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The purpose/creed of USSVI is 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 may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, USSVI shall provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The USSVI supports 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."

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From the Base Commander

Congratulations to all the graduates this summer and I wish you success in your next endeavor. A big "Thank You" to the SUBVET's of Hampton Roads on the successful induction of the USS ATLANTA (SSN 712) into the Submarine Hall of Fame. She joins the company of many others as an historical Submarine in the halls at the Submarine Learning Facility here in Norfolk. While at the induction ceremony we were treated by SYSCO with a great picnic lunch of barbeque, hamburgers, and hotdogs. Some of us even got to pilot a Virginia Class Dive Trainer using only joy sticks. The only thing I recognized were the Chicken Switches. We are looking forward to the July picnic and seeing more of our members. Keep in mind that the National Convention is in



Tucson this year and they have plenty of rooms left. Keep a Green Board!

V/r

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Hampton Roads Base meetings are held at 11:15 hours, on the third Saturday of every month (except March) at FRA #60 located at 9601 1st View Street, Ocean View, Norfolk, VA



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**From the Base Senior Vice
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From the Base Secretary

May went by faster than I could keep up with it. WOW what a year it has been! It's June already. Just yesterday it was January 1st. Well as the summer comes remember during Hurricane Season please take cover where you can,



and please be safe. Enjoy the summer season and remember that the Sun is pretty and bright but if you sizzle fry like me please use lots of sunscreen.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

Lynn Merryman
Secretary.HRBase@gmail.com

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From the Base Treasurer

As has been previously report National raised the USSVI dues effective 4/1/2023. HRB dues are always 1/2 of National. The following is the updated dues table for your reference:



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From the Base Chaplain

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From the Base Storekeeper

Hello from your Store Keeper,



If you would like to make any payments (Donations, Base Sponsorships, Dues, etc.) to the base dues by

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Annual & Multi-Year Dues Table		
Effective 01-APR-2023		
USSVI National Dues	1 Year	\$ 30.00
	3 Years	\$ 85.00
	5 Years	\$ 140.00
Hampton Roads Base Dues (1/2 of National)	1 Year	\$ 15.00
	3 Years	\$ 42.50
	5 Years	\$ 70.00
National & HRB Dues	1 Year	\$ 45.00
	3 Years	\$ 127.50
	5 Years	\$ 210.00

Lifetime Dues Table		
Effective 01-APR-2023		
Based on your age at time Lifetime dues are paid (2-3 month grace period)		
USSVI National Dues	76+ Years	\$ 120.00
	66 - 75 Years	\$ 240.00
	56 - 65 Years	\$ 360.00
	46 - 55 Years	\$ 500.00
	Up to 45 Years	\$ 600.00
Hampton Roads Base Dues (1/2 of National)	76+ Years	\$ 60.00
	66 - 75 Years	\$ 120.00
	56 - 65 Years	\$ 180.00
	46 - 55 Years	\$ 250.00
	Up to 45 Years	\$ 300.00
National & HRB Dues	76+ Years	\$ 180.00
	66 - 75 Years	\$ 360.00
	56 - 65 Years	\$ 540.00
	46 - 55 Years	\$ 750.00
	Up to 45 Years	\$ 900.00

Credit Card, please just send me an email to treasurer.ussvi.hrb@gmail.com and I can send you an invoice our Clover credit card pay app or just see me at the next Base Meeting. Also you can mail checks to: USSVI - Hampton Roads Base, C/O The UPS Store, 1215 N. Military Hwy., Box #813, Norfolk, VA 23502

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

Hope this finds everyone enjoying some nicer weather. I have some short sleeve shirts for sale and various submarine memorabilia at the monthly meetings. You can also look through the Store Keeper catalog and order various items of interest. Remember to bring in your Submarine items that you no longer want to look at or dust and we can put those on the donation table. Looking forward to the picnic in July and I hope you are enjoying your family and friends.

Blessings,

YNCS(SW/AW) Fran Vorce, USN, Ret.

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The CoB's Corner

looking for Volunteers to work Pier arrival Burger Burns. Hope to have a schedule soon.



Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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From the Editor

Greetings all, I had a great time on my recent cruise, that cannot even be compared to the time we spent under the seas when we were in. I have had the pleasure of attending several crew reunions of my ustafish boats. I encourage you all to make those connections with shipmates past. We are all one special community of submariners and it's important to keep those memories and connections active. Reach out to your shipmates and invite them to join us if they can. If not continue to share with them the joys of being USSVI and maintaining connections to the greatest submarine force in the world.



MS2(SS) Tony Ficca U.S.N.

Any questions or contribution to the newsletter should be sent to the following email address

Newsletter.hrb@gmail.com

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Membership

Membership drive is a 365-day job. Membership renewals should be done before the end of the year. It makes Sid and Lynn's job easier. Please renew your dues now and consider life membership, then you never have to worry about it again. Thank you.

- # Members: 279
- # with E-mail: 261
- # Owe National Dues: 58
- # Owe Base Dues: 72



- # Regular Annual: 74
- # USSVI Life Members: 183
- # Base Life Members: 172
- # Holland Club: 129
- # Reg Associate: 10
- # Life Associate: 2
- # Charter Members: 0
- # Senior Members: 0
- # War Veterans: 249

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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Ways & Means

As always, we're on the lookout for ideas for Base fundraising opportunities. You can present them to the Base leadership or contact me directly at any time.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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Upcoming Picnic information

The August meeting will be our picnic. Tickets will be on sale starting at this month's meeting. We will need to give the caterer a head count at the end of our July meeting. The cost of tickets is \$5 each.

We will be having pulled pork, pulled chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs. The fixings will be provided.

If you have any questions please contact Beverly Galles at 252-562-3534 or bgalles9@yahoo.com

Note that the 'members only' area is currently being revised for new content. New Base members (or previous Base members who now wish to gain access to the 'members only' area) should take the following steps for access:"

1. Click on "Login" at the top right of the website pages.
2. Once selected look for blue lettering and
3. Select Sign up to create your account.

Note:

When entering your email address during account creation, please enter the same email address you used when joining the Hampton Roads Base. (If your email address has changed, please contact the Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman, to update your email in the Base roster BEFORE applying for or creating your account.)

Also of Note: The USSVI National website, while still under construction in some areas, is now open. You should have received a member-specific email recently detailing how to gain and maintain access to the site. Check your email for this important information from USSVI National.

The Website may be found at:

<https://www.ussvi.org/>

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

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Holland Club News

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Emergency Relief Fund

Submarine Brothers, Submarine Sisters, and other associated members of Submarine Veterans Hampton Roads Base, the Base Emergency Relief Fund was created to help base members in need without having to wait for the next base meeting. This will also, allow the member in need to discreetly reach out to one of




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."

We are a fraternal organization of Submarine Veterans. We are open to and welcome any and all who have qualified to wear dolphins. Contact us by email at USSVI.HRB.Secretary@gmail.com with any questions and come visit our website at <https://www.hrb-ussvi.org>

Join us for our monthly meeting at 11:15 hours, the 3rd Saturday of every month (except March). We meet at FRA #60 in Ocean View, 9601 1st View Street, Norfolk, VA 23503-1603 (the corner of 1st View St. & Balview Ave. and across 'A' View Ave. from the Post Office).

We look forward to meeting you at a meeting.



Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame

Congratulations to our winner of HOF Boat

USS ATLANTA (SSN 712), in commissioned service from 1982 to 1999, and was nominated by Bill Heron.

About The Base Website and Social Media

The web address for the Base website is:

<https://www.hrb-ussvi.org/>.

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the following members: Craig Dudley on my Cell (757-618-5624), EM2(SS) Paul Schmidt (Cell: 757-481-1297), or HMCS(SS) Jack Ritz (Cell: 757-647-4669), or contact our Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman (Cell: 757-354-7259). Then the members can talk about the issue privately and vote to approve or reject and once approved reach out to the Base Treasurer to get the funds released.

There is a designated ERF donation container at each of our meetings. All funds donated are kept separate from other Base Funds.

Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

MM1(SS) Craig S. Dudley
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The USS SCORPION Memorial



The family members and former crew members of USS Scorpion gathered Sunday, 21 May, at the Virginia War Memorial in Newport News to honor the 99 crew members lost on Scorpion on 22 May 1969. In addition to family members and former crew members, a number of the USSVI Hampton Roads Base members attended.

The Memorial was conducted by the Fr. Michael J. Bader Assembly 2430 of the Knights of Columbus. A wreath was placed at the Memorial which was then taken to Submarine Force Headquarters to be taken to sea on USS Washington (SSN 787) to be committed to the sea during their deployment.

Also in attendance was VADM William Houston, Commander Submarine Forces, who met with family members and addressed their concerns regarding the release of additional material relative to the loss of Scorpion.



Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).CWO4 John Donaldson, U.S.N. (Ret.)

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We remember....



Boats Lost in June

USS O-9 (SS-70)

Lost on Jun 20, 1941, with the loss of 34 men when it foundered off Isle of Shoals, 15 miles from Portsmouth, NH.

USS S-27 (SS-132)

Lost on June 19, 1942, when it grounded off Amchitka Island. She was on the surface in poor visibility, charging batteries and drifted into the shoals. When she could not be freed and started listing, the captain got the entire crew to shore (400 yards away) in relays, using a three-man rubber raft. The entire crew was subsequently rescued.

USS R-12 (SS-89)

Lost on June 12, 1943, with the loss of 42 men near Key West, FL during a practice torpedo approach. The cause was probably due to flooding through a torpedo tube. The C.O. and two other men on the bridge survived, as did 18 crew members on liberty at the time of the accident.

USS RUNNER (SS-275)

Lost between June 26 and July 4, 1943, with the loss of 78 men. Runner was on her third war patrol and probably was lost due to a mine. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman

off the Kuriles. This boat's last known ship sunk happened on June 26th, so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before July 4th, when she was scheduled back at Midway.

USS HERRING (SS-233)

Lost on June 1, 1944, with the loss of 83 men near Matsuwa Island. Herring was on her eighth war patrol and was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted her and made two direct hits on her conning tower and causing her loss. Before being sunk, she had sunk a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only US submarine sunk by a land battery.

USS GOLET (SS-361)

Lost on June 14, 1944, with the loss of 82 men. On her second war patrol. Golet was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu.

USS BONEFISH (SS-223)

Lost on June 18, 1945, with the loss of 85 men when sunk near Suzu Misaki. Winner of three Navy Unit Citations, Bonefish was on her eighth war patrol. After sinking a passenger-cargoman, Bonefish was subjected to a savage depth charge attack.

*They shall not grow old as we who are left behind
grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
them.
From the rising of the sun in the morning, until
it's rising again the following morning,
**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM,
FOREVER.***



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HRB Members with June Birthdays

(If I've gotten your birthday wrong, or missed it, please let me know.)

03: Paul Schmidt
08: Bill Tilton
11: Dick Helm
13: J. J. Jackson
13: Jon Walsh
13: Nick Corey
20: Bill Mulligan
24: Jose Mercado
26: Andrew Vuckovich
26: Dan Bohlke
28: Dave Lockwood
30: Dave Stanley
30: Efron Monis
30: Bill Newton

