

MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, DEC 14, 2019

The Base CDR, Chuck Martin, called the meeting to order at 1108 on Dec 14, 2019, at American Legion Post 364 in Woodbridge, VA, and welcomed all members and guests. Active duty submariner Tom Lalor introduced himself. He is attached to USS Providence and on TDY orders to NAVSEA with Senior Chief Dominick Grimaldi. Welcome aboard to Tom who joined USSVI and the Base at the meeting.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Bishop, **Debbie Bishop**, Joe Castell, **Cathy Chatham**, Howard Chatham, **William Douglas**, **Dominick Grimaldi**, Thomas Lalor (active duty) and girlfriend **Courtney**, Chuck Martin, **Ed Mattran**, **Paul Nelson**, **Terry Nelson**, **Joe Phoenix**, **Mike Varone**, and **Woody Woodworth**. (16 total)

 **Holland Club Member**

 **Associate Member**

 **Guest**

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

The Secretary, Steve Bishop, delivered the Invocation.

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

USS Capelin (SS-289)	Dec 2, 1943
USS Sealion (SS-195)	Dec 10, 1941
USS F-1 / Carp (SS-20)	Dec 17, 1917
USS S-4 (SS-109)	Dec 17, 1927

The COB tolled the ship's bell twice for the twenty-six USSVI Northern Virginia Base members on Eternal Patrol.

IN MEMORIAM

LCDR Stanley Jones, USN, Ret. - 8/9/19; QM3(SS) Thomas J Nevins, Jr., USN, Vet. – 11/08/19; ADM James L. Holloway III, USN, Ret. - 11/26/19; TMC(SS) Ray Stone, USN, Ret - 11/19/19 (Past NOVA Base CDR)

BALLOTS

The Base CDR called for all 2020 Base Officer ballots which had not been previously submitted to be given to the Base Election Master, Howard Chatham. Paper ballots were collected and tallied with the previously received paper and electronic ballots. The Base Election Master then tallied all votes cast and passed the election results to the Base CDR.

HISTORIAN

The Base Historian, Woody Woodworth, read his submarine historical piece on USS Capelin (SS-289). It is rather long, so it appended after these minutes.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the November meeting have been distributed by e-mail. No comments or corrections were noted. The minutes are accepted as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT Steve Bishop reported for the Treasurer, Steve Jaeger:

• Beginning Cash on Hand	\$ 8,993.17
• Receipts:	\$ 680.35
– Dues-Annual, Base	
– Dues-Annual, National	
– Donations-Base	
– Interest/Dividends	
– Revenue-Meetings	
– Revenue-Raffles	
• Expenditures:	\$ 379.50
– Dues to National	
– Other-Other (USSVI Liability Insurance)	
– Base Operating Expenses (USSVI Calendars)	
• Ending Sub-Total	\$ 9,294.02
– Minus Remaining Walmart Grant rest. use funds	(\$1,169.40)
• Grand Total (Discretionary)	\$ 8,124.62
• NOVA USSVICF K4K Total:	\$ 2,054.10

The Base CDR presented the recommended NOVA Base budget for 2020. Paper copies were available on each table during the meeting. The yearly revenue and expense format is in accordance with USSVI National guidelines. Additional line items for revenues and expenses have been added for Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) accounting for the funds raised in 2016 and 2017 (501(c)19 charity). In 2018 and subsequent years our K4K monies are kept on the USSVI CF books (501(c)(3) charity).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Board: The Executive Committee met December 4th and discussed:

- membership
- plans for upcoming meetings and events
- K4K program
- updates to the website
- Holland Club Luncheon
- Eagle Scout program
- 2020 Base Officers Election
- 2020 Base Budget, and
- other Base events.

COB: NTR

Membership Report: Steve Bishop reported for Steve Jaeger:

We have 83 Base members

- 43 are Holland Club Members
 - o 2 are WW II members
- 31 are Regular Members
- 9 are Associate Members

- The Early Bird drawing for Regular and Associate member 2021 Base membership dues was held and the winners were: Darlene Jaeger (Associate) and Howard Chatham (Regular.)
- 2020 National and NOVA-Base annual dues are due by 31 December 2019.
 - Annual dues are \$40.00/member (\$25.00 National, \$15.00 Base).

PAO: NTR

VETERANS AFFAIRS: NTR

CHAPLAIN: The Base CDR requested that we keep:

1. Carl Wooton and his family and friends in your prayers for the passing of his wife Ruri Wooton. The Wootons had moved to South Carolina several years ago to be near their offspring families.
2. Our prayers to Ray Stone's (eternal patrol on 11/19/19) family and friends.

WEBMASTER: NTR

KAPS(SS) 4KID(SS): Steve Bishop reported that:

- K4K visits have been suspended during the Flu season.
- The next K4K visit will be scheduled for February.
- We will be submitting our Community Grant applications to corporate Walmart in February 2020.

SCOUTING COORDINATOR: Chuck Martin reported that there were no upcoming Eagle Scout Court of Honors

STOREKEEPER:

- Orders for the 2020 USSVI Calendars are still being taken by the SK. The price is \$10. The theme is shipbuilding.
- Storekeeper has USSVI NOVA challenge coins, submarine stickers, and USSVI NOVA Base patches available for purchase.
- Contact Howard Chatham, SK if interested in any items.

NSL: Base CDR reported that:

- Upcoming Naval Submarine League (NSL) and Related Events
 - NSL Capitol Chapter Special Winter Luncheon is 17 December from 1200 until at the Army Navy Country Club (Arlington).
 - Featured speaker is ADM James Foggo, Commander, Allied Joint Force Command Naples/Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe/Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa.
 - Cost ranges from \$30 - \$40 per guest.
 - To RSVP for the 2019 DC Submarine Fall Social and pay for your tickets please visit: <https://dcsubmarinefallsocial.app.rsvpify.com/>

- Event POC is Chapter Secretary, Dixon Hicks, (CapitolNSL1@outlook.com). If you require or have any additional questions about the event, then please contact Dixon.
- 2020 Submarine History Seminar - 23 April 2020
 - In conjunction with Smithsonian Associates.
 - Topic will be Nuclear Deterrence, or How a U.S. Submarine in the Mediterranean Helped Resolve the Cuban Missile Crisis!

BASE OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

- Special thanks to Howard Chatham for his leadership and support in conducting this year's election.
- The results of the 2020 Base Officers election were announced by Chuck Martin:
 - Base Commander - Chuck Martin
 - Base Vice Commander - Brian Haller
 - Base Secretary - Joe Castell
 - Base Treasurer - Steve Jaeger

The Officers–elect will be sworn in at the January 2020 meeting.

- 2020 USSVI NOVA Appointed Positions are:
 - COB – Mike Varone
 - Membership – Steve Jaeger
 - Chaplain – Steve Jaeger
 - Storekeeper – Howard Chatham
 - K4K – Steve Bishop
 - Scout Recognition – Chuck Martin
 - Submarine Historian – Woody Woodworth
 - Webmaster – Howard Chatham
 - PAO – Mike Varone

Upcoming submarine reunions include:

- None until March 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The CDR has been trained in uploading photos into the USSVI profile. If you have a photo that you wish to have placed on your USSVI profile, contact the CDR.
- Submarine sweaters – if interested in obtaining one, LCDR Powell ordered a few extras or he can place you on the next order. See the CDR for more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

- USS Clamagore (SS-343) Restoration and Maintenance Association, Inc. (CRAMA) held a meeting on Nov 21.
 - Supreme Court has declined to hear this case. That means the case remains in Circuit Court. CRAMA will need to start taking depositions. (\$2-3K cost)
- The newest book “Sub Tales: Stories that Seldom Surfaces” by Charles Hood and Frank Hood.
 - This new book is now out on both Amazon and Barnes & Noble websites as an e-Book for \$9.99.

- The soft cover may be out this Friday, but right now its price will be about \$25, maybe a little less.
- Profits from the book are supporting the United States Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation (USSVCF) Scholarship fund.
- The proposed 2020 Base budget was made available to the attendees. The floor was opened for discussion. The CDR called for a motion for vote to approve, the motion was made and seconded, and passed unanimously. (See attachment)
- The proposed 2020 Base Calendar of Events was also made available. The floor was opened for discussion. The CDR called for a motion for vote to approve, the motion was made and seconded, and passed unanimously. (See attachment)

The Binnacle List currently includes:

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

For the Good of the Order:

Birthdays for the Month are:

Rich Carpel, Bud Cunnally, Carol Fannan, Frank Fannan, Susan Frick, Mickey Garverick, Sheila Gilmore, Pat Haller, Darlene Jaeger, Barbara Miller, Mary Lou Naughton, Mike Naughton, George Steeg, Tom Lalor, Sean Castell, and Mike White.

50/50 Raffle: Joe Phoenix was the winner and he donated his winnings back to the Base treasury. THANK YOU, Joe!!

American Legion Post 162 Status

Howard Chatham reported that the Post 162 building has a padlock on the side door; there are CONEX boxes staged on the property; and that the roof has been replaced. There has been no update to the Post 162 members from post management regarding the final date of restoration work.

The Secretary delivered the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Our next meeting will be on January 11th, 2020 at American Legion Post 364 in Woodbridge, VA at 1100. Our guest speaker will be CAPT Jerry Miranda presenting an update on the SSGN program.

We then met at Madigan's Restaurant on the waterfront in Occoquan, VA, for a holiday brunch with Santa Claus.



Base members and guests at Madigan's for the holiday brunch

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

Approved 2020 Base Budget

USSVI-NOVA Base

Approved 2020 Base Budget

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	U.S.S.V.I. - Northern Virginia Sub	Base Budget for 2020	Page One of Two				
2							
3	Base:	Northern Virginia Sub-Base	Approved		TBD		
4							
5	Treasurer:	Steven Jaeger					
6	Telephone #:	703-696-5354					
7	Email Address:	steve.jaeger.ctr@navy.mil					
8							
9	Cash On-Hand			COA			
10	Checking Account				0.00		
11	Savings Account				0.00		
12	CD				0.00		
13	Total Cash at 1 Jan 2019						0.00
14							
15	Planned Income (Revenue)						
16							
17	Dues:	Annual, Base	2AB	390.00	26 * \$15. (One HC, James Kraut)		
18		Annual, National	2AN	350.00	13 * \$25. (James Kraut paid National through 2020)		
19		Life, Base	2LB	0.00			
20		Life, National	2LN	0.00			740.00
21							
22	Donations Received:	Donations - Base	3B	235.00			
23		Donations - Charitable Foundation	3F	150.00			
24		Donations - Kaps 4 Kids	3K	0.00			
25		Donations - Kaps 4 Kids (Walmart Grants)	3KW	0.00			
26		Donations - Memorial	3M	0.00			
27		Donations - Other	3O	0.00			385.00
28							
29	Interest/Dividends		4				2.45
30							
31	Money from National/Bases		5				0.00
32							
33	Revenue:						
34		Advertising	6A	0.00			
35		Conventions	National, Regional, District	6C	0.00		
36		Events	6E				
37		Holland Club	2020 Inductees: Steve Jaeger. Base pays for inductees and their spouse.		1,025.00		
38		Sweetheart Luncheon			0.00		
39		Pirate Auction	Bi Annual Event, Planned for 2019.		0.00		
40		Sale of Items	Calendars, etc.	6I	300.00		
41		Meetings		6M	0.00		
42							
43		Raffles	50/50	6R	300.00		1,625.00
44							
45		Other (explain below)	7				
46		Bank Fees, Etc.			0.00		0.00
47							
48	Total Money-In						2,752.45
49							
50	Total Cash Available						2,752.45

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
51	U.S.S.V.I. - Northern Virginia Sub	Base Budget for 2020	Page Two of Two				
52							
53	Less Expenses (Money-Out)						
54							
55	Payments to USSVI:						
56	Dues Paid to National			10D	350.00	See Cell E18 above	
57							
58							
59	Other Amounts Paid to National:						
60		Advertising	Dale City Parade	10A	100.00		
61		Boat Sponsorships	SSN 757, 785	10B	60.00		
62		Memorial		10M	0.00		
63		National Insurance		10O	25.00		
64		Other-Other	National Holland Club Donation	10O	50.00		
65		Paid to Other Bases		10P	0.00		
66		Payments to Charitable Foundation		10F	150.00	Earmark Donation	
67		Base Sponsored Scholarship		10S	0.00		
68	Total Paid to USSVI National & Local						735.00
69	Donations made (Not to National)			11			
70		Venue Donation			150.00		
71		Other Donations - Not to Base	Scorpion Memorial Donation		0.00		
72	Total Donations (Not to National)						150.00
73	Base Operating Expense	Includes: - 2019 Conf Reg Fee for 4 Base Officers (\$120.)		12	120.00		120.00
74	Base Meeting Expense	Base Meetings: - BBQ Luncheon Paid by Base, or - June Picnic		13			
75					350.00		350.00
76	Total Meeting Expenses						
77	Base Memorial Expense	Tolling of the Boats		14	100.00		100.00
78							
79	Expense - Events			15E	0.00		
80		Holland Club	2 inductees X \$100 + 30 meals at \$35/meal)		1,150.00		
81		Sweetheart Luncheon			50.00		
82							
83	Expenses-Fundraising			15F	0.00		
84							
85	Expenses - Kaps-4-Kids			15K	0.00		
86	Expenses - Other (list below)			15O			
87		Bank Fees and Expenses			0.00		
88		Chaplin Expenses			0.00		
89		Misc. Expenses	Eternal Patrol Plaque		25.00		
90		Operating Expenses			150.00		
91		Other Base Officer Expenses			0.00		
92		Raffle Tickets			0.00		
93		Scouting Program Expenses	Ten (10) Scouts @ \$10/event		100.00		
94		Cost of Items Sold			250.00		
95		Website Domain Name/Hosting Expense (3 Years) (Paid 2020)			55.25		
96		Longevity Award Program	Certificates/Long Pins		100.00		
97							
98	Total Other Expenses						1,880.25
99							
100	Total Expense						3,335.25
101							
102	Net Money-In minus Money-Out						(582.80)

Approved 2020 Base Calendar of Events



2020 USSVI Northern Virginia Base Calendar



January

2nd – EXCOM meeting
11th – Base meeting w/ Guest Speaker CAPT
Jerry Miranda - SSGN
29th – EXCOM meeting

February

8th – Base meeting & Sweetheart's Luncheon at
Armetta's Italian Grill and Pizzeria
(Woodbridge, VA)
20th – Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visit at WRB
(Bethesda, MD)

March

4th – EXCOM meeting
14th – Base meeting w/ Guest Speaker CDR Jeff
Fassbender – Presidential Aide
19th – Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visit at INOVA (Falls
Church, VA)

April

1st – EXCOM meeting
11th – Base Meeting & Tolling of the Boats
16th – Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visit at UVA
(Charlottesville, VA)
29th – EXCOM meeting

May

9th – Holland Club Induction Luncheon w/ guest
speaker TBD

June

3rd – EXCOM meeting
13th – Base meeting & Picnic
18th – Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visit at WRB
(Bethesda, MD)
24th – EXCOM meeting

July

4th – Dale City Independence Day parade
11th – Informal dining out at Kilroys Restaurant
& Sports Bar
16th – Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visit at INVOA (Falls
Church, VA)
29th – EXCOM meeting

August

8th – Base meeting w/ Guest Speaker Maj. Jon
Phillips
24th-30th – USSVI National Convention
(Tucson, AZ)

September

2nd – EXCOM meeting
12th – Base meeting & BBQ at Dixie Bones
17th – Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visit at UVA
(Charlottesville, VA)
30th – EXCOM Meeting

October

10th – Base meeting w/Guest Speaker Dominick
Grimaldi
15th – Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visit at INVOA (Falls
Church, VA)

November

4th – EXCOM meeting
14th – Base meeting w/ Guest Speaker Mike
Varone
15th – Base Officers Election Voting Opens
19th – Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visit at WRB
(Bethesda, MD)

December

2nd – EXCOM meeting
12th – Base meeting & Holiday luncheon; Base
Officers Election Voting Closes

Items in Red Font require confirmation

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Historian's report for December, 2019:

USS CAPELIN (SS-289) was actually on the second patrol when she was lost. CAPELIN returned to port early from her first patrol on 16 November 1943, for repairs and to disembark Commander Submarine Division ONE SIXTY-TWO, who had been embarked since CAPELIN got underway for the first patrol on 30 October 1943. CAPELIN commenced the second patrol, after repairs on 17 November 1943. The declassified first patrol report of CAPELIN is available via link https://issuu.com/hnsa/docs/ss-289_capelin. Also included at this link is the declassified "Record of Proceedings of an Investigation convened by the Commander Submarines, Seventh Fleet, to inquire into the possible loss of the U.S.S. CAPELIN (SS289) on her second war patrol."

This history presentation is the question and answers contained in the investigation report of Captain P.O. Nichols, U.S. Navy, Chief of Staff, Commander Submarines 7th Fleet, formerly Commander Submarine Division 162. This investigation occurred in March 1944.

The first question – basically – who are you and what do you do?

Question 2 – Can you tell me what you might consider pertinent information concerning the material condition of the hull, state of training and the morale of the officers and crew of the U.S.S. Capelin during her first war patrol?

Answer – On or about 27 October 1943, I was directed to proceed to the port in which the U.S.S. Capelin might be, and embark in the Capelin for a special mission and a war patrol. I was on the Capelin for about 19 days. During this period she patrolled in the Flores, Banda, and Berang Seas. I considered the Capelin to be in excellent material condition, the only casualties during the period I was in the ship were defective tubes in the SJ Radar, a defective conning tower hatch mechanism, and excessively noisy bow planes. The casualty to the hatch mechanism occurred early in the patrol and was repaired by the ship's force. It recurred frequently during the patrol and was embarrassing. The other casualties occurred later in the patrol and prior to my disembarkation. The casualties were reported to Commander Task Force 71, who ordered a repair group to the port of arrival. This group made complete and satisfactory repairs prior to departure on her second war patrol. I observed the Capelin from a material and personnel aspect very closely during the time I was on her. I considered her to be well above average as regards material and training. While I was in the Capelin, she made two attacks on single ships, both of which were successful, and both were sunk. The Commanding Officer was very aggressive, and I considered him to be a most competent submarine captain. In one attack, the enemy was escorted, and the Capelin was subjected to depth charging for about three hours. The attack was made on a bright moonlight night from periscope and radar depth. One hit was obtained on the first salvo, and the enemy attempted to make the beach, which was about two miles distant. In spite of the escort, who was dropping depth charges, the Commanding Officer remained at periscope depth, continued attacking until the ship was sunk, and not until then did he take the Capelin deep, and commence evasive tactics. The evasive tactics were very skillful and in about three hours he evaded the escort, surfaced and cleared the area. It was during this action that the excessively noisy bow planes became evident. Although one depth charge was fairly close, no damage was sustained.

Question 3 – You indicate that the Capelin had suffered casualties to bow plane and conning tower hatch which made continued submerged operations hazardous. On completion of repairs and prior to departure on her second war patrol, were these repaired in a fully satisfactory manner?

Answer – Yes. The trouble of the bow planes was only a matter of poor lubrication. A new greasing line was installed. The conning tower hatch casualty was caused by a badly burred worm shaft gear, which was replaced. The defective tubes in the SJ Radar were replaced. All repairs were inspected and tested in the presence of the Command Officer and myself, and we were satisfied that the Capelin was in all respects ready for the next patrol.

Question 4 – With regard to the operation order of the Capelin, did there appear any doubt in the mind of the Commanding Officer?

Answer – I received the Capelin's operation order from Commander Task Force 71 and delivered it to the Commanding Officer, Capelin. I went into and through it with the Commanding Officer, Capelin, and there was no doubt in his mind as to it.

Question 5 – Was there anything in connection with your association with the Capelin which would explain her failure to return from this patrol?

Answer – No.

Question 6 – Will you state the departure and arrival dates of the U.S.S. Capelin from and to Darwin on her first war patrol?

Answer – The Capelin departed Darwin on 30 October 1943, and returned to Darwin on 16 November 1943.

Question 7 – When did she leave Darwin on her second war patrol?

Answer – She departed Darwin about 1930 on 17 November 1943.

Question 8 – Are there any other facts concerning this investigation which you care to set forth?

Answer – No, except to state that the Commanding Officer, Capelin, was an outstanding, aggressive, and courageous officer. His officers and men were very well trained, his ship was well handled, both surface and submerged.

Finding of Facts

1. That the U.S.S. Capelin departed from Darwin, Australia on her first war patrol on 30 October 1945.

2. That she returned to Darwin on 16 November 1943 because of a defective conning tower hatch mechanism, excessively noisy bow planes and defective radar tube, all of which developed during her first patrol.
3. That the derangements were corrected to the satisfaction of the Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. Capelin, and that the ship then departed on her second patrol at about 1930 on 17 November 1943.
4. That nothing further has positively been seen nor heard of the U.S.S. Capelin since that date. The U.S.S. Bonefish upon return from her second war patrol, reported, that at 1753 (H), 2 December, in latitude $1^{\circ} - 10' N$, longitude $123^{\circ} - 50' E$, she sighted a submarine to seaward at a range of about four miles. This was in the area to which the Capelin was assigned. There are indications of the activity of the Capelin which for security reasons, cannot be divulged.
5. That an attempt to communicate with the Capelin by radio from Headquarters, Commander Task Force Seventy-One on 9 December 1943, elicited no response nor acknowledgement.
6. That the operation order and annexes thereto, under which she was conducting her patrol were clear and complete.
7. That her assigned route, to and from her operating area, was enemy controlled, but was not considered particularly hazardous, nor was her operating area itself considered unduly dangerous.
8. That all friendly forces were adequately informed concerning her routing, and that so far as is known, the U.S.S. Bonefish is the only friendly unit which made visual or other contact with a submarine in these areas during the period under question.
9. That the Commanding Officer was courageous and very aggressive, that his competence as a submarine captain was outstanding.
10. That the officers and men were very well trained, and the ship well handled, both surface and submerged. It was considered well above average from this standpoint.
11. That the material condition of the Capelin upon departure on her second war patrol was generally excellent, no defects were known to exist, and both the Commanding Officer and the Division Commander were satisfied that the Capelin was in all respects ready for the next patrol.
12. That there was nothing, other than the normal hazards of aggressive contacts with a formidable enemy, which could explain her failure to return.