



# USSVI Northern Virginia Base



## MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Base CDR, Chuck Martin, called the meeting to order at 1101 on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 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, Tom Denton (USSVI Tri-State Base CDR), Arthur Glover (USSVI Northeast District 4 Commander), Brian Haller, Steve Jaeger, Chuck Martin, Paul Nelson, Tim Oliver, Mark Riethmeier, Mike Varone, George Wallace, Penny Wallace, and Woody Woodworth (16 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 **Chaplain** read the list of boats lost in May. These were:

USS SQUALUS (SS-192)	May 23, 1939
USS LAGARTO (SS-371)	May 3, 1945
USS STICKLEBACK (SS-415)	May 30, 1958
USS SCORPION (SSN-589)	May 22, 1968

The **CDR** then tolled the ship's bell twice for the 32 USSVI Northern Virginia Base members on Eternal Patrol.

**IN MEMORIAM:** CDR Richard Ridgard Hartley, USN, Ret—3/2/2021; VADM Roger Bacon, USN, Ret—4/9/2021; CAPT Curtis L. Barnette, USN, Ret—4/12/2021; CAPT Edwin Allan Kuhn, USN, Ret—4/14/2021; CAPT Harold E. Marshall, USN, Ret—4/26/2021.

### MEETING MINUTES

The April 2021 NOVA Base meeting minutes were previously distributed to the membership. The CDR asked whether there were any additional comments or discussions for the April minutes. Hearing no additional comments or corrections, the minutes were accepted.

**BASE HISTORIAN:** Woody Woodworth read an article on the USS LAGARTO (SS-371). The article is appended at the end of these minutes.

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

- Beginning Cash on Hand: \$ 10,200.02



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•	Receipts:	\$ 320.09
	- Interest/Dividends	
	- Revenue—Sale of Items (USSVI Calendars)	
•	Expenditures:	\$ 143.50
	- Base Operating Expenses (USSVI Calendars)	
	- Donations Made (Not to National) (Mend-A-House)	
•	Ending Sub-Total:	\$ 10,376.61
	- Minus Remaining Walmart Grant Restricted Use Funds	(\$1,169.40)
•	Grand Total (discretionary)	\$ 9,207.21
•	NOVA USSVICF K4K Total:	\$ 3,054.10
	- We received \$1000.00 in 2020	

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **Executive Board** meeting was held on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, via Zoom. The meeting agenda included:

- Committee Reports
- Membership
- 2021 Holland Club
- K4K Program
- Project Mend-A-House Fundraiser
- USSVI NOVA Base Bylaws Rev 4
- Other Base events/calendar

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

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

The **PAO**, Mike Varone, presented the following:

- Dale City July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade is being held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Base is planning on participating; contact the PAO or the CDR if interested in participating. It is a fun time!
- Contacted Ms. Jenkins regarding forms for parade participation; still waiting on forms.
- Working visits to Francis McNamara and Al Anceravage for award presentations.

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

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** presented by Steve Jaeger: 80 members comprising:

- 42 Holland Club members,
  - 3 WW II members



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- 30 Regular members
- 8 Associate members

The **KAPS 4 KIDS** Chairman, Steve Bishop, provided the following:

- K4K visits are still suspended until further notice.

The **Scouting Coordinator**, Chuck Martin, provided the following:

- Eagle Scout Recognition package sent to Charan Narra.

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

- Storekeeper has USSVI NOVA challenge coins, submarine stickers, and USSVI NOVA Base patches available for purchase.
- Storekeeper stated that he had 2021 USSVI Calendars remaining in stock and they would be discounted to \$5 plus shipping.
- 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.
- Base speakers and presentations are now on the Base website.
  - 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.

The **USSVI NE Region Director**, Les Altschuler and the **USSVI NE District 4 Commander**, Art Glover, provided the following:

- Northeast Region Biennial election for District Commanders:
  - The election for NE District Commanders will be held from May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
    - Ballots should be sent out the week of May 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Nominees for the NE4 District Commander Arthur “Art” Glover (incumbent) and Charles “Chuck” Martin.
  - Results will be announced at the National Convention.
  - Voting is based on your Primary Base membership.
- Les Altschuler reminder all that the 2021 USSVCF Scholarship Program is currently underway, and the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 deadline is rapidly approaching.
- USSVI Capitol Base Tolling of the Boats Ceremony:
  - When: Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from eleven o’clock until one o’clock.



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- Where: The Church of Christ at Manor Woods (5300 Norbeck Road, Rockville, MD 20850).
- Keynote Speaker: MMNCS(SS) Dominick Grimandi, USSVI Groton Base member.
- Attendance limited to 50 people.
- 2021 USSVI National Award Program:
  - National Award Nominations for Bases and Individuals is closed.
  - Newsletter of the Year award submission end date is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - See the 2021 USSVI Awards Manual for guidelines for nomination submissions.
  - Harold W. (Bill) Scott, II, STSC(SS) USN, Ret., is the USSVI National Awards Chair.

## USSVI NE District 4 Commander Nominees Platform:

- Time was allotted for the two NE District 4 Commander Nominees to present their respective platforms.
  - Arthur “Art” Glover
  - Charles “Chuck” Martin
- Time was allotted for comments and/or discussions to the two nominees. No comments or discussions were provided.

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

- NSL Headquarters address is 405 North Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone number is 703-256-0891.
  - NSL Headquarters has several Staff positions available, both part-time and full-time. The positions are: Assistant Editor/Publications, Business Manager, Executive Assistant, Communication Coordinator, Corporate Membership Coordinator, Individual Membership Coordinator, Events Coordinator, and Outreach Coordinator.
  - If you or someone you know is interested, contact Tim Oliver at [execdirector@navalsubleague.org](mailto:execdirector@navalsubleague.org)
- Tim thanked Howard Chatham for conducting interview with Ed Ettner to commemorate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and discuss Ed’s time in the submarine force. The interview will be incorporated into an NSL Quarterly Review probably later this year.
- NSL Capitol Chapter:
  - The next Capitol Chapter meeting is being planned for June.
  - If you have missed meetings, you can still see and hear the guest speaker’s presentations by visiting [https://capitol.navalsubleague.org/?page\\_id=30](https://capitol.navalsubleague.org/?page_id=30)
    - October 2020 Meeting, Jonti Powis presentation
    - 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



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- 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)
  - Corporate Member Day was held on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - 2021 Technology Symposium “Balancing Capability and Force Structure for High-End Combat”:
    - Scheduled for in-person 20-22 July 2021.
    - If in-person is not possible, an online conference format will be offered, and classified presentations will be recorded and included in the distribution of the Symposium proceedings.
  - Navy League Sea-Air-Space Expo still on track:
    - Scheduled for August 1-4, 2021.
    - STEM Expo will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
    - Location: Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center.
  - 2021 Annual Symposium and Industry Update:
    - Scheduled for 17-18 November 2012.
    - Location: Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Alexandria, VA.
    - Registration information will be posted in September on the NSL website.

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

- Upcoming International Submarines Congress:
  - 2022—Sweden (500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Swedish Navy). Tentative dates are 22-26 May 2022 and there will also be a Baltic cruise offered to coincide with the Congress.
  - The website for the Congress [www.57isc.com](http://www.57isc.com).
  - 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.
  - Application is on the ISA/USA website.
  - There are 33 countries as members of ISA.

### Upcoming submarine reunions:

- USS SCAMP (SSN-588)—May 17-21, 2021; Rapid City, SD  
**Call or Email the POC listed in the *American Submariner* to determine the status of reunions.**



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## OLD BUSINESS

- 2021 USSVI National Convention:
  - The convention will be at Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, 9939 Universal Blvd, Orlando, Florida 32819.
  - The convention dates are August 30-September 4, 2021.
  - The room fee is \$105.00 per night + tax. No Resort Fee will be charged, and the rates are good for stays from 27 August to 7 September. The cut-off date for Room Block is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Reservations made after this date may be made at the Convention rate based on room availability.
  - Reminder to submit your USSVI National Convention Reservation form when you make room reservations.
  - Guests receive the following:
    - 25% off Green Fees, use of Spa, and most restaurants (excluding Headwaters, 18 Monroe Street retail items, ParTake, and Smooth Java. Discount does not apply to room service or alcoholic beverages).
    - Free WIFI in room and common areas.
    - Free self-parking (show name tag when leaving parking lot).
    - Free Handicap parking in the valet parking lot with handicap placard/tag (call hotel for a ride to the front desk).
    - \$2.00 draft beer in the hospitality room.
  - Five USSVI Northern Virginia Base members (George & Penny Wallace, Mike Varone, Chuck Martin, and Tim Oliver) are planning to attend.
  - The NSL will have a booth at the Convention.
- The 2021-2022 USSVI Academic Scholarships:
  - Applications are being accepted for the August 2021-2022 academic scholarship cycle.
  - The deadline is May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - Eligible applicants include children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of a USSVI Member in good standing.
  - Appy at <http://subforcescholarships.smapply.io>
  - As a bonus, you can also apply for the Dolphin Scholarship Program on the same website.
- The *American Submariner* 2021 Second Quarter edition has been distributed and is available online at the USSVI National website.
- The Base's fundraiser for Project Mend-A-House is complete. The Base Treasurer sent the Base and Members' contributions to Project Mend-A-House. The total funds raised were \$1,125.00. Thanks to all who donated to this worthwhile cause. Our support will help a veteran and their family.
  - The Base received a Thank You letter from Project Mend-A-House (CDR read the Thank You letter) and a copy is appended at the end of these minutes.

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





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## NEW BUSINESS

- Holland Club Special Recognition:
  - Last year, the USSVI Holland Club began recognizing two special groups of Holland Club members.
    - The Senior Submarine Service (SSS) Award for being qualified for at least 70 years.
    - Certificate of Achievement (CoA) for being qualified in submarines for 75 years or longer.
  - The awards are not retroactive.
  - The Base has three members who received recognition in 2020; one SSS and two CoAs.
  - The intentions were to make the presentations to the awardees at the Holland Club Induction Luncheon, but due to COVID-19, the event was cancelled. The EXCOM has decided not to delay the presentations any longer.
  - On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, IPCDR Howard Chatham and CDR Chuck Martin made the first presentation to CDR Edward “Ed” Ettner, USN, Ret. Ed was recognized by USSVI Holland Club and the Base with the Senior Submarine Service Award. Ed has been qualified in submarines for 71 years. A photo of the presentation is appended at the end of these minutes.
  - We hope shortly to be able to conduct an in-person presentation to Al Anceravage and Francis McNamara for their CoAs.
- The Proposed USSVI Northern Virginia Base Bylaws Rev 4.0 was previously distributed to Base Members for consideration. A vote was held during the meeting on the proposed Bylaws:
  - Of the Base members present at the meeting, 12 voted to accept the proposed Bylaws and 0 voted to reject the proposed Bylaws.
  - The approved Bylaws will be forwarded to the NE District 4 Commander for approval.
- The Base Picnic date has been changed to be held at our September Base meeting in place of the Dixie Bones BBQ luncheon. A revised Base calendar will be emailed to the membership.
- For the latest COVID-19 information in the Northern Virginia area visit one of the below websites:
  - State of Virginia – <https://vaccinate.virginia.gov>
  - Dept of Veterans Affairs – <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine>
  - 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 and none were presented.

## The Binnacle List

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



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**For the Good of the Order**, the COB read the list of birthdays for May: Joe Castell, Bill Clement, Mike Harmody, Robert Miller, Mark Riethmeier, Noland Smith, Anita Varone, Penny Wallace, Ron Williams and the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (chartered in Connecticut on 22 May 1964).

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

The Chaplain delivered the Benediction.

The CDR called for a motion to adjourn, it was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 1158.

Following adjournment, the CDR called for a short 5-minute break which was followed by a special presentation of a short 15-minute video "U.S. Navy Submarine History & Training Documentary Film 1900-1954 'Take'er Down'"

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3pcyhqXvRQ0>).

Submitted by Joe Castell  
USSVI NOVA Base Secretary





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## USS LAGARTO (SS-371) Construction, Commissioning & First War patrol

LAGARTO (SS-371) was laid down on 12 January 1944 by the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Co., Manitowoc, Wisconsin; launched 28 May 1944; and commissioned 14 October 1944. Wow! Nine months to build and commission a submarine. Commander Frank D. Latta was the commissioning Commanding Officer. Commander Latta had previously made seven successful war patrols as Commanding Officer of USS NARWHAL (SS-167).

After trial tests and training in Lake Michigan, LAGARTO entered a floating drydock and was floated down the Mississippi River. LAGARTO departed New Orleans on 12 November 1944 for the Pacific via the Panama Canal. On 15 November, LAGARTO reported to Commander, Panama Sea Frontier, to begin her shakedown commencing 20 November and ending 5 December 1944. Sadly, during that period, on 3 December, Chief Machinist's Mate Pat Cole died of coronary thrombosis while LAGARTO lay at Saboya Anchorage, off Perlas Island, Panama.

LAGARTO cleared Balboa, Canal Zone on 9 December 1944 and reached Pearl Harbor on Christmas Day. The next day LAGARTO commenced a period of training and a special availability. This availability included: the installation of a second 5-in gun, the replacement of the 20 mm with two 40 mm mounts, the installation of additional topside ready-use lockers, the installation of eight topside mounts for .50 cal. machine guns, and the alteration of the small arms magazine to accommodate additional 5-inch ammunition stowage that brought the boat's total capacity to 220 rounds.

LAGARTO was to be a member of a three submarine task group for the initial phase of her first war patrol. USS HADDOCK (SS-231) on her 11<sup>th</sup> patrol and USS SENNET (SS-408) on her second patrol made up the remainder of this group that was designated Task Group 17.13 with ComTaskGroup 17.13 as Commander Latta in LAGARTO. HADDOCK was in Pearl completing repairs and upgrades that included the installation of two 5-in guns and 40mm mounts. SENNET was in Saipan, after her first patrol, undergoing refit by USS FULTON (AS-11).

LAGARTO and HADDOCK got underway from Pearl on 24 January 1945, heading for Saipan. They arrived at TAMPAG Harbor Saipan on 5 February and tied up in the FULTON nest, starboard side to USS ANGLER (SS-240), with HADDOCK tying up outboard of LAGARTO.

During the evening of 6 February (the evening before the "time sensitive" scheduled task group departure) in this historian's words "Murphy of Murphy's Law infamy arrived". HADDOCK's Commanding Officer Commander J.P. Roach, two HADDOCK officers (Lt. (jg) E.E. Bostrom & Lt(jg) P.C. Teachey), and two LAGARTO officers (Lt. W. R. Shaw & Ens. A.G. Brewington) were injured in an automobile accident. The next day, 7 February, four submarine qualified officers with patrol experience arrived from Guam and reported as replacements aboard the two submarines. Commander Submarine Division 81, Commander W.H. Brockman assumed command of HADDOCK and at 1730, 7 February, LAGARTO, HADDOCK, and SENNET got underway for their patrol area. Early in the morning of 8 February, LAGARTO decoded a message from COMSUBPAC informing LAGARTO that Lt. W.R. Shaw had died.



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As best described in the HADDOCK history and war patrol report, the objective of Task Group 17.13 was to conduct a diversionary sweep planned to attract enemy picket boats and patrol planes from the path of a carrier task group en route for airstrikes against Tokyo. The carrier task group attack plan was included as part of the plan for the capture of Iwo Jima. The submarine task group plan was to strike the picket lines in broad daylight and sometimes use searchlights to decoy the enemy to the area of their diversionary sweep during the nights. The picket boats were to be attacked with gunfire but were not to be sunk until they had time to send out contact reports.

Task Group 17.13 entered the assigned area at 0800 on 11 February. Formed a line of bearing, searching for picket boats. On 12 February, LAGARTO and HADDOCK sighted four B-29's and contacted two of them by VHF to receive dope on picket vessel locations. At 2300 on the 12<sup>th</sup> HADDOCK made contact with two small picket vessels, speed zero. The following is LAGARTO's "DETAILS OF ACTION" section of her war patrol report concerning the sinking of these two picket vessels on 13 February 1945.

"At 0632 LAGARTO opened fire with #1 gun while still in line of bearing. Opening range 7200 yards. Targets turned to northward, so executed ships left 50 degrees and all three submarines opened fire with both five inch. Targets returned fire at 7000 yards with automatic weapons about 40mm size. Numerous splashes within twenty yards of ship. HADDOCK concentrated on right hand (southerly vessel), SENNET and LAGARTO on left (leading and northerly vessel). In first ten minutes leading target suffered several hits and became obscured by smoke. LAGARTO shifted to southerly ship, and SENNET who was rapidly being blanked out of position by LAGARTO, swung left in full circle and fell in astern of LAGARTO. HADDOCK dealing successfully with southern ship, smoke cleared away from northern vessel showing her still underway. LAGARTO and SENNET continued to close range, both ships hitting repeatedly. Opened fire with 40mm at 2000 yards. Target had ceased to return fire by 0645, was stopped and burning heavily. SENNET went alongside to see if anything worth salvaging was left. Apparently it was too hot, SENNET pulled clear and was directed to sink target. Meanwhile HADDOCK had gone alongside the other picket vessel, sinking it with 40mm. Northerly vessel sank at 0739."

LAGARTO expended 189 rounds of 5"/25; balance – 43. One mis-fire, fired on second attempt.

SENNET expended 214 rounds of 5"/25; balance – 41.

HADDOCK expended all 148 rounds of 5"/25

At 1900 on the same day HADDOCK acquired new contacts. The plan for attack was established. SENNET and LAGARTO to attack at dawn with gunfire and HADDOCK make submerged torpedo attack at close range. LAGARTO and SENNET opened fire at 0647 14 February with "cold seas washing over gun crews". Target's return fire was heavier than the previous day's targets. At 0700 all 5" ammunition was expended from both SENNET and LAGARTO, so broke off the attack and retired southward. SENNET reported one man wounded by shrapnel. HADDOCK reported she fired one torpedo with no hit.

At 0800 14 February ComTaskGroup 17.13 detached SENNET to proceed to assigned patrol area. HADDOCK and LAGARTO would patrol adjacent areas and swap areas on 21<sup>st</sup> of February.



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On 24 February LAGARTO fired four torpedoes at a RO Class submarine with one hit that sunk the submarine.

LAGARTO's first war patrol ended on 20 March in SUBIC, PI, moored alongside USS GILMORE (AS16) for refit. HADDOCK's 11<sup>th</sup> war patrol ended in Guam on 17 March and SENNET's 2<sup>nd</sup> patrol ended in Guam on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March.

## POST LOSS OF LAGARTO ON 2<sup>ND</sup> PATROL

During June 2006, USS SALVOR (ARS-52) entered the Gulf of Thailand and divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 1 (MDSU-1) conducted six days of dives on the submarine shipwreck found the previous year. The submarine shipwreck was discovered by a civilian shipwreck diving team that was persuaded to locate the LAGARTO by Wisconsin Submarine Veterans of World War II and the Wisconsin Maritime Museum. The objective of the USS SALVOR was to survey and photographed the shipwreck to confirm the identity. Evidence was documented including the twin 5" gun mounts plus "Manitowoc" etched on the propellers. The documentation was sent to underwater archaeologists for further review and the U. S. Navy confirmed the shipwreck to be USS LAGARTO (SS-371). On 16 June 2006 the SALVOR divers attached a memorial plaque to LAGARTO's after capstan with the following text: **"IN MEMORY OF THE FIGHTING MEN IN USS LARGATO (SS-371) FROM THE CREW OF USS SALVOR (ARS-52) 16 JUNE 2006"**. SALVOR also conducted an all hands memorial service topside prior to departure.

The information in this presentation was acquired from the following:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Lagarto\\_\(SS-371\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Lagarto_(SS-371))

LAGARTO's ship history and 1st war patrol report contained at link: [https://issuu.com/hnsa/docs/ss-371\\_lagarto](https://issuu.com/hnsa/docs/ss-371_lagarto)

HADDOCK's ship history and 11th war patrol report contained at link: [https://issuu.com/hnsa/docs/ss-231\\_haddock](https://issuu.com/hnsa/docs/ss-231_haddock)

SENNET's ship history and 2nd war patrol report contained at link: [https://issuu.com/hnsa/docs/ss-408\\_sennet](https://issuu.com/hnsa/docs/ss-408_sennet)

56 minute video titled "LOST & FOUND THE SEARCH FOR \*USS LAGARTO\*" A joint production of Moshman Production, Inc. and the Wisconsin Maritime Museum. ©2017.

USS SALVOR ARS-52 ships history at link: <https://pacificwrecks.com/ships/usn/T-ARS-52>



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## Project Mend-A-House Thank You Letter

May 5, 2021

Chuck Martin, Commander  
U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.  
Northern Virginia Base

Dear Mr. Martin,

Please thank all your colleagues for their generous donations. The \$1,125 we received from your organization is most appreciated. This year, in particular, we are especially thankful. Raising funds during the Covid crisis has been a very difficult undertaking.

Your funding will be put to good use very soon. We have a number of Veterans with projects in queue now. With your help, we can make a dent in those open projects.

Again, thank you for your support. If you know any Veterans in need of our services in Prince William County, please don't hesitate to refer them to us. We will take good care of them.

Sincerely yours,

*John Swirchak*

John Swirchak  
Chief Executive Officer



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## Senior Submarine Service Award Presentation



Chuck Martin -standing, Ed Ettner - seating