

MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

The Base CDR, Brian Haller, called the meeting to order at 10:30 on November 4, 2023, at American Legion Post 364 in Woodbridge, VA, and welcomed all the attendees.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Pat Haller, Brian Haller, Darlene Jaeger, Steve Jaeger, Chuck Martin, Ed Mattran, Mike Varone, Penny Wallace, George Wallace, and Joe Castell and Bruce Miller via Zoom. (13 total)

■ Holland Club Member

■ Associate Member

■ Guest

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

The Base Chaplain, Steve Jaeger, delivered the Invocation.

After a moment of silence, the Base Vice Commander, George Wallace, read the list of boats lost in November. These were:

USS Corvina (SS-226)	Nov 16, 1943
USS Sculpin (SS-191)	Nov 19, 1943
USS Albacore (SS-218)	Nov 07, 1944
USS Growler (SS-215)	Nov 08, 1944
USS Scamp (SS-277)	Nov 16, 1944

He then read the list of NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE members who departed on Eternal Patrol in November of previous years:

- **Lloyd A. Safford**, Qualified onboard the USS Irex (SS-482). Departed on his Eternal Patrol on 8 November 2001.
- **Raymond "Ray" Woodbury Stone**, Holland Club and Lifetime SUBVET Member. Qualified on USS Carp (SS-338), 1964. Departed on his Eternal Patrol on 19 November 2019.
- **Francis (Frank) C. Pasquinelli**, Holland Club and Lifetime SUBVET Member. Qualified on USS Odax (SS-484), 1959. Departed on his Eternal Patrol on 28 November 2020.

The COB then tolled the ship's bell twice in remembrance of the 42 USSVI NOVA Base members on Eternal Patrol.

IN MEMORIAM:

LT James H. Wilson, USN (Ret) – 22 February 2023;
CAPT Charles Thomas "Tom" Weaver, USN, (Ret) – 6 March 2023;
CAPT Neil "Buzz" Carns, USN (Ret) – 9 October 2023

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the October 2023 meeting were previously distributed by e-mail. There were no comments or corrections noted and they were accepted as promulgated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Base Treasurer, Howard Chatham, reported that there was a typo in the October Treasurer's report in that the Cash on Hand should have been \$11,885.96 vice \$11,855.96. He also reported that the Base had purchased a 12-month 4.78% APR Certificate of Deposit at NFCU.

NOVA Base Treasurer's Report for November 4, 2023

● Beginning Cash on Hand:	\$11,885.96
● Plus Receipts:	
•NFCU Checking Account Dividends (October)	\$0.09
•NFCU CD Dividends (October)	\$3.27
•Donation to Base from October 50/50 Raffle	\$29.00
•Donations to Base from Martin	\$30.00
•Donation to USSVCF Scholarship Fund Martin	\$20.00
•Base Dues – Steve Burnett	\$20.00
•SK sales	\$100.00
● Minus Expenditures:	
•Payment to National for USSVCF Scholarship Fund	\$20.00
● Ending Cash on Hand:	\$12,068.32
Minus Local K4K Restricted Use Funds	\$1,379.40
Minus NFCU 12-month Share Certificate	\$5,000.00
● Total Local Discretionary Funds	\$5,688.92
● USSVCF NOVA Base K4K Balance	\$3,054.10
● Total K4K Funds (Local + USSVCF)	\$4,433.50

The Treasurer also noted that the Total Local Discretionary Funds balance is in excess of the planned expenses for CY 2024 which made it possible to establish the \$5,000 CD.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: These were not presented at the meeting to allow time for the Pirate Auction and vacating the premise before a noon event that was being held by the Post.

EXECUTIVE BOARD – The meeting was held on 25 October via Zoom. The meeting agenda included committee reports, meeting-related items, old business, new business, and meeting/event planning.

VCDR – Nothing to Report (NTR)

COB – NTR

PAO - NTR

Treasurer – Recommended purchasing a \$5,000 CD from NFCU, and the board approved the recommendation.

Membership – The Membership Chair, Howard Chatham, reported:

- Membership information
 - 87 Members
 - 44 Holland Club Members
 - 01 WW II Member
 - 34 Regular Members
 - 14 – Life Members
 - 20 – Annual Members
 - 09 Associate Members
 - Newest Base Member: Steve Burnett
- For Base members who are not lifetime members, your Annual National and Base membership expires on December 31, 2023, and you need to submit your 2024 annual membership fees before that date unless you have prepaid for 2024. The Membership Chairperson will send out emails to those who need to renew their memberships for 2024 with the amount to submit.

Chaplain - The Base CDR read a letter that the Chaplain received from Joe Castell which thanked the Base for their card and support during his recovery from recent surgery. He will have six month of follow on treatment but is looking forward to attending our meeting via Zoom.

K4K – NTR

Storekeeper - The Storekeeper, Chuck Martin, has USSVI 2024 calendars for sale. The price is \$10 each, plus shipping, again this year. If you are interested in ordering a calendar, please let him know by sending an email to storekeeper@ussvinova.org.

Webmaster – NTR

Scouting Recognition Coordinator – NTR

NE Regional/NE District 4 News - EN4 District CDR Chuck Martin reported:

- 2023-2024 USSV Charitable Foundation (USSVCF) Challenge
 - The NE4 District Commander has challenged each Base in the District to double their annual Base donations to the USSVCF. The challenge runs from 1 Oct 2023 through 30 Sep 2024. Winnings are:
 - The NE4 DCDR will match up to double the annual donation amount that the Base donates to USSVCF.
 - The NE4 DCDR will donate \$300 to the Base that donates the most to the USSVCF.

Naval Submarine League (NSL)

- The 2023 NSL Annual Symposium and Industry Update will be held 7-8 Nov 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA.
- USSVI has arranged for a information table at the symposium which will be manned by USSVI members. If you wish to volunteer please contact Chuck Martin at cdr.ussvine4@mail.com.

International Submariners Associaton (ISA)/USA

- The 2024 Congress will be May 26-30, 2024 in Ireland and will be hosted by the US followed by the UK hosting the event in Northern Ireland May 30-31, 2024
- The link to the Congress webpage is <https://isaireland2024.com/>
- To join the International Submariners Association of the United States of America (ISA/USA Inc.) visit their website at <http://www.isausa.org/> for an application. Lifetime Membership is \$50.00.

Upcoming Submarine Reunions –

- USS Von Steuben (SSBN 632) April 11-14, 2024, Jacksonville, FL.
- USS Batfish (SSN 681) May 7-10, 2024, Nashville, TN.
- **Call or email the POC listed in the American Submariner to determine the status of the reunion.**

OLD BUSINESS

- The NOVA Veterans Association and Dulles Area Transportation Association provides free transportation to medical appointments to Veterans who are disabled or over the age of 65.
 - Coverage areas are Alexandria, Arlington, Eastern Loudoun, Fairfax, Fairfax City, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, and Prince William county.
 - Contact by phone at 703-659-0788 or by email at melissa@novavets.org.

NEW BUSINESS

- Nominations for the 2024 Base officers was opened by the Election Master, Chuck Martin. Voting will begin on or before November 11th when the Election Master distributes the ballots to the membership. It will end at the beginning of the December meeting. Several folks commented that the Base can only be successful when its members are willing to step up and volunteer to be an officer. This is your opportunity to forge the future of the USSVI Northern Virginia Base.
- The Chairman and Board Members of the USSVI Charitable Foundation Academic Scholarship Program announced that at 12:01 AM EST 31 October 2023, the 2024-2025 Academic Year Application Period and application website will be opened. To access the application portal after 12:01 AM EST 31 October 2023, go to **www.ussvcf.org**, click on "More", tab-scroll down and click on "Scholarship Application". Specific questions should be submitted to the Scholarship Chairman by email or phone. Applications must be completed on or before 19 May 2024. Awards for the 2024-25 Academic Year will be announced in July 2024.

- The USS Groton Sail Foundation is a 501(c)3 tax exempt nonprofit organization focused on building a lasting public monument to celebrate their region's contribution to our nation's defense. The centerpiece of the monument will be the USS Groton's sail and rudder, which will serve as a permanent tribute to the Navy's submarine community, past, present, and future. The Foundation is now attempting to raise \$2 million to secure a site in Groton, Connecticut and to build the monument. They are selling pavers and taking donations at <https://grotonsail.com>.

BINNACLE LIST - Please keep the following in your prayers: Joe Castell, "Terry" McNamara, Marie Phoenix, and Tom Perrault.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER - Birthdays for the month are: Rodey Batiza, Anthony "Tony" Cunningham, "Terry" McNamara, Eva Waylett, and the United States Marine Corps

BASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Saturday, December 9th at American Legion Post 364 in Woodbridge at 10:30. After the meeting, we will have our Annual Holiday Luncheon, at a location to be determined.
- If you are able, please bring a new unwrapped toy to the meeting to donate to the Post's Toys for Tots drive.

The Chaplain delivered the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 1050.

The **50/50 raffle** was won by Penny Wallace who donated her \$16 winnings back to the Base.

The Pirate Auction was held but due to the limited number of items donated and attendance at the meeting only \$38 was received. However, a number of folks generously donated additional funds to make the "auction" a reasonable success.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Howard Chatham for
Stephen C Bishop
Secretary, USSVI Northern Virginia Base