



# USSVI Northern Virginia Base



## MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Base CDR, Chuck Martin, called the meeting to order at 1115 on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the American Legion Post 364, Woodbridge, VA and welcomed all members and guests. The meeting was also conducted using the Zoom web conferencing application to allow attendance by Base members not in the local area, and to support the continued social distancing requirements associated with COVID-19. The CDR requested that members and guests provide him with an email to document attendance.

### MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Bishop, Arthur Bivens, Joe Castell, Howard Chatham, Catherine Chatham, John “Bud” Cunnally, Tom Denton (USSVI Tri-State Base CDR), Michael “Mickey” Garverick, Dominick Grimaldi, Robert Glover, Brian Haller, Steve Jaeger, Darlene Jaeger, Chuck Martin, Louis Maruzo, Bruce Miller, Paul Nelson, Teresa Nelson, Joe Phoenix, Marie Phoenix, Mark Riethmeier, Mike Varone, George Wallace, Penny Wallace, and Woody Woodworth (25 total).

■ Holland Club Member

■ Associate Member

■ Guest

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

The **Chaplain**, Mickey Garverick, delivered the Invocation.

The **Vice CDR**, Brian Haller, read the list of boats lost in June. These were:

USS S-39 (SS-144)	August 13, 1942
USS FLIER (SS-250)	August 13, 1944
USS HARDER (SS-257)	August 24, 1944
USS BULLHEAD (SS-332)	August 6, 1945
USS COCHINO (SS-345)	August 26, 1949

The **COB** then tolled the ship’s bell twice for the 32 USSVI Northern Virginia Base members on Eternal Patrol.

**IN MEMORIAM:** CDR Paul Grover Dix, USN, Ret—6/6/2021; Jack Bertrand Weinstein (WW II Submarine Veteran)—6/15/2021; Eleonore A. Bednowicz Rickover, widow of ADM Hyman G. Rickover—7/5/2021; Raymond Edward Lloyd, WW II YN1(SS)—7/7/2021; PO3 Gerald “Jerry” ValJean Larsen, USN, Veteran—7/23/21; CAPT Dennis Sullivan, USN, Ret—8/8/2021.

**BASE HISTORIAN:** Woody Woodworth read an article on the USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN 711) grounding. This article is from an email written by MMC(SS) Danny Hager who was the Diving Officer of the Watch at the time of the grounding. The article is appended at the end of these minutes.



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## MEETING MINUTES

The June 2021 NOVA Base meeting minutes were previously distributed to the membership. The CDR asked whether there were any additional comments or discussions for the June minutes. Hearing no additional comments or corrections, the minutes were accepted.

The **CDR**, provided the following: Steve Jaeger, due to personal reasons, asked to be relieved of his Base Offices. Per our Base Bylaws the Executive Committee (EXCOM) held a vote to fill the vacancy for the Treasurer position. The CDR appointed individuals for the vacancies for the Membership Chair and Chaplain positions. These new officers will serve out the remaining term and may elect to be candidates in the next regular Base election. The new officers are:

- Treasurer—Brian Haller
- Membership Chair—Chuck Martin
- Chaplain—Mickey Garverick

The **TREASURER**, Brian Haller, presented the Treasurer’s monthly report:

- Beginning Cash on Hand: \$ 10,347.40
- Receipts:
  - NFCU Interest/Dividends \$ 0.27
- Expenditures:
  - National Dues for Thomas Lalor \$ (25.00)
- Ending Sub-Total: \$ 10,322.67
  - Minus Local K4K Restricted Use Funds (\$1,379.40)
- Total Local Discretionary Funds \$ 8,943.27
- USSVICF NOVA Base K4K Balance: \$ 3,054.10
- Total K4K Funds (Local + USSVICF): \$ 4,433.50

The CDR asked whether there were any questions regarding the Treasurer’s report, hearing none, the report was accepted.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** meeting was held on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, via Zoom. The meeting agenda included:

- Committee Reports
- Membership
- 2021 Holland Club
- K4K Program
- Discussion and vote on filling Treasurer position
- Other Base events/calendar

The **VCDR**, Brian Haller, commended Woody Woodworth for his assistance in camera setup in support of the Base’s first ever live broadcast. Bravo Zulu Woody!



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The **PAO**, Mike Varone, presented the following:

- Dale City July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade was held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our gratitude to Base members Tim Oliver, Howard Chatham, Brian Haller, and Mike Varone for participating and making the event a success. You can watch the parade at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jkKzSBLs-x8>. Our entry shows up at about minute 14.
- Informal Dining Out was held on July 10<sup>th</sup> with 15 Base members attending. We all enjoyed sharing stories and food.
- Sea-Air-Space Expo was held on August 1-4. The Base CDR and PAO volunteered staffing the Naval Submarine League's table on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and have identified five potential guest speakers, of which, two are female submariners, for Base meetings next year.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** presented by Chuck Marin: 79 members comprising:

- 42 Holland Club members,
  - 3 WW II members
- 29 Regular members
- 8 Associate members

The **CHAPLAIN**, Mickey Garverick, provided the following:

- He serves in the same capacity at Greensprings and was honored and humbled to serve as the Base Chaplain.
- CWO2 Henry H. Weber, USN, Ret. departed on Eternal Patrol on Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - Joined our United States Navy in 1958 and retired in 1981
  - Henry qualified on board the USS PATRICK HENRY (SSBN 599) in 1961.
  - Served on the USS HENRY CLAY (SSBN 625) from 1962 to 1966 as an Engineering Laboratory Technician
  - USSVI Past National Commander (1972-1974)
  - USSVI Life and Holland Club member of the Tucson Base

The **KAPS 4 KIDS** Chairman, Steve Bishop, provided the following:

- K4K funds and supplies are good, and he doesn't anticipate requesting anything in 2021.
- Awaiting information from school year outcomes in dealing with COVID-19 to determine if hospital visits can be conducted this fall.

The **SCOUTING COORDINATOR**, Chuck Martin, had nothing to report.

The **STOREKEEPER**, Howard Chatham, reported:

- Storekeeper has USSVI NOVA challenge coins, submarine stickers, 2021 USSVI Calendars (for \$3), Silent Service dog tags/keychains. Silent Service/Pride Runs Deep ribbon magnets, and USSVI NOVA Base patches available for purchase.



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- Storekeeper also has access to National USSVI SK, Submarine Ships Store, and SubmarineShop.com items for purchase.
- The CDR stated that he would be looking into obtaining 2022 Calendars at the National Convention, and requested Base members provide Howard with advance calendar orders.
- Contact Howard at [storekeeper@ussvinova.org](mailto:storekeeper@ussvinova.org) if you have an interest in purchasing any submarine-related merchandise.

The **WEBMASTER**, Howard Chatham, reported the following:

- No issues with the Base website.
- Base speakers and presentations are now on the Base website.
  - Go to the USSVI Northern Virginia Base website at [www.ussvinova.org](http://www.ussvinova.org)
  - Scroll down the home page until you reach the Photo Album/Presentations section
  - Click on the Presentations hyperlink listed in the second bullet
  - A new page will open up with the list of available presentations and the hyperlink for viewing the presentation
  - Select the presentation(s) you wish to view and click on the associated hyperlink

On behalf of the **USSVI NE Region Director**, Les Altschuler, the CDR provided the following:

- Northeast Region Biennial election for District Commanders ended on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The elected District Commanders will be sworn into office during the Annual Base meeting at the National Convention. The election results are:
  - Jeff Walsh, NE1 District Commander
  - Mike Bost, NE2 District Commander
  - Tom Denton, NE3 District Commander
  - Chuck Martin, NE4 District Commander
  - Fritz Marazita, NE5 District Commander
- Steve Jaeger and the Base members provided a well-deserved Bravo Zulu to Chuck Martin on his election to NE4 District Commander!
- USSV CF Academic Scholarship Program:
  - Sixty-one Scholarships to the children and grandchildren of USSVI members were awarded for the 2021-2022 academic year for a total of \$120,000.00
  - The Groton Base CF additionally awarded \$7,000.00 from donations they had transferred to USDSV CF accounts
  - Bravo Zulu to Bob Frick, USSV CF Scholarship Fund Manager, and the Scholarship Committee: Les Altschuler, Tom Williams, John Jaques, and Jim Denzien for their efforts
- Steve Bishop provided that Robert Frick would be stepping down as Fund Manager

On behalf of the **NAVAL SUBMARINE LEAGUE (NSL)** Executive Director, Tim Oliver, the Capitol Chapter President, George Wallace, and the Base **CDR** provided the following information on upcoming NSL and related events:

- NSL Headquarters address is 405 North Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone number is 703-256-0891.



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- NSL Capitol Chapter:
  - The next Capitol Chapter meeting is tentatively planned for 8 October at the Army/Navy Country Club and keynote speaker is TBD
  - If you have missed meetings, you can still see and hear the guest speaker's presentations by visiting [https://capitol.navalsubleague.org/?page\\_id=30](https://capitol.navalsubleague.org/?page_id=30)
    - October 2020 Meeting, Jonti Powis presentation
    - December 2020 Meeting, Don Keith presentation
- NSL Brick Campaign:
  - You can contribute to the Capital Campaign by purchasing a brick for the patio at the NSL headquarters. This is an opportunity to display your name, your boat's name, the NSL logo, or a message up to 3 lines of 18 characters each. At \$140 each, an NSL brick would make a great gift! And it is a donation, so tax-deductible to the extent you can deduct charitable contributions
  - To buy a brick, go to the NSL website...SUPPORT US...NSL SHOPPING...and place your order, or click on the link:  
[https://app.etapestry.com/cart/NavalSubmarineLeague\\_1/default/index.php](https://app.etapestry.com/cart/NavalSubmarineLeague_1/default/index.php)
- 2021 Technology Symposium "Balancing Capability and Force Structure for High-End Combat" was held 20-22 July 2021 and was a huge success for this year.
- 2021 Annual Symposium and Industry Update:
  - Scheduled for 17-18 November 2012
  - Location: Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Alexandria, VA
  - Registration information will be posted in September on the NSL website

## The International Submariners Association of The United States of America (ISA/USA)

President, John "Bud" Cunnally, provided the following:

- Upcoming International Submarines Congress:
  - Date: May 22-26, 2022
  - Location: Karlskrona, Sweden
  - Activities include Naval Museum tour, Naval Base tour, Memorial Service, Boat trip, and local activities
  - Application for participation needs to be submitted no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, and payment of the conference fee no later than February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - For more information, visit their website at <http://www.57isc.com/>
- 11-day Scandinavia & Russia Cruise after the Congress:
  - Roundtrip from Copenhagen, Denmark on board the Enchanted Princess cruise ship
  - 26 May 2022 to 6 June 2022. Ship leaves at 1800
  - Interior cabins from \$1959\*
    - \*Pricing is per person, double occupancy; USD
  - Mention while you are booking you are traveling with the ISA/USA group for some extra goodies
- To join the International Submariners Association of The United States of America (ISA/USA Inc) visit their website [www.isausa.org/](http://www.isausa.org/)
  - Life membership to the ISA/USA is \$50.00
  - Application is on the ISA/USA website



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- There are 33 countries as members of ISA
- Bud recommended reading the USS ARCHERFISH article “The Goat on the Boat” in the third quarter issue of the *American Submariner*.
- Bud also provided that the ISA/USA had lost their Vice President and Treasurer due to COVID-19, and that his term as President was nearing its end. He looked forward to seeing friends at the National Convention.

## Upcoming submarine reunions:

- USS BILLFISH (SSN 676)—August 23-27, 2021; Branson, MO
- USS GRAYBACK (SSG/LPSS/SS 574)—August 24-29, 2021; Las Vegas, NV
- USS JAMES MONROE (SSBN 622)—August 16-20, 2021; Branson, MO
- USS LAPON (SS 260/SSN 661)—August 26-29, 2021; Gatlinburg, TN
- USS SEA LEOPARD (SS 483)—August 27-29, 2021; Manitowoc, WI
- Reunions at USSVI National Convention—August 30-September 4, 2021; Orlando, FL
  - USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN 619)—August 30-September 4, 2021
  - USS GATO (SSN 615)—September 1-5, 2021
  - USS JOHN MARSHALL (SSBN 611)—September 3-5, 2021
  - USS RONQUIL (SS 396)—August 27-30; 2021
  - USS SKATE (SSN 578)—August 30-September 3, 2021
  - USS WILLIAM H. BATES (SSN 680)—August 30-31, 2021
- USS DACE (SSN 607)—September 23-26, 2021; Branson, MO
- USS DARTER (SS 576)—September 16-19, 2021; North Little Rock, AR
- USS HALFBEAK (SS 352)—September 13-17, 2021; Kings Bay, GA
- USS JAMES K. POLK (SSBN 645)—September 30-October 3, 2021; Charleston, SC
- USS PARCHE (SSN 683)—September 17-19, 2021; Charleston, SC
- USS RATON (SS 270)—September 29-October 3, 2021; North Little Rock, AR
- USS STONEWALL JACKSON (SSBN 634)—September 8-11, 2021; Bremerton, WA
- USS ULYSSES S. GRANT (SSBN 631)—September 19-23, 2021; Baltimore, MD
- USS SPADEFISH (SSN 668)—September 15-17, 2021; Norfolk, VA
  - USS SPADEFISH will be inducted into the Submarine Hall of Fame on 16 Sep

**Call or Email the POC listed in the *American Submariner* to determine the status of reunions.**

## OLD BUSINESS

- 2021 USSVI National Convention:
  - The convention will be at Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, 9939 Universal Blvd, Orlando, Florida 32819
  - The convention dates are August 30-September 4, 2021
  - The cut-off date for Room Block was August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Contact the Resort to see if rooms are still available, and at the USSVI National Convention rate of \$105.00 per night + tax with no Resort Fee 27 August to 7 September
  - Reminder to submit your USSVI National Convention Reservation form when you make room reservations





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- Guests receive the following:
  - 25% off Green Fees, use of Spa, and most restaurants (excluding Headwaters, 18 Monroe Street retail items, ParTake, and Smooth Java. Discount does not apply to room service or alcoholic beverages)
  - Free WIFI in room and common areas
  - Free self-parking (show name tag when leaving parking lot)
  - Free Handicap parking in the valet parking lot with handicap placard/tag (call hotel for a ride to the front desk)
  - \$2.00 draft beer in the hospitality room
- Seven USSVI Northern Virginia Base members (George & Penny Wallace, Mike Varone, Tim Oliver, Brian & Pat Haller, and Chuck Martin) are planning to attend.
- The NSL will have a booth at the Convention
- The Base received the items from Ray Stone's collection of submarine memorabilia that he bequeathed to the base. The items included various plaques, a poker set, and multiple framed prints. The EXCOM has decided that the items will be placed for bid at our Pirate Auction this year. The CDR will take photos of the items for Base member review.

The CDR called for other items of old business and none were provided.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Howard Chatham provided that LCDR Greg Raelson, USN, Ret (submariner turned Hornet bubba turned PAO) and part owner of Pickleballerz in Chantilly has generously offered a special deal for USSVI members to play pickleball.
  - 30-minute group intro lesson by a PPR-certified coach followed by 90-minutes of play on a specific weekday between 12 noon and 5 pm (reservation required)
  - Cost including the group lesson (minimum 4 persons)--\$15/person
  - That's two hours of lesson and court time exclusively for you group for only \$60 for a group of 4
  - No experience is necessary, and we'll provide all the equipment
  - We have beer/wine and other food/beverages in our café
  - To see pickleball in action, take a look at our facility at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FcwjoUCrJY&t=31s> and also some great play at [www.pickleballchannel.com](http://www.pickleballchannel.com)
- If interested, contact Howard Chatham.
- For the latest COVID-19 information in the Northern Virginia area visit one of the below websites:
  - State of Virginia – <https://vaccinate.virginia.gov>
  - Dept of Veterans Affairs – <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine>
  - Arlington County – <https://www.arlingtonva.us/covid-19/>
  - City of Alexandria – <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Coronavirus>
  - Fairfax County – <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19/>
  - Prince William County – <https://coronavirus.pwcgov.org>

The CDR called for any other items of new and the following were provided:



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- George Wallace's latest book, *Warshot* came out in May.
- There will be a special Zoom speaking engagement and book signing by George and Craig Reed for SubVets on 18 Aug  
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87897928194?pwd=Y2pKcjhDWHBSY0xzZDdIVHFYengvZz09>)
- George will also be conducting a book signing in Kings Bay on 29 August.
- Mickey Garverick provided that the USS THRESHER (SSN 593) 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary memorial ceremony can be seen on YouTube at  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5fUiLQwGdg>).

## **The Binnacle List**

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers: Alvin Anceravage, Cathy Chatham, Barbara Harmody, Steve Jaeger, Francis McNamara, Robert R. Miller, Tom Perrault, Joe Phoenix, Marie Phoenix, and Tony Poblete.

**For the Good of the Order**, the COB read the list of birthdays for August: Steve Bishop, Frances Burke, Jeff Currer, Christine Gault, Sue Maruzo, Joe Phoenix, Mike Varone, and Bill Waylett.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Joe Phonex, who donated his winnings back to the Base.

## **BASE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Our next base meeting will be on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the American Legion Post 364 and via Zoom. We are planning on hosting a picnic after the meeting.

The Chaplain delivered the Benediction.

The CDR called for a motion to adjourn, it was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 1215.

Submitted by Joe Castell  
USSVI NOVA Base Secretary





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## USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN-711): Diving Officer's Grounding Account

This was written by Danny Hagar MMCS(SS), the Auxiliary Division LCPO on the San Francisco.... He was the Diving Officer when the 711 grounded. Also, it was one of his A-ganger's who died from head injuries.

To say that I've had a bad year so far would be a little short on the truth I think. Last year was a good one for the boat. After spending 5 months away from home in drydock (Sandy Eggo) we got our second BA on ORSE (bad juju), received the highest score in PacFlt for a submarine TRE inspection, aced our mine readiness inspection with 4 out of 4 hits, completed 2 outstanding missions (will have to shoot you), and completed a early ORSE just before Christmas with an EXCELLENT. It was also the first year that Auxiliary Division had a Christmas standown since coming out of the yards in 2002. A-division also took the CSS-15 Red DC award for the second year in a row. My retention has been 100% since I checked onboard in Oct 2002 amongst 1st/2nd and turd termers.

We were going to our first true liberty port 2 weeks ago, heading for Brisbane and fun in the sun. As this WOG knows, we were getting ready for our crossing the line ceremony and the crew was really upbeat, and hard charging, we had just completed a great year for the San Fran.

To say the world went to shyte in a hand basket would be an understatement. I would put it closer to a nightmare that becomes reality.

The seamount that is a large part of the discussion the last 2 weeks is un-named. The charts we carried onboard were up to date as far as we can tell. No modern geographic data for this area was available to us onboard as it is a remote area not often traveled by the Navy. We have one of the BEST ANav's in the fleet onboard, a true quartergasket that takes pride in his job. We have RLGN's onboard, when they are running, they are accurate as hell for our position, they also drive Tomahawks.

We knew where we were. All of my depth gauges and digital read the same depths as we changed depth to our SOE depth for flank. I can't discuss alot, because I'm still a participant of at least 2 investigations....LOL.

I was the Diving Officer of the Watch when we grounded. If you read the emails from ComSubPac, you will get some of the details, from flank speed to less than 4 knots in less than 4 seconds. We have it recorded on the RLGN's-those cranky bastages actually stayed up and recorded everything. For you guys that don't understand that, take a Winnebago full of people milling around and eating, slam it into a concrete wall at about 40mph, and then try to drive the damn thing home and pick up the pieces of the passengers.

As for the actual grounding, I can tell you that it was fortunate that myself and the Chief of the Watch were blessed by somebody. I was standing up, changing the expected soundings for a new depth on the chart (yes, we had just moved into deeper water) leaning against the ship's control panel with a hand grip, and the COW was leaning down to call the COB on the MJ.

The next thing to cross my mind was why am I pushing myself off of the SCP and where the hell the air rupture in the control room come from? I didn't know it, but I did a greater than 3g spiderman against the panel, punched a palm through the only plexiglass guage on the SCP and had my leg crushed by the DOOW chair that I had just unbuckled from. The DOOW chair was broken loose by the QMOW flying more than 15 feet into it and smashing my leg against a hydraulic valve and the SCP. I don't remember freeing myself from it. If I had been buckled in, I don't think I would be writing this. The COW was slammed against the base of the Ballast Control Panel, and only injured his right arm. He could of destroyed the BCP, he was a big boy. Everybody else in control, with the exception of the helm, was severely thrown to the deck or other items that were in their way, and at least partially dazed. Within about 5 seconds of the deceleration, we blew to the surface, it took that 5 seconds for the COW to climb up the BCP and actuate the EMBT blow. We prepared to surface right away and got the blower running asap, I didn't know how much damage we had forward but knew it was not good, I wanted that blower running.

I would say that about 80% of the crew was injured in some way, but do not know the number. We grounded in the middle of a meal hour, just after field day, so most of the crew was up. Once we got the boat on the surface and semi-stable with the blower running the rest of the ship conditions started sinking in to our minds. We were receiving 4MC's for injured men all over the boat. I was worried that those reports were over whelming any equipment/boat casualties that could make our life worse. I had teams form up of able bodied men to inspect all of the forward elliptical bulkhead, lower level, and tanks below those spaces. I couldn't believe that we did not have flooding, it just didn't fit in.



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At one point I looked around in the control room, and saw the disaster.

The entire control room deck was covered in paper from destroyed binders, and blood. It looked like a slaughterhouse, we had to clean it up.

I knew that Ash was severely injured and brought to the messdecks, he was one of my best men, and one of our best sailors onboard, he was like a son to me. After surfacing I was the control room supervisor, I had a boat to keep on the surface and fight and knew that if I went below to see how he was doing, it would teeter me on the brink of something that the ship did not need, the ship needed somebody who knew her.

I have to say that the design engineers at Electric Boat, NavSea and others have designed a submarine that can withstand incredible amounts of damage and survive. We lost no systems, equipment, or anything broke loose during the impact. The damage to our sailors was almost all from them impacting into the equipment.

The crew is a testament to training and watch team backup. When a casualty occurs, you fight like you train, and train like you fight. It kept us alive during that 2+day period.

I've just returned from the honor of escorting my sailor home to his family. God bless them, they are truly good people and patriotic. The Navy is doing everything they can for them and they are learning how submariners take care of each other. During the memorial and viewing on Saturday, CSS-15 provided a video from the coast guard of us on the surface and the SEAL/Dr. medical team being helo'd in, the family had this video played on 2 screens in the background. It was a sobering reminder of what a hard woman the ocean can be. We had to call off the helo because of the sea state, it was becoming too dangerous for the aircraft, we almost hit it with the sail a couple of times. The sea would not allow us to medivac in our condition and that sea state.

I was one of the 23 sent to the hospital that Monday. I was fortunate, my leg was not broken, just trashed/bruised. I walked on that leg for almost 24 hours before it gave out on me and they had it splinted. The SEAL made me promise not to walk on it, how do you refuse a SEAL? LOL.

So I hopped around on a single leg for awhile, the other chiefs were calling me Tiny Tim, LOL. "God bless each and every one! Except you, and you, that guy behind you!". The COB threatened to beat my @ss if I walk onboard before my leg is okay, he's about the only man onboard that I'd take that from, hehe.

The crew is doing better, we've lost a few due to the shock of the incident. We will make sure they are taken care of. The investigation goes on, and I have a new CO. I will only say that the San Fran was the best damn sub in the Navy under CDR Mooney's leadership. We proved that.

God bless him and his family no matter what happens in the future, he is truly a good man.

I just need to get my leg healed and get back to fighting my favorite steel bitch.



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## JULY EVENTS PHOTOS

### DALE CITY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE ON JULY 3



### INFORMAL DINING OUT ON JULY 10

