo to PNC Bank, the ERF account is no longer interest-bearing.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of the end of JUN-2020 was **\$627.50**.
- This has resulted in a net DECREASE of **\$137.96** in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for the month of MAY-2020.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of the end of the month was **\$43,487.35**.

Store Keeper's Report – Base Storekeeper, Fran Vorce:

- All On-Hand merchandise is available for sale.
- Patches and other merchandise from National can be ordered through the Base Storekeeper.
- All the materials on the Help-Yourself table are no cost but feel free to make a contribution to the donations bucket, it helps and is appreciated.
- If you have something specific you need from the Base Store Keeper, send her an email (FVorce@Verizon.net).

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - We had two of our members set sail on Eternal Patrol since our last meeting.
 - Vernon Wright got underway on 19 June 2020. His memorial service was on 27 June 2020 and there were 8 members in attendance. Eternal Patrol ceremony conducted during his memorial service.
 - Gerald "Chip" Chiappazzi got underway on 29 June 2020. He had several different services: Viewing/Celebration of Life (9 July) was attended by 3 members; Burial (10 July) was attended by 3 members; Wake (10 July 2020) was attended by 2 members. Eternal Patrol ceremony conducted during his wake.
 - The roster of all HRB members sent out on 16-MAY-2020.
 - With gains and losses we are at **- 288 -** members, the losses noted above; last year at this time we had **- 291 -** members so this is a **gain**/loss of **- 3 -** members over last year. **If those numbers are correct, then we are still #2** by a margin of **- 12 -** members.
 - As a reminder, anyone on Active Duty that is qualified to wear dolphins may join USSVI at no charge through the end of the calendar (fiscal) year, if you have any questions contact Gary
 - If you have any suggestions of ways to increase our membership and meeting attendance please let the Base leadership know of it.
 - Anyone who thinks they are due a USSVI Longevity Pin should contact Gary Galles (senior.vice.hrb@gmail.com).

- **Scholarship Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - Both candidates for the scholarship were impressive. We have chosen the recipient. Award was presented on 18 July 2020 to Lenore Dougherty.
 - Photos/Videos are posted on Base Facebook page.



- **Program & Events Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
 - Recently Completed Events:
 - All event are cancelled or postponed until further notice
 - Pending Events:
 - Neptune Festival is official cancelled.
 - The 120th Submarine Birthday Ball is postponed until further notice.
 - The Holland Club Induction Ceremonies FOR YEAR GROUP 1970 will be conducted over the next month. Holland Club inductees will be notified by the Acting Base Commander and Holland Club Committee Chair on what to expect for the inductions.
- **Ways and Means Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
 - Enrollment for the new fund raising program by sponsorship is open.
 - This program will be in effect for the 2020 calendar (fiscal) year.
 - If you have any questions about the program you can ask any member of Base leadership.
 - If you want to sign up for the program please, see the Base Secretary or Treasurer.
 - Submarine Pens are available for sale; see the Base Secretary or Treasurer after the meeting to purchase your pens, \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
 - Big ticket raffle item: In the past we have had success in raffling off items that have significant value. Any suggestions, please contact BJVC Adam Kingsley.
 - If you have suggestions for any other income streams let Base Leadership know of them.
- **Public Relations and Publicity Committee** – Interim Base Secretary, Bill Bond:
 - 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 have business cards for those that need. Send Bill Bond an email (secretary.hrbase@gmail.com) and some will be mailed to you.
- **Newsletter Committee** – Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle:
 - August Newsletter will be Marlin's last edition. Gary Merryman will be taking over starting with the September edition.
 - 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:
 - Website Statistics since last meeting:
 - Number of New Site Members approved since last meeting – 0
 - Total number of website member/users – 131
 - Number of unique visitors to the site in the last 30 days - 60
 - Facebook Statistics
 - New Page members last 30 days - 3
 - New Page Interactions last 30 days – 213
 - Total Members – 183
 - Are there any members who do not know the URL for the Website? Look for it in the Newsletter. The Web Address can be found within each month.

- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** – Committee Chairman, Ken Swan:
 - Ceremonies postponed until May 2021

- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – Committee Co-Chairman, John Sidlovsky:
 - K4K outings will be postponed until hospital restriction to COVID-19 are cleared or relaxed.
 - Anyone wanting to make a donation specifically to the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program should get it to Interim Base Secretary, Bill Bond or Interim Base Treasurer, Brian Daugherty 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:
 - In this time of National Emergency due to COVID-19, many Brothers of the Phin may find themselves (or their small business that they own) being economically impacted through no fault of their own.
 - If you have a current financial support need, please reach out to me on my Cell (757.328.9796), or to ERF Committee Member EM2(SS) Paul Schmidt (Cell. 757.481.1297) or to our Interim Secretary YNSC(SS) Bill Bond (Cell: 443.534.3962) as this is the reason that the USSVI-HRB Emergency Relief Fund was put in place.
 - If you are interested in serving on the ERF Committee, please reach out to me as we are short (1) member per our Committee By-Laws and that seat needs to be filled.

- **SCORPION Memorial Committee** – Committee Chairman, John Donaldson:
 - Was cancelled. There will be no SCORPION Memorial events this year.

- **NORFOLK Sail Committee** – Committee Chairman, Gary Merryman:
 - We are working on becoming a non-profit organizations.

Old Business:

- **ANY OLD BUSINESS**
- Nominations for Secretary and Treasurer – IPBC Brian Daugherty. All existing base officers, appointees, and committee chairs are going to have to step up their game. We don't have Craig to lean on anymore, and the nominees for the vacant positions, as well as the Acting Base Commander have full time jobs. Craig spent on average 4 to 6 hours per day working for HRB. We will not have that kind of time routinely. Currently we have Brian Daugherty as our Interim Treasurer and Bill Bond as our Interim Secretary. Official nominations will be made during our next available meeting. Followed by immediate elections

New Business:

- **ANY NEW BUSINESS, PLEASE**
- *PHONE TREE – We are looking for some volunteers to be part of our Wellness Check Phone Tree. With the isolation of COVID-19 many of our members may be in a bad spot. It is up to us to take care of our brothers and sisters. We are initially looking for about 10 volunteers to augment our Base Officers in this endeavor. Please let our Acting Base Commander, Gary Galles (senior.vice.hrb@gmail.com) or the Interim Base Secretary, Bill Bond (secretary.hrbase@gmail.com) know if you have interest in participating.*

Program – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:

A video of the 2020 Scholarship presentation to Lenore Dougherty. <https://youtu.be/zDqUrijFoKc>

Good of the Order:

- We received a Thank You note from Yvonne Wright. *Picture of card attached.*
- Attached to minutes is a flyer for “The Silent Service Speaks”, which is the third book written and published by Frank and Charles Hood. The majority of proceeds from the sale of these books are given to the USSVI Charitable Foundations Scholarship Fund. One of our Base Members, Carl Boyd, is one of the 33 submariners included in this book.
- We received a generous donation from one of our members with a handwritten letter. Unfortunately, we didn’t have any Crypto-Techs available to decipher the letter, so we can’t tell who it’s from. If you, or anyone you know, sent this donation, please contact BSVC Gary Galles.
- Annual Individual Sponsor Program – Current List of Base Sponsors
 - MMC(SS/SW) Brian A. Daugherty
 - ET1(SS) John R. (Sid) Sidlovsky
 - ETCM(SS) Francis L. (Bud) Warren
 - RMCS(SS) Earl Densten
 - MM1(SS) Gary Merryman
 - CAPT Ken Swan
 - Anonymous Member Donor
- **Review of boats lost in this month** – Interim Base Secretary, Bill Bond
 - USS Grunion (SS-216) 1942
 - USS Robalo (SS-273) 1944
 - USS S-28 (SS-133) 1944
- **Review of members’ birthdays for the month** – Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - Gregg Weber 4 July
 - David Duffie 5 July
 - David Carney 8 July
 - John Sidlovsky 9 July
 - Larry Ward 11 July
 - Nathan Mewhinney 12 July
 - Adam Kingsley 13 July
 - George Vest 15 July
 - Crag Faubion 16 July
 - Mark Waddell 17 July
 - Edward Sanderson 17 July
 - John Sullivan 19 July
 - Eric Kellgren 20 July
 - Austin Phinney 21 July
 - Douglas Roberts 22 July
 - Christopher Fairbanks 24 July
 - Andrew Smith 26 July
 - Brian Daugherty 27 July
 - Lynn Merryman 29 July
 - Robert Rogers 30 July
 - Paul Rice 30 July

Our next Regular Base meeting is 15 August 2020. This meeting has not been cancelled at this time. Keep an eye out in your email as we get closer for more information.

Best Regards,



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