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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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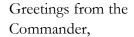
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From the Base Commander





Spring is in the air and so is the pollen creeping up from the south. Hope this finds everyone in fine spirits and looking forward to warmer weather. The 56th Ocean view St. Patrick's Day Parade is due to commence on 18 March 2023. This is the first year we have been officially invited to this function. We look forward to having our submarine float in the parade along with our shipmates either riding or walking behind the float. Due to this event on the 18th, our monthly submarine meeting will be held on 11 March 2023 at 1115. April is the Holland Club induction where those members with 50 years of being qualified are acknowledged and presented with goodies. Our Chairman, Bill Heron, will headup this event. Fran and I have registered for the National Convention in August and looking forward to seeing old friends and telling sea stories. Please come join us if you can. Keep a great board!Respectfully,
YNCM(SS/SW/AW) Ted Vorce,

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Hampton Roads Base Newsletter "Currents"

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All submissions for publication should be sent to the editor, Tony Ficca, by email:

Newsletter.HRB@gMail.com

NLT the 1st weekend of the month.

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



From the Base Senior Vice **Commander**

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From the Base Junior Vice **Commander**

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From the Base Secretary

Hello everyone, I hope all are well and Ready for the green month of the Irish,

Yes I am Irish. Here is a little history of a few things I accomplished while my Honey was navigating the seas. Attended Navy Wives' Course, to really know what I was getting into, an Ombudsman's Course to help other wives', and attended the Navy Relief Society Volunteer Course and also Volunteered with Navy Relief as it was it was called back in the 80's. So all in all volunteering is my second career.

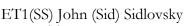
Any questions should be sent to me by email (below).

Lynn Merryman

Secretary.HRBase@gMail.com

From the Base Treasurer

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From the Base Chaplain

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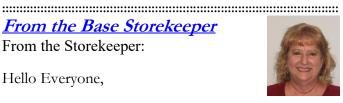
IC1(SS) Art Nelson

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From the Base Storekeeper From the Storekeeper:

Hello Everyone,



Had a great meeting in February and placed an order with National and it's already been received. Thank you Barry, our National Storekeeper, for getting that order out so fast! Please come by and say hello to me at the meetings and see if you would like to order anything out of our 2023 catalog. We have khaki and blue ball caps for 20 dollars apiece and other submarine memorabilia for sale. Also, I have a table set up with various clothing items that I sale for Jenny, our sewing wench. In addition, we have an area where people have donated submarine items they no longer want laying around. We ask for a small donation for those items. Come on out to a meeting, get engaged, and enjoy the fellowship of the meeting.

Hope to see you soon. Come on spring and summer - I can't wait! Xoxoxo Fran

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

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The CoB's Corner

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

MM1(SS) Gary Merryman U.S.N. (Ret.) Gary2361@Yahoo.com

From the Editor

Happy March all! I am excited about USSVI getting a change to participate in the Ocean View St Patrick's Day Parade this has always been a big

event in Norfolk and It is a chance for us to participate in the community that we are a part of. I hope that many of you will join us in the event so we can show Norfolk that Submarine Pride Runs Deep!

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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<u>Membership</u>

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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Public Relations and Publicity

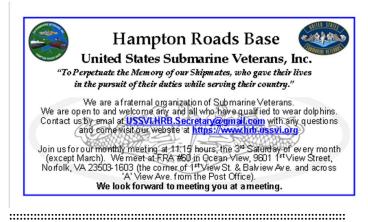
The Base has purchased a feather flag for identifying our group at events. We will mount it outside the FRA Hall when we have meetings. We hope this proves to be a positive recruitment for our group.



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

Lynn Merryman

Secretary.HRBase@gMail.com



HRB Scholarship Program

I would like to thank Sid and Rick 'Doc' Perez for continuing on this year as scholarship committee members. We had our first meeting to go over the new scholarship application for the coming 2023-2024 Scholarship year. The new applications should be out around the first of the year. Filing deadline will be 2400 hours, 31 March. Let's make plans to have our eligible children and grandchildren apply for this scholarship. Thank you.



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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.

Follow for more information as the induction ceremony is in planning for May 2023

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

CAPT Ken Swan, U.S.N. (Ret.)

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About The Base Website and Social Media

The web address for the Base website is:

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

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.

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/

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

STS1(SS) Sam Stevens, U.S.N. (Ret.)

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Holland Club News

Gentlemen,

This year's Holland Club Induction Ceremony is scheduled for our April 15th meeting. According to the roster we have the following three members that qualified in 1973:

Robert Rogers qualified on USS George Marshall (SSBN 654)

Bob Saenz qualified on USS George Bancroft (SSBN 643)

Craig Werner qualified on USS Pargo (SSN 650)

Bob Saenz has requested to receive his induction at the National Convention in Tucson in August. Craig Werner will be inducted at our April meeting.

However, I have not been able to contact Robert Rogers. According to our roster he lives in Virginia Beach, but he has not responded to the email address listed on our roster and there isn't a phone number.

If anyone knows how to contact him, please ask him to contact me by email at bill.heron1@verizon.net so I can prepare his Holland Club package and find out if he will be attending our April meeting.

If you are eligible for induction into the Holland Club and have not been inducted, please contact me at bill.heron1@verizon.net.

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

EMCM(SS) William (Bill) Heron, U.S.N. (Ret.)

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The Norfolk Sail Project

We will be planning a fund raising raffle soon, Details to follow.

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

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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 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).

Thank you to all that came out and supported the December Base Meeting. I hope you are excited to add the USS Atlanta to the Submarine Hall of Fame in May 2023.

MM1(SS) Craig S. Dudley

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The USS SCORPION Memorial

The 55th USS Scorpion Memorial will be conducted by the Father Michael J. Bader Knights of Columbus Assembly on Sunday, 21 May at the Scorpion Memorial located at the Virginia War Memorial Museum, 9285 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA.

The ceremony will begin at 1400 and will include the presentation of a wreath to be taken to sea on a submarine or placed at the USS Scorpion Memorial in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Virginia Beach.

Weather permitting, a picnic after the memorial

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

CWO4 John Donaldson, U.S.N. (Ret.)

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REMINDER OF MARCH MEETING

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Don't forget that March is the Month we meet on March 11th at the FRA Club 60. We meet earlier this month due to the annual St Patrick's Day Parade held in the Ocean View Section of Norfolk.

This Year we have been invited to participate in the parade. All are invited to participate and show Norfolk That Submarine Pride Runs Deep.

This is our chance to get more visibility and to gather interest and support for bringing the Norfolk Sail to Ocean View.



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HRB Members with March Birthdays

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

01: Bob Saenz

02: Mike Ammann

05: Chris Harker

06: Jim Stokes, & David Coffield

09: Larry Hayes & Jenny Dugan

12: John Donaldson & Roy Vess

14: David Bridges

15: Art Oman, Chuck Steenburgh, & Steven Mathews

17: Pat Urello & Jeff Schmidt

19: Joe Demnicki

22: Barry Porter

25: Brandon Hastey

26: Bud Warren

27: Carl Boyd, Ron Pervere, Ed Cirucci, & Jason Melton

30: Randy Strickland

We remember....



Boats Lost in March

USS F-4 (Skate) (SS 23): Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men. She foundered 1.5 miles off of Honolulu when acid corrosion of the lead lining of the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. She was raised in August 1915.

USS H-1 (Seawolf) (SS-28): Lost on March 12, 1920, with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to shore after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island, off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. Of the crew of 25, the CO and three other men were lost. Vestal (AR-4) pulled H-1 off the rocks in the morning of 24 March, only to have her sink 45 minutes later in some 50 feet of water. She was originally named the USS Seawolf before becoming H-1.

USS Perch (SS 176): Lost on March 3, 1942 near Java with no immediate loss of life, while on her first war

patrol. She survived two severe depth chargings in less than 200 feet of water by 3 Japanese destroyers. The crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 61 officers and men taken prisoner, 55 survived the war and six died as POWs.

NB: Our brother, Turk Turner, now on eternal patrol, served on USS Perch.

USS Grampus (SS 207): Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 71 officers and men, on her 6th war patrol. She was lost in Vella Gulf, sunk after engaging two Japanese destroyers.

<u>USS Triton (SS 201)</u>: Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men. She was sunk north of the Admiralty Islands during a fight with three Japanese destroyers. Triton was the first boat to engage the enemy in December 1941 off Wake Island, sinking 9 ships, 1 submarine, and a destroyer.

USS Tullibee (SS 284): Lost on March 26, 1944 with the loss of 79 officers and men, on her fourth war patrol. It is believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.

<u>USS Kete (SS 369)</u>: Lost on March 20, 1945 with the loss of 87 officers and men at the end of her second war patrol. She was probably sunk near Okinawa by a Japanese submarine that itself was subsequently lost.

<u>USS Trigger (SS 237)</u>: Lost on March 26, 1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men, on her 12th war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft. Trigger ranked 7th in total tonnage sunk and tied for 8th in the number of ships sunk.



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(Remember: you must dial all 10 digits when contacting by phone)

Base Commander:

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United States Submarine Veterans Inc (USSVI) Hampton Roads Base 2023 Annual Base Sponsorship Program

| Sponsor Level | Benefits | Donation |
|-------------------|---|----------|
| COLUMBIA Class | 2 Christmas Party Tickets | \$500* |
| Sponsor | 4 Summer Picnic Tickets | |
| | 8 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** | |
| | Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page | |
| | Supports HR Base Operations | |
| VIRGINIA Class | 2 Christmas Party Tickets | \$300* |
| Sponsor | 2 Summer Picnic Tickets | |
| | 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** | |
| | Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page | |
| | Supports HR Base Operations | |
| SEAWOLF Class | 1 Christmas Party Ticket | \$200* |
| Sponsor | 2 Summer Picnic Tickets | |
| | 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** | |
| | Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page | |
| | Supports HR Base Operations | |
| OHIO Class | 2 Summer Picnic Tickets | \$150* |
| Sponsor | 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** | |
| | Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page | |
| | Supports HR Base Operations | |
| LOS ANGELES Class | 1 Summer Picnic Ticket | \$125* |
| Sponsor | 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** | |
| | Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page | |
| | Supports HR Base Operations | |
| STURGEON Class | 3 Raffle Tickets at Each Monthly Base Meeting** | \$100* |
| Sponsor | Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page | |
| | Supports HR Base Operations | |
| 41 for FREEDOM | 1 Raffle Ticket at Each Monthly Base Meeting** | \$75* |
| Sponsor | Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page | |
| | Supports HR Base Operations | |
| NAUTILUS Era | Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page | \$50* |
| Sponsor | Supports HR Base Operations | |
| DIESEL BOATS | Name on Website Sponsorship Recognition Page | \$25* |
| FOREVER | Supports HR Base Operations | |
| Sponsor | | |

As an added incentive, starting in 2023, if you renew your sponsorship at the same level or higher you will receive a 10% discount.

**Must attend the meeting to collect raffle tickets, all tickets are for the same raffle, your choice. *Donations are NOT tax-deductible.

2023 OCEAN VIEW SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE March 18, 2023

PARADE ROUTE

The parade begins at Northside Middle School which is located at the corner of Westmont Ave and Granby Street. From that point it travels North on Granby, turns left at A View Ave, turns left on First View Street, and ends at the intersection of First View and Government Ave.

The parade route is approximately 1.5 miles.

PARKING

On-street parking is available on most of the adjacent blocks along the parade route. Offstreet parking is available at the Sarah Constant Beach Park, Ocean View Beach Park, and Ocean View Elementary.

PARTY AFTER THE PARADE

Remember that the parade afterparty, thrown by the Columbian Club of Ocean View, is held at 211 W. Government Ave. There will be food, refreshments and live music. Free admission and open to the public. Come join the fun!

Check us out on the web at: www.NorfolkParade.com

