



USSVI Northern Virginia Base



MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2020

The Base CDR, Chuck Martin, called the meeting to order at 1100 on August 8, 2020, and welcomed all members and guests. Due to social distancing requirements associated with COVID-19, the meeting was held using the Zoom web conferencing application. The CDR requested that members and guests provide him with an email to document attendance.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Les Altschuler (USSVI Northeast Regional Director), Steve Bishop, Joe Castell, Howard Chatham, Bill Clement, **John Cunnally**, **Jeff Earl**, **Mickey Garverick**, **Art Glover** (USSVI Northeast District 4 Commander), James Huck, **Steve Jaeger**, Chuck Martin, **Lou Maruzo**, **Robert Maydwell**, Bruce Miller, **Mike Naughton**, **Mary Lou Naughton**, Tim Oliver, Mark Riethmeier, **Ross Sargent**, **Mike Varone**, George Wallace, **Penny Wallace**, and **Woody Woodworth** (24 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 COB read the list of boats lost in August. 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 CDR then tolled the ship's bell twice for the 27 USSVI Northern Virginia Base members on Eternal Patrol.

IN MEMORIAM: LCDR William D. Ridley, USN, Ret—6/11/2020; VADM Ian Donald George MacDougall AC AFMS RAN (Rtd)—7/1/2020; CDR Thomas (Tim) P. Guilfoil, USN, Ret—7/2/2020; CAPT Melville H. Lyman, USN, Ret—7/8/2020; RM2(SS) Tim Moore, USN, Vet—7/31/2020; CAPT Will Fritchman, USN, Ret—8/4/2020.

MEETING MINUTES

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



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The Treasurer, Steve Jaeger, presented the Treasurer's monthly report:

• Beginning Cash on Hand:	\$ 9,487.36
• Receipts:	\$ 0.39
- Interest/Dividends	
• Expenditures:	\$ 0.00
- None	
• Ending Sub-Total:	\$ 9,487.75
- Minus Remaining Walmart Grant Restricted Use Funds	(\$1,169.40)
• Grand Total (discretionary)	\$ 8,318.35
• NOVA USSVICF K4K Total:	\$ 3,054.10
- To date, we have received \$1000.00 in 2020	

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **Executive Board** meeting was held on July 29, 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 presented by Steve Jaeger: 83 members comprised of:

- 45 Holland Club members,
 - 4 WW II members
 - **New member, Rich Hamly** (National and Base Life and Holland Club)
- 30 Regular members
- 8 Associate members
- Former Base member, Jeffrey Earl, has indicated a desire to return.

On behalf of the **VCDR**, Brian Haller, the **CDR** provided the following:

- William "Bill" Douglas was honored and inducted into the Holland Club (posthumously). The Base presented Vicki and Tom Young (Bill's daughter and son-in-law) with his Holland Club certificates, letter, membership card, challenge coin, and hat that would have been presented to Bill at the Holland Club Induction Luncheon this year.

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



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The **PAO**, Mike Varone, indicated that he would be contacting Dixie Bones regarding whether they would be able to support the Base's luncheon in September.

The **CHAPLAIN**, Steve Jaeger, provided the following:

- Our condolences to Ross Sargent, his family, and friends on the passing of Lorraine Sargent on Tuesday, July 28, 2020

The **KAPS 4 KIDS** Chairman, Steve Bishop, reported that all K4K visits had been suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 crisis. The Base K4K program has sufficient funds and may not solicit funds next year. The CDR requested the K4K Chairman keep in contact with those Walmart Stores that have helped in the past.

The **STOREKEEPER**, Howard Chatham, reported

- Has USSVI NOVA challenge coins, submarine stickers, and USSVI NOVA Base patches available for purchase
- Storekeeper also has National USSVI and access to Submarine Ships Store and SubmarineShop.com items for purchase
- Contact Howard at storekeeper@ussvinova.org if interest in purchasing submarine related merchandise

The **WEBMASTER**, Howard Chatham, reported no issues with the Base website.

The **USSVI Northeast Region Director**, Les Altschuler, provided the following:

- Encouraged all NOVA Base members to vote

The **NE District 4 Commander**, Art Glover, provided the following:

- Again, encouraged all NOVA Base member to vote
- Board of Directors Meeting to be held via Zoom Video Conference on Wednesday, 26 August 2020
- National Tolling of the Boats to be held via Zoom Webinar and streamed via YouTube Live on Thursday, 27 August 2020
- Western Region Roundup is Cancelled.

The **USSVI NOVA Base CDR**, provided the following:

- Some USSVI members have reported experiencing issues when attempting to get on the USSVI National Website.
 - Issue: Receive error message stating the site is unsecure
 - Potential Cause: This appears to be just another glitch with the software that is required to be used on our present, antiquated server.
 - Temporary workaround: To log-on, use the other option that appears at the bottom of whatever browser you are using to bypass the unsecure message and you will be able to continue to our website.
 - **The website works properly once you get to the site and the Online voting functionality is working properly.**



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

- The NSL Mentorship Program is ready to accept all NSL members into the program as a mentor, a mentee, or both!
 - The NSL Mentor Program is hosting an interactive and informational webinar on **Wednesday, August 19th from 1:00-2:00 EDT**. Send an email to staff@navalsubleague.org to sign up and receive the Zoom link. Hope to see you there.
- Naval Submarine League (NSL) and related events:
 - 2020 Submarine History Seminar, 10 Nov 2020.
 - Registration is available on the Smithsonian Associates website at <https://smithsonianassociates.org/ticketing/tickets/inside-cuban-missile-crisis-1L0311S>
 - NSL members get the same discounted price as Smithsonian Associates members if they enter this coupon code: 251877
 - They call the program **INSIDE THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS. We call it Nuclear Deterrence, or How a U.S. Submarine in the Mediterranean Helped Resolve the Cuban Missile Crisis!**
 - Pacific Fleet Submarine Memorial Association (the BOWFIN). They have been in the middle of an extensive restoration of both the boat and the museum. The estimated date for the Grand Reopening is in February 2021.
 - NSL 38th Annual Symposium 18-19 Nov 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. Note this event may be held virtually. NSL will be making final determination soon.
 - As updates are available, the information will be distributed.
- NSL Capitol Chapter reelected George Wallace as President and Dixon Hicks as Secretary.
- Move to the new NSL office building in August (407 North Henry Street).
- COVID-19 has put a halt to all in-person meetings.

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

- USS SALT LAKE CITY (SSN 716) – August 13-16, 2020; Branson, MO
- USS QUILLBACK (SS 424)—August 17-20, 2020; Memphis, TN
- USS PICUDA (SS 383)—August 17-20, 2020; Memphis, TN
- USS TRUTTA (SS 421)—August 17-20, 2020; Memphis, TN
- USS FLYING FISH (SSN 673) – August 20-24, 2020; Virginia Beach, VA
- USS RONQUIL (SS 396) – August 21-24, 2020; Tucson, AZ
- USS SALMON (SS 573)—August 21-23, 2020; Tucson, AZ
- USS ALASKA (SSBN 732) – August 23, 2020; Bremerton, WA
- USS RATON (SS 270) – August 24-28, 2020 Tucson, AZ
- USS BANG (SS 385) – August 26-30, 2020, Washington, DC
- USS SEADragon (SS 584) – August 27-29; 2020, Tucson, AZ
- USS SKATE (SSN 578)—August 30-September 3, 2020; Orlando, FL



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- USS TIRU (SS 416)—September 7-11, 2020, Sacramento, CA
- USS GREENFISH (SS 351)—September 8-11, 2020; Tucson, AZ
- USS SAM HOUSTON (SSBN/SSN 609)—September 10-12, 2020; Omaha, NE
- USS ANGLER (SS 240)—September 13-16, 2020; Pigeon Forge, TN
- USS CHOPPER (SS 342)—September 16-20, 2020 Mobile, AL
- USS RASHER (SS 269)—September 16-20, 2020; LaPorte, TX
- Deep Submergence Group—September 25-27, 2020; San Diego, CA
- USS MACKEREL (SST 1)—September 30-Oct 3, 2020; Little Rock, AR
- USS BARRACUDA (was K-1)(SSK 1)—September 30-October 3, 2020; Little Rock, AR
- USS MARLIN (SST 2)—September 30-October 3, 2020; Little Rock, AR

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

OLD BUSINESS

- The 3rd book in the “Poopie Suits & Cowboy Boots” series by Frank and Charles Hood has been published and is available now. (Softcover for \$24.99 and e-Book for \$9.99). Written by 33 submarine veterans like yourself, “The Silent Service Speaks-Vol I” contains 150 stories, replete with 314 pictures, that cover life on a boat from stem to stern.
 - All proceeds go to our USSVI Charitable Foundations Scholarship Fund. You get a great read and help a deserving young person fund their efforts to get their degree, thus helping them for the entire rest of their lives.
- USSVI National Convention News
 - 2020 National convention in Tucson, AZ has been canceled and has been rescheduled to August 2023
 - 2021 National Convention will be in Orlando, FL, at Rosen Shingle Creek Resort
 - 2022 National Convention will be in Buffalo, NY

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

NEW BUSINESS

- The USSVI National Election Voting is open both online and by mail until August 17, 2020. Let your voice be heard by voting.
 - Check out the latest edition of the *American Submariner* for USSVI National Officer Candidate information and proposed changes to the Constitution & By-Laws for this year USSVI National election.
 - Remember that your voting options are based on your Primary base and Associate members are not allowed to vote in National elections.
 - As of 8 August, only 10 NOVA Base members had elected to vote online out of the eligible 68 members in this election. **That is only a 14.71% voter turnout; let your voice be heard by voting.**



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- USSVI Charitable Foundation National Bulletin #001/2020
 - USSVI recognizes that the COVID-19 crisis has had a major impact on most of us and in some cases has resulted in financial distress. I am pleased to inform you that USSVI has taken action to assist our Shipmates and Brothers of the Submarine Force who need assistance so that their children and grandchildren have the resources needed for continuing their education during these unique times.
 - Contact any USSVI Base Officer for additional information.
- Boarding a US NAVY NUCLEAR SUBMARINE in the Arctic
 - A vlog of a guy that does physics videos who was allowed to go aboard the USS TOLEDO during her ICEX 2020 back in March.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXXMJAU6vY8>
 - Our thanks to Woody Woodworth for sharing this link
- 2020 WWII Kings Bay Memorial Week is CANCELLED this year.
- USSVI National will be conducting several events during the week of 24 August that typically occur during the National Convention. The events will be via Zoom and are:
 - Wednesday, August 26, 2020—2020 Annual Pre-BOD Meeting via Zoom Video Conference
 - **Thursday, August 27, 2020—USSVI Tolling Of The Boats Ceremony (Also being streamed live via YouTube). Warren Branges, San Diego Base Commander, will read the Boats.**
 - **Saturday, August 29, 2020—USSVI 2020 Annual Business Meeting (USSVI 2020 Annual Award recipients will be announced)**
 - Sunday, August 30, 2020—2020 Annual Post-BOD Meeting
 - Additional meetings information is provided at the end of the meeting minutes and the meeting invites will be sent out before the meetings
- For the latest COVID-19 information in the Northern Virginia area visit one of the below websites:
 - 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 other items of new business and none were provided.

The Binnacle List

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers: Steve Bishop, Delbert Ennis, Brian Haller, Barbara Harmody, Steve Jaeger, Mike Naughton, Tony Poblete, and Tom Perrault.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on September 12th venue TBD (American Legion Post 364 or Zoom).



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The Chaplain delivered the benediction.

The CDR requested a motion to adjourn and it was seconded and so moved. The meeting was adjourned at 1139.

Submitted by Joe Castell
USSVI NOVA Base Secretary



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UPCOMING USSVI NATIONAL EVENT IN AUGUST

USSVI Board of Directors,

The week of August 24th will be a busy time for us. Please mark your calendars for the following events.

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 - 2020 Annual Pre-BOD Meeting

Will be conducted by Zoom Video Conference @ 12 Noon CDT.

Open and read the attached agenda (proposed). Submit any additional items you feel are pertinent to National Secretary Ray Wewers by no later than Friday, August 21, 2020.

The Annual USSVI Charitable Foundation BOD Meeting will immediately be following USSVI's Pre-BOD Meeting (John Markiewicz will be sending out this agenda sometime in the immediate future).

Thursday, August 27, 2020 - USSVI Tolling Of The Boats Ceremony

Will take place @ 12 Noon CDT on a Zoom Webinar that will also be streamed to "YouTube Live" for public viewing.

San Diego Base Commander Warren Branges has graciously agreed to do the reading of the Boats. Anyone that has attended one of Warren's past Tolling Ceremonies knows his tone of voice and mannerism is made for this event. (Log-in information will be posted to all hands by next week at the latest).

Saturday, August 29, 2020 - USSVI 2020 Annual Business Meeting

Our Business Meeting will also be conducted through a Zoom Webinar @ 12 Noon CDT. The Webinar participants will be divided between "panelists" (National Voting BOD Members and support personnel) and "attendees" (logged on USSVI members).

Harold (Bill) Scott will announce the USSVI 2020 Annual Award recipients during this time. Incoming Officers will be sworn in.

Sunday, August 30, 2020 – 2020 Annual Post-BOD Meeting

This should be a fairly short meeting consisting of:

- Follow-up items that have transpired since the Pre-BOD Meeting
- Recognition and approval of proposed 2020-22 Committee Chairmen.

Please get back to me with any questions and or comments.

All Log-in information and meeting agendas will be forthcoming before the events.

All the Best and take care,

Wayne Standerfer

National Commander