

MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2013

The Base CDR, Howard Chatham, called the meeting to order at 1100 on February 9, 2013 at American Legion Post 162, Lorton, VA and welcomed all members and guests.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Alan Amos, Debbie Bishop, Steve Bishop, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Ralph Chatham, Delbert Ennis (new member), Ed Ettner, Barbara Ettner, Mary Ettner, Darlene Jaeger, Steve Jaeger, Chuck Martin, Bruce Miller, Regional Commander and Acting District Commander Mike Naughton, Mary Lou Naughton, Paul Nelson, Terry Nelson, Tim Oliver, Pete Petruy, Verna Sattler, Mike Varone, Anita Varone, George Wallace and Penny Wallace. (25 total)

■ Holland Club Member

■ Associate Member

■ Guest

The COB, Chuck Martin, led all hands in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chaplain, Steve Jaeger, delivered the Invocation.

The CDR read the list of boats lost in the month of January. These were:

USS Barbel (SS-316)	Feb 4, 1945
USS Shark (SS-174)	Feb 11, 1942
USS Amberjack (SS-219)	Feb 16, 1943
USS Grayback (SS-208)	Feb 27, 1944
USS Trout (SS-202)	Feb 29, 1944

The Base CDR read a passage on Submarine History prepared by our Historian: the war patrols of the USS Trout (SS-202), including her last patrol and probable cause of her demise during enemy action.

The Base CDR asked that our Legion Post 162 liaison, Mr. Alan Amos, come forward for a presentation. The base donated two checks: one for \$100 as a donation to the Post 162 in appreciation for the use of their facility; the second for \$50 as a donation to the Carville Star, a non-profit organization in Louisiana, targeted to assist those afflicted with Hanson's Disease (formerly called Leprosy). The Base's donation is in support of the effort in the Philippines.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the January meeting were e-mailed to the membership. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Starting balance: \$ 4,986.42

Ending balance: \$ 4,829.18

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's report.

The annual Base fiscal report for 2012 has been sent to the USSVI National treasurer, but no word has been received back yet on acceptance of the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Report by Steve Jaeger: 87 members, including one new member, Delbert Ennis, who signed up today. Delbert introduced himself and gave us a short history of his service and employment afterwards.

The Base Commander presented a summary of the most recent Executive Board Meeting, including plans for : this year's Sweetheart luncheon, Holland Club initiation, Year End Fiscal Report to USSVI National, donations to Legion Post 162, Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) plans for April, and the Thresher memorial plans.

The CDR noted that the NOVA Base COB, Chaplain, PAO, and Store Keeper (SK) positions are appointed and need confirmation of the Membership to act as appointed. The COB Chuck Martin, the Chaplain Steve Jaeger, the PAO Mike Varone, and the SK Howard Chatham were unanimously approved by voice vote.

The COB reported that the COB and the Base CDR attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony at Ruther Glen, Virginia where they presented a certificate and USSVI patch to a new Eagle Scout. This is part of a National USSVI program supporting Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Sea Scouts.

The Naval Submarine League representative in attendance, Tim Oliver, announced that RADM Dave Johnson (PEO Subs) will be the speaker at the Feb 15th luncheon meeting.

Regional Director and Acting District Commander Mike Naughton spoke:

1. The annual report to National is important so USSVI national can keep its 503(c) status with the IRS. The IRS is auditing closely all 503 C organizations for compliance.
2. District 3 intends to hold a District meeting on October 4th (dinner) and 5th (meeting), 2013 in Gettysburg, PA. This will be a multiple district meeting and a regional meeting combined.
3. The proposed NOVA base bylaws may need to be further amended. Mike will provide additional specific feedback to the EXCOM at their next meeting.

There were no other officer reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Terry Nelson addressed the final details for the Sweetheart's luncheon scheduled for after the meeting reminding ALCON to pay the Treasurer before leaving for the restaurant.

The Base CDR reminded the attendees of the lanyard and mugs being sold to support the commemoration of the loss of the USS Thresher fifty years ago. He spoke of the Wreaths Across America project at Arlington Memorial Cemetery, where he and hundreds of other volunteers braved the cold, snowy slopes two weekends ago to collect the many wreaths with red ribbons that were displayed on many of the grave markers. Mike Naughton presented Howard with a Wreaths Across America cap for his efforts.

Steve Bishop spoke about the NOVA Base Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) program. Our next visit to the Fairfax Hospital pediatric oncology ward will be on the afternoon of April 16th, 17th, or 18th (actual date to be publicized when finalized). **POST MEETING NOTE: The visit is now scheduled for April 25th at 1400.** We have received the smaller pink and blue knit "watchcaps"

with the "Honorary Submariner" logo to accommodate the younger kids for whom the ballcaps with logo are not appropriate.

The USS Clamagore in Charleston, SC is in dire need of financial help to conduct repairs to its memorial.

NEW BUSINESS

Wells Fargo Bank has offered to donate \$50 to the USSVI Charitable Foundation - Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Fund, for every Wells Fargo checking account opened by February 19th. (The website and information on the offer were e-mailed to the membership by the CDR after the meeting.)

NEWS From the Fleet:

- Female officers and enlisted personnel will start reporting to the VA class subs in FY 15.
- The CO of the USS Pasadena was relieved of command while the ship was in Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.
- The CNO has provided Navy sequestration funding guidance. This will affect EB and Subase Groton at the very least.

The Binnacle List currently only includes: Rod Puffer, Don Basham, Ralph Chatham, Tommy Cox (recovering nicely), Tom Perrault's niece, and the families of CAPTs Dave Taylor, John Markowicz, and VADM Mike Colley.

For the Good of the Order, the CDR read the list of birthdays for February: Margaret Chatham, Doc Compton (and his two daughters), Don Hall, Charlie Mills, Stephania Nielson, Ross Sargent, Gary Smith, and Peggy Williams.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Bruce Miller.

The speaker at next month's NOVA Base meeting will be Norman Polmar, a noted author and speaker on naval matters. His topic will be Project Azorian (the search for and raising of a Golf submarine in Pacific waters by the Glomar Explorer).

The Benediction was delivered by the Chaplain.

The CDR requested a motion to adjourn. It was so moved and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1145.

Twenty-one of the members and guests attended the annual Sweethearts luncheon at the Fireside Grill in downtown Lorton.

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