



USSVI Northern Virginia Base



MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020

The Base CDR, Chuck Martin, called the meeting to order at 0952 on October 10, 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), Joyce Altschuler, Steve Bishop, Joe Castell, Thomas Denton (USSVI Tri-State Base Commander), Art Glover (USSVI Northeast District 4 Commander), Robert Glover, Brian Haller, Steve Jaeger, Chuck Martin, Louis Maruzo, Bruce Miller, Mark Riethmeier, Mike Varone, George Wallace, Penny Wallace, and Woody 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.

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

USS O-5 (SS-66)	October 29, 1923
USS S-44 (SS-155)	October 7, 1943
USS WAHOO (SS-238)	October 11, 1943
USS DORADO (SS-248)	October 12, 1943
USS SEAWOLF (SS-197)	October 3, 1944
USS ESCOLAR (SS-294)	October 17, 1944
USS SHARK (SS-314)	October 24, 1944
USS DARTER (SS-227)	October 24, 1944
USS TANG (SS-306)	October 25, 1944

The CDR then tolled the ship's bell twice for the 27 USSVI Northern Virginia Base members on Eternal Patrol.

IN MEMORIAM: CAPT Francis Laughlin (Frank) Wadsworth, USN, Ret—8/13/20; CAPT John Joseph (Jack) King, USN, Ret—8/26/20; CAPT Thomas Upton Sisson, Jr., USN, Ret—8/31/20; ADM William Dee Smith, USN, Ret—9/9/20; CAPT Tom R. Murray, USN, Ret—9/12/20; CAPT William P. Bancroft, USN, Ret—9/25/20; ADM Carlisle Albert Herman Trost, USN, Ret—9/29/20.



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MEETING MINUTES

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

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

- Beginning Cash on Hand: \$ 9,437.75
- Receipts: \$.40
 - Interest/Dividends
- Expenditures: \$ 0.0
- Ending Sub-Total: \$ 9,437.37
 - Minus Remaining Walmart Grant Restricted Use Funds (\$1,169.40)
- Grand Total (discretionary) \$ 8,268.37

- NOVA USSVICF K4K Total: \$ 3,054.10
 - To date, we have received \$1000.00 in 2020

- Announcement: 2021 Base and National dues are due 31 December 2020. The "Early Bird" (dues paid for 2020) period is between now and 11 Dec 2020 (all dues must be mailed to the Base Treasurer, there are no Face-to-Face dues payments).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **Executive Board** meeting was held on September 30, 2020, via Zoom. The meeting agenda included:

- Committee Reports
- Membership
- 2020 Holland Club
- 2020 Mid-Year Base Budget
- Initiated draft 2021 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
- 30 Regular members
- 8 Associate members



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The **VCDR**, Brian Haller, had nothing to report.

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

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

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

The **KAPS 4 KIDS** Chairman, Steve Bishop, reported that all K4K visits had been suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 crisis. Steve stated that since Fairfax Schools and other school districts were starting in-person classes, he would investigate whether K4K visits could resume.

On behalf of the **STOREKEEPER**, Howard Chatham, the CDR reported:

- Storekeeper has USSVI NOVA challenge coins, submarine stickers, and USSVI NOVA Base patches available for purchase
- Preorders for the 2021 USSVI Calendars are now being taken.
 - The calendar will be available through either our Base SK or can be ordered from the ordering information contained in the fourth quarter edition of the *American Submariner*.
 - Members are encouraged to order through the Base SK. The Base receives a discount on bulk orders and receives a small profit from the sale.
 - The calendars are expected to be available for shipment by the end of October.
 - The theme for the 2021 USSVI calendar is Submarines at the Movies.
 - Cost if ordered through the Base SK is \$10/calendar; if ordered through the National SK is \$10.95 + \$2.75 shipping.
 - You save if ordered through the Base SK.
 - Contact the Base SK to place your preorder of calendars.
- Storekeeper also has access to National USSVI SK, Submarine Ships Store and SubmarineShop.com items for purchase
- Contact Howard at storekeeper@ussvinova.org if you have interest in purchasing any submarine related merchandise

On behalf of the **WEBMASTER**, Howard Chatham, the CDR reported no issues with the Base website, and reported that the National website had not yet been updated to reflect post-election Constitution/Bylaws changes.

The **USSVI NE Region Commander**, Les Altschuler, provided the following:

- He and his wife were very appreciative of the cards and expressions of condolence received for their son.
- USSVI Scholarship season is starting. Last year USSVI provided a record number of scholarships (55) awarded and funds.



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

- Provided expressions of condolence to Les and his wife.
- Reminded everyone that the USSVI Scholarship program is open to children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren of submarine veterans. USSVI is the only organization to extend eligibility to greatgrandchildren.
- 13 October is Navy Birthday.
- Dues are coming due; please get your dues in so the District isn't dink!

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

- The NSL Headquarters office has moved, and the address is 405 North Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
 - The phone number remains the same: 703-256-0891
- Naval Submarine League (NSL) and related events:
 - VADM Jay Donnelly, USN, Ret., former Commander, Submarine Forces, will discuss Understanding Naval Power in our 21st Century.
 - Date: Thursday, October 15, 2020
 - Time: 1300 (CDT)
 - Advanced registration at https://ulcc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ulDA84LERDGqou6vKKvWNA
 - Please log-on by 11:50 am CDT
 - Capitol Chapter NSL Virtual Meeting
 - Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020
 - Time: 1200 (noon) EDT
 - Guest Speaker: United Kingdom Jonathan (Jonty) Powis, RN (Ret). CDR Powis was the Navigator on HMS Conqueror (S48) when they sank the ARA General Belgrano (C-4) during the Falklands war. That operation will be the subject of his presentation.
 - See attachment for additional information, e.g., Request for RSVP, Zoom login information.
 - 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!**
 - NSL 38th Annual Symposium & Industry Update 16-18 Nov 2020. This will be a virtual event.
 - As updates are available, the information will be distributed.



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On behalf of the **International Submariners Association of The United States of America (ISA/USA)**, President, John “Bud” Cunnally, the CDR provided the following:

- International Submarines Congress
 - Date: May 23-27, 2021
 - Location: Karlskrona, Sweden
 - Activities include: Naval Museum tour, Naval Base tour, Memorial Service, Boat trip, local activities
 - For more information visit their website at: <http://www.57isc.com/>
- To join the International Submariners Association of The United States of America (ISA/USA Inc) visit their website www.isausa.org/
 - Life membership to the ISA/USA is \$50.00 and
 - Application is on the ISA/USA website.

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

- USS DIABLO (SS 479)—October 8-11, 2020; Groton, CT
- USS HALIBUT (SSN 587)—October 11-15, 2020; Fredericksburg, TX
- USS BATFISH (SSN 681)—October 14-18, 2020; Jacksonville, FL
- USS BERGALL (SS 320/SSN 667)—October 15-18, 2020; Jacksonville, FL
- USS FINBACK (SSN 670)—October 15-20, 2020; Charleston, SC
- USS DOGFISH (SS 350)—October 21-24, 2020; North Little Rock, AR
- USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602)—October 29-November 1, 2020; Charlotte, NC
- USS REMORA (SS 487)—November 4-8, 2020; St. Marys, GA
- USS THREADFIN (SS 410)—November 5-8, 2020 Jacksonville, FL
- USS PATRICK HENRY (SSBN 599)—November 4-7, 2021, TBD.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- USSVI National Convention News:
 - 2021 National Convention will be in Orlando, FL, at Rosen Shingle Creek Resort
 - 2022 National Convention will be in Buffalo, NY
 - 2023 National Convention will be in Tucson, AZ

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

NEW BUSINESS

- The Base is seeking volunteers/nominations for candidates for the 2021 Base Officer Election. Positions available are Base Commander, Base Vice Commander, Treasurer, and Secretary. Being a Base Officer is a great means in shaping the vision and activities of the Base.
 - Contact the Base Commander if interested in being a candidate for any of the Base Officer positions. Send email to cdr@ussvinova.org



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- USSV Charitable Foundation (USSVCF) 2021-2022 Scholarship Program and Application Procedure and associated processes will be “launched,” and application website will open for applications on or about 30 October 2020.
- Authors Frank Hood (USSVI member) and his brother, Charles Hood, have written a series of three submarine books: *Poovie Suites and Cowboy Boots*; *Sub Tales: Stories That Seldom Surface*; and *The Silent Service Speaks Vol 1*.
 - Recently, The Book Authority rated “*Poovie Suits & Cowboy Boots*” as one of the 7 best e-Books on submarines in the world for 2020.
 - Frank and Charles donate all the proceeds to our USSVI Scholarship Fund. To date, they have donated over \$37,500.
 - Books make great gifts.
- The Naval Historical Foundation’s next Second Saturday Webinar program will be offered on 10 October 2020, at 11 AM (EASTERN) focusing on Captain Edward L. “Ned” Beach and *Run Silent Run Deep*. The program will open with presentations by Ned’s bride of many decades, Ingrid Beach, CAPT James Bryant, and Dr. David Alen Rosenberg, who will offer an insightful discussion on the technical and historical context behind *Run Silent Run Deep* as well as an overview of the career of CAPT Beach and his writing of the book while he served as the naval aide to President Eisenhower. Following the presentations, there will be a commentary from three well-known retired submariners who had familiarity with the Beach manuscript.
- 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 any other items of new business:

- The CDR took a Zoom Poll asking if members would be willing to conduct Base meetings in person beginning in November. The results were 33% voted “Yes”; 58% voted “Yes with Social Distancing”; and 8% (3) voted “No”.

The Binnacle List

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers: Delbert Ennis, Brian Haller, Barbara Harmody, Robert R. Miller, Mike Naughton, Tony Poblete, Tom Perrault, and Ron Williams.

For the Good of the Order, the COB read the list of birthdays for October: Al Anceravage, Louise Decker, Mike Kwiecien, Lou Maruzo, Ed Mattran, Mark Shafer, George Wallace, and the United States Navy.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on November 14th venue TBD (American Legion Post 364 or Zoom).

The Chaplain delivered the benediction.



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The CDR requested a motion to adjourn and it was seconded and so moved. The meeting was adjourned at 1031.

Submitted by Joe Castell
USSVI NOVA Base Secretary



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NSL CAPITOL CHAPTER VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

It's time for our first virtual meeting and this promises to be a special one. This will also be our first international meeting as our speaker will be in the UK. CDR Jonathan (Jonty) Powis RN (ret), will be our guest speaker. CDR Powis was the Nav on HMS Conqueror when they sank the Belgrano. That operation will be the subject of his presentation. It should be an exciting and informative event.

The Zoom particulars are below. Please RSVP so that we have an idea of how many people plan to attend.

Topic: Capitol Chapter Zoom Meeting

Time: Oct 28, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85690688688?pwd=Sk04YnNEZ3l0cWMveDNYYithMXBCQT09>

Meeting ID: 856 9068 8688

Passcode: 853112

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kczET8a9Vh>

V/R,

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