



# USSVI Northern Virginia Base



## MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021

The Base CDR, Chuck Martin, called the meeting to order at 1101 on February 13, 2021, and welcomed all members and guests. Because of the 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, John “Bud” Cunnally, Jr., Tony Cunningham, Tom Denton (USSVI Tri-State Base CDR), Dominick Grimaldi, Brian Haller, Steve Jaeger, John Lindstedt, Chuck Martin, Bruce Miller, Paul Nelson, Tim Oliver, Mark Riethmeier, Mike Varone, George Wallace, Penny Wallace, and Woody Woodworth (20 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** read the list of boats lost in February. These were:

USS SHARK I (SS-174)	February 11, 1942
USS AMBERJACK (SS-219)	February 16, 1943
USS GRAYBACK (SS-208)	February 26, 1944
USS TROUT (SS-202)	February 29, 1944
USS BARBEL (SS-316)	February 4, 1945

The **CDR** then tolled the ship’s bell twice for the 31 USSVI Northern Virginia Base members on Eternal Patrol.

**IN MEMORIAM:** CAPT Allen Bane Higginbotham, USN, Ret—1/5/2021; VADM Bernard M. (Bud) Kauderer—USN, Ret—1/19/2021; CAPT John Franklin Jordan, Jr., USN, Ret—1/28/2021; ADM Steven Angelo White, USN, Ret—2/1/2021.

### MEETING MINUTES

The January 2021 NOVA Base meeting minutes were previously distributed to the membership. The CDR asked whether there were any additional comments or discussions for the January 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: \$ 10,039.22
- Receipts: \$ 720.14



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- Dues—Annual Base
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- Dues—Life Base
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- Donations—Base
- Interest/Dividends
- Expenditures: \$ 260.00
  - Other—Boat Sponsorship (2021)
  - Payments to Charitable Foundation (2020)
- Ending Sub-Total: \$ 10,499.36
  - Minus Remaining Walmart Grant Restricted Use Funds (\$1,169.40)
- Grand Total (discretionary) \$ 9,329.96
- NOVA USSVICF K4K Total: \$ 3,054.10
  - We received \$1000.00 in 2020

The Chaplain, Steve Jaeger, provided the following:

- CDR Gary Grimes, USN, Ret. departed on Eternal Patrol on January 15, 2021.
  - The Base sent Gary Grimes' family a sympathy card and a USSVI Memorial certificate honoring his service to the United States of America and the Submarine Service.
- LCDR Michael "Mike" Naughton, USN, Ret. departed on Eternal Patrol on January 11, 2021.
  - The CDR, VCDR, Immediate Past CDR, and Woody Woodworth attended Mike's service/viewing.

The CDR, Chuck Martin, provided the following on MSCS(SS) Herbert Henry "Hank" Saunders, III, USN, Ret. who departed on Eternal Patrol on February 3, 2021:

- Navy Biography
  - Hank joined the Navy in 1958 and retired in 1978.
  - He served onboard USS DOGFISH (SS 350) where he earned his silver dolphins. He subsequently served onboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600), USS GRAMPUS (SS 523), and USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN 598).
- USSVI Biography
  - Joined USSVI in January 1968
  - Member of the USSVI Boston Base
  - A Holland Club member since 2013
  - Served as the USSVI National Commander from 1990 to 1992.

The CDR provided the following on LCDR Michael "Mike" Naughton, USN, Ret. who departed on Eternal Patrol on January 11, 2021:

- Navy Biography



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- Mike joined the Navy in 1963 and retired in 1989. Mike started his Navy career as a Quartermaster and ended his career as an LCDR. Navy highlights were firing the first underwater C-4 Missile and working at JSTPS.
- He served onboard USS BAYA (SS 318) where he earned his silver dolphins. After commissioning, he served onboard USS WAHOO (SS 565) where he earned his gold dolphins. He subsequently served onboard USS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (SSBN 657) and USS GEORGE BANCROFT (SSBN 643).
- USSVI Biography
  - Joined USSVI in March 2001
  - Joined USSVI NOVA Base in January 2014
  - A Holland Club member since 2017
  - A USSVI Life member
  - Served as the USSVI Capitol Base Commander, NE4 District Commander, and NE Regional Director.

The CDR provided the following on CDR Gary Charles Grimes, USN, Ret. who departed on Eternal Patrol on January 15, 2021:

- Navy Biography
  - Gary joined the Navy in 1966 and received his commission in 1972 via the Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program. He progressed from Seaman Recruit to Full Commander.
  - He served onboard USS DIODON (SS 349) where he earned his silver dolphins. After commissioning, he served onboard USS TIRU (SS 416) where he earned his gold dolphins in 1973. He subsequently served onboard USS BADGER (FF/DE 1071) and USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS 4).
- USSVI Biography
  - Joined USSVI in September 2003
  - Joined USSVI NOVA Based in June 2009
  - A Holland Club member since 2016
  - Posthumously updated his Holland Club membership to reflect his qualification in USS DIODON (SS 349).

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **Executive Board** meeting was held on February 3rd, 2021, via Zoom. The meeting agenda included:

- Committee Reports
- Membership
- 2021 Holland Club
- 2021 Base Budget
- K4K Program
- Other Base events/calendar



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As **VCDR**, Brian Haller, had nothing to report, however, he provided he had known both Gary Grimes and Mike Naughton for over 50 years. They had attended Miami University together and he would miss them dearly.

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

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

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

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** presented by Steve Jaeger: 81members comprising:

- 43 Holland Club members,
  - Gary Grimes left on Eternal Patrol on 15 January 2021
  - Mike Naughton left on Eternal Patrol on 11 January 2021
  - 4 WW II members
- 30 Regular members
- 8 Associate members
- The CDR provided we had achieved 100% renewal for Base membership.
- Post-meeting Note: Lynwood Crow is our newest Base member. DSC(SS) Crow served from 1976 – 1987. His qualification boat was the USS Birmingham (SSN-695) in 1977 and he also served aboard the USS Michigan (SSBN/SSGN-727). Welcome to USSVI Northern Virginia Base Lynwood.

On behalf of the **KAPS 4 KIDS** Chairman, Steve Bishop, the **CDR** provided the following:

- K4K visits have been suspended until further notice.
- At the request of the EXCOM, the K4K Chairman had contacted the child life directors at Walter Reed, Fairfax INOVA, and UVA to inquire about the Base providing iPads to support virtual K4K visits. As of today's meeting, no responses received.

The **STOREKEEPER**, Howard Chatham, reported:

- Storekeeper has USSVI NOVA challenge coins, submarine stickers, 2021 USSVI Calendars, and USSVI NOVA Base patches available for purchase.
- Storekeeper also has access to National USSVI SK, Submarine Ships Store, and SubmarineShop.com items for purchase.
- Contact Howard at [storekeeper@ussvinova.org](mailto:storekeeper@ussvinova.org) if you have an interest in purchasing any submarine related merchandise.

The **WEBMASTER**, Howard Chatham, reported the following:

- No issues with the Base website.
- The National website has been updated to reflect the latest Bylaws/Constitution changes.
- Post-meeting Note: The Base is pleased to announce a new feature to our Base Website ([www.ussvinova.org](http://www.ussvinova.org)). Thanks to Howard Chatham, we now have a link for recordings of



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our guest speakers and their presentations. Now you can watch our guest speakers and their presentations if you were unable to attend the live event.

- Go to the USSVI Northern Virginia Base website at [www.ussvinova.org](http://www.ussvinova.org).
- Scroll down the home page until you reach the Photo Album/Presentations section.
- Click on the Presentations hyperlink listed in the second bullet.
- A new page will open up with the list of available presentations and the hyperlink for viewing the presentation.
- Select the presentation(s) you wish to view and click on the associated hyperlink. Our initial presentation that is available for viewing is “Executing Unrestricted Submarine Warfare—the History of the U.S. Submarine Force in WWII” by John Lindstedt on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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

- Congratulated the Base on achieving 100% membership renewal. Stated that USSVI has lost too many members due to a lack of renewal in the last year. While a few have been reinstated, the loss numbers are still disheartening.
- District CDR nominations are being solicited and due 1 Mar 2021. District CDR elections are held during odd years. All base officers are eligible to run. The election dates have not been announced yet.

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

- USSVI National Office Manager Change of Command
  - Fred Borgmann has retired after serving for 19 years as Office Manager.
  - Dennis Nardone is the new Office Manager.
- What is the USSVI Charitable Foundation? Is it simply the USSVI Scholarship Fund?  
No:
  - The USSVCF has been an officially recognized 501(c)(3) charity for 20 years now.
  - The Charitable Foundation consists of the Brotherhood Fund, Building Fund, General Fund, KAPS 4 Kids Fund, Legacy Fund (Endowment), Library Fund, Memorial Fund, Museum Boat Fund, and the Scholarship Fund.
  - The total of all funds is \$1,046,305.
  - Our Charitable Foundation is alive and well! But we need your support to keep it that way. In 2020, we had a decrease of 45% in donations compared to 2019.
  - Remember, donations are tax-deductible up to the amount allowed by law.

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

- Naval Submarine League (NSL) and Related Events
  - No meeting in February. The date for the next Capitol Chapter meeting is TBD but the speaker may be Rear Admiral Lorin Selby.
  - If you have missed meetings, you can still see and hear the guest speaker’s presentations by visiting [https://capitor.navalsubleague.org/?page\\_id=30](https://capitor.navalsubleague.org/?page_id=30)
    - October 2020 Meeting, Jonti Powis presentation



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- December 2020 Meeting, Don Keith presentation
- NSL Brick Campaign
  - You can contribute to the Capital Campaign by purchasing a brick for the patio at the NSL headquarters. This is an opportunity to display your name, your boat's name, the NSL logo, or a message up to 3 lines of 18 characters each. At \$140 each, an NSL brick would make a great gift! And it is a donation, so tax-deductible to the extent you can deduct charitable contributions.
  - To buy a brick, go to the NSL website...SUPPORT US...NSL SHOPPING...and place your order, or click on the link:  
[https://app.etapestry.com/cart/NavalSubmarineLeague\\_1/default/index.php](https://app.etapestry.com/cart/NavalSubmarineLeague_1/default/index.php)
  - Navy League Sea-Air-Space Expo still on track.
    - Scheduled for August 1-4, 2021
    - STEM Expo will be held on August 1, 2021
    - Location: Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center

## The International Submariners Association of The United States of America (ISA/USA)

President, John "Bud" Cunnally, provided the following:

- Upcoming International Submarines Congress:
  - 2022—Sweden (500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Swedish Navy). Dates are 22-26 May 2022 and there will also be a Baltic cruise offered to coincide with the Congress.
  - 2023—Greece
  - 2024—Montenegro
  - USA has made a bid for hosting a future convention (2025/2026) to honor JP Holland in the Republic of Ireland with visits to his home in Clare.
- To join the International Submariners Association of The United States of America (ISA/USA Inc) visit their website [www.isausa.org/](http://www.isausa.org/)
  - Life membership to the ISA/USA is \$50.00 and
  - Application is on the ISA/USA website.
  - There are 33 countries as members of ISA.

## Upcoming submarine reunions:

- USS SCULPIN (SSN 590)—March 25-28, 2021; Kath, TX
- USS TINOSA (SSN 606)—April 14-18, 2021; Charleston, SC
- USS SEA DEVIL (SSN 664)—April 21-25, 2021; Williamsburg, VA
- USS BLUEFISH (SS 222/SSN 675)—April 22-25, 2021; Myrtle Beach, SC
- USS JALLAO (SS 368)—April 22-25, 2021; Philadelphia, PA
- USS WAHOO (SS 565)—April 29-May 1, 2021; Pensacola, FL
- USS REMORA (SS 487)—November 3-7, 2021; Kings Bay, GA

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

## OLD BUSINESS

- The Base purchased an NSL Brick, which reads:





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- In Honor of All Submariners  
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- 2021 USSVI National Convention (August 30-September 4, 2021)—Orlando, FL. The host resort has reopened for business and now taking reservations. Side activities and events still pending.
- The *American Submariner* 2021 First Quarter edition is now available.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

- The 2021-2022 USSVI Academic Scholarships
  - Applications are being accepted for the August 2021-2022 academic scholarship cycle.
  - The deadline is May 15, 2021.
  - Eligible applicants include children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of a USSVI Member in good standing.
  - Apply at <http://subforcescholarships.smapply.io>
  - As a bonus, you can also apply for the Dolphin Scholarship Program on the same website.
  - 52 scholarships were awarded last year and ranged from \$100 to \$1500.
- 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.

- Tom Denton provided that the new editor of *American Submariner* is Chuck Senior

## The Binnacle List

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers: Cathy Chatham, Brian Haller, Barbara Harmody, Joe Phoenix, Marie Phoenix, Tony Poblete, and Tom Perrault.

**For the Good of the Order**, the COB read the list of birthdays for February: Roger Hall, Ross Sargent, and Gary Smith.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on March 13<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

On behalf of USSVI NOVA Base, the CDR wished all the ladies of the Submarine Force a happy Valentine's Day.

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 1137.

After adjournment, the CDR called for a short 5-minute break after which John Lindstedt provided a presentation of “Executing Unrestricted Submarine Warfare—the History of the US Submarine Force in WW II.”

Submitted by Joe Castell  
USSVI NOVA Base Secretary





### **Biography of John S. Lindstedt, LT, USNR**

John Lindstedt is a former nuclear-trained submarine officer. He “Qualified in Submarines” in 1974, on the Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine, USS Kamehameha (SSBN-642). He served during the Cold War, making 3 deterrent patrols, all in the Mediterranean Sea, as deployed by Submarine Squadron 16 out of Rota, Spain. His duties were to operate and maintain the S5W nuclear reactor plant and all associated propulsion equipment as the ship’s Main Propulsion Assistant.

John also had two years of sea service in the Merchant Marine as a marine engineer. During this time, he sailed to Northern Europe and South America.

John is a Wisconsin native, born in Milwaukee. He attended the United States Merchant Marine Academy and then the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee from which he received his degree in chemistry (1969). He did his graduate work at Arizona State University in electroanalytical chemistry. Following his military service, he has worked and studied in the Metal Finishing Industry for the last 45 years. John is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Advanced Plating Technologies.

John is married to Cindy, his lovely bride of 50 years. Yes, 50 years!!! She is a very special lady. They have 3 children: Jennifer, Matthew (U.S. Air Force veteran), and James (U.S. Navy veteran). He enjoys hunting, hiking, and studying history, particularly the history of World War II and the history of the U.S. Submarine Force.



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## **FEBRUARY 13TH BASE MEETING PRESENTATION FLYER**



## **History of the U.S. Submarine Force In World War II**

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