

**MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE  
MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, 13 APRIL, 2019**

The Base CDR, Chuck Martin, called the meeting to order at 1112 on 13 April 2019 at the Naval Submarine League Headquarters, Alexandria, VA and welcomed all members and guests. The attending Base officers introduced themselves as did the guests.

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

George Billy, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Mickey Garverick, Arthur Glover, Carole Glover, Bob Glover, Darlene Jaeger, Steve Jaeger, Chuck Martin, Paul Nelson, Terry Nelson, Tim Oliver, Myong Russin, Richard Russin, Mike Varone, Liz Wilson, and Woody Woodworth. (18 attendees)

■ Holland Club Member

■ Associate Member

■ Guest

The COB, Mike Varone, led all hands in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chaplain, Steve Jaeger, delivered the Invocation.

The list of boats lost in the month of April and a historical moment were not read due to the nature of today's Tolling of the Boats ceremony honoring all lost boats.

**MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the March meeting were distributed by e-mail. There was no discussion regarding the content.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Base Treasurer reported:

Starting balance: \$ 8,583.23

Receipts: \$ 235.32

Expenditures: \$ 361.52

Ending balance: \$ 8,457.03

Minus remaining Walmart Grant restricted use funds of \$ 1,169.40

Grand total (discretionary) \$7,287.63

NOVA USSVICF K4K account \$1,672.44

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**The Base CDR** noted that the main topics of discussion at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Board Meeting were committee reports, discussion of meeting related items, old business, new business, and meeting/event planning.

**COB:** Nothing to Report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Mike Varone noted that our request to name a Virginia highway or bridge never made it for consideration at this year's legislative session but we would push for it again next year.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Steve Jaeger reported:

- 79 Members
  - 43 Holland Club Members including 3 WW II Members
  - 27 Regular Members
  - 9 Associate Members

**Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS):** Howard Chatham, substituting for the K4K chairman (Steve Bishop), reported that the K4K Team visited Fairfax INOVA on March 21<sup>st</sup> making 15 children Honorary Submariners and will visit UVA's Medical Center in Charlottesville, VA, on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**SCOUTING RECOGNITION:** The Base CDR reported he and the COB recently recognized Eagle Scout Lane Tomlinson at a Court of Honor on March 30<sup>th</sup> in Haymarket, VA and Eagle Scout Mason Miller at his Court of Honor on April 6<sup>th</sup> in Staunton, VA.

**STOREKEEPER:** Howard Chatham reported that we have USSVI NOVA Base challenge coins, various submarine and retired Navy stickers, and USSVI NOVA Base patches for sale.

**NSL:** Tim Oliver welcomed all to the spaces and offered a tour of the headquarters offices after the meeting. He then reported that:

- the next Capitol Chapter luncheon is Friday, 26 April 2019 at the ANCC. The speaker is CAPT Gerald N. Miranda, Jr.;
- the League had three tables reserved for their members at the Submarine Birthday Ball last weekend;
- the classified Submarine Symposium is scheduled for next month;
- the League will be sharing their booth at the Sea Air Space Expo May 6 – 8 with our USSVI Base in an effort to recruit new members; and
- the League has been able to get members to participate at all the colleges/universities in which they present the RADM Frederick B. Warder award.

The Base CDR added that

- the Battle of Midway Dinner will be on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA, reception at 1800 and dinner at 1900. The dinner speaker is Liza Mundy, author of "Code Girls" the untold story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II. For more information visit <http://www.bomcommemoration.org/>; and
- the Annual unclassified NSL Fall Symposium will be November 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>.

**DISTRICT COMMANDER:** the recently appointed EN4 DCDR, Arthur Glover, reported that:

- nominations for USSVI awards are still being taken until the end of the month and he noted that he is on the review committee for these nomination;
- the dedication ceremony for the newly approved USS Thresher memorial will be held on 26 September 2019 at Arlington National Cemetery (and the 56<sup>th</sup> annual Thresher Memorial Ceremony is being held today); and
- the annual USSVI convention will be held in Austin TX from 14 – 20 August.

It was also noted that Carsten (Carl) Stigers, from the Requin Base, has been appointed as the USSVI National Chaplain. The previous chaplain, Bill (Butter Bean) Dixon, has not recovered from his medical issues as fast as he had hoped and had requested a relief.

**UPCOMING SUBMARINE REUNIONS:** Mike Varone announced the upcoming reunions.

- USS ROBERT E LEE (SSBN 601) - 4/25-28/2019; San Diego, CA
- USS CROAKER (SS/SSK 246) – 4/27/2019; Buffalo, NY
- USS TRITON (SSN 586) – 5/3-4/2019; Groton, CT
- USS GUITARRO (SSN 665) – 5/3-5/2019; Little Rock, AR
- USS SCAMP (SSN 588) – 5/6-8/2019; Fredericksburg, TX
- USS GRAYBACK (SSG/LPSS/SS 574) – 5/7-9/2019; Reno, NV
- USS SALMON (SSR 573) – 5/13-16/2019; Branson, MO
- USS PICUDA (SS 382) – 5/13-17/2019; Savannah, GA
- USS QUILLBACK (SS 424) – 5/13-17/2019; Savannah, GA
- USS TRUTTA (SS-421) – 5/13-17/2019; Savannah, GA
- USS JAMES MADISON (SSBN 627) – 5/15-18/2019; Rapid City, SD
- USS BIRMINGHAM (SSN 695) – 5/24-26/2019; Columbus, OH
- USS SEA OWL (SS 405) – 6/7-9/2019; Groton, CT
- USS TULLIBEE (SSN 597) – 6/20-23/2019; Branson, MO
- USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN 663) – 6/27/2019-7/1/2019; Waukesha, WI
- USS SPADEFISH (SSN 668) – 7/10-14/2019; Norfolk, VA
- USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSBN 642) – 10/21-25/2019; Jacksonville, FL

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Base CDR reported that the cleanup efforts at Post 162 are almost complete and they are commencing repairs and restoration. They hope to have the building reopened in September.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- USSVI Groton Base is hosting the USSVI 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 2 – 4 May. The deadline for registration for the events is 18 April 2019. To obtain the Anniversary registration package, contact the Anniversary Committee at [anniversary@ussvigroton.org](mailto:anniversary@ussvigroton.org) or visit [www.ussvigroton.org](http://www.ussvigroton.org) and download the registration form.
- The 2019-2020 USSVI Scholarship Program application due date is rapidly approaching. The application must be submitted no later than April 15, 2019. For submitting an application visit [https://subforcescholarships.smapply.io/prog/ussvcf\\_scholarship/](https://subforcescholarships.smapply.io/prog/ussvcf_scholarship/)

**THE BINNACLE LIST:** Please keep the following, and their friends and families, in your prayers:

Steve Bishop, Barbara Harmody, Tony Poblete, Ray Stone, Tom Perrault, Lorraine Sargent, and George Wallace.

**In Memoriam** CDR John J. Flynn, USN, Ret. – 1/5/19; CAPT Edward Flynn, USN, Ret. – 2/9/19; CAPT Carlos Dew Jr., USN, Ret. – 3/9/19; and LCDR Paul Mulé III, USN, Ret. – 3/10/19.

**For the Good of the Order**, the CDR read the list of birthdays for April: Ed Ettner, Robert Frick, Paul Nelson, Tim Oliver, Patrick Peterson, Willie Petruy, and the U.S. Submarine Force.

**The 50/50 raffle** was won by Chuck Martin who donated his winnings back to the Base.

**TOLLING OF THE BOATS:**

“The "Tolling the Boats" ceremony was originally established by the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II. It is a unique and time-honored memorial service and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Navy. It honors the memory of those submariners who lost their lives in the line of duty since the establishment of the U. S. Submarine Force in 1900. In the heart of the ceremony the names of each of the U.S. submarines lost, along with the fate of its crew, are read aloud as a bell is tolled for each in turn.”

The ceremony was conducted by the Immediate Past Base Commander, Howard Chatham, with candles representing each boat being extinguished at tables by the attendees when that boat’s name was read. The COB rang the ship’s bell for each boat. The ship’s bell was then rung for the 25 NOVA Base members on Eternal Patrol.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a champagne/sparkling cider toast to the past, present, and future U.S Submarine Service was offered by the Immediate Past Base CDR.

The next meeting will be at 1100 on May 11<sup>th</sup> at a location yet to be determined. The location will be promulgated by e-mail and posted on the website when known.

The Benediction was delivered by the Chaplain.

The CDR adjourned the meeting at 1221.

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Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Howard Chatham for  
Stephen C. Bishop  
Secretary, USSVI Northern Virginia Base