

MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020

The Base CDR, Chuck Martin, called the meeting to order at 1100 on April 11, 2020, and welcomed all members and guests. Due to social distancing requirements associated with COVID-19, the meeting was held using the Cisco Webex web conferencing application. The CDR requested that members and guests provide him with an email in order to document attendance.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Castell, Howard Chatham, John “Bud” Cunnally, Tony Cunningham, Michael Garverick, Dominick Grimaldi, Arthur “Art” Glover, Rufino “Ric” Guntang, Brian Haller, Pat Haller, Steve Jaeger, Darlene Jaeger, Thomas Lalor, Chuck Martin, Robert Maydwell, Megan Maydwell, Michael Naughton, Mary Lou Naughton, Tim Oliver, Mark Riethmeier, Mike Varone, George Wallace, and Penny Wallace (23 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.

The VCDR, Brian Haller, read the list of boats lost in the month of April. These were:

USS PICKEREL (SS-177)	Apr 3, 1943
USS SNOOK (SS-279)	Apr 8, 1945
USS THRESHER (SSN-593)	Apr 10, 1963
USS GRENADIER (SS-210)	Apr 22, 1943

The CDR then tolled the ship’s bell twice for the 26 USSVI Northern Virginia Base members on Eternal Patrol.

IN MEMORIAM: Michael B. Brown (Nuke ET), USN, Vet. – 2/20/20; RADM Richard Lee Thompson, USN, Ret. – 2/26/20; CAPT Neil Patrick Walsh, USN, Ret. – 3/10/20; ADM Archie Ray Clemens, USN, Ret. – 3/14/20; Columba “Colly” O’Gorman [QM(SS)], USN, Vet. – 3/16/20; FTC(SS) C. Herb Richardson, USN, Ret. – 3/19/20.

MEETING MINUTES

The March 2020 NOVA Base meeting minutes were previously distributed to the membership. The CDR asked whether there were any additional comments or discussion for the March minutes. Hearing no additional comments or corrections, the minutes were accepted.

On behalf of the Treasurer, Steve Jaeger, the CDR presented the Treasurer's monthly report:

• Beginning Cash on Hand:	\$ 9,464.21
• Receipts:	\$ 0.00
• Expenditures:	\$ 0.00
• Ending Sub-Total:	\$ 9,464.21
• - Minus Remaining Walmart Grant Restricted Use Funds	(\$1,169.40)
• Grand Total (discretionary)	\$ 8,294.81
• NOVA USSVICF K4K Total:	\$ 2,304.10

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **Executive Board** meeting was held on April 1, 2020, via Cisco Webex. The meeting agenda included:

- Committee Reports
- Membership
- 2020 Holland Club
- 2020 Base Budget
- K4K Program
- Other Base events/calendar

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Steve Jaeger: 82 members comprised of:

- 45 Holland Club members,
 - 4 WW II Members
- 29 Regular members
- 8 Associate members
- New Base Member(s)
 - CSCS(SS) Rufino "Ric" L. Guntang, USN, Ret. Ric has been a USSVI member since 2015. He is a Holland Club Member and transferred to our Base from the USSVI Requin Base. [Post Meeting Note: Ric's qualification boat was the USS Marlin (SST/T-2) in 1968.]

The **Vice Commander**, Brian Haller, had nothing to report.

The **COB**, Mike Varone, had nothing to report.

The **PAO**, Mike Varone, reported that he had received feedback from Governor Northam's office regarding the name a highway request package. The recommendation is to petition the County Board of Supervisors for a USSVI NOVA Base highway naming resolution. Mike will contact the County Board of Supervisors next week to investigate the resolution process.

The **CHAPLAIN**, Steve Jaeger, had nothing to report.

On behalf of the **KAPS 4 KIDS** Chairman, Steve Bishop, the CDR provided information that all K4K visits had been suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 crisis. The Base has received notice of being awarded a Walmart Community Grant check for \$500; so far this year the Base has been awarded \$750.

The **STOREKEEPER**, Howard Chatham, had nothing to report. The CDR stated that Base members should contact Howard at storekeeper@ussvinova.org if they desired to purchase USSVI and NOVA Base merchandise.

The **WEBMASTER**, Howard Chatham, had nothing to report.

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

- Cancelled, postponed, or modified Naval Submarine League (NSL) and related events:
 - 2020 Submarine Birthday Ball – Saturday, 4 April 2020 **(CANX)**
 - 2020 Submarine History Seminar – **Postponed** until 17 Nov 2020
 - Sea-Air-Space 2020: **Virtual Edition**
 - April 13-17, 2020
 - Tun in live on WJLA 24/7 or join the free webinar on FedInsider.com
 - Speakers include:
 - Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, the HON James Geurts
 - Administrator Mark Buzby, Administrator of the Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation
 - Admiral Karl Schultz, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard
 - And other Senior Military Officials

The **CDR** provided information on upcoming submarine reunions:

- USS CAVALLA (SS 244/SSN 684) – April 17-18, 2020; Galveston Island, TX
- USS CAIMAN (SS 323) – April 20-23, 2020; Albuquerque, NM
- USS RAZORBACK (SS 394) – April 20-24, 2020; North Little Rock, AR
- USS BLUEFISH (SS 222/SSN 675) – April 23-26, 2020; Myrtle Beach, SC
- USS SIMON BOLIVAR (SSBN 641) – April 26-30, 2020; Galveston, TX
- USS GURNARD (SSN 662) – May 7-9, 2020, Branson, MO
- USS NATHANAEL GREENE (SSBN 636) – May 7-9, 2020; Groton, CT
- USS SWORDFISH (SSN 579) – May 7-10, 2020; San Antonio, TX
- USS BLACKFIN (SS 322) – May 11, 2020; San Diego, CA
- USS DARTER (SS 576) – May 14-18, 2020; North Little Rock, AR
- **Call or Email the POC listed in the *American Submariner* to determine the current status of the reunion.**

OLD BUSINESS

- The Base's wall pictures damaged in the American Legion Post 162 fire have been restored.
- The 57th Anniversary USS THRESHER Memorial Ceremony has been cancelled.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Summary of the USSVI Northern Virginia Base Calendar of Event major changes approved by the Executive Committee. The new schedule is amended to the minutes:
 - Moved the Tolling of the Boats to the November meeting.
 - Moved the Holland Club Induction Luncheon to the October meeting.
 - Moved guest speaker, Dominick Grimaldi, to the May meeting.
 - Moved guest speaker, Mike Varone, to the June meeting.
 - Cancelled all K4K hospital visits until July; then tentative.
 - The May and, potentially, the June Base Meetings will be via Cisco Webex only.
- Check out the latest edition of the *American Submariner* for USSVI National Officer Candidate information and proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws for this year's USSVI National election.

The CDR called for other items of new business and the following were identified:

- Mike Naughton thanked those who attended Mike & Mary Lou's 50th Anniversary ceremony.
- Bud Cunnally announced that the International Submariner Association's 57th Convention scheduled for May in Sweden has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for 2021 in Sweden.

The Binnacle List

The CDR asked that we keep the following in our thoughts and prayers: Steve Bishop, Brian Haller, Barbara Harmody, Tony Poblete, Tom Perrault, and Lorraine Sargent.

For the Good of the Order, the Base CDR read the list of birthdays for April: Edward Ettner, Robert Frick, Rufino "Ric" Guntang, Paul Nelson, Tim Oliver, Patrick Peterson, Willie Petruy, the Navy rank of Chief Petty Officer, and the U.S. Submarine Force.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on May 9th via Cisco Webex.

The Benediction was delivered by the Chaplain.

The CDR requested a motion to adjourn. It was so moved and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1133.

Submitted by Joe Castell
USSVI NOVA Base Secretary



2020 USSVI Northern Virginia Base Calendar of Events



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
- 19th – Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visit at INOVA (Falls Church, VA) (**CANX**)

April

- 1st – EXCOM meeting
- 11th – Base Meeting via WebEx
- 16th – Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visit at UVA (Charlottesville, VA) (**CANX**)
- 29th – EXCOM meeting

May

- 9th – Base meeting w/Guest Speaker **Dominick Grimaldi** via WebEx

June

- 3rd – EXCOM meeting
- 13th – Base meeting w/ Guest Speaker **Mike Varone** via WebEx & Picnic (**TBD**)
- 18th – Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visit at WRB (Bethesda, MD) (**CANX**)
- 24th – EXCOM meeting

July

- 4th – Dale City Independence Day parade (**CANX**)
- 11th – Informal dining out at Kilroys Restaurant & Sports Bar (**TBD**)
- 16th – Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visit at INVOA (Falls Church, VA) (**TBD**)
- 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 – **Holland Club Induction Luncheon** w/ guest speaker **George Wallace**
- 15th – Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) visit at INVOA (Falls Church, VA)

November

- 4th – EXCOM meeting
- 14th – **Base Meeting & Tolling of the Boats**
- 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