

Regular Base Meeting Minutes for Oct-21- 2023

The meeting was called to Order by the Base Commander, Gary Galles 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 ,Art Nelson
- The USSVI Creed was read by Senior Vice Base Commander, Gary Galles
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Vice Base Commander, Gary Galles
- The Tolling of the Boats Ceremony was read by Base Junior Vice Commander Adam Kingsley while the bell was rung by Base Senior Vice Commander Gary Galles
- A round robin of introductions, led by Base Chief of the Boat, Gary Merryman, was then held with all members present identifying themselves with their qualification boats along with introducing any guest they brought to the meeting.

Binnacle List (updated 10/24/2023) – Base Chaplain, Art Nelson:

Craig Werner waiting to hear results from previous scan.

Secretary's Report – Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman

At our last meeting there were (45) members in attendance,(2) guests.

- 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 base roster, please, look it over for corrections to your data and any blanks that you can fill in or change data that needs updating to get that information to me.
- 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 The COB in person or by email (gary2361@yahoo.com), so he may generate one you.

Treasurers Report:- John "Sid" Sidlovsky- See inclosed report

HRB Accounts	Beginning Balance of 02/01/23	Ending Balance 02/28/23	Net Gain (Loss)
Base Operations & Scholarships:	\$42,466.41	\$43,290.18	\$823.77
Base Total Income w/K4K & ERF	\$2,995.50		
Base Total Expenditures w/K4k & ERF:	\$2,168.60		
KAPS(SS)4(KID(SS):	\$2,690.07	\$2,668.70	\$(21.37)
Emergency Relief Funds:	\$559.67	\$584.17	\$24.50

- National Annual & Lifetime dues went up 20% effective 01-APR-23
 - Our HRB 2023 Life Membership Dues Installment Program has been revised to show the dues increase.

As a reminder if you were a 2022 Base Sponsor, you can get a 10% discount if you renew your base Sponsorship for 2023.

Base Storekeeper's Report – John “Sid” Sidlovsky -No report

- The group will need a new Storekeeper, Let Base Commander know if interested
- 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 contribute to the donations bucket, it helps and is appreciated.
- If you have something specific, you need to contact the Base Storekeeper.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Committee – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles**
 - With gain and loss, we are now at **282** members; last year at this time we had **279** members, so this is a gain/ of **3** members over last year. As a reminder, anyone on Active Duty that is qualified to wear dolphins may join USSVI with the second year for free with a first-year paid membership
 - The if you have any questions feel free to contact any of the officers
 - 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 Gary Galles after the meeting.
- **Scholarship Committee – Base Senior Vice Commander ,Gary Galles No Report**
- **Program & Events Committee – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:**
- USSVI.HRB will be participating in Veterans Day November 11th, 2023. Directions to be emailed when received by the secretary. Gathering time is 8:30am.
- USSVI.HRB will be the Sponsors for 2024 Veterans Day Parade
- USSV.HRB has received the application for the 2024 St. Patrick's Day Parade
- **Ways and Means Committee – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:**
 - Enrollment for the fund-raising program by sponsorship is ongoing for the 2023 calendar year.
 - If you have any questions about the program, you can ask any member of Base leadership.
 - 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 – Base COB Gary Merryman**

Setting up the Bodacious Bazaar at the Hampton Convention Center November 10th,11th, and 12th 2023.
- **Newsletter Committee – Newsletter Editor, Tony Ficca:**
 - If you have anything for next month's newsletter, get it in by the 1st first of the month.
 - All new members need to see the Tony Ficca, to have their picture taken and give a simple biography to be included in the newsletter. Email Tony at: newsletter.hrb@gmail.com for any input you may have for the newsletter.
 - If you have something of interest, write up the article and email it Tony
- **Website and social media – Base Webmaster, Sam Stevens: No Report**
 - If there are any members who do not know the URL for the Base Website, it is in the Base Newsletter every month.
 - Any question please contact the webmaster at hrb.ussvi@gmail.com

- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** – Committee Chairman- Dick helm for Ken Swan the three boats nominated for the Hall of Fame Memorial are :
 - USS-L. Mendel Rivers SSN 686
 - USS-Guard fish SSN612
 - USS-Tiru SS-416

Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee – Committee Co-Chairman, John Sidlovsky:

See attached Report

he next KAP(SS)KID(SS) visit to NMCP Bldg. 2 Ward 4B (Pediatric Hematology/Oncology) is scheduled for Next Tuesday 10/27/23 1000. Meet in Bldg. 3, 2nd Floor Coffee Shop with the Subway in it at 0930. Rules for this visit:

- Please inform me if you intend to support this visit.
- Must cleanse prior to visit and after leaving a patient's room.
- John "Sid" Sidlovsky (757) 328-9796

Anyone wanting to donate specifically to the Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) program should get it to Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman or Base Treasurer, John "Sid" Sidlovsky and make sure you specify it's for the Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) program.

- **Hampton Roads Base Emergency Relief Fund Committee** – Committee Chairman, Craig Dudley-No report
- If you have a current financial need, contact ERF Committee Members MM1 (SS) Craig Dudley,(757-618-5624), EM2 (SS) Paul Schmidt (757-481-1297), John "Sid" Sidlovsky (757-328-9796) or to our Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman, (Cell: 757-354-7259) as this is the reason that the USSVI-HRB Emergency Relief Fund was put in place. No Report
- **SCORPION Memorial Committee** – Committee Chairman, Bill Heron-Going to obtain the Memorial information from John Donaldson
- **Old Business:**
- **New Business:** Christmas Party-This Christmas Party will be at the Sandcastle Hotel on 8,9,10 December. The cost is 25.00 per person Rooms \$99.00/\$124.00 a night and they are available 7-11 December. We need a new party coordinator for 2024 and to shadow Beverly as she is stepping down, Christmas Party Tickets will begin selling starting the October meeting
- **Program** : Gary Galles was sworn in by the immediate Past Base Commander Brian Daugherty and will still perform the duties of Senior Vice Commander as well as the duties of Base Commander.
- The Bodacious Bazaar is back; The Dates are November 10th from Friday from 8:00am to 7:00pm, Saturday the 11th from 8:00 to 7:pm, and Sunday November 12th from 8:00to 5:00pm. Volunteers are still needed , please email, Secretary hrbase@gmail.com Lynn Merryman or call at 757-354-7259 or email the Cobb at gary2361@yahoo.com. to let us know you can help out, this is an event for everyone. Brian Daugherty talked about elections. If you are interested in Base Leadership, please advise Brian by email.
- **Review of boats lost this month – Ron O'Donnell**
- **Review of members' birthdays for the month – Base Commander, Gary Galles**
- The Birthdays were read by our Base Commander.

The "Rock" 50/50 Raffle: Total donated \$196.00.

Gary Harris: won \$.98.00, Base received \$98.00.

Booze Raffle: Total donated \$99.00.

Jim Rosson: Gift Card

Emergency Relief Fund: \$0.00

Submarine Pens: \$2.00.

Christmas Party Raffle: \$6.00.

COB collected \$0.00 for missing badges/phone ringing.

Hampton Roads Base USSVI: \$0.00

Base Commander has requested, starting today, that in the future if you are in-charge of a committee and will not be present for your report please find an alternate to provide any updates for your committee.

Final words for this month, Ted Vorce's celebration of life with Honor's will be on Friday November 17th from 15:00 to 18:00 at the American Legion Post 327, the address is: 705 Lesner Ave Norfolk, VA 23518 very busy couple of weeks are coming up. November 11th Veterans' day Parade, November 10th to the 12th the Bodacious Bazaar our next meeting November 18th, then Thanksgiving WOW what a busy time.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:28 hours by Base Commander, Gary Galles

Our next Regular Base meeting will be at 11:15 hours, Saturday, **18 Nov. 2023**. While we hope to meet in person, we will remain flexible and keep you informed of when and where we will meet.

Submitted by, Lynn A. Merryman,
USSVI HRB Base Secretary

Approved by: Gary B. Galles
MMCS (SS/DV) Base Commander