

**MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE  
MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, June 8, 2013**

The Base CDR, Howard Chatham, called the meeting to order at 1100 on June 8, 2013 at the American Legion Post 162, Lorton, VA, and welcomed all members and guests.

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Alan Amos, Al Anceravage, Debbie Bishop, Steve Bishop, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Delbert Ennis, Ed Ettner, Mary Ettner, Mickey Garverick, Brian Haller, Steve Jaeger, Jeff Howard, Chuck Martin, Mike Naughton (Regional Director), Mary Lou Naughton, Paul Nelson, Terry Nelson, Willie Petruy, Tim Poole, and Mike Varone (21 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.

After a moment of silence, the CDR read the list of boats lost in the month of June. These were:

USS Herring (SS-233)	Jun 1, 1944
USS R-12 (SS-89)	Jun 12, 1943
USS Golet (SS-361)	Jun 14, 1944
USS Bonefish (SS-223)	Jun 19, 1945
USS S-27 (SS-132)	Jun 19, 1942
USS O-9 (SS-70)	Jun 20, 1941
USS Runner (SS-275)	Jun 26, 1943

**HISTORICAL MOMENT**

The Historical moment was delivered by Holland Club member Ed Ettner who, as Paul Harvey used to say, gave us “the rest of the story” about the raising of the K-129. We should all remember that it was the NAVY AS LEAD, with the CIA grabbing the glory of the press. The Navy team was led by someone we know in USSVI who has stayed out of the press on purpose. The Navy used triangulation from multiple sources to determine the exact location of the sunken sub. Serendipity played a part: 1. As one Navy senior person knew of some USAF seismic acoustic command that could possibly help. Sure enough the USAF, when told to look at their recordings in a certain area for a particular event, indeed found another line of bearing for an implosive event for further triangulation; and 2. When a US seismic test ship happened to be in the area and could assist in the calibration of the USAF sensors. This Navy team leader was lucky, as well as very good. Just remember, it was the NAVY as the LEAD on this operation, and we are so very proud of all who participated and led this multiple year classified adventure. Who else could keep something this big, secret for so long? BZ, Ed.

**MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the May meeting were distributed by e-mail and hard copies were available on each table. Minutes were approved by the membership.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer, Steve Jaeger, presented the following:

Starting balance: \$ 4,989.82

Ending balance: \$ 5,245.82 as of June 8, 2013.

The Treasurer's report was approved by the membership.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Base Commander summarized the discussion at the recent Executive Board meeting, including: 1. Plans for this year's Holland Club initiation; 2. Discussed another suggestion on how to raise funds for the base - corporate donations; 3. Decided to drop the newsletter; 4. We will be contacting the Fairfax County Schools regarding a submarine presentation to students in the fall; 5. We still need to alert the base membership about the cost and desirability of commissioning a Base challenge coin; 6. We are working with Legion Post 162 to coordinate the use of their facility for a BBQ after the September meeting; 7. Discussed buying some submarine related books for the library at Fairfax Inova Hospital for Kaps 4 Kids; 8. Discussed the District Commander voting; and 9. Discussed the DD-214 saga.

The Vice Commander announced that the Legion, as a fund raiser, is selling White House ornaments starting today.

**Membership Report** by Steve Jaeger: 84 members.

**COB:** Nothing to report

**Public Relations / Veterans:** Nothing to report.

**Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss):** The date for our next visit to Fairfax Inova Hospital's pediatric oncology ward will be the week of Veterans Day in early November, 2013. Two pictures of our Kaps 4 Kids nursing coordinator at Fairfax Hospital, Miss Holly Senn, were passed around. As she traveled to visit her family in the deep South she stopped to tour the submarine USS Clamagore in Charleston, SC, and she sent us her smiling pictures from that submarine visit.

**Submarine League:** The Base CDR reported that the NSL Fall Symposium will be held on 10/23-24/13 and the Capitol Chapter Fall luncheon will be on Friday, 9/20/13.

**Regional Director Mike Naughton:** Mike announced that there will be a NE Region business meeting in early October; the elections for District 4 Commander are open and paper ballots are available at the meeting if you forgot yours; and the NJ South base invites all to attend their Annual PIGNIC on 7/27/13 (NOT A TYPO – IT'S A PICNIC FEATURING PIG-SOURCED FOOD PRODUCTS).

There were no other officer reports.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

IAW the by-laws, Holland Club members pay no base dues. We will ask for additional

suggestions on how to restore that income and also to see if members can solicit donations from their current or former or local businesses.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, the following base members participated with Legion Post 162 in placing flags at local veterans' graves: Brian and Pat Haller, Mike Varone, Chuck Martin, and Howard Chatham.

The following base members participated with the Capitol and Tri-State bases in their Tolling of the Boats ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery last month: the Compton family (3), two Brodie families (5), Chuck Martin, Richard Lowry, and Howard Chatham.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Vehicle decals will no longer be needed on Navy bases as of July 1, 2013.
2. Flag announcement: RDML (sel) Thomas Kearny, who will become Vice Commander of NAVSEA
3. The Spanish Navy designed a submarine for only one dive; EB has since been contracted to lighten the sub.
4. COMSUBFOR set up a task force on the integration of female enlisted sailors on submarines, specifically SSBNs, SSGNs, and VA class SSNs
5. The regular base meeting for July is superseded by our participation in the Lorton 4th of July parade. Plan to meet July 4th at the American Legion Post at 9:30 AM to carpool to the parade route in town. Members and associate members are encouraged to participate.
6. There will be an informal meeting for dinner at Neighbor's Restaurant in Vienna VA at 1800 on July 13<sup>th</sup>.
7. The Base CDR explained how electronic requests for a DD-214 are not as simple and timely as one is left to believe. Except in emergencies the process may take up to three months and the only "electronic" portion of the process is preparing the form for printing; it still has to be mailed to the processors.

**The Binnacle List** currently includes:

Wayne Baldwin, Don Basham, Rod Puffer, and the family of Ralph Chatham.

**For the Good of the Order**, the CDR read the list of birthdays for June: Don Basham, Debbie Bishop, Marcy Bivens, , Dan Burke, Dave Cooper, Jeff Earl, Curt Haggard, Brian Haller, Art Rosen, Lee Turner and Reb Wootten.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Tim Poole and he was also awarded a ticket to the raffle being conducted by the Capital Base for registration for the upcoming USSVI National Convention. The COB reported that he had additional tickets available for purchase.

The Benediction was delivered by the Chaplain.

The CDR adjourned the business meeting at 12:03 PM.

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Following the meeting we viewed the video of the interview by the Virginia War Memorial with Al Anceravage, one of our two WW II veterans. It was remarkable and Al was very good at

explaining his submarine duties and trying times while he and the crew were helping people and troops near the Philippine Islands during World War II. It must be very difficult answering a person's / video reporter's questions when that person has no clue what goes on inside a submarine. THANK YOU, AL for this wonderful sharing of your submarine days!!!!

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by  
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Secretary, USSVI Northern Virginia Base