

## July 2024 Activities

There was no Base meeting in July but we held two other Base activities.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, we again entered a unit in the Dale City Fourth of July Parade. This year, notwithstanding the extreme heat, we had five participants (Base CDR Brian Haller, Past Base CDR Chuck Martin, Base Secretary/Treasurer Howard Chatham, Base Chief of the Boat (COB) Mike Varone, and Tim Oliver). Our Base VCDR, George Wallace, was also represented as we used his klaxon during the parade. The model of the USS Barbel was mounted atop Brian's vehicle. This time we started out almost two miles from the finish line but Chuck, Mike, and Tim marched the whole distance relegating Brian and Howard to the air-conditioned car.

Press Ctrl and Click on the following link to see the video of the parade. Our entry is at the 12 minute mark. [2024 Dale City Fourth of July Parade held \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2024DaleCityFourthofJulyParade)



On July 13<sup>th</sup> we held our annual informal dining out at Kilroy's Restaurant in Springfield VA.



We had 24 folks attending this year (Steve and Debbie Bishop, Howard and Cathy Chatham, Bill and Linda Clement, Ron and Eloise Grabowski, Bob and Sue Glover, Dick and Gloria Hamly, Jim and Bonnie Kraut, Jeff and Janice Leonard, Randy and Tiffany Tran, Mike and Anita Varone, George and Penny Wallace, Chuck Martin, and Woody Woodworth). Once again, a grand time was had by all.





Pictures of the motley crew well satiated.