

MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE
MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, Aug 10, 2019

The Base VICE CDR, Brian Haller, called the meeting to order at 1104 on Aug 10, 2019, at the American Legion Post 364 in Woodbridge, VA, and he welcomed all members and guests. Visitor William Douglas introduced himself. He qualified on a diesel boat and lives in Woodbridge. Secretary Steve Bishop sent him an application to join USSVI and the NOVA Base in the US mail after the meeting. When he joins NOVA base, he is already qualified for Holland Club, by time.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Debbie Bishop, Steve Bishop, Joe Castell, William Douglas, Brian Haller, Pat Haller, , Marie Phoenix, Joe Phoenix, Mike Varone, and Woody Woodworth. Guest Speaker is: Dana Hutson.(11 total)

■ Holland Club Member

■ Associate Member

■ Guest

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

The Base Secretary, Steve Bishop, delivered the Invocation.

After a moment of silence, the VCDR read the list of boats lost in the month of August. These were:

USS Bullhead (SS-332)	Aug 06, 1945
USS Flier (SS-250)	Aug 13, 1944
USS S-39 (SS-144)	Aug 13, 1942
USS Harder (SS-257)	Aug 24, 1944
USS Cochino (SS-345)	Aug 26, 1949

The Ship's Bell was rung twice for the twenty-five (25) USSVI NOVA Base members on Eternal Patrol.

IN MEMORIAM: Submarine sailors recently departed on Eternal Patrol are:

CAPT Stanley B Neander, USN, Ret – 8/4/19
CAPT Earl L. Dewispelaere, USN, Ret – 7/17/19
CAPT John Clark Mickey, USN, Ret. – 7/7/19
LCDR Eugene A “Pete” Peterman, USN, Ret – 6/30/19
Byron Faber, MD – 6/6/19
CAPT Patrick G. O’Keefe, USN, Ret – 6/6/19
William E, Miller, Jr. – 7/17/19
EMCM(SS) Howard Gordon Wagner, USN, Ret – 4/29/19

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the June meeting were distributed by e-mail. There was no base meeting in July as we held the informal Dining Out at Kilroy’s Restaurant in Springfield, VA. The minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Base Secretary, Steve Bishop, reported for Base Treasurer:

Starting balance: \$ 8,448.11

Receipts \$ 135.70

Expenditures \$ 328.70

Ending Sub-Total: \$ 8,255.11, as of August 1, 2019.

Some of these funds (\$1,169.40) were specifically funded by, and are restricted for use by, our Base's Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program, as a result of our Walmart stores' Community Fund donations in 2016 and 2017. Subtracting these fenced funds yields:

Grand Total (discretionary) \$7,085.71.

Additionally, we have received monies in 2018 and 2019 from Walmart and, because we are a 501(c)(3) organization, those monies have been deposited in a fenced account with the USSVI Charitable Foundation for our NOVA Base K4K use only. The NOVA USSVI Charitable Foundation K4K balance is: \$ 2,054.10. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership Information:

79 members

43 Holland Club Members

3 WW II Members

27 Regular members

9 Associate members

HISTORIAN:

Our Historian, Woody Woodworth, spoke about the troubles encountered by twenty (20) deployed diesel boats that were fitted with Hooven, Owens, Rentschler (HOR) diesel engines in WW II. These mechanical problems presented a great risk to, and interfered with the ability of some deployed submarines in performing their assigned tasks. The following is a prime example of the mechanical problems, from the patrol report of the USS Gunnel (SS-263):

On Nov 16th, an unusual noise was heard in the after end of Main Engine No 1. The engine was secured and subsequent examination revealed that the entire main engine drive gear train had carried away. All gear teeth had been sheared off and otherwise distorted. On Nov 19th, Main Engine No 3 failed in a similar manner. On Nov 20th, Main Engine No 2 failed. On Nov 25, Main Engine No 4 failed. All failures occurred with less than 527 hours of operation. The auxiliary engine (not an HOR) now became the favorite of the whole ships force. It drove them to port at 3-5 knots, and charged batteries and filled air banks at night.

The COMSUBRON 50 endorsement letter to USS Gunnel's patrol report said. "**The material condition of the ship was excellent, except for the failure of all main engines** after about 500 hours and at a distance of 1000 miles from a base. Personnel were not at fault."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

(VCDR for the) CDR: Board of Directors meeting was held July 31st, and they discussed:

- Membership;
- Committee reports;
- Plans for upcoming meetings and events;
- K4K status and plans;
- Updates to the website;
- Old business;
- New business;
- USSVI National Convention, and;
- Eagle Scout program.

VCDR: Nothing to Report (NTR)

CHIEF OF THE BOAT: NTR

PAO: NTR

SK: The Vice CDR reported for Howard Chatham:

The storekeeper has USSVI NOVA challenge coins, submarine stickers, and USSVI NOVA Base patches available for purchase. Contact Howard Chatham if you are interested in any items.

K4K: Steve Bishop reported:

Our last K4K visit was to Fairfax INOVA in Falls Church, VA on July 25th.
Our next visit will be to UVA in Charlottesville, VA on October 1st.

SCOUTING COORDINATOR: The COB reported:

Our last Eagle Scout Court of Honor was for Eagle Scout Benjamin Crone on June 9.
Our next Eagle Scout Court of Honor is for Eagle Scout Austin Newman on August 11th.
The base sent a package of a patch, certificate, USS Virginia photo, and a letter from the Base Commander.

UPCOMING SUBMARINE REUNIONS:

There are numerous submarine reunions scheduled for the months of August, September, and October. For a complete listing of these reunions, see pages 42-43 of the *American Submariner* 2019 third quarter edition.

NSL:

The Vice CDR reported that the upcoming Naval Submarine League (NSL) event is: 2019 Annual Symposium and Industry Update on November 6-7, 2019, in Crystal City, VA.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Base participated in the Dale City Independence Day parade and held an informal dining out during the month of July
- The USS Thresher memorial dedication ceremony and reception is scheduled for September 26,

2019 at Arlington National Cemetery. You must RSVP via <https://threshermemorial.org/rsvp.html>

-The USSVI National Convention is August 14-20, 2019 in Austin, TX. The Base Commander is attending the business and awards parts of the convention.

-Submarine sweaters – if interested in obtaining one, LCDR Powell ordered a few extras, or he can place you on the next order. See the Base CDR for more info.

NEW BUSINESS

- The USSVI Charitable Foundation has established a USS Batfish Memorial Fund to assist with the recovery efforts from damage the USS Batfish received from recent flooding in the area.

- The NOVA Base is seeking volunteers to be members of the Election Committee for 2020 Base Officer Nominations. Please let either the CDR or VCDR know if you are interested in being a member or a Base officer.

- The Base will have a Pirate Auction after our meeting in October. *Aye, be on the lookout for your bounty to see what could be looted (donated for the auction).* So far we have three submarine photos on the auction block. Our last pirate auction raised more than \$1,000 for the Base.

- The COB mentioned that the USS Clamagore in South Carolina has not been turned into a coral reef at sea yet. There is a defense fund now established to help save and preserve the USS Clamagore.

BINNACLE LIST

“PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS.”

Steve Bishop, Brian Haller, Barbara Harmody, Tony Poblete, Ray Stone, Tom Perrault, and Lorraine Sargent.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The 50/50 raffle was won by Pat Haller, who donated her winnings back to the Base treasury. Thank you, Pat!!

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST WERE/ARE: Steve Bishop, Frances Burke, Cathy Chatham, Jeff Curren, Bill Decker, Christine Gault, Robert Gilmore, Sue Maruzo, Frank Pasquinesi, Joe Phoenix, Lorraine Sargent, Jeanie Truslow, Mike Varone, and Bill Waylett.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 14^H AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 364, IN WOODBRIDGE, WITH A MEMBER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON AFTERWARDS AT DIXIE BONES BBQ, 13440 OCCOQUON RD, WOODBRIDGE, VA.

The Benediction was delivered by the Secretary.

The VCDR adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM .

After a short break, the COB introduced our guest speaker: Dana Hutson.

Dana is Founder of Cancer Champions, LLC which helps individuals and families gain clarity in the confusion of a cancer diagnosis. Her grandfather was the medical doctor for the Lorton Prison, she spent 25 years in the Biopharma industry, and she has amassed an amazing amount of oncology expertise.

The focus of her presentation was: “Staying Safe in the Hospital.” Her PowerPoint Presentation is attached:



StayingSafe
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Some major takeaways from her presentation are:

- ❖ The third leading cause of death is accidental harm in the hospital (hospital infections, falls and fractures, pneumonia, staph infection, C-Diff, blood clots, bed sores, medication mix-ups, and surgical complications.)
- ❖ 36 million people go to the hospital each year
- ❖ Hospitals are set up to react to indications; they are seldom proactive
- ❖ If you are the person in the room with your relative or friend (advocate), then you should:
 - Take notes on all that happens
 - Keep track of who is doing what job
 - Keep track of all medications
 - If a test is being done on the patient, ask when you should know the results
 - Understand all the acronyms
 - Ask for a sitter to relieve you
 - Know that the term “**Condition HELP**” gets you immediate attention from the staff on duty
 - Meet face to face with the hospitalist assigned to the patient.
 - Know that patients remember only 40% of all information they are told.
- ❖ **Know that your doctor does not make rounds in the hospital.** Today a “HOSPITALIST” does rounds to each room and patient. This Hospitalist is a general medical doctor or internal medicine doctor who is a hospital employee there to prescribe medicines, to minimize risk for the hospital, and to minimize costs for the hospital.
- ❖ A checklist for being in a hospital as an advocate or patient is at: www.campaignzero.org

Dana is a huge supporter of “Campaign Zero”— a program to lower accidental deaths in hospitals to zero per year.

Dana can be reached at: (703) 403-7600 or Dana@cancer-champions.com

The COB thanked Dana for her excellent presentation and for answering all of our questions. He then presented her with a Base Challenge Coin. She was thrilled!



Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Stephen C Bishop
Secretary, USSVI Northern Virginia Base