

To the Kingsley Family:

Our condolences to you and your whole family. Life does not always make sense and losing someone as young and loving as Taylor is tragic. The world will miss her 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 your daughter was an amazing woman whose warmth and good nature touched all who knew her. Words mean little, please know that your daughter's generous soul will have created memories for all to cherish. 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:



Back from the
National
Convention in

Austin, Texas and Fran and I had a great time. A big thank you to our past Commander Bob-da-COB Saenz and his lovely wife Carol for being a great host and hostess.

We had the opportunity to do some sightseeing, eat some great food, and visit with many of our shipmates. If you ever get the chance to go to Austin, take the time to venture out to Fredericksburg and see the World War II Pacific War museum. We visited the Alamo in San Antonio and then ventured down to the Riverwalk for more sightseeing.



Of course, there was business to discuss and I had the opportunity to meet with the USSVI National Board members and share some ideas. Membership and recruiting being at the top of the list. Please keep in mind that our annual membership drive is right around the corner. We have done very well this year on recruiting and we have moved to second place - now we just need to maintain that status.

Next year the National Convention is in Tucson, Arizona. Fran and I are already looking forward to that event and hope to see more members from the Hampton Roads Base attend.

Keep in mind the Christmas Party at the Best Western Sand Castle, in Virginia Beach is just around the corner. We check in on Friday, 13 December, banquet on Saturday the 14th and check out Sunday the 15th. Details will be addressed at the next meeting on Saturday, September 21st.

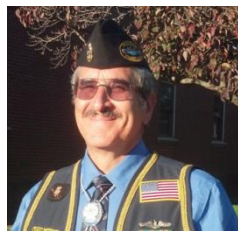
Hope to see you at the meeting – Ted.

Ted
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From the Secretary/ Treasurer

The next big event for this year is the Thresher Memorial dedication at Arlington National Cemetery on 26-SEPTEMBER and The Base is still looking to have a good representation at it. Sam Stevens (SStvns7@gmail.com), is the coordinator for our participation. If you intend to go to the ceremony and reception that will follow, please make sure he has your name by visiting our website and making a reservation at this webpage, <https://www.hrb-ussvi.org/thresher-anc-memorial-project>. It would



be nice if we could put together a good-sized group to attend the event and represent HRB-USSVI. If our group is large enough, we may be able to hire a bus for the trip up and back (it is a long drive for one day). **LET SAM KNOW IF YOU INTEND TO BE THERE EVEN IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING BY YOURSELF.**

The annual dues renewal drive will start the first week of this month Labor Day Weekend. I will be contacting everyone by email who will need to pay Base and/or National dues for the 2020 calendar year and beyond. If you are one of the members I contact, please, pay your dues promptly so I can put this to bed sooner than later and not have to worry about it anymore. 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.

If you are going to want a USSVI Calendar for 2020 you must order it from our Storekeeper, Ryan Straughan, and pay for it (\$10) NLT our 19-OCTOBER meeting. He is not planning on ordering extras so if you're going to want one, you will have to order it.

The Submarine Khaki Social we were planning to have on Friday, 20-SEPTEMBER is not going to happen. The venue we would normally use, Vista Point, is not available and we haven't been able to locate another suitable venue.

This year is an election year for Base Officers. Brian Daugherty will be 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.**

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 21-September, 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

We remember....



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 the loss of 76 men near the Tablas Strait. Grayling was on her 8th war patrol and sank two ships before being lost.



USS Pompano (SS-181): Pompano was sunk (September 17 and October 5) with the loss of 76 men in her 7th war patrol. She was sunk on September 17, 1943. Japanese submarine was sunk in her patrol area by air & depth charge attack off the coast 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 her first war patrol with the loss of 76 men in the Sulu Sea west of Mindao.



August Guest Speaker

At the 17 August Meeting Ms. Wisteria Perry updated us on recent and planned developments at the Mariners Museum and Park in Newport News. She is the Manager of Interpretation and Community Outreach there.



Her presentation and slide show addressed changes made to exhibits over the last year or so. This included additions of artifacts and displays related to 11th to 17th Europeans and Chinese exploration of the Americas and Pacific Ocean regions. They are still continuing to stabilize and restore components of the USS Monitor with the goal of having items like the actual turret, guns and engine on display. In development, is a new exhibit entitled “Toys Ahoy”, Its subject needs no clarification.

Ms. Perry works closely with educators and other staff to developing tours and programs for school students of all ages. Her community outreach team carries the message of the organization, that we are all connected through the world’s waters, to community organizations in the region.

Community Involvement

Speaking on this topic, while doing my volunteer “Navigation” at the Mariners Museum, I ran into R.O. Bradford there. He was with an adult group assisting young boat builders from the “Youth Virginia Regiment” (YVA) build two wooden rowboats. This was done in the span of seven working days. I was only an interested observer to the process, but was impressed both with the adults and the youngsters. YVA does revolutionary war era reenactments throughout the tidewater area.

At lunch, R.O. suggested that I write a series of articles related to community service, outside the USSVI, that the base members perform. I’d like all



of you to blow your own horns and send in a sentence or three on what you do and for whom. We could make this an ongoing segment in CURRENTS.

R.O. volunteered to be the first. Here is what he sent in.

“After retirement, in order to keep away from the beer cooler and out of my recliner, and since I had seen all the Gunsmoke episodes at least three times, I looked for some useful activity to engage in. I met a retired Marine who conceived of and started a program called the Tidewater Wooden Boat Workshop. It sounded like just what I was needing so I immediately volunteered. The TWBW is a program that targets young people ages 12 thru 18 and “teaches Hampton Roads youth STEM and life skills through the building of wooden boats and other nautical skills.” The program started in 2015 and the participants learn math, science, teamwork, organizational and other skills. The programs run in after school sessions and summer “camps”. Since the beginning, there have been in excess of 300 participants and over 30 boats constructed (both row boats and sail boats). Working with the staff, other volunteers and the children has been a rewarding experience for me. Much more information can be found at <http://twbw.org>.”

Here is a photo from the Boats’ Commissioning Ceremony:



WELCOME ABOARD

At the 17 August meeting our membership again grew. This time it was with the addition of two shipmates.



New Associate Member Shirley Begay spent several years at SUBLANT communicating with our brothers at sea.



EMCM(SS) Dan Sherry qualified in 1977 aboard USS Baton Rouge (SSN-689).



HRB September Birthdays



- 3: Doug Simon, Art Picart
- 4: Paul Benton, Ray Casella, Kareem Masha, Paul Worthington
- 5: Dom Missagia
- 8: Ed Hynes, John Baldwin, Bob McClaren
- 10: Tom Hanlon
- 12: Matt Beckman, Tim Palmer
- 15: Paul Hansen
- 16: Bill Heron, Tommy Pollock
- 17: Paul Lucas
- 18: Mike King
- 22: Bruce Cohen, Ken Swan
- 23: Bill Hazard
- 26: Vernon Wright
- 27: Beverly Galles, Bill Moreno, Ike Spears
- 28: Dick Fox, Steve Jiran, Ken Sandridge
- 29: Bob Rodriguez
- 30: Ted Vorce

KAP(SS)4KID(SS) News



On August 27 the K4K crew visited NMC-P. The sailors outnumbered the patients by a seven to five margin. The crew was comprised of Lynn Moran, Sid Sidlovsky, Dave Snyder, George Williams, Bob McClaren, Rich Corey and Marlin Boyle.

Three boys and two girls were made honorary submariners. The kids' ages ranged from 2 months to more than 17 years.



Dave, Rich, Lynn, Host Chris Brogan, George, Sid & Bob



Upcoming Events

September 2019

- 21:** Base Meeting
- 23-26:** USS Thomas A. Edison Reunion - Norfolk
- 23-26:** FRA Healthy Wealthy & Wise - Waterfront Marriott
- 24:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P
- 26:** USS Thresher Memorial Dedication Ceremony
- 28:** Neptune Festival Parade

October 2019

- 16:** Navy Submarine League Meeting
- 19:** Base Meeting
- 22:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P

November 2019

- 11:** Veterans Day Parade
- 16:** Base Meeting
- 19:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P

December 2019

- 13-15:** Holiday Party
- 21:** Base Meeting
- TBD:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P



January 2020

- 18:** Base Meeting
- 21:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P

February 2020

- 15:** Base Meeting
- 18:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P

March 2020

- 21:** Base Meeting
- 24:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P

April 2020

- 18:** Base Meeting
- 21:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P

May 2020

- 18:** Base Meeting
- 21:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMC-P
- TBD:** Scorpion Memorial
- TBD:** WWII Memorial & Hall of Fame
- 25:** 136th Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade



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 copper-sheathing, 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 7, 1776 - The Continental Convention signs the Constitution of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa., replacing the Articles of the Confederation.

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 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.

September 2, 1944 - USS Finback (SS 230) rescues Lt. j.g. George H.W. Bush, who is shot down while attacking Chi Jima. Nine days later Finback sank two marus. During this time, Lt. j.g. Bush serves with Torpedo Squadron Fifty-One (VT 51) based on board USS San Jacinto (CVL 30)

September 2, 1945 - Japan formally surrenders, marking the end of World War II.

September 2, 1944 - USS Nautilus (SSN 571), is commissioned at Groton, Conn.



FRA

HEALTHY WEALTHY & WISE

The following was provided by John Donaldson.
MAKE YOUR PLANS!

This coming September 23 through 26, the FRA Veterans Service Foundation will be presenting its first ever conference.

The "Healthy Wealthy & Wise" Conference will be held at the Marriott Waterside in Norfolk, presented by the newly formed FRA Veterans Service Foundation. The content will be presented by federal and state Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in their fields of Aging, Health, Financial advice and more.

The program will address these areas:

HEALTHY:

- Electronic Health Records
- MISSION ACT
- Tri-West/Choice Act
- Expansion of Caregiver Program
- FEDVIP

WEALTHY:

- Financial Literacy
- Financial Planning
- DFAS
- Entrepreneurship
- Consumer Protection

WISE:

Transition Planning
Senior Enlisted Track
Career Planning
Veteran & Retiree Legislation
Aging as a Vet
Arlington National Cemetery Procedures

More information and registration information at:

<https://www.fra.org/fra/vsf/Conference.aspx>

HUMOR

Wisdom from the wise and not so wise:

- Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. – Victor Borge
- The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.- George Burns
- By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.- Socrates
- My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe.- Jimmy Durante
- Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.- Alex Levine
- I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. - Zsa Zsa Gabor



USWN ARTICLES

The Bow Of A World War II Submarine Was Discovered Off The Coast Of The Aleutian Islands

Michelle Lou, CNN, July 30

The USS Grunion went missing about a month after it departed on its first war patrol in 1942. It wasn't seen again until the sons of the Grunion's commanding officer began searching for it and found the wreckage in 2007 off the coast of the Aleutian Islands.

Now the submarine's bow has also been identified, about a quarter mile from the main wreckage, according to Tim Taylor of the Lost 52 Project, which searches for sunken World War II submarines.

In October 2018, the Lost 52 Project team returned to the site of the main wreck and found that the ship's bow had slid down a steep volcanic embankment, Taylor said. They put together a 3D scan of the bow and presented it to the family of USS Grunion's Commanding Officer Lt. Cmdr. Mannert L. Abele.

"When we brought it back to the family, it opened up so much more understanding of what happened and why it sank and what happened to the submarine," Taylor said.

The USS Grunion was reported lost on August 16, 1942, after it fired on an enemy destroyer, sank three destroyer-type vessels and attacked enemy ships during its first war patrol, the US Navy said.

In 2002, Abele's three sons -- Bruce, Brad and John -- set out to pinpoint the Grunion's location after discovering a potential lead online, according to the US Navy.

They hired a team of side scan sonar experts in 2006 to locate a target almost a mile below the ocean's surface, the Navy said. In August 2007, they photographed the wreckage of the ship.

The vessel rests at about 3,200 feet underwater. Cold temperatures and lack of significant currents have preserved most of the ship.

The Navy says 52 US Pacific Fleet submarines were lost during World War II, and more than 3,500 submariners remain on "eternal patrol."

Vladimir Putin's Chernobyl

Staff. Wall Street Journal. Pg. A16. August 13

The nuclear arms-control era is over -- in case there was any remaining doubt -- as a mysterious explosion that killed at least seven Russian workers last week underscores. The world should think of this as Vladimir Putin's Chernobyl until there is public evidence to prove otherwise.

Five engineers who were killed in Thursday's blast were buried Monday in Sarov, a city some 250 miles east of Moscow that is a center for nuclear research. The men were the "elite of the Russian Federal Research Center," according to a video posted on an official website. They were working on a missile test that used an "isotope power source," Russia's state nuclear company said over the weekend.

U.S. officials are trying to figure out what happened, but one theory is that the blast was a failed test of the new SSC-X-9 Skyfall, a nuclear-powered cruise missile that has been touted by Mr. Putin. The missile is designed to be able to dodge U.S. defenses and strike anywhere in the world.

The Kremlin has been far from forthcoming about the explosion, despite a spike in radiation in nearby areas. The Russian military said radiation levels were normal, but that is impossible to credit given its secrecy about the details of what happened. Russia's Defense Ministry first reported that only two had been killed in the explosion, and it didn't mention that the test was nuclear-related.

All of this fits with Russia's history of secrecy about weapons development and nuclear technology. Most notorious was the 1986 accident at a nuclear reactor in Chernobyl that spread radiation far and wide and poisoned thousands of Russians. The Soviet Union, as the Russian empire was then called, covered up the severity and details of the accident, and the truth took decades to emerge.

Mr. Putin, the former KGB man, also favors coverups. The Kremlin lied about its use of a nerve



agent in the poisoning of a former Russian spy in Salisbury, England, in 2018 that also poisoned two British nationals. It also lied for years about its development of a cruise missile that violated the 1987 INF treaty on medium-range nuclear missiles and caused the U.S. to withdraw from INF this month.

Arms-controllers are inclined to dismiss the explosion as a sign of Russia's lack of progress in building a cruise missile that can strike the U.S. That is a mistake.

The reality is that Russia under Mr. Putin is breaking out of arms-control restraints to develop new weapons and the means to deliver them. He can't be trusted to follow new treaties, as his violations show. The salient question is whether the U.S. will also develop the weapons and defenses to prevent Mr. Putin from gaining a military advantage.

CNO Gilday's Message to the Fleet

Adm. Mike Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations, August 22

I am humbled and honored to be your Chief of Naval Operations. Together, we are part of the greatest navy in the world. Everyone on our team – officers and enlisted Sailors, active and reserve, uniformed and civilian – plays an important part in making sure we not only remain the greatest navy in the world, but that we get even better.

For the first time in a very long time, we face serious challenges at sea around the world. For decades, we took for granted that no other blue-water navy would dare take us on. That's no longer true.

The U.S. Navy has been and will continue to be a global force for security and stability. But there are other nations who would use their maritime forces to threaten the freedom of the seas to intimidate their neighbors or to coerce others in violation of international law. Those maritime forces are growing in numbers and in strength. Still others know they

cannot take us on at sea but will try to attack our Navy in areas like cyber.

Rapidly modernizing our Navy and keeping pace with technology will remain a priority for us. But I still believe what my first chief told me, that people are our most important weapons system. A well-trained force is our competitive advantage. I look forward to hearing from leaders at every level at how we can continue to make improvements for Sailors and their families.

And I have a great sense of urgency to get after solutions to the challenges we face. In the coming weeks, my FIRST priority will be visiting with many of you. I will work with our leaders in the fleets, with our Marine Corps teammates and with our other joint service and international partners as we develop our way ahead to meet these challenges.

We will question our assumptions. We will think differently about the competition we are now in. We will be

the Navy the nation needs now, and we will build the Navy the nation needs to fight and win in the future.

What remain constant are our core values of honor, courage and commitment. We will remain true to our core attributes of integrity, accountability, initiative and toughness. We will remain the premier Navy in the world, and I know we will be even better tomorrow than we are today.

Thank you for all you do for our Navy and for each other. I'll see you out in the fleet.

Navy goes on a firing spree: 5 senior leaders canned in past month

Jeff Schogol, Task and Purpose, August 21

The Navy has fired five senior leaders so far in August— and the month isn't even over.

While the sea service is famous for instilling in officers that they are responsible for any wrongdoing by their sailors – whether they are aware of the infractions or not –the recent rash of firings is a lot, even for the Navy.



A Navy spokesman said there is no connection between any of the five officers relieved of command, adding that each relief is looked at separately.

"Senior leaders in the U.S. Navy, especially those in triad leadership positions – commanding officers, executive officers, and command master chiefs – are entrusted with essential responsibilities to their sailors, ships, and commands," said Cmdr. Jereal Dorsey.

"As such, they are expected to maintain the Navy's high standards for leadership, demonstrating character and competence in their conduct at all times. The Navy holds those accountable when standards are not met."

The first officer fired this month was Rear Adm. Stephen Williamson, who was relieved on Aug. 2 as director of industrial operations at Naval Sea Systems Command after an investigation found he had "a consensual, but inappropriate, personal relationship," said NAVSEA spokeswoman Colleen O'Rourke.

Angela Steadman, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, did not provide a specific reason why Toole was fired by Rear Adm. Tina Davidson, head of Navy Medicine Education.

"Simply put, Rear Adm. Davidson lost confidence in Capt. Toole's ability to command, and maintain operational readiness and the mission," Steadman told Task & Purpose on Wednesday. "It was her recommendation that he be relieved of duty as the commanding officer of Navy Medicine Operational Training Command. Capt. Toole is not under investigation and he is not being charged under the UCMJ."

Next out the hatch was Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan Cebik, who was fired as executive officer of the fast-attack submarine USS Jimmy Carter on Aug. 19.

The Navy is investigating questions about Cebik's personal conduct, said Cmdr. Cynthia Fields, a spokeswoman for Submarine Forces Pacific, who could not elaborate further.

The day after Cebik was fired, two officers for a Japan- based ship were both relieved of command: Capt. Tadd Gorman, who had served as skipper of the cruiser USS Antietam for just 12 weeks; and Lt. Cmdr.



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 17-AUGUST-2019

Meeting was called to order by Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles 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 Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles.
- The Tolling of the Boats Ceremony was read by Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner while the bell was rung by Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles.
- New members Shirley and Dan Sherry 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 Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley, was 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 and Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

- Al Budd – He is waiting on a knee replacement.
- John Donaldson – He is recovering at home from Gall Bladder surgery.
- Al Friedman – He is home following Doctor's orders, recovering and rebuilding his strength.
- Al Keck – His health is deteriorating and is becoming more than his daughter can help with, she will be moving him to a facility out of our area.
- Doc Kennedy – He has had surgery on his back 05-AUG and at last report was at Lake Taylor for rehab.
- Brian Krammes – He was at this meeting and has had his left foot has been removed and is in the process of getting a final prosthetic for it.
- Bill Mereno – He was at this meeting but has a slow growing tumor on his liver and is doing well all things considered.
- Jim Taylor – He was at this meeting but is still recovering from Back Surgery.

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

- The minutes of the 20-JULY-2019 Base Picnic Meeting were emailed out to all members on 21-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.
- 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 – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts opening balance as of 01-JULY-2019 was \$ 38,917.20.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of JULY-2019 of \$ 1015.66.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of JULY-2019 of \$ 1352.65.
- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01-JULY-2019 at \$ 22,430.10 and ended the month at \$ 22,757.76 for a net increase/decrease of \$ 327.66.
- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-JULY-2019 at \$ 875.33, after donations, and expenditures totaling \$ 6.00, ended the month at \$ 881.33.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-JULY-2019 at \$ 3770.48, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ 0.10, the program ended the month at \$ 3770.58.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-JULY-2019 at \$ 1161.41, after donations, interest, and expenditures, totaling \$ 11.03, ended the month at \$ 1172.44.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of the end of JULY was \$ 431.80.
- This has resulted in a net increase/decrease of \$ 336.99 in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for the month of JULY-2019.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of the end of the month was \$ 38,591.34.

Store Keeper's Report – Base Storekeeper, Ryan Straughan:

- I am taking orders and collecting for the 2020 USSVI Calendars (\$10 each), I am not ordering any extras so if you want one you need to order it and pay for it in advance.
- 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.
- If you have something specific you need from the Store Keeper, send him an email (Ryan.A.Straughan@gmail.com).

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Committee – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:**
 - Contact has been re-established with CS1(SS) Roy (Sam) Palmer – **YEA!**
 - He is doing well, considering he turned 90-years-old this past December.
 - His daughter moved him to an assisted living center in the Richmond area.
 - The annual membership renewal drive will start at the beginning of next month.
 - The roster of all HRB members sent out on 07-AUGUST-2019.

- With gains and losses we are at – 293 – members; last year at this time we had – 278 – members so this is a gain/loss of – 15 – members over last year and that's great!
- **WE'RE STILL NUMBER 2!!!** I've looked over the membership numbers nationally again and, as of now, we still hold 2nd place in membership nationally by – 13 – members.
- We need to keep up the good work of bringing in new members; if we push we should be able to get to 300 members before the end of this year.
- As a reminder, anyone on Active Duty that is qualified to wear dolphins may join USSVI at no charge through the end of 2019.
 - 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.
- 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 committee is working to produce an application for the 2020-2021 scholastic year.
- **Program & Events Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
 - Recently Completed Events:
 - There was a K4K visit at NMC-P on Tuesday, 23-JULY-2019.
 - The Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 Saturday, scheduled for 03-AUGUST-2019 was canceled.
 - There was a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 14-AUGUST-2019.
 - Pending Events:
 - The 2019 USSVI National Convention in Austin Texas (14 thru 20-AUGUST-2019) is in progress and Ted is there.
 - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on Tuesday, 20-AUGUST-2019.
 - There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 21-AUGUST-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-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 11-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 21-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on Tuesday, 24-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - Dedication ceremony for the Thresher Memorial at ANC with reception after on 26-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - Neptune Festival Parade on Saturday, 28-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - The 14th Annual Virginia Beach DSF Golf Tournament Thursday, 03-OCTOBER-2019, at the Virginia Beach National Golf Club.
 - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 05-OCTOBER-2019.
 - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 09-OCTOBER-2019.
 - There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 16-OCTOBER-2019.
 - We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 19-OCTOBER-2019.
 - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 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.
- Veterans Day Parade on Monday, 11-NOVEMBER-2019.
- 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 11:15 hours, Saturday, 21-DECEMBER-2019.
- There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on Tuesday, 24-DECEMBER-2019.
- **Ways and Means Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
 - We are slowly eating up our working capital and still need a good fundraiser for this year.
 - 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.
 - 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 Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle:
 - If you have anything for next month's newsletter, please, get it in by the twenty-fifth (25th) 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 Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Base Webmaster, Sam Stevens:
 - The THRESHER Memorial dedication ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery followed by a reception will be Thursday, 26-SEPTEMBER-2019.
 - We are as of today's meeting, approximately 40 days out from the Thresher memorial dedication ceremony.
 - If you are intending to be at this event please contact me via the "Contact Us" button in the margin on the website.
 - If we can get enough members involved we can look at renting bus for transportation up and back.
 - If anyone does not know the URL for the Base website look at the last few Base newsletters.
 - Website statistics since last meeting
 - Number of New Site Members approved since last meeting – 1 –
 - Total number of website member/users – 119 –
 - Number of unique visitors to the site last 30 days – 77 –

- Facebook statistics
 - New Page members since last meeting – 2 –
 - New Page Interactions since last meeting – 239 –
 - Total Page “Likes” – 1023 –
 - Total Members – 162 – (increase of 2)
- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** – Committee Chairman, Ken Swan:
 - Start thinking about a candidate for the next HoF selection.
- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Committee Co-Chairman, John Sidlovsky:
 - We visited on Tuesday, 23-JULY when we got together with – 3 – boys and – 1 – girl aged – 4 – months through – 21 – years old (an Active Duty Marine).
 - We had a crew of – 5 – for the visit.
 - We will visit the kids again on Tuesday, 27-AUGUST 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** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for 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:
 - Nothing to report.
- **NORFOLK Sail Committee** – Committee Member, Brian Daugherty:
 - We’re trying to find sources of some grants to help fund the project.

Old Business:

- Gary Galles – Plans for the restoration of parade trailers:
 - We’re still trying to locate and obtain an aircraft drop tank or other suitable base to build a new float.
 - We have been in touch with Atlanta Base trying to identify the correct drop tank style.
- Sam Stevens – USS Thresher ANC Memorial Dedication Ceremony:
 - Instructions and a link have been sent out by email for the preliminary sign-Up form (electronic) for this event.
 - You must follow these instructions if you are planning to attend this event.
- Craig Werner – 2nd Submarine Khaki Social for 2019:
 - I cannot locate a suitable venue for the event in the time frame we’re looking at so this Social will not happen.

- Craig Werner – Election of Southeast Region District #1 Commander:
 - The results of polling the 291 members of the Hampton Roads Base were as follows and were reported to the Region Director, Ken Nichols.
 - The incumbent, Dave Campbell, 33 votes.
 - Any Write-In Candidate, 1 vote for Ted Vorce.
 - Formally Abstaining from Voting, - 0 -.

New Business:

- Craig Werner – The Thresher Memorial Committee is in need of monetary support to help fund the attendance of THRESHER family members at the ceremony and reception at ANC:
 - They are seeking to sponsor THRESHER family members at \$50 per member.
 - I propose HRB send \$100 to sponsor 2 family members – APPROVED by voice vote.
- Adam Kingsley – The Neptune Festival Parade will be on Saturday, 28-SEPTEMBER:
 - I've submitted our application to be in the parade but have not heard back from the organizers and will have to do some follow up this week.
- Adam Kingsley – The Veterans Day Parade will be on Monday, 11-NOVEMBER:
 - I will be submitting our application to be in the parade at the next meeting of the HRCVO.
- Marlin Boyle – The Base is doing a new project to review who does what, where, and when as Community Service so that we can write it up for the ***American Submariner*** magazine and to promote the Base's good work.

Program:

- Introduction by Marlin Boyle.
- Wisteria Perry, Manager of Interpretation and Community Outreach of the Mariners' Museum.

Good of the Order:

- **Review of boats lost in this month** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

○ USS S-39 (SS-144) in 1942	○ USS BULLHEAD (SS-332) in 1945
○ USS FLIER (SS-252) in 1944	○ USS COCHINO (SS-345) in 1949
○ USS HARDER (SS-257) in 1944	
- **Review of members' birthdays for the month** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:

○ Brian Bayer on 02-AUGUST	○ Dave Mitchell on 16-AUGUST
○ Cletis Nester on 02-AUGUST	○ Greg Prose on 16-AUGUST
○ Pete Flannery on 03-AUGUST	○ Billie (Donald) Duck on 17-AUGUST
○ Craig Werner on 03-AUGUST	○ Ron Lewis on 17-AUGUST
○ Bob Coe on 05-AUGUST	○ Don Lundquist on 19-AUGUST
○ Jim Lastauckas on 06-AUGUST	○ John Tapscott on 20-AUGUST
○ Rich Severinghaus on 08-AUGUST	○ Ken Lamine on 21-AUGUST
○ Scott Wells on 09-AUGUST	○ Terry Pattison on 21-AUGUST
○ John Iannetta on 10-AUGUST	○ Gary Galles on 22-AUGUST
○ Stan Schulz on 11-AUGUST	○ Dan Brion on 23-AUGUST
○ Jim Reynolds on 13-AUGUST	○ Gerald Chiappazzi on 24-AUGUST
○ Charles Firebaugh on 15-AUGUST	○ Tony Walker on 24-AUGUST

- Matt Raftery on 25-AUGUST
 - Earl Brandon on 26-AUGUST
 - Bob Rayburn on 26-AUGUST
 - Naomi Werner on 26-AUGUST
 - Vic Duarte on 27-AUGUST
 - Mike Hanson on 29-AUGUST
 - Charlie Bush on 30-AUGUST
 - Rich Crockford on 30-AUGUST
 - Kerry Logan on 31-AUGUST
 - Jim Norton on 31-AUGUST
 - Tom Pauls on 31-AUGUST
- The 50/50 raffle of **\$ 107** was won by: **Bill Schoenberg** (the base received **\$ 107**).
 - The booze raffle was won by: **Brian Daugherty** (the base received **\$122**).
 - Winter Holiday Party tickets raffle brought in: **\$ 30**.
 - There was **\$ 13** donated through the Donations Bucket for the Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund.
 - Pen Sales brought in: **\$ 47**.
 - There was a total of **\$ – 0 –** was donated for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program.
 - There was a total of **\$ – 0 –** was donated for the Emergency Relief Fund.
 - There were **– 59 –** members and **– 6 –** guests present at this meeting.

Our next Regular Base meeting will be at 11:15 hours, Saturday, **21-SEPTEMBER-2019** here at FRA Hall #60.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately **12:25** hours by Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,



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

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Storekeeper's Inventory

(as of: 17-AUGUST-2019)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Qty. On Hand</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
BALL CAPS		
HRB-USSVI (Silver Dolphins)	5	\$ 15.00
HRB-USSVI (Gold Dolphins)	1	\$ 12.50
HRB-Submarine Veteran (Silver Dolphins)	2	\$ 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	38	\$ 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	115	\$ 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	1	\$ 4.50