

**MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE  
MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022**

The Base Vice Commander (VCDR), Brian Haller, called the meeting to order at 1106 on May 21, 2022, at Amphora Diner Deluxe Restaurant, 1151 Elden St, Herndon, VA. He welcomed all to this Holland Club Induction ceremony and luncheon: USSVI Northeast District Four Commander, Chuck Martin; our guest speaker, the Honorable Nickolas H. Guertin, Director, Operational Test & Evaluation Office of the Secretary of Defense; our Holland Club inductees and their families and guests; Holland Club members, regular members, and guests.

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jim Beavers, Steve Bishop, Debbie Bishop, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Bob Frick, Mickey Garverick, Brian Haller, Bill Lawton, Chuck Martin, Noland Smith, Paul Nelson, Terry Nelson, Tim Oliver, Mike Varone, and Woody Woodworth.

Plus, George Wallace, Penny Wallace, and Bruce Miller via Zoom. (19 Base attendees).

Ginger Haskell, William Johnson, Ken Landers, Annette Landers, Bob Hogue, Sandy Hogue, Tim Oliver, Jr., Pat Haller, Nancy O'Brien, Ed Wilbourn, Patti Wilbourn, Ashley Wilbourn, Nick Guertin, and Anita Varone. (14 guests)

■ Holland Club Member

■ Associate Member

■ Guest

The COB, Mike Varone, led all hands in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Base Chaplain, Mickey Garverick, delivered the Invocation.

The VCDR read the list of boats lost in the month of May. These were:

USS Lagarto (SS-371)	May 3, 1945
USS Squalus (SS-192)	May 23, 1939
USS Stickleback (SS-415)	May 30, 1958
USS Scorpion (SSN-589)	May 22, 1968

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE MEMBERS WHO DEPARTED ON  
ETERNAL PATROL IN MAY:**

- **Benny L. Parker**, Holland Club and USSVI Life Member, Qualified on USS Sea Owl (SS-405) in 1949. Departed on his Eternal Patrol on 4 May 2014.
- **Ralph E. Chatham**, Qualified on USS Barbel (SS-580) in 1972. Departed on his Eternal Patrol on 18 May 2013.

- **Arthur G. Smith**, Holland Club and Submarine Veterans of WWII Member, Qualified on USS Skate (SS-305) in 1944. Departed on his Eternal Patrol on 30 May 2010.
- **Richard A. McSpadden**, USSVI Life Member, Qualified on USS Trigger (SS-564) in 1957. Departed on his Eternal Patrol on 28 May 2009.
- **William Knull, Jr.**, Holland Club and Submarine Veterans of WWII Member, Qualified on USS Apogon (SS-308) in 1944. Departed on his Eternal Patrol on 28 May 2008.

The COB tolled the ship's bell twice in remembrance of the 34 members of the USSVI NOVA Base on Eternal Patrol.

### **IN MEMORIAM:**

CAPT Donald James Meyer, USN, Ret. - 13 March 2022.

CDR Dave Phillips Arnold, USN, Ret. - 25 March 2022.

CAPT John Byron, USN, Ret. - 30 March 2022.

**BINNACLE LIST:** Please keep the following in your prayers:

Alvin Anceravage, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Ginger Haskell, Steve Jaeger, Francis McNamara, Robert R. Miller, Tom Perrault, Tony Poblete, and George Wallace

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** The VCDR 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.”

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The following items of normal committee reports, and old and new business are included here for completeness, but were not discussed at the meeting:

### **MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the April meeting were previously distributed by e-mail.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT 21 May 2022**

- Beginning Cash on Hand 9 April 2022: \$10,532.68
- Plus, Receipts:

NFCU Dividends (April)	\$0.09
-Donation to Base (50/50 Raffle)	\$30.00
-Donation to Base from Martin from 50/50	\$31.00
-Donation to Base from Martin for Encore Singers	\$50.00
● Minus Expenditures:	
-Payment to Encore Singers	\$100.00
● Ending Cash on Hand:	\$10,543.77
Minus Local K4K Restricted Use Funds	\$1,379.40
● Total Local Discretionary Funds	\$9,164.37
● USSVCF NOVA Base K4K Balance	\$3,054.10
● Total K4K Funds (Local + USSVCF)	\$4,433.50

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Topics of discussion at the most recent Executive Board Meeting were recruiting efforts; final plans for the Holland Club event; meeting-related items; old business; new business; and meeting/event planning.

## MEMBERSHIP

We have 78 members:

- 46 Holland Club members
  - 2 are World War II members
- 25 Regular members
- 7 Associate members.

**The Youth Outreach Program:** Nothing to report (NTR)

**K4K Program:** NTR

**Storekeeper:** NTR

**PAO:** NTR

**OLD / NEW BUSINESS:** NTR

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER INTRODUCTION



The Master of Ceremonies, the Chief of the Boat (COB), Mike Varone, introduced our guest speaker:

**THE HONORABLE  
NICKOLAS H.  
GUERTIN – DIRECTOR,  
OPERATIONAL TEST  
AND EVALUATION  
OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF  
DEFENSE.**

The Honorable Nickolas H. Guertin was sworn in as Director, Operational Test and Evaluation on December 20, 2021. A Presidential appointee confirmed by the United States Senate, he serves as the senior advisor to the Secretary of Defense on operational and live-fire test

and evaluation for weapon systems and reports independently to Congress.

Enlisting out of High School as a nuclear power plant operator in 1979, FN Guertin went to boot camp in Great Lakes Illinois. EM3 Guertin subsequently completed Electrician's Mate 'A' School and graduated with the nuclear power class of 8006 in Orlando, FL, completing the pipeline in Windsor Locks, CT at the S1C prototype. His first boat was the USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SSN-618) where he qualified in submarines (enlisted) and moved up aggressively through a set of Engineering Department responsibilities for all Electrical Operator watch stations to include Engineering Watch Supervisor, all before being promoted to EM1(SS). After a successful Mediterranean and northern Atlantic deployments, the JEFFERSON was decommissioned. He spent 8 months on the crew of USS SILVERSIDES (SSN-679) during a refueling overhaul (again qualifying EWS) before completed his active duty service. He then enlisted in the Naval Reserve and

became a full-time student in pursuit of a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Washington, graduating in 1990. In 1991, he was promoted to EMC(SS) and later that year accepted a commission as a Navy Reserve Engineering Duty Officer. LCDR Guertin completed his uniformed service in 2002 having served in three shipyards, two naval warfare centers and having command of a ship repair team.

Starting in 1988 Mr. Guertin's civilian Navy engineering career saw service in propulsion plant testing, ship construction and maintenance, maintenance and testing of torpedoes, cutting-edge development of submarine sonar and combat management systems. He led business and technical transformation efforts to improve systems engineering and defense acquisition practices across the Navy and the other Defense Services. After retiring from the civil service in 2016, he performed applied research at Carnegie Mellon University's Software Engineering Institute on innovating and transforming development and operations of software-reliant and cyber-physical systems.

Over his 4-decade long career, he had been leading organizational transformation of defense acquisition, improving competition, applying modular open system approaches, as well as using prototyping and experimentation to explore innovative design and operational concepts. He has also researched and published extensively on software-reliant system design, testing, and delivery of military capabilities. He received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington and an MBA from Bryant University. He was Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certified in Program Management and Engineering, and is also a registered Professional Engineer (Mechanical).

The Honorable Guertin is involved with his community as a Scouts BSA Troop Committee Chair and Merit Badge Counselor as well as being an avid amateur musician. He is a native of Connecticut and now resides in Virginia with his wife Maria, a schoolteacher, and their twin children.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS



The highlights from his presentation were:

- Living in a metal tube with nuclear power was a little nutty.

- He told a USS Bonefish (SS-582) sea story. When he was at a pier beside the USS Bonefish (SS-582), he struck up a conversation with a crewmember (diesel boat sailor), about the hazards of running so many nuclear power plant drills, and the Bonefish sailor said, “We don’t need any drills, everything is always breaking down so we are always fixing stuff – who needs drills?”

- He said this Holland Club Induction ceremony is a solemn and joyous occasion – because to be in the Holland Club you must be qualified,

really old, and alive and kicking.

- He has been a friend of CAPT Tim Oliver for over 20 years.
- He quoted a Dr. Joyce Brothers article from 1963 after the loss of the USS Thresher (SSN593) about submariners and who they really are:

Togetheriness is an overworked term, but in no other branch of our military service is it given such full meaning as in the so-called “Silent Service.”

In an undersea craft, each man is totally dependent upon the skill of every other man in the crew, not only for top performance but for actual survival. Each knows that his very life depends on the others and because this is so, there is a bond among them that both challenges and comforts them. All of this gives the submariner a special feeling of pride, because he is indeed a member of an elite corps. The risks, then, are an inspiration, rather than a deterrent.

The challenge of masculinity is another factor which attracts men to serve on submarines. It certainly is a test of a man’s prowess and power to know that he can qualify for this highly selective service. However, it should be emphasized that this desire to prove masculinity is not pathological, as it might be in certain dare-devil pursuits, such as driving a motorcycle through a flaming hoop.

### Emotionally Healthy

There is nothing dare-devilish about the motivations of the man who decides to dedicate his life to the submarine service. He does, indeed, take pride in demonstrating that he is quite a man, but he does not do so to practice a form of

foolhardy brinksmanship, to see how close he can get to failure and still snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

On the contrary, the aim in the submarine service is to battle the danger, minimize the risk, to take every measure to make certain that safety rather than danger, is maintained at all times.

Are the men in submarines braver than those in other pursuits where the possibility of sudden tragedy is not constant? The glib answer would be that they are. It is much more accurate, from a psychological point of view, to say that they are not necessarily braver, but that they are men who have a little more insight into themselves and their capabilities.

They know themselves a little better than the next man. This has to be so with men who have a healthy reason to volunteer for such risk. They are generally a cut healthier emotionally than others of similar age and background because of their willingness to push themselves a little bit farther and not settle for an easier kind of existence.

We all have tremendous capabilities but are rarely straining at the upper level of what we can do; these men are.

The country can be proud and grateful that so many of its sound, young, eager men care enough about their own status in life – and the welfare of their country – to pool their skills and match them collectively against the power of the sea.

- He referenced the Bible, Psalm 107, about “Those who sail...”
- And he closed with praise of the USSVI Creed – no better purpose in life than this Creed.
- The COB presented The Honorable Nickolas Guertin with a USSVI NOVA Base Challenge coin and thanked him for speaking today.
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## **HOLLAND CLUB INDUCTION CEREMONY**

The master of ceremony for the Holland Club Induction Ceremony was the COB, Mike Varone. The three honorees today in attendance came forward and sat at the head table.

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION FOR ALL SUBMARINE VETERANS. WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION, TO RECOGNIZE, AND TO THANK FIVE OF OUR SHIPMATES – EN3(SS/DV) JAMES BEAVERS, YN3(SS) ANTHONY CUNNINGHAM, HN(SS) WILLIAM LAWTON, LT TIMOTHY OLIVER, and LTJG THOMAS PERRAULT - BY INDUCTING THEM INTO THE PRESTIGIOUS UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS HOLLAND CLUB.

THE HOLLAND CLUB IS NAMED AFTER JOHN P. HOLLAND, DESIGNER OF THE FIRST US NAVY SUBMARINE. IT IS AN EXCLUSIVE GROUP WITHIN USSVI, WHERE THE CORE REQUIREMENT FOR ELIGIBILITY IS THE DESIGNATION ‘QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES’ FOR A MINIMUM OF FIFTY YEARS.

TODAY WE RECOGNIZE OUR SHIPMATES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO, AND SUPPORT OF, THE SUBMARINE FORCE, AND TO SAY, ‘WELL DONE AND THANK YOU’ TO THEM FOR THEIR SPLENDID AND DEVOTED SERVICE. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS THEY REPRESENT THE LIVING HISTORICAL MEMORY OF OUR RICH SUBMARINE HERITAGE. WE WOULD NOT BE WHERE WE ARE TODAY IN SUBMARINES WITHOUT THEM. YOU ARE AMONGST THE PIONEERS WHO LED THE WAY AND SET THE STANDARDS FOR EXCELLENCE FOR THE SAILORS IN OUR SUBMARINE FLEET TODAY.

SOME MEMBERS OF THE HOLLAND CLUB EARNED THEIR DOLPHINS PRIOR TO OR DURING WORLD WAR II AND STILL OTHERS DURING THE COLD WAR. MANY OF THOSE THEY SERVED WITH HAVE DEPARTED ON ETERNAL PATROL. THEY SAW THE WAR WINNING DIESEL SUBMARINES GO THROUGH RADICAL CONVERSIONS AND LATER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NUCLEAR ATTACK AND BALLISTIC AND GUIDED MISSILE SUBMARINES.



WHEN WE MEET A HOLLAND CLUB MEMBER, WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY OF THE U.S. SUBMARINE FORCE. THEY ARE THE HISTORICAL CONNECTION AND INSPIRATION FOR THE SUBMARINER OF THE FUTURE.

THERE ARE NO EX-SUBMARINERS. SUBMARINE QUALIFICATION PASSES ONE INTO THE MYSTIC REALM OF UNDERSEA WARRIORS AND IT MARKS THEM FOREVER AS ONE OF A SPECIAL BREED. ALTHOUGH THEY NO LONGER SAIL BENEATH THE SEAS, THEY STILL WEAR THEIR 'DOLPHINS' WITH HONOR AND PRIDE.

THESE SHIPMATES, AND THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE, SERVED OUR NATION EXTREMELY WELL. THEY HAVE JUSTLY EARNED THE HONOR AND RESPECT WE SHOW THEM TODAY. WE, INDEED, ARE HONORED BY THEIR PRESENCE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN WE TOO MAY QUALIFY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THEIR SPECIAL GROUP.

BEFORE WE PROCEED WITH THE INDUCTION, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HOLLAND CLUB HERE TODAY STAND UP FOR A MOMENT AND BE RECOGNIZED."

[ Howard Chatham, Bob Frick, Mickey Garverick, Paul Nelson, Mike Varone, and Woody Woodworth]

TONY CUNNINGHAM AND TOM PERRAULT ARE NOT ABLE TO BE HERE WITH US TODAY FOR MEDICAL REASONS.

WE WILL READ THEIR BIOGRAPHIES FIRST TODAY. THEY WILL EACH RECEIVE THEIR AWARDS IN SEPARATE PRESENTATIONS LATER THIS YEAR

## **LCDR ANTHONY CUNNINGHAM, USN (RETIRED)**

Tony Cunningham enlisted in the U.S. Navy in August 1971 and attended Recruit Training at Naval Training Center, San Diego, CA. Following recruit training, he attended Yeoman “A” School at Service School Command in San Diego where he volunteered for Submarine duty. He reported to Naval Submarine School in Groton, CT in January 1972.

Upon graduation from Submarine School, he reported aboard the USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSBN 642) (Blue) undergoing refueling overhaul and Poseidon conversion at General Dynamics, Electric Boat in Groton. Upon overhaul completion and crew split, he remained with the Blue crew and participated in the ship’s first underway out of the yards to conduct demonstration and shakedown operations. Tony earned his Silver Dolphins in October 1972. He completed five deterrent patrols aboard KAMEHAMEHA, was advanced to YN2(SS) and was the ship’s Leading Yeoman for his last two patrols.

Tony reenlisted in May 1975 and transferred to Commander Submarine Squadron 18 Ship Systems Maintenance Monitoring and Support (SMMS) Team in Charleston, SC. In addition to being the Team’s sole yeoman, he was an integral part of the underway shipboard monitoring conducted by the team on all east coast SSBN submarines. While assigned to the SMMS team, he was advanced to YN1(SS).

In July 1977, Tony was reassigned to the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) as an enlisted personnel submarine assignment detailer. He coordinated assignments for TRIDENT New Construction and negotiated assignments for all Chiefs of the Boat in the Submarine Force. He later became the detailer for Nuclear Power trained personnel. While in this assignment, he was advanced to YNC(SS), reenlisted in May of 1981, and was selected under the Limited Duty Officer (LDO) program and commissioned an Ensign in April 1982.

In June 1982, he attended LDO Indoctrination at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL. Upon graduation, he reported to Commander Submarine Development Squadron 12 in Groton, CT as the Squadron Secretary. He was promoted to Lieutenant (junior grade) and to Lieutenant while assigned to the squadron.

In July 1984, Tony was reassigned to BUPERS as a rating assignment officer. He

oversaw 8 enlisted detailers responsible for all nuclear trained operator assignments in both the submarine and surface fleets.

In July 1988, he was assigned to Commander Submarine Group 10 in Kings Bay, GA as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel (N1) and Flag Secretary. He was a plank owner of the standup of the Group and coordinated the arrival of the first east coast Trident submarines to Kings Bay. While assigned to Group 10, Tony was promoted to Lieutenant Commander.

In July 1992, he was again assigned to BUPERS. In this assignment he was responsible for allocation guidance for the Navy's entire enlisted force afloat and ashore, surface, air, and submarine. Tony worked personally with Fleet and Force commander staffs ensuring fair and equitable personnel inventories throughout the fleet.

Tony retired from the Navy in January 1996 but continued his support of Navy personnel as the Navy Personnel Research and Development Center's (NRDC) representative to BUPERS and CNO N1 as a civil servant. In 2010, he became a supervisory manpower and personnel analyst for N1 and retired in May 2016.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Navy Commendation Medal (3 awards), Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, and Good Conduct Award (2 awards).

He has been married to the former Phyllis Koss of New London, CT since September 1972 and has two adult children, Adam and his wife Brandy, Jennifer and her husband Nathan, and three grandchildren, Addison, Brody and Ava. He and Phyllis reside in Warrenton, VA.

## **LCDR THOMAS J. PERRAULT, SR., USN (RETIRED)**

Tom Perrault served on four submarines during his 20 years in the Navy. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1965 and was a Quartermaster. After initial training he reported to USS SEA DOG (SS/AGSS-401), where he advanced to QM3 and qualified in submariners in 1966, earning his silver dolphins. In 1970, he entered and graduated from Officer Candidate School.

Following OCS and Officer Basic Submarine Training, Ensign Perrault reported to USS TRUTTA (SS-421) in 1971 as the Assistant Engineer and Communicator, where he again qualified in submarines in 1972, earning his gold dolphins. Tom now had the distinction of being qualified in submarines both as an enlisted man and an officer. While onboard USS TRUTTA, Tom was promoted to Lieutenant (Junior Grade).

In 1972, he reported to USS TUSK (SS-426) and served as Engineer. Tom departed the submarine in late 1973 to further his education. Between 1973 and 1974, he attended Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he received his MS in Information Systems Telecommunications degree and was promoted to Lieutenant. He then reported to the Weapons Officer School in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and upon graduating reported to USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SSBN-618) as the Strategic Weapons Officer from 1976 to 1978. Tom then reported to the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and served as the Strategic Communications Officer (N-5) from 1979 to June 1981. During this tour he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander.

Lieutenant Commander Perrault served as a Mobile Training Team member onboard ROCS Hai Pao (ex-TUSK) before retiring from the Navy in 1985. After retirement from the Navy, Tom was employed by Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc., where he was assigned as Configuration Management Manager (CMM) to MHS CEIS PMO.

Tom Perrault joined USSVI in 1996 and is a plank owner of USSVI Northern Virginia Base. He has been an active leader in the Base, having served as: Secretary from 1996 to 2003; Vice Commander from July 2004 until 2007 and then again in 2010; Base Commander in 2008 and 2011. Tom was elected and served as the EN4 District Commander in 2012. Tom has also been a member of Naval Submarine League – Capitol Chapter since 2001.

Tom is married to Judith and lives in Vienna, Virginia.

## LCDR JAMES BEAVERS, USN (RETIRED)



James Beavers retired from Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Co. (HSB) April 1, 2019, as the Western Region training supervisor. He has more than 32 years as an ASME Commissioned Pressure Vessel Inspector, ASME Code Shop Inspector, Field Service Supervisor, Claims Manager, and finally Western Region Training Supervisor with HSB.

Prior to his employment with HSB, James served 24 years in the U.S. Navy. Enlisting right out of High School in 1963, during his first training after Boot Camp, he volunteered for submarine duty. This was the beginning of a colorful and exciting career, starting with assignment to USS Bonefish (SS-582) based at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. James served aboard Bonefish for almost seven years, advancing from ENFN to EN1(SS/DV). After Bonefish, and while serving as a Navy Recruiter, he was selected for and advanced to Warrant Officer.

His commissioned career began as Material Officer aboard USS Midway (CVA-41), continuing as Chief Engineer aboard USS Molala (ATF-106), and then Maintenance Officer of Coastal River Division 11. Selected for and advanced to LTJG (LDO), James served as Main Propulsion Assistant aboard USS Kiska (AE-35), Chief Engineer aboard USS Hector (AR-7), Ship Superintendent for Submarine Overhaul and Conversion at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, California, and finally as Chief Engineer aboard USS Kansas City (AOR-3). James retired from the Navy as LCDR on June 30, 1987.

James married Kathleen D. Beavers in December 1970. They had one daughter, one granddaughter, one grandson and one great granddaughter. Kathleen passed away in 2011.

During COVID-19, James Beavers met and married Nancy Brown O'Brien on August 1, 2020. Nancy added four children and six grandchildren to his family.

James Beavers was born in the small farming town of Blytheville, Arkansas, April 9, 1945. His family moved to Modesto CA in 1953, where he grew up in the San

Joaquin Valley, graduated from high school and enlisted in the Navy.

After retirement, he received an Associate Degree from Modesto Junior College and a BA in Management from the University of Phoenix.

Significant Accomplishments: As Ship Superintendent at Mare Island NSY, James Beavers supervised modifications and repairs for the USS Parche (SSN-683), USS Richard B Russell (SSN-687), USS Jolla (SSN-701), and USS Sea Cliff (DSV-4).

## HM2(SS) WILLIAM LAWTON, USN (VETERAN)



Bill Lawton retired on December 31, 2019, as a Senior Trade Specialist at the Miami Export Assistance Center. He has more than 30 years in Government Service, twenty with the Commercial Service. He has also worked extensively in the private international sector, directing marketing at both U.S. and foreign firms.

Prior to his last position, Bill was assigned to U.S. Southern Command for more than two-and-a-half years, first as the Department of Commerce representative on the Haiti Task Force and then as the Department of Commerce liaison officer embedded in the J9 Business Engagement division. Before this he was the Commercial Consul at the U.S. Consulate in Shanghai, China, and then served as the Principal Commercial Officer at the U.S. Consulate in Vladivostok, Russia.

He has also been employed as a biologist for the National Marine Fisheries Service with the Bowhead research program working on the aerial and ice pack teams in Alaska for two years and as a NMFS observer aboard Russian stern trawlers and U.S. tuna vessels. After this he completed over four years of research on the acoustics and behavior of the humpback whale in Alaska, Hawaii, and Mexico.

In his last position in the private sector, he worked as a Director of International Marketing in the underwater acoustics and offshore oil and gas industry. Before this he was employed in the tourism industry for Holland America-Westours and Princess Cruises, eventually serving as the planning manager for Society Expeditions.

Mr. Lawton was born in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of an Army Officer. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Biology from the University of San Francisco, and an MBA from the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird) in Phoenix, Arizona, where he was recognized for advanced work on the European Union. Through the years, Bill has had the opportunity to learn Chinese, Russian, and French.

He is a combat veteran having served in the U.S. Navy with the Riverine Patrol Force in Vietnam and then aboard USS. George Washington Carver (SSBN-656) operating out of Holy Loch, Scotland.



## **CAPTAIN TIMOTHY W. OLIVER, USN (RETIRED)**



Tim Oliver served on five submarines during his 26 years in the Navy. He enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1964. He entered the U.S. Naval Academy and graduated in 1969. Following nuclear power and submarine training, he reported to USS SAM HOUSTON (SSBN 609) (BLUE), where he qualified in submarines in October 1972.

In July 1973, he reported to USS SKATE (SSN578) and served as Damage Control Assistant, Weapons Officer, and Navigator. In February 1975, he reported to USS SILVERSIDES (SSN 679) where he served as Engineer Officer until May 1978. He then reported to the Department of Energy, Naval Reactors Division where he worked on Admiral Rickover's staff from June 1978 to February 1981. He served as Executive Officer on USS PARCHE (SSN-683) from March 1981 to October 1983. He then reported to the staff of Commander

Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk, Virginia, and served as the Force Nuclear Power Officer from November 1983 to June 1985.

Captain Oliver served as the Commanding Officer, USS GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB (SSN 685), from February 1986 to December 1988. LIPSCOMB was the second electric-drive, nuclear-powered submarine and was homeported in Norfolk, Virginia.

He returned to the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet as Deputy Chief of Staff for Force Training and Readiness. Following this tour, he relieved as the SEAWOLF Class Submarine Assistant Program Manager for Combat Control Systems where he served until June 1992.

From July 1992 to June 1994 Captain Oliver served as Officer-in-Charge Naval Undersea Warfare Center Detachment, Norfolk. Following that assignment, he served as the Operations Director for Naval Stations and Bases on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief U. S. Atlantic Fleet Forces until his retirement in May 1995.

After retirement, he worked for consulting and software engineering companies that support the federal government for 17 years. Since April 2013, he has been the Executive Director of the non-profit Naval Submarine League. He holds a SECRET DoD clearance. Tim is married to Dr. Ginger Haskell, and his son is an opera singer in Germany,

The Benediction was delivered by the Chaplain, Mickey Garverick.

The Base CDR thanked Cathy and Howard Chatham, Pat and Brian Haller, and Mike Varone for coordinating this Holland Club Event.

The CDR reminded ALCON that the next meeting will be on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1100, at American Legion Post 364 in Woodbridge, VA. After the June meeting we will hold a BBQ at the pavilion adjacent to the parking lot. The meeting was adjourned at 1220.

All attendees then enjoyed an Amphora Deluxe Diner served luncheon of salad, Steak, Chicken Breast Picatta, Poached Salmon, or vegetable kabab, and chocolate cake, or strawberry angel food cake, or apple pie for dessert.

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Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted  
Stephen C Bishop  
Secretary, USSVI Northern Virginia Base

## PICTURES OF THE HOLLAND CLUB INDUCTION CEREMONY



Jim Beavers

Tim Oliver

Bill Lawton













