



Hampton Roads Base
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Regular Base Meeting Minutes for 19-November- 2022

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ The invocation was made by Base Chaplain, Art Nelson
- ❖ 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 Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley, while the bell was rung by 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 10/17/21) – Base Chaplain, Art Nelson:**
Dan Hengerer went on eternal patrol Saturday, Nov. 19th, 2022. No information on services are currently available.

- ❖ **Secretary's Report – Base Secretary, Lynn Merryman**
Attending we had (48) members and (3) guests in attendance The minutes of the October Meeting were emailed out to all members on the Nov. 1st, 2022. All members are reminded to keep the Secretary informed of any changes in email address, snail mail and 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 need to be filled in or have changed data that needs updating. Please get that information to me. I need everyone's help in keeping everything up to date, for National and the Base Roster, all help is appreciated. I also need to know about any members who should be on the Binnacle list. The USSVI.org website is running smoothly per Tim Carlisle at National.



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❖ **Collections and Raffles**

Emergency Relief Fund: \$0.00

Christmas Fund: \$25.00

COB collected \$5.00 for missing badges and phone's ringing.

There were 48 members and 3 guest in attendance

THE "ROCK" 50/50 Raffle: Total donated \$211.00

Winner: Rich Crawford received \$106.00

Base received: \$105.00

Booze Raffle: \$82.00

Winner received bottle: Southern Comfort

Scholarship Fund: \$0.00

Kap(SS) for Kids Fund: 2.50

❖ **Treasurer's Report – Base Treasurer, John "Sid" Sidlovsky:**

The combined Base Operating and Special Designated Accounts opening balance as of 1-Sept.-2022 was \$37,625.91

The Base Operating Ending Balance for Sept 1--2022 was \$37,906.49

The HRB Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-Sept-2022 at \$2,687.57, and ended the month at \$2,687.57

The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-Sept-2022 at \$440.57 and ended the month at \$505.67.

The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of the end of Sept. 2022 no report given.

The combined Base Operating and Special Designated Accounts ending balance as of the end of the month was \$41,099.73 which resulted in a net increase/decrease of (\$365.58)



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❖ **Storekeeper's Report – Base Storekeeper, Fran Vorce:**

All On-Hand merchandise is available for sale.

Patches and other merchandise from National can be ordered through the Base Storekeeper.

If you have something specific you need from the Base Storekeeper, send her an email(FVorce@Verizon.net).

❖ **Committee Reports:**

The roster of all HRB members sent out on 15-May-2022. Next roster will be sent out when updated.

With gains and losses, we are now at –280– members; last year at this time we had –279– members so this is a ~~gain~~/loss of 1 members over last year.

If you need a member's identity badge contact Gary Merryman, in person or by email(gary2361@yahoo.com), so that he can generate one for you.

As a reminder, anyone on Active Duty that is qualified to wear dolphins may join USSVI at a charge of 37.50 for two years with the second year being free. 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 the Senior Vice Commander

❖ **Scholarship Committee –Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:** January starts the discussion phase of the Scholarship program

❖ **Program & Events Committee – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:**

The Veterans Day Parade was cancelled due to poor weather conditions

❖ **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee – Committee Chairman, Ken Swan:**
Boat nominated for the Hall of Fame are USS Guardfish, USS L. Mendel Rivers, and USS Atlanta voting will the HOF boat will be decided at the December Sub-vets Meeting

❖ **Ways and Means Committee – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:**

Enrollment for the new fund-raising program by sponsorship is open.

This program will be in effect for the 2022 calendar year. If you have any questions about the program, you can ask any member of Base leadership. If you want to sign up for the program, please, see the Base



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❖ **Public Relations and Publicity Committee** – Gary Merryman:

The approval was made to purchase a feather flag with gold and silver dolphins to advertise outside the FRA during the monthly Subvets meeting.

❖ **Newsletter Committee** – Newsletter Editor, Craig Werner:

If you have anything for next month's newsletter, get it in by the 22nd of this month. All new members need to see the Newsletter Editor, Craig Werner to have their picture taken and give a simple biography to be included in the newsletter.

❖ **Website and social media** – Base Webmaster, Sam Stevens:

Total number of website member/users – 92, Any question please contact the webmaster at hrb.ussvi@gmail.com

❖ **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – **Committee Chairman, John "Sid" Sidlovsky:**

On our 10/18/22 we had (3)members and one Associate member with six CPO Selectees who attended, we visited (1) girl & (3) boys along with visiting three previous patients. We had a little fun w/EMNC(SEL) (SW) Jordan Bishop a surface sailor tagged along to help the Submarine CPO Selectees. We made him an Honorary Submariner and gave him a Blue Elephant Plushy to calm him when he retreated back to his ship.

Rules for this visit:

COVID-19 vaccination restrictions have been lifted. Following patient isolation protocol, Visit will be at each patient's door to their room only. **Face Masks are to be worn.** Please inform John "Sid" Sidlovsky (757) 328-9796. If you plan on visiting. Anyone wanting to donate specifically to the Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) program should give the contribution to: Secretary, Lynn Merryman, or John "Sid" Sidlovsky Base Treasurer. Please make sure you specify that it's for the Kap(SS)4Kid(SS) program.

❖ **Hampton Roads Base Emergency Relief Fund Committee** – Committee Chairman, Craig Dudley:

If you have a current financial support need, please reach out to me Craig Dudley on my Cell 757.961.8541, or to ERF Committee Members EM2(SS) Paul Schmidt (Cell: 757.481.1297), ET1(SS) John "Sid" Sidlovsky (Cell: 757.328.0706) 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.

There is a designated ERF donation container on the table. All funds donated are kept separate from other Base Funds and are only used for ERF purposes.



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❖ **SCORPION Memorial Committee** – Committee Chairman, John Donaldson:

Planning for the 55th memorial is underway. It was agreed that the Memorial Meeting will be conducted by the Knights of Columbus in Newport News, VA on Sunday 21 May 2023. The Memorial will be held at the Scorpion Memorial, adjacent to The Virginia War Museum in Hunting Park. 9285 Warwick Blvd, Newport News, A follow-up ZOOM meeting was held on 16 October 2022@ 16:30 EDT family members participating decided that a hotel in Hampton or Newport News further be selected to host the attendees Memorial with a dinner the night before. Local HRB members may be requested to voluntarily assist in the planning for the dinner and provide transportation from the hotel to the Memorial service. There will be another virtual meeting at 18:30 EST on 15-February-2023 (Date Scorpion departed on her final mission) to finalize plans. The February virtual meeting will be provided in the January issue of the currents. Any question please contact: John [Donaldson-john.donaldson@earthlink.net-\(757-270-0205\)](mailto:john.donaldson@earthlink.net)

❖ **NORFOLK Sail Committee** – Committee Chairman, Gary Merryman:

Will be meeting with the Ocean View Civic League make them aware the of Norfolk Sail Project.

❖ **Program:** Vincent Sievert the National Director did come to the November meeting and was very excited to meet with the HRB Group. And mingled after the meeting was adjourned.

❖ **Old Business:** Christmas Party. The registration forms are available to sign up.

❖ **New Business:**

A cake will be purchased to celebrate our 25th anniversary for the January meeting.

❖ **Good of the Order:**

❖ **Review of boats lost in this month** – Ron O'Donnell

USS Corvina (SS-226) USS Sculpin (SS-191) USS Albacore (SS-218) USS Growler (SS-215) USS Scamp (SS-277)



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Review of members' birthdays for the month –Base Commander, Ted Vorce

Thomas L.	Bergen
Ronald L.	Boddy
Franklin E.	Decker
Charlie	Amann Dockens
Franklin	Dunn
Douglas L	Gaynor
Albert F.	Hoyt, Jr.
Michael	Jakubiszen
Randy L.	Kingsbury
Albert H.	Konetzni, Jr.
Roy R.	Larsen
Lowell G	Lewis
Robert M.	Marquez, II
Byrd H.	Saville, Jr.
Scott P.	Seddon
James J.	Simpson, Jr
Robert Lee	Spencer
Rudolph	Summers

Our next Regular Base meeting will be at 11:15 hours, Saturday, **17-Dec-2022**. While we hope to meet in person, we will remain flexible and keep you informed of when and where we will meet. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50.



Fair Winds and Following Seas,

Ted Vorce,
 YNCM(SS/SW/AW)USN Ret
 Hampton Roads Base, Commander

Lynn Merryman (Associate)
 Hampton Roads Base Secretary