

*To Mike York and Family:*

Mike, our condolences to you and your whole family. We are truly sorry for your loss. The world will miss Diane immensely. Our hearts ache for you. Nothing any of us can say will help ease the pain but know that Diane was an amazing person whose warmth and good nature touched all who knew her. Words mean little but, please know that your mutual love and dedication for each other is an inspiration to all your HRB shipmates. Her loss is devastating and we're sorry, deeply sorry.

With love,

*Your Hampton Roads Base Family*



# HAMPTON ROADS BASE



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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:



Greetings

everyone. It feels like fall is slowly creeping in with cooler weather. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and do not stuff yourself with too much turkey. Next month is the Christmas Party and remember it is at the Best Western Sand Castle in Virginia Beach, from 13-15 December. It is a good time and we will have music again this year! As we ring in 2020, please keep in mind that the National Convention is going to be in Tucson, Arizona, from 24-29 August. It is not too early to plan for that event. Let us look after one another and I hope to see you at the next base meeting.

Ted



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*From the Secretary/Treasurer*

Well, winter is here and along with it is the cold and flu season. The best general preventative measure is the liberal and frequent use of soap and hot water to wash your hands and avoid contamination, also, if you haven't already done so, you should get a flu shot to avoid the nastiness that comes with the illness. Don't forget to cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough.



The annual dues renewal drive continues. I've now sent out three emails to everyone who needs to pay Base and/or National dues for the 2020 calendar year and beyond, I will be sending out another email this week. As of this writing, 66 of 113 members who have to, have already renewed their membership by paying their dues. If you are one of the members whom I sent an email to and you haven't already responded, please, help me out, get your dues paid so I can put this matter to bed sooner than later and not have to worry about it anymore. I really need to have all the dues paid by 15-DECEMBER so I can send National their portion before the end of the year. 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. Fortunately, so far, we've had no one drop their membership.

Presentations for the 2020 Hall of Fame (HoF) boat were made at our 16-NOVEMBER meeting. The write-ups were sent out by email and are posted on the Base website. The HoF selection will be at our 21-DECEMBER meeting by vote of the membership present. **You must be present to vote.**

The Base Winter Holiday Party is 13 – 15 DECEMBER at the Best Western Sandcastle



Beachfront Hotel on Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach. Tickets are \$20 each and are available from Fran Vorce. Contact her directly **ASAP** if you want to be there and haven't already purchased your tickets. We always have a good time at this annual event and the more attending the merrier the party.

This year is an election year for Base Officers with the election being held at our 21-DECEMBER meeting. All your elected Base officers are standing for re-election and there have been no other nominations. **Again, you must be present to vote.**

The Base Sponsorship Program for personal sponsorship of the Base Operations and Scholarships with recognition for each of the sponsors will be opened at the Winter Holiday Party. A breakdown of all the different levels of sponsorship and the benefits of each level is attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions about this new program contact any member of elected Base leadership.

The first of the year is when applications for the HRB 2020 – 2021 Scholastic Scholarship can be submitted and they must be in by email no later than 15-APRIL. If you have any dependents who are eligible for the scholarship, make sure they get their application in. If you need another set of application documents, send me an email to let me know.

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 December. 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

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We remember.... We Honor...



### Boats Lost in December

**USS Carp (F-1), (SS-20):** Lost on December 17, 1917 due to collision with USS F-3 (SS- 22). Nineteen of her crew were lost while five were rescued by boats with which she was operating. Previously, in 1912, she slipped her mooring and grounded on a beach near Monterey, California. Two of 17 aboard were lost in that event.

**USS S-4 (SS-109):** Lost on December 17, 1927 with the loss of 40 officers and men when it was sunk after being rammed by USCG Paulding. Salvaged in 1928 and re-commissioned. She was later scuttled off Hawaii in 1937.

**USS Sealion (SS-195):** Lost on Dec 10, 1941 with the loss of 5 men. To prevent her from falling into enemy hands, she was scuttled in Manila Bay after incurring severe bomb damage during the initial Japanese attack.



**USS Capelin (SS-289):** Lost on Dec 2, 1943 with the loss of 76 men. She was on her 1st war patrol, but her exact location, date and cause of loss remain a mystery. She may have been lost to mines or an operational casualty.



### Veterans Day Parade

The 2019 Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade stepped promptly at 0900 to the accompaniment of fine weather and an enthusiastic crowd of onlookers.

About twelve of our crew made their way to the beachfront this year. Because the usual photographic team was away on authorized absence, photo coverage was limited this year.



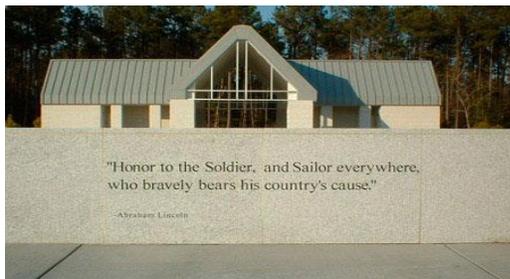
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**HORTON WREATH LAYING**

The following is taken from the Horton Wreath Society Website:

*“ On Saturday, December 14, 2019, at 9:00 AM, the Horton Wreath Society Inc., Suffolk, VA, will hold its annual wreath laying event at the Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery to remember and honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on all the graves and columbarium rows of our country’s fallen heroes along with the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.*

*On Saturday, December 14, 2019, at 12:00 PM, Wreaths Across America will be at Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths in front the “Wall of Honor,” home to the 5 branches of service plaques, along with the POW/MIA flag pole.*

Due to expansion activities, there is no longer parking at the cemetery itself. Beginning at 0700 shuttle busses will be running from Kings Fork Middle and High Schools.



The exact date of the early January Wreath pickup is undetermined at this time. The expected window is 4 to 6 January, depending on the weather.

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**HRB December Birthdays**

- 1 Kevin Adams, Roy Palmer
- 4 Rick Shaw
- 5 Rich Sutherland
- 8 Reggie Erman
- 9 Chris Clements
- 10 Oscar Hudson, Leo LaRue
- 11 Charley Harvilicz
- 12 Bill Jones
- 13 Jake Grabowski, Fred Seifert
- 15 Ron Garner
- 17 Daniel Giel
- 18 Paul "Mad Dog" Hanes
- 19 Tom Etter
- 23 Larry Mantta
- 24 Mervin Burlette
- 25 Bill Bond
- 26 Ron Busila, Bob Driskell
- 28 Mike Barrett
- 29 Jerry Benbrook, J.A. Aldredge, Dave DeCook, Shawn Kaylor
- 31 Mark Berner



Our 2019 Holiday Party is slated for the second weekend of December.

**GET YOUR RESERVATIONS TO FRAN & TED ASAP!!**



Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) News



The October visit to NMC-P had to be cancelled. We made up for it at the 19 November visit. The team mustered seven grandfathers to lighten the day of four boys, four girls and their families. The children ranged in age from 2 to 15 years. We did not ask how old the family members were.

The crew consisted of Rich Corey, Bugs Moran, Marlin Boyle, Dave Snyder, Joe Demnicki, George Williams, and Bob McClaren.

The next visit is tentatively slated for 17 December.



2021 HALL of FAME NOMINEES

The nominees and proponents for this 2021 are:

- USS GUARDFISH (from last year) was nominated by Ron O'Donnell.
- USS ATLANTA (from last year) was nominated by Bill Heron.
- USS PROVIDENCE (from last year) was nominated by Sam Stevens.
- USS SPADEFISH was nominated by Domenick Missaggia.
- USS HENRY CLAY was nominated by Dave Duffié.

Presentations were distributed via email and have been posted on the Base website, <https://www.hrb-ussvi.org> Final voting will be made at the 21 December base meeting.



Upcoming Events

December 2019

- 11:** NSL meeting @ Sewell's Point Golf Club
- 13-15:** Holiday Party
- 14:** Horton Wreath Laying
- 17: (tentative):** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP
- 21:** Base Meeting
- TBD:** KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

January 2020

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

**February 2020**

15: Base Meeting

18: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

**March 2020**

21: Base Meeting

24: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

**April 2020**

18: Base Meeting

21: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

**May 2020**

18: Base Meeting

21: KAP(SS) 4 KIDS(SS) @NMCP

TBD: Scorpion Memorial

TBD: WWII Memorial & Hall of Fame

25: 136<sup>th</sup> Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade



**Base Sponsorship Background**

As the Base grows and our activities increase so does our cost of continued operation. So that we can continue to operate as we have and support our ongoing endeavors, we need to increase our income commensurately. To that end, we are starting an annual program of personal Base Sponsorship.

Individual members are invited and encouraged to help support the Base by becoming an annual sponsor at one of the several different sponsorship levels. Each of the nine levels of sponsorship will have certain perquisites as shown on the Annual Sponsorship Program handout. In addition, every sponsor will be recognized by a new Base I.D. showing they are a Sponsor with their level of sponsorship and listed on the Base website. This program will start for the calendar year 2020 at the 2019 Winter Holiday Party.

Please see the attached table of sponsorship levels.



**OOPS**

In last month's newsletter there was a mistake regarding the Gary Lee Harris. SSBN-616 was the Lafayette not the Hamilton. Thanks to Raymond Morre for bringing this to my attention, -Marlin



**December Historic Events**

**2 December 1944** - USS Sea Devil (SS 400) attacks a Japanese convoy in the East China Sea and sinks merchant tanker Akigawa Maru and passenger-cargo ship Hawaii Maru, while USS Gunnel (SS 253) evacuates 11 rescued aviators from Palawan, Philippines and turns over all available stores to Filipino forces ashore.

**3 December 1775** - The first American flag is raised on board a Continental ship when Lt. John Paul Jones hoists the Grand Union Flag during Continental ship Alfred's commissioning at Philadelphia, Penn.

**4 December 1944** - USS Flasher (SS 249) sinks Japanese destroyer Kishinami and damages a merchant ship in the South China Sea. Flasher is the only U.S. submarine to sink more than 100,000 tons of enemy shipping in World War II.

**10 December 1941** - A PBY aircraft piloted by Lt. Harmon T. Utter is attacked by three Japanese Mitsubishi A6M2 Type 0 (ZERO) carrier fighters. Chief Boatswain Earl D. Payne, Utter's bow gunner, shoots one down, scoring the Navy's first verifiable air-to-air kill of a Japanese plane in the Pacific War.

**14 December 1944** -The rank of Fleet Admiral (five-star admiral) of the U.S. Navy is established during World War II due to the rapid build-up of U.S. military forces. **The first five-star admirals** are: William D. Leahy, Ernest J. King, and Chester W. Nimitz. Adm. William F. Halsey joined the selected group Dec. 11, 1945.

**25 December 1944** - USS Hardhead (SS 365) attacks a Japanese convoy 60 miles west of Manila and sinks Coast Defense Vessel No.38 off Bataan Peninsula while USS Atule (SS 403) sinks Japanese freighter Santos Maru off Sabtang Island, Luzon. Also, USS Mingo (SS 261) sinks Japanese army transport Manila Maru.

**29 December 1943** - USS Silversides (SS 236) sinks the Japanese transport Tenposan Maru, the army cargo ship Shichisei Maru, and the freighter Ryuto Maru while also damaging the army cargo ship Bichu Maru off Palau

**26 December 1952** - USS Tirante (SS-420): Tirante was recommissioned at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, ME. After conversion to GUPPY configuration and conducting shakedown, she returned to the East Coast of the United States to prepare for her first deployment with the Sixth Fleet.



### *Burial at Sea*

Recently our late shipmate Steve Sokolowski (and former HRB Base Commander) was buried at sea. We received the following email and photos from Ann Sokolowski a few days ago.

“These are all of the pictures of Steve’s burial at sea.

*His remains were delivered to USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750) on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the direction of the Commander, Submarine Squadron SIX while the ship was in port at the Naval Weapon Station, Yorktown (I guess Steve wanted one last road trip).*

*“They departed Yorktown at 2:00 p.m. October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to conduct training exercises in preparation to support our nation’s commitment to freedom of the seas. Your husband spent many years likewise in service to his country. It was a fitting choice that he be buried from topside of a proud ship so employed.*



*The burial at sea ceremony took place on NEWPORT NEWS’ sail on October 15, 2019, at 3:57 pm at 36-27-.50N, 074-22.46W. The late afternoon was sunny with a 70-degree temperature with a slight wind and calm seas. With these favorable conditions, both the religious and military ceremonies were conducted with dignity and solemnity.”*

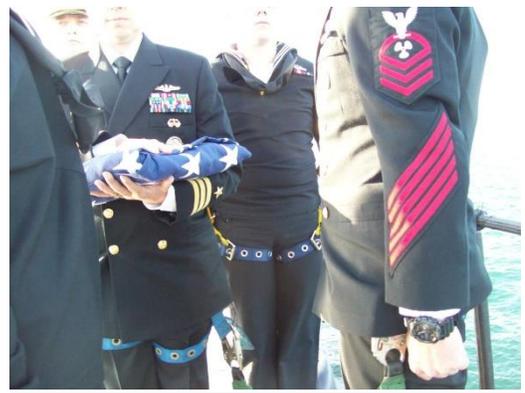
The above is an excerpt from the letter I received from Commander D.W. Fassel, Commanding Officer of USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750).

The Navy could not have chosen a better ship for him to go to his final resting place as we have friends with a strong connection to NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750) One being a plank owner and his wife being one of the welders while it was being built.

Regards

Ann





***Rest in Peace Sailor***  
***We have the watch***



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[Humor](#)

From a shipmate of a shipmate:

"The Silent Service" EXPLAINED.

On my submarine, we did some of the stuff we did.

We didn't do the other stuff we did because if we did do it, it was a secret.

So, we didn't do it.

Even though we did, but not really.

The medals my shipmates and I didn't earn for doing what we didn't do, we did receive, except we didn't, because we never went where we were and weren't there when we were, but we did the stuff we didn't do while we weren't there not doing it.

As far as what boat I was on, we didn't go where we went and didn't do what we did while not doing it.

So, the bottom line, we weren't on a boat that I won't mention, not doing what we did, where we weren't.

I hope that clarifies things.

Regards, Chuck Steenburgh

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[USWN ARTICLES](#)

[STRATCOM advisory group meeting to take place in November](#)

[John Liang, InsideDefense.com, October 28](#)

The U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group will hold a classified meeting next month, according to a notice in today's Federal Register.

The purpose of the Nov. 19-20 meeting "is to provide advice on scientific, technical, intelligence, and policy- related issues to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, during the development of the nation's strategic war plans," the notice states.

Topics for discussion, according to the notice, include: "policy issues, space operations, nuclear weapons stockpile assessment, weapons of mass destruction, intelligence operations, cyber operations, global strike, command and control, science and technology, [and] missile defense.

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[Subs Will Get Harpoon Missiles Next Year, Navy Undersea Warfare Director Says](#)

[Richard R. Burgess, Seapower Magazine Online, November 7](#)

ARLINGTON, Va. — The admiral in charge of undersea warfare requirements said the Harpoon anti-ship missile will be returning to the submarine force next year, restoring more lethality to the sub force.

"I am happy to report that we will have the first refurbished [Harpoon] missiles delivered to the fleet in FY21," said Rear Adm. Thomas Ishee, director of undersea warfare in the Office of the Chief of Naval

Operations, speaking Nov. 7 at the Naval Submarine League's annual symposium in Arlington.

In a demonstration in the 2018 Rim of the Pacific exercise, a Harpoon was fired from the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Olympia at a target ship, the first time one was fired from a U.S. Navy submarine since the UGM-84A Harpoons were withdrawn from the force in 1997.

The UGM-84A is encapsulated to be fired from a torpedo tube and has a rocket booster to propel it above the surface of the water and into flight.

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## Annual Sponsor Program (for 2020)

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

**\*\*Must attend meeting to collect raffle tickets, all tickets are for same raffle, 50/50 or Booze. \*Donations are NOT tax deductible.**

<p>Hampton Roads Base of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. A 501(c)19 Veteran Organization, Tax ID №, 06-1007203</p>	<p>Base Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month (except March) at FRA Hall #60, 9601 1<sup>st</sup> View Street, Norfolk, VA 23503-1603 <a href="https://www.HRB-USSVL.org">https://www.HRB-USSVL.org</a> (Hampton Roads Base Website)</p>
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# Hampton Roads Base

## United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.



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### Regular Base Meeting Agenda for 16-NOVEMBER-2019

Meeting was called to order by Base Commander, Ted Vorce 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.
- **A word of sorrow for Byrd Saville on the loss of his wife** – Base Commander, Ted Vorce.
  - Judith's funeral will be at 11:00 hours, next Saturday, 23-NOVEMBER, at the Hidenwood Presbyterian Church, 414 Hiden Boulevard, Newport News, 23606-2851.
- The invocation was made by Base Member Bob Holt.
- The USSVI Creed was read by the Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Base Commander, Ted Vorce.
- 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.
- 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 then 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:

No Report (Brian was called out of town an unexpected family matter).

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

- We received a thank you note from the Balloch family for our assistance this past spring in getting the Master Chief a burial at sea and they included another \$250 donation to the Base.
- We also received a letter of thanks from Club 60 for our contribution in support of their Thanksgiving Dinner for Vets.
- The minutes of the 19-OCTOBER-2019 Base Meeting were emailed out to all members on 20-OCTOBER.
- 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](mailto: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-OCTOBER-2019 was \$ 39,429.65.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of OCTOBER-2019 of \$ 2310.10.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of OCTOBER-2019 of \$ 1753.77.
- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01-OCTOBER-2019 at \$ 22,795.47 and ended the month at \$ 22,820.07 for a net increase/~~decrease~~ of \$ 24.60.
- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-OCTOBER-2019 at \$ 977.83, after donations, and expenditures totaling \$ 50.00, ended the month at \$ 1027.83.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-OCTOBER-2019 at \$ 3820.76, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ 0.10, the program ended the month at \$ 3820.86.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-OCTOBER-2019 at \$ 1197.49, after donations, interest, and expenditures, totaling \$ 21.04, ended the month at \$ 1218.53.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of the end of OCTOBER was \$ 562.65.
- This has resulted in a net increase/~~decrease~~ of \$ 556.33 in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for the month of OCTOBER-2019.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of the end of the month was
- \$ 40,007.12.

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

- If you ordered and paid for a 2020 USSVI Calendar please come see me to get it.
- 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](mailto:FVorce@Verizon.net)).

**Committee Reports:**

- **Membership Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
  - The annual membership renewal drive has started and emails have been sent out to everyone who needs to renew their membership.
    - So far, 65 of 113 members who have to have renewed their dues as of the end of this meeting.
  - The roster of all HRB members sent out on 09-NOVEMBER-2019.
  - With gains and losses we are at - 299 - members; last year at this time we had - 285 - members so this is a gain/~~loss~~ of - 14 - members over last year and that's great!
  - **WE'RE STILL #2!!!** I've looked over the membership numbers nationally again and, as of now, we still hold 2<sup>nd</sup> place in membership nationally by - 14 - members.
  - We need to keep up the good work of bringing in new members; we need one more to get to 300 members before the end of the year.
  - As a reminder, anyone on Active Duty that is qualified to wear dolphins may join USSVI at no charge through the end of 2020, If you have any questions contact Craig.

- From now until the end of the year, new members (other than active duty) who join through 2020 will pay \$45.00 for their dues (National - \$30.00 & Base - \$15.00).
- If you have any suggestions of ways to increase our membership and meeting attendance please let the Base leadership know of it.
- I have had contact with two of the three members on the Octogenarian List that we lost contact with last quarter, CAPT James Hay and LCDR Al Keck, both are doing as well as can be expected but we still have had no contact with CAPT Tom Murray he has not responded to phone calls or emails or snail-mails.
- 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 application, instructions, and hints for the HRB 2020 – 2021 Scholastic Scholarship were sent to everyone by email. If you need another set, send an email to Craig to let him know..
- **Program & Events Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
  - Recently Completed Events:
    - The K4K visit at NMC-P scheduled for Tuesday, 29-OCTOBER was cancelled by the hospital.
    - There was a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60, Saturday, 02-NOVEMBER.
    - The Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade was on Monday, 11-NOVEMBER.
    - There was a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 13-NOVEMBER.
  - Pending Events:
    - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P at 09:30 hours, on Tuesday, 19-NOVEMBER.
    - 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 here at FRA #60, 11:15 hours, Saturday, 21-DECEMBER-2019.
    - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P at 09:30 hours, on Tuesday, 17-DECEMBER-2019.

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020**

- Pending Events (CONTINUED)
  - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 4-JANUARY.
  - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 8-JANUARY.
  - We will have a Base meeting here at FRA #60 at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 18-JANUARY.
  - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 21-JANUARY.
  - Sailor-of-the-Year Presentation Ceremonies will be sometime in JANUARY or early FEBRUARY.
  - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 1-FEBRUARY.
  - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 12-FEBRUARY.
  - We will have a Base meeting here at FRA #60 at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 15-FEBRUARY.
  - There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 19-FEBRUARY.
  - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 7-MARCH.
  - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 11-MARCH.

- We will have a Base meeting here at FRA #60 at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 21-MARCH.
  - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 24-MARCH.
  - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 4-APRIL.
  - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 8-APRIL.
  - There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 15-APRIL.
  - We will have a Base meeting here at FRA #60 at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 18-APRIL.
  - The 120<sup>th</sup> Submarine Birthday Ball will be in APRIL at the Virginia Beach Convention Center.
  - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 2-MAY.
  - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 13-MAY.
  - We will have a Base meeting here at FRA #60 at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 16-MAY.
  - The Holland Club Induction Ceremonies FOR YEAR GROUP 1970 will be during our May meeting.
  - The Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Boat ceremonies will be in MAY at SLF Norfolk.
  - The 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the loss of USS SCORPION will be in MAY.
  - The 136<sup>th</sup> Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade in Portsmouth is in MAY.
  - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 6-JUNE.
  - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 10-JUNE.
  - There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 17-JUNE.
  - The Base Picnic Meeting and Scholarship Award Announcement will be here at FRA #60 on 20-JUNE
- **Ways and Means Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
    - The new fund raising program by sponsorship that was announced at our last meeting and was in the newsletter for this month will be in effect for the 2020 calendar (fiscal) year and will opened for enrollment at the Winter Holiday Party.
    - The winning tickets for two pair of tickets to the 2019 Base Winter Holiday Party will be drawn today after the 50-50 and Booze raffles.
    - 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.
    - We're coming into the fall season and windbreakers or light jackets are going to be used more and more, having one with the USSVI and/or the HRB logo and/or name would help, contact Jenny.
    - 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, 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 – 2
    - Total number of website member/users – 95
    - Number of unique visitors to the site last 30 days – 101 (^26%)
  - Facebook Statistics
    - New Page members last 30 days - 03
    - New Page Interactions last 30 days – 145 (v 51%)
    - Total Page “Likes” – 1043 (^20)
    - Total Members – 175 (+2%)
  - If there are any members who do not know the URL for the Base Website it is in the Base Newsletter every month.
- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** – Committee Chairman, Ken Swan:
  - Nominations presentations will be during the program for this meeting.
- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – Committee Co-Chairman, John Sidlovsky.
  - There was no visit in October because the NMC-P Coordinator was not available.
  - We will visit the kids this Tuesday, 19-NOVEMBER after meeting at 09:30 hours, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** – 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 this meeting.
- **NORFOLK Sail Committee** – Committee Chairman, Gary Merryman:
  - Nothing to report this meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Gary Galles – Plans for the restoration of parade trailers.
  - We're still looking for a suitable drop-tank to use as the base for our submarine float rebuild.
  - The Ride-On trailer will also need to be rebuilt due to wood rot.
- Adam Kingsley – follow-up report on the Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade, Monday, 11-NOVEMBER,

**New Business:** (none)

## Program:

- Presentations for the 2020 Hall-of-Fame Boat – HoF Committee Chairman, Ken Swan.
  - USS GUARDFISH (SSN 612) was presented by Ron O'Donnell.
  - USS HENRY CLAY (SSBN 625) was presented by Dave Duffié.
  - USS SPADEFISH (SSN 668) was presented by Domenick Missaggia.
  - USS ATLANTA (SSN 712) was presented by Ted Vorce.
  - USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719) was presented by Sam Stevens.
- Presentation by the Nominations Committee for the election of Base Officers at our December meeting – Dick Helm for Nominations Committee Chairman, Brian Daugherty.
  - The Nominations Committee is made up of all the active Past Base Commanders
    - Brian Daugherty
    - Dick Helm
    - Bud Warren
    - Bill Mereno
  - The slate of officers being presented for the Base elections at our December meeting is:
    - Base Commander – Ted Vorce
    - Base Senior Vice Commander – Gary Galles
    - Base Junior Vice Commander – Adam Kingsley
    - Base Secretary & Treasurer – Craig Werner
  - The floor was opened for any other nominations but there were no nominations from the floor.

## Good of the Order:

- **Member Recognition** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:  
I want to recognize our member, Carl Boyd, for his very well written article on page 26 of the current issue of the American Submariner magazine, “The Ellwood Bombardment Revisited” and all the work he did in researching that article
- **Review of boats lost in this month** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
  - USS CORVINA (SS-226) in 1943
  - USS SULPIN (SS-191) in 1943
  - USS ALBACORE (SS-218) in 1944
  - USS GROWLER (SS-215) in 1944
  - USS SCAMP (SS-277) in 1944
- **Review of members' birthdays for the month** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
  - Tom Amann on 05-NOV
  - Tom Bergen on 06-NOV
  - Lowell Lewis on 07-NOV
  - Ed Kracker on 08-NOV
  - Doc Spenser on 11-NOV
  - Bert Hoyt on 13-NOV
  - Bob Marquez on 13-NOV
  - Paul Williams on 13-NOV
  - Jim Simpson on 15-NOV
  - Frank Decker on 16-NOV
  - Al Konetzni on 16-NOV
  - Randy Kingsbury on 18-NOV
  - Marlin Boyle on 19-NOV
  - Scott Seddon on 19-NOV
  - Sam Boyd on 20-NOV
  - Keith Nesbit on 20-NOV
  - Byrd Saville on 21-NOV
  - Harlie Dockens on 22-NOV
  - D.J. Heisner on 23-NOV
  - Ruddy Summers on 24-NOV
  - Ron Boddy on 26-NOV
  - Eric Adkins on 30-NOV

- The 50/50 raffle of \$ 120 was won by: Bud Warren (the base received \$ 119).
- The booze raffle was won by: John Donaldson (the base received \$ 126).
- Winter Holiday Party tickets raffle was won by: Duke Brandon and Brian Sharp.
- Winter Holiday Party tickets raffle brought in: \$ 17.
- There was \$ 18.50 donated through the Donations Bucket for the Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund.
- Pen Sales brought in: \$ 26.
- There was a total of \$ - 0 - was donated for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program.
- There was a total of \$ 25 was donated for the Emergency Relief Fund.
- There were - 67 - members and - 8 - guests present at this meeting.

I hope to see you at our Winter Holiday Party at the Sandcastle Hotel 13 – 15 DECEMBER in Virginia Beach.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 hours by Base Commander, Ted Vorce.

***Fair Winds and Following Seas,***



**EMCS(SS) Craig S. Werner, U.S.N. (Ret.)**  
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# Storekeeper's Inventory

(as of: 16-NOVEMBER-2019)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Qty. On Hand</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
<b>BALL CAPS</b>		
HRB-USSVI (Silver Dolphins)	0	\$ 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
<b>PATCHES &amp; CLOTHING</b>		
Hampton Roads Chapter Patch	37	\$ 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
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
HRB Challenge Coins	108	\$ 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	0	\$ 4.50