

MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

The Base CDR, Chuck Martin, called the meeting to order at 1120 on June 8, 2019, at American Legion Post 364, Woodbridge, VA, and welcomed all members and guests. First time attendee Ric Guntang introduced himself and his wife, Joan. They have recently relocated from Pittsburgh, PA to Winchester, VA. The Post 364 host for this meeting and for our picnic to follow is Daniel Eubanks.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Debbie Bishop, Steve Bishop, Marcher Castell, Joe Castell, Ric Guntang, Joan Guntang, Darlene Jaeger, Steve Jaeger, Chuck Martin, Paul Nelson, Tim Oliver, Marie Phoenix, Joe Phoenix, Mike Varone, Penny Wallace, George Wallace, and Lawrence Woodworth. (17 total)

■ 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.

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

USS Herring (SS-233)	Jun 1, 1944
USS R-12 (SS-89)	Jun 12, 1943
USS Golet (SS-361)	Jun 14, 1944
USS Bonefish (SS-223)	Jun 19, 1945
USS S-27 (SS-132)	Jun 19, 1942
USS O-9 (SS-70)	Jun 20, 1941
USS Runner (SS-275)	Jun 26, 1943

The COB then rang the ship's bell twice in remembrance of the 25 USSVI NOVA Base members on Eternal Patrol.

IN MEMORIAM: Rear Admiral Henry Herrera, USN, Ret. – 4/25/10 (memorial service at USNA on 7/16/19 at 10:30 AM); CAPT Wayne Richard Fritz, USN, Ret. – 4/28/2019; RMCS Francis E. “Frank” Nugent. USN. Ret.- 5/4/2019

HISTORIAN:

Woody Woodworth read a synopsis of the adventures on patrol by USS Herring (SS-233), sourced from the US Submarine Veterans of World War Two, Volume Four, Pages 341 and following, and the ship's deck log. The complete report on USS Herring is attached.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the May meeting were distributed by e-mail. Minutes were accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Steve Jaeger, presented the following:

Starting balance: \$ 8,269.76

Receipts: \$ 178.35

Expenditures: \$ 0.00

Ending balance: \$ 8,448.11 as of June 8, 2019

Minus the Walmart grant restricted use funds for K4K of \$ 1,169.40

Grand total discretionary: \$ 7,278.71

NOVA USSVI Charitable Foundation K4K total \$1,394.10

An additional check for \$250.00 was just received from Walmart and will be mailed to the USSVI Charitable Foundation (CF). Additionally, Howard Chatham has been recently reimbursed from USSVI CF for Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) supplies in the amount of \$ 368.34. These two transactions for K4K are deltas to the \$1,394.10 balance shown above.

Treasurer's report was accepted as reported.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT Steve Jaeger reported:

79 members consisting of:

43 Holland Club

- 3 World War II members

27 Regular members; and

9 Associate members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Executive Committee meeting was held on May 29th. The meeting agenda included committee reports, discussing meeting-related items, old business, new business, and meeting/event planning.

VCDR: The VCDR is not present today due to a recent medical procedure.

COB: Mike Varone reported that he recently attended a presentation by a nurse on "Staying safe during a hospital stay." After consulting with the executive committee, he has made arrangements for her to be our guest speaker during the August NOVA base meeting covering the same subject.

Base SK. Chuck Martin reported that Howard Chatham has USSVI NOVA Base challenge coins, submarine stickers, and USSVI NOVA Base patches available for purchase.

Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss):

- Our most recent K4K visit was at UVA Charlottesville on April 23rd.
- Upcoming scheduled K4K visits are:
 - Walter Reed National Medical Center Bethesda on June 27th at 1030.
 - INVOA Falls Church on July 25th at 2:15 PM.
- We received another Walmart Grant Fund check for \$250 from Vienna, VA (Tyson's) Walmart store.

- Thank you to Howard Chatham and the entire K4K team for carrying on during the hospitalization and recovery of Steve Bishop.

Scouting Recognition

- Upcoming Eagle Scout Court of Honors:
 - Eagle Scout Joseph Larsen today at 3 pm in Alexandria, VA. Joseph's stepfather qualified on the USS Ohio (SSBN 726).
 - Eagle Scout Benjamin Crone on June 9 at 2:30 pm in Pasadena, MD, where the Troop's Scoutmaster is a submariner.

Chaplain: Nothing to Report (NTR).

Submarine League:

- George Wallace reported on the upcoming Naval Submarine League (NSL) and Related Events:
 - Quarterly BEQ Submarine Social hosted by DC Submarine Association and NSL at Sine's Irish Pub, 1301 S Joyce St, Arlington, VA 22202.
 - Friday June 14, 2019
 - Commences at 1400 until 1600 or later
 - Aloha theme
 - First beverage and appetizers provided by the NSL
 - Foundation for Underwater Research & Education (FURE) International Submarine Races (ISR) at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Division Carderock (NSWCCD) on Friday 28 June (<https://internationalsubmarineraces.org/>).
 - NSL is seeking volunteers for the event.
 - Contact Nick Guertin (Nickolas.guertin@hotmail.com) or Kara Smith (ksmith@spa.com) if you are interested.
 - NSL Capitol Chapter Summer Meeting will be at the Army Navy Country Club on Friday, 26 July. Please RSVP before Friday, 19 July. The luncheon will start promptly at 1200. Doors open at 1130.
 - The featured speaker is Dr. Jonathan D T Ward. Dr. Ward is an expert on China and he will speak on "China's Definition of Winning."
 - Send reservation request by email to Chapter Secretary, Dixon Hicks, CapitolNSL1@outlook.com
 - 2019 Annual Symposium and Industry Update - November 6-7, 2019 in Crystal City, VA.
- Tim Oliver then spoke and requested help from any USSVI NOVA Base member(s) going to the USSVI National Convention in Austin, TX to man the NSL booth. He also reported that the new memorial in Arlington National Cemetery for USS Thresher (SSN 593) will be located very close to the F-4 memorial, which is used by the Capitol Base for its Tolling of the Boats Ceremony. Dedication of this new memorial is scheduled for September 26, 2019.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND/OR DISTRICT CDR REPORT

- Northeast Region District Commanders election is open and ends on June 30th.
 - USSVI Northern Virginia Base is located in the East North District 4.
 - Current EN4 District Commander is Arthur Glover.
 - EN4 District CDR election ballot has been distributed.

- You can only participate in the election process for the District that your Primary Base is located within. If USSVI Northern Virginia is not your Primary Base, contact your Primary Base to obtain a ballot for your District.

Upcoming Submarine Reunions

- USS George Bancroft (SSBN 643) – 6/6-9/2019; Cleveland, OH
- USS Will Rogers (SSBN 659) – 6/12-16/2019; Tulsa, OK
- USS Lapon (SSN 661) – 6/13-16/2019; New Orleans, LA
- USS Tullibee (SSN 597) – 6/20-23/2019; Branson, MO
- USS Sunfish (SSN 649) – 6/26-30/2019; Norfolk, VA
- USS Tennessee (SSBN 734) Commissioning Crew – 6/21-22/2019; Kings Bay, GA
- USS Hammerhead (SSN 663) – 6/27/2019-7/1/2019; Waukesha, WI
- USS Boston (CA69/CAG1/SSN 703) – 7/4-7/2019; South Burlington, VT
- USS Spadefish (SSN 668) – 7/10-14/2019; Norfolk, VA
- USS Sea Leopard (SS 483) – 8/1-4/2019; North Little Rock, AR
- USS Lafayette (SSBN 616) – 8/13-16/2019; Austin, TX
- USS Theodore Roosevelt (SSBN 600) – 8/15-21/2019; Austin, TX
- USS Billfish (SSN 676) – 8/25-28/2019; Pigeon Forge, TN
- USS Kamehameha (SSBN 642) – 10/21-25/2019; Jacksonville, FL

American Legion Post 364:

Daniel Eubanks spoke about today's picnic preparations. He then said that on July 4th, after the Dale City parade, Post 364 will be hosting a family picnic with games and Bounce houses for the children. Members of USSVI NOVA base are invited to participate. Cost is \$10 each (Free if you join the Post as a new member or \$5 if you renew your Post membership) and children under 13 are free. The Post 364 serves meals every day except Thursday and Sunday.

POST MEETING NEWS: Chuck Martin agreed with the Post 364 management that USSVI NOVA Base will be using this Post 364 facility for all NOVA Base meetings starting in August, 2019. This is the permanent, temporary solution for USSVI NOVA Base, after the EXCOM has made the effort to find the best facility available for our meetings until the Post 162 recovers and rebuilds from its recent fire.

OLD BUSINESS:

- We are seeking volunteers to participate in the Dale City 4th of July parade. We would like to have enough participation to have a Color Guard, Banner, and the vehicle carrying the USS BARBEL submarine model.
- There is a community service opportunity at Serving Our Willing Warriors (<https://willingwarriors.org/>) to participate in SOWW Beautification Day on July 6 from 0900-1200

NEW BUSINESS:

- USSVI National Convention will be held August 15 – August 20, 2019 in Austin, TX.
 - The USSVI hosts for the convention are Central Texas Base / Brazos Valley Base.
 - The hotel is Renaissance Austin Hotel; USSVI discount cost of \$119/night until July 26th.
 - Currently over 250 USSVI members have registered to attend.

- 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, Chuck Martin, for more information.

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 COB read the list of birthdays for June: Debbie Bishop, Marcy Bivens, Dan Burke, Dave Cooper, Brian Haller, Jim Huck, William Lehan, Mike Niblack, Tony Poblete, Art Rosen, Lee Turner, and Carl Wooten.

We won't have a regular meeting in July, so the COB read the July birthdays too: Cathy Chatham, Bill Decker, Robert Gilmore, and Frank Pasquinelli.

50/50 Raffle The raffle was won by Woody Woodworth who donated his winnings back to the Base. Thank you, Woody!!

OUR NEXT EVENT WILL BE THE DALE CITY 4th OF JULY PARADE. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

OUR INFORMAL DINING OUT AT KILROY'S IN SPRINGFIELD, VA WILL BE ON JULY 13TH AT 1800.

OUR NEXT BASE MEETING WILL BE ON AUGUST 10th WITH GUEST SPEAKER DANA HUTSON, PRESIDENT, CANCER CHAMPIONS. LOCATION – AMERICAN LEGION POST 364 IN WOODBRIDGE, VA

THE BASE MEETING INFORMATION WILL BE EMAILED TO MEMBERS AND POSTED ON THE USSVI NOVA BASE WEBSITE AT WWW.USSVINOVA.ORG.

The Chaplain, Steve Jaeger, delivered the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 1210. We took a five minute break and enjoyed the picnic catered for us by the members of Post 364.

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

Note: Thank you to Howard Chatham for stepping up as acting NOVA Base Secretary during Steve Bishop's recent hospitalization and recovery.

SUBMARINE HISTORY

U.S.S. HERRING (SS-233)

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“HERRING UNDER LT. CDR. D. ZABRISKIE JR., LEFT PEARL HARBOR 16 MAY, 1944 TO CONDUCT HER EIGHTH PATROL IN THE KURILE ISLANDS. ON 21 MAY SHE TOPPED OFF WITH FUEL AT MIDWAY AND DEPARTED FOR THE KURILE REGION. NO WORD WAS RECEIVED DIRECTLY FROM HERRING AFTER HER DEPARTURE FROM MIDWAY, BUT SHE DID ACCOMPLISH A RENDEZVOUS WITH BARB ON 31 MAY 1944.”

“THESE TWO BOATS WERE TO PATROL THE KURILE ISLANDS AREA COOPERATIVELY, AND AT THE RENDEZVOUS AS RECORDED IN BARB’S REPORT OF HER EIGHTH WAR PATROL, THE AREAS WHICH EACH WAS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WERE DELINEATED. A FEW HOURS AFTER LEAVING HERRING EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON OF 31 MAY, BARB MADE CONTACT WITH TWO JAPANESE MERCHANTMEN. WHILE DEVELOPING THE CONTACTS BARB HEARD DISTANT DEPTH CHARGING, WHICH SHE TOOK AS AN INDICATION THAT HERRING WAS MAKING AN ATTACK.”

“LATER THAT EVENING BARB PICKED UP A PRISONER WHO REVEALED THAT HERRING HAD SUNK THE ESCORT VESSEL OF THE CONVOY BARB HAD BEEN ATTACKING. THE SHIP SUNK WAS ISHIGAKI, A NEW TYPE DE BUILT IN 1942, AND IT WAS SUNK WITH ONE TORPEDO HIT. THE SINKING RESULTED IN THE SCATTERING OF THE THREE SHIP CONVOY AND TWO SHIPS, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY PASSED NEAR BARB, WERE SUNK BY HER. POST WAR INFORMATION REVEALS THAT HERRING SANK THE THIRD MERCHANTMAN OF THE CONVOY.”

“JAPANESE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT HERRING WAS SUNK ON 1 JUNE 1944, TWO KILOMETERS SOUTH OF POINT TAGAN ON MATSUWA ISLAND IN THE KURILES. THE REPORT STATES THAT TWO MERCHANT SHIPS, HIBURI MARU AND IWAKI MARU WERE SUNK BY AMERICAN TORPEDOES WHILE AT ANCHOR AT MATSUWA. IN A COUNTER-ATTACK A SHORE BATTERY SCORED TWO DIRECT HIT ON THE CONNING TOWER”....

“AS A RESULT OF THE ATTACKS REPORTED BY BARB AND BY THE JAPANESE, HERRING HAS BEEN CREDITED WITH FOUR SHIPS AND 13,202 TONS SUNK FOR HER LAST PATROL.”

U.S.S. HERRING (SS-233) COMMANDING OFFICERS

LCDR RAYMOND W. JOHNSON WAS THE COMMISSIONING AND THE FIRST TWO WAR PATROL’S COMMANDING OFFICER. UNDER ORDERS ISSUED BY COMMANDER SUBMARINE SQUADRON FIFTY, LCDR JOHN CORBUS TEMPORARILY RELIEVED LCDR JOHNSON ON MARCH 5TH 1943 (ONE DAY BEFORE HERRING GOT UNDERWAY FOR PATROL NUMBER 3). TEMPORARY COMMAND OFFICER, LCDR J. CORBUS WAS RELIEVED BY REGULAR COMMANDING OFFICER LCDR R.W. JOHNSON ON APRIL 13 1943 UPON HERRING’S

RETURN FROM THE THIRD PATROL. LCDR JOHNSON WAS COMMANDING OFFICER OF HERRING FOR HER 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH PATROLS.

ON 6 FEBRUARY, 1944, AT MIDWAY, LCDR D. ZABRISKIE RELIEVED CDR R. W. JOHNSON AS COMMANDING OFFICER. LCDR ZABRISKIE WAS THE LAST COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE HERRING (SS-233).

AS DESCRIBED IN THE PROLOGUE OF HERRING'S NOW UNCLASSIFIED REPORT OF FIRST WAR PATROL FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 21 TO NOVEMBER 25, 1942, "HERRING WAS COMPLETED ON JUNE 10, 1942 AT THE NAVY YARD, PORTSMOUTH, NH"... HERRING THEN OPERATED LOCALLY, THEN OUT OF NEW LONDON, AND NEWPORT CONDUCTING TRAINING AND CHECKING OUT THE EQUIPMENT. "THE PERIOD JULY 24 TO OCTOBER 3, 1942 WAS SPENT AT THE TORPEDO STATION, NEWPORT, DURING WHICH TIME A TOTAL OF 403 SPECIAL FIRINGS WERE CONDUCTED." HERRING THEN RETURNED TO NEW LONDON FOR UPKEEP, AND ROUTINE REPAIRS, IN PREPARATION FOR "BECOMING A PART OF SUBMARINE SQUADRON FIFTY"... "ON OCTOBER 18, 1942 HERRING REPORTED READINESS FOR EXTENSIVE WAR OPERATIONS."

"FOR HER FIRST SEVEN PATROLS, HERRING SANK NINE SHIPS, TOTALING 45,200 TONS, AND DAMAGING TWO, TOTALING AN ADDITIONAL 8,400 TONS."

HER FIRST FIVE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE ATLANTIC. THE FIRST, COMMENCING UPON DEPARTURE FROM NEW LONDON AND ENDING AT BASE II ROSENEATH, SCOTLAND, WAS OFF OF CASABLANCA, FRENCH MOROCCO. OPERATING OUT OF ROSENEATH FOR THE 2ND, 3RD, & 4TH PATROLS, THE SECOND AND THIRD PATROLS WERE OFF OF SPAIN IN THE BAY OF BISCAY, THE FOURTH NORTH OF ICELAND, AND HER LAST ATLANTIC PATROL WAS DURING THE TRANSIT BACK TO NEW LONDON FROM SCOTLAND. SHE SANK A U-BOAT ON HER THIRD PATROL BUT WAS GIVEN ONLY A "PROBABLE" AS NO CONFORMATION WAS MADE. HERRING THEN MADE HER WAY TO PEARL AND HER SIXTH PATROL WAS IN THE EAST CHINA SEA WHERE SHE "SANK TWO LARGE TRANSPORTS, A FREIGHTER, AND A SMALL ESCORT TYPE VESSEL." HERRING'S SEVENTH PATROL COMMENCED AT MIDWAY, PATROLLING IN THE AREA JUST SOUTH OF THE JAPANESE HOME ISLANDS WHERE SHE DAMAGED A DESTROYER TYPE VESSEL.

AS DESCRIBED IN HER FIRST WAR PATROL REPORT, THE PATROL COMMENCED ON OCTOBER 20, 1942 WHEN SHE "TOOK DEPARTURE FROM POINT SEVEN MILES EAST OF MONTAUK LIGHT AT 2001 (Q)"... HER PATROL AREA WAS TO BE "CASABLANCA, FRENCH MOROCCO, AND PATROL LANE CAPE SIM TO MADEIRA." HERRING WAS TO SUPPORT THE NORTH AFRICA LANDING THAT WOULD COMMENCE NOVEMBER 8, 1942. HERRING ARRIVED ON STATION ON NOVEMBER 5 WHEN IN THE PATROL REPORT WORDS: "1853 (Z) SURFACED SEVEN MILES OFF CASABLANCA AND HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT WE HAD COME UP IN THE CENTER OF TIMES SQUARE. THE CITY WAS LIGHTED UP BRILLIANTLY EXCEPT FOR DAR EL BEIDA LIGHT WHICH WAS EXTINGUISHED. ILLUMINATION TO SEAWARD SILHOUETTED EVERY OBJECT ON THE SURFACE INCLUDING SMALL CRAFT..." "IT WAS NO PLACE TO LOITER IF DETECTION WERE TO BE AVOIDED, SO

SET COURSE TO THE NORTHWESTWARD AT 15 KNOTS TO GET CLEAR.”

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXTRACTS OF THE PATROL REPORT NARRATIVE FOR THE LAST PART OF THE NOVEMBER 7TH AND 8TH DURING THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NORTH AFRICA ATTACK DURING WHICH HERRING SANK HER FIRST SHIP:

NOVEMBER 7 – “WHEN ABOUT TO SURFACE AT 1904 (Z) OBSERVED SEVERAL LIGHTS OF SMALL CRAFT IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY. CHANGED COURSE TO 320°T., AND WHEN CLEAR SURFACED AT 1955 (Z), EIGHT MILES BEARING 306°T. FROM DAR BEIDA LIGHT. THE SITUATION AT THIS TIME WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF PREVIOUS EVENINGS – BRILLIANT ILLUMINATION FROM THE SHORE LIGHTS, AUGMENTED BY DAR EL BEIDA LIGHT, WHICH WAS SHOWING NORMAL, UNDIMMED CHARACTERISTICS. SEVERAL SMALL CRAFT WITH SINGLE LIGHTS WERE DISTINGUISHABLE AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE CITY. HERRING’S DIRECTIVE AT THIS TIME WAS TO REMAIN WITHIN FOUR MILES OF THE COAST OFF CASABLANCA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE NIGHT. THE SITUATION WAS CONSIDERED TO JUSTIFY A DEPARTURE FROM THIS DIRECTIVE, PROVIDED THE OFFENSIVE NATURE OF THE PATROL COULD BE MAINTAINED. IT HAD BEEN PREMISED, PRESUMABLY, ON THE CITY BEING BLACKED OR DIMMED OUT, WITH NO NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS BURNING, AND AN OFF-SHORE PATROL OF LIMITED SCOPE. DECISION WAS MADE TO PATROL IN AND OUT ON DAR EL BEIDA ON SHORT LEGS, CLOSING IN GRADUALLY AS ILLUMINATION BECAME LESS PRONOUNCED, AND TO AVOID ANY INTERFERENCE WITH OWN FORCES ARRIVING ABOUT DAWN. THIS POSITION WAS SUCH THAT WATERFRONT LIGHTS PROVIDED A GOOD BACKGROUND FOR SIGHTING ANY SHIPPING DEPARTING FROM THE HARBOR, AND THE LIGHT ON THE CAPE WOULD AMPLY SILHOUETTE SOUTHWESTERLY COASTAL SHIPPING, COMPELLED BY SHOAL TO CLEAR IT BY ABOUT TWO MILES.”

“2300 (Z) PICKED UP SUPERSONIC PINGING AT SIX-SECOND INTERVALS BEARING 340°T., AND ALSO DETECTED RADAR EMISSIONS ON SJ FROM SAME GENERAL DIRECTION, INDICATING APPROACH OF OWN FORCES.”

“2349 (Z) DAR EL BEIDA LIGHT EXTINGUISHED.”

NOVEMBER 8 – “0100 (Z) CHANGED COURSE TO 150°T., CLOSING ON APPROXIMATE POSITION OF DAR EL BEIDA LIGHT. TBS COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SHIPS STARTED TO COME IN ABOUT THIS TIME, VERY FAINT AND INDISTINCT.”

“0130 (Z) IN POSITION WITHIN FOUR MILES OF DAR EL BEIDA LIGHT, COMMENCED PATROLLING ON COURSE 240°T. AND REVERSE. HEARD INTERMITTENT COMMUNICATIONS OVER TBS ABOUT 0245 (Z) DELAYING H HOUR A TOTAL OF 45 MINUTES, SOURCE INDISTINGUISHABLE.”

“0320 (Z) CASABLANCA BLACKED OUT SUDDENLY EXCEPT FOR A FEW SCATTERED LIGHTS ALONG WATERFRONT.”

“0355 (Z) OBSERVED AN ALERT SIGNAL OF SOME SORT FROM VICINITY OF GRANDE JETTY. SIGNAL CONSISTED OF THREE QUICK, GREEN FLASHES, CHARACTERISTIC OF PHOTOFLASH BULBS, EMANATING FROM THREE TOWERS CLOSE TOGETHER.”

“0400 (Z) AUTHORITY NOW EXTENDED TO DESTROY ANY VESSEL DEPARTING FROM CASABLANCA.”

“0500 (Z) SUBMERGED ON COURSE 250°T. IN POSITION 4 MILES BEARING 327°T. FROM DAR EL BEIDA LIGHT AND COMMENCED WITHDRAWAL FROM AREA AS DIRECTED.”

“0601 (Z) SIGHTED LIGHTS BEARING 025°T., DISTANT 4 – 5 MILES.”

“0700 (Z) SIGHTED MASSACHUSETTS AND CRUISERS TO NORTHWARD WITH DESTROYER SCREEN, FIRING ON CASABLANCA. OBSERVED RETURN FIRE OF ABOUT 5” OR 6” CALIBER FROM SHORE BATTERY AT AUNK PROMONTORY.”

“0711 (Z) SIGHTED SINGLE PONTOON OBSERVATION PLANE TO NORTHEAST ABOUT 1000 YARDS RANGE. INCREASED DEPTH TO 100’. ENDEAVORED TO GET PERISCOPE PICTURES OF FIRING WHILE WITHIN REASONABLY CLOSE RANGE BUT LIGHT CONDITIONS WERE POOR.”

“MAINTAINED CONSTANT WATCH FOR DEPARTURE OF ANY SHIPPING FROM THE PORT. GUNFIRE FROM MAIN BATTERIES SENT A STRONG METALLIC REPORT THROUGHOUT THE HULL, SIMILAR TO DISTANT DEPTH CHARGING, WHILE SECONDARY BATTERIES PRODUCED A CONTINUAL CLATTER OF LESSER INTENSITY.”

“0716 (Z) CHANGED COURSE TO 230°T., TO MOVE FURTHER CLEAR OF ASSAULTING FORCES ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT FIVE MILES DISTANT.”

“0848 (Z) CHANGED COURSE TO 250°T., TO PARALLEL COAST AT A DISTANCE OF 4 ½ MILES.”

“0936 (Z) SIGHTED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A MERCHANTMAN BEARING 087°T., DISTANCE 8 MILES. VESSEL WAS STANDING DOWN FROM CASABLANCA AND HAD ROUNDED THE CAPE CLOSE ABOARD, CAMOUFLAGED BY THE HILLS IN BACKGROUND. DECIDED TO HOLD COURSE TEMPORARILY TO KEEP HIM INSHORE OF US SINCE AN ATTACK TO THE NORTHWARD MIGHT BRING US TOO CLOSE TO OWN FORCES.”

“1003 (Z) WENT TO BATTLE STATIONS AND COMMENCED APPROACH ON NORMAL APPROACH COURSE, HIGH SPEED. VESSEL WAS ZIGZAGGING LIMITED AMOUNTS, BEING RESTRICTED BY PROXIMITY TO COAST.”

“1043 (Z) MANEUVERED TO FIRING COURSE FOR 70°STARBOARD TRACK. IDENTIFIED SHIP BY COLORS (FRENCH) AND NAME ON SIDE VILLE DUE HAVRE.”

“1052 (Z) FIRED TWO TORPEDOES FROM BOW NEST, RANGE 1200 YARDS. NO. 1 HIT UNDER BOW SLIGHTLY FORWARD OF FOREMAST KNOCKING OFF PART OF BOW. NO.2 MISSED, POSSIBLY AHEAD, ALTHOUGH IT APPEARED TO PASS UNDER THE SAME SPOT. VESSEL WAS COMING TO STOP AND SWINGING RIGHT SLOWLY.”

“1054 (Z) FIRED NO. 3 TUBE WHICH WAS NOT HEARD TO RUN AND NO TRACK SEEN. EXECUTED FULL LEFT RUDDER TO BRING STERN TUBES TO BEAR FOR A STRAIGHT SHOT. DROPPED TARGET SPEED TO ZERO.”

“1101 (Z) FIRED NO. 7 TUBE WHICH HIT ABOUT TWENTY YARDS INSIDE STERN AND TWISTED STERN UPWARD SOME TEN DEGREES. VESSEL STARTED SETTLING SLOWLY, LIFE BOATS WERE MANNED AND LOWERED AND GENERAL ABANDONMENT IN PROGRESS. SINCE WE WERE ONLY TEN MILES FROM THE CASABLANCA AIRPORT, DECIDE TO CLEAR THE AREA AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. STOOD OFF ON COURSE NORTH AT SIX KNOTS, DEPTH 100’.”



GET TO SINE'S!!!



DON'T MISS OUT!



DC Submarine Association & NSL Capitol Chapter Invite you to:



BEQ

Who? - all past and present undersea warriors

Why? - camaraderie/catching-up/sea stories

Where? - Sine's Irish Pub

1301 S Joyce St, Arlington, VA 22202

When? - 1400-1600 Friday, June 14th

How? - Naval Submarine League-sponsored event