



USSVI Northern Virginia Base



News and Upcoming Events

It has been a few months now since the Base has held a meeting, first because of Veterans Day (planned) and then the 2017 Snow Storm in December (Yea, right!), so I thought I would at put together this News and Upcoming Events paper to keep everyone informed.

Let us remember our shipmates who gave their lives in pursuit of their duties while serving their country, that their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice will be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and also honor our Shipmates on active duty in the service of the first line of defense of our Nation with a moment of silence.

Boats lost during the month of December were:

USS Capelin (SS-289): Lost on Dec 2, 1943 with the loss of 76 men. She was on her 1st war patrol. Her exact location and cause of loss remain unknown.

USS Sealion (SS-195): Lost on Dec 10, 1941 with the loss of 4 men. To prevent her from falling into enemy hands, she was scuttled in Manila Bay after incurring severe bomb damage during the initial Japanese attack. One other crew member was later captured and died in a POW camp.

USS F-1 / Carp (SS-20): Lost on December 17, 1917 with the loss of 19 officers and men when it was sunk after a collision with the USS F-3 (Pickerell) (SS-22) off San Clemente, CA.

USS S-4 (SS-109): Lost on December 17, 1927 with the loss of 40 officers and men when it was sunk after being rammed by USCG destroyer Paulding. She was salvaged in 1928 and recommissioned.

Please take a moment of silence in Remembrance of the 24 USSVI Northern Virginia members on Eternal Patrol

IN MEMORIAM: ETCS (SS) James T. Graver, USN, Ret.; MMCM (SS) Norman Dale ("Shorty") Garoutte, USN, Ret.; LT Roy Earl Ator, USN, Ret.

SAILORS, REST YOUR OAR.

The minutes from the October meeting have been distributed to the membership. The minutes are accepted as distributed, please email any correction or objections to the minutes to the Commander at cdr@ussvinova.org.



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The Treasurer Report of the status of the Base funds as of December 9, 2017 is below. The Treasurer report will be accepted as reported in this article and will be amended as needed if any one finds an error and reports it to cdr@ussvinova.org.

• Beginning Cash on Hand	\$ 8,838.93
• Receipts:	\$ 105.77
• Donations-Base	
• Interest/Dividends	
• Revenue-Raffles	
• Expenditures:	\$ 361.74
• Base Operating Expenses	
• USSVI Liability Insurance Payment	
• Expense-Kaps-4-Kids (from 3KW Funds)	
• Ending Sub-Total	\$ 8,582.96
• Minus Remaining Walmart Grant	\$ 1,303.20
rest. use funds	
• Grand Total (Discretionary)	\$ 7,279.76

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE BOARD – The Executive Board meeting was held November 29th. We discussed membership; plans for upcoming meetings and events; K4K program; updates to the website; 2018 Base Budget and Calendar; and Eagle Scout program

TREASURER – The Treasurer has prepared the 2018 USSVI NOVA Budget proposal and will present it to the Base during the January meeting for a vote to accept the budget.

MEMBERSHIP – The Membership Chair was prepared to present the below items to the base.

- December’s Membership Report
 - 81 Base Members
 - 38 Holland Club Members
 - Four WWII Veterans
 - 33 Regular Base Members
 - 10 Associate Base Members
- Our newest Base member James "Jim" Kraut. Jim has been a USSVI Member-At-Large since 2008. Jim served in the Navy from 1966-1973 reaching the rank of CS2(SS). He served aboard the USS Albacore (AGSS 569) from 1968-1969 and qualifying on her in 1968. Jim is married to Bonnie.
- 2018 National and NOVA-Base annual dues are due by 31 December 2017
 - Annual dues are \$40.00/member (\$25.00 National, \$15.00 Base)
 - If you have not paid for your 2018 membership dues already, contact the Base Treasurer immediately to make arrangements.



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PAO –

- Still researching the requirements for Adopt-a-Highway Program and information
- Engaging with the newly elected Prince Williams County Board of Supervisors about the USSVI Highway Naming initiative.
- Attended the Fleet Reserve Association meeting in Fredericksburg, VA to promote USSVI

HISTORIAN – The Base is seeking a volunteer to be the Base Historian.

VETERANS AFFAIRS -

- TRICARE has some major changes effective 1 January 2018
 - TRICARE for Life – NO CHANGE
 - TRICARE Standard and Extra becomes TRICARE Select
 - TRICARE North and South Region will be combined and becomes the new TRICARE East Region
 - Must enroll annually during Open Enrollment Period

STOREKEEPER – Howard has the 2018 USSVI Calendar that were preordered. Please bring your payment for any calendar(s) that you may have ordered to the January meeting. Also he has a few extra copies of the calendars for sale.

K4K –

- Our recent visits were:
 - UVA in Charlottesville, VA on Tuesday September 26, 2017.
 - Fairfax INOVA in Falls Church, VA on Thursday October 26, 2017
- Our next visits are:
 - We are working with Walter Reed National Medical Center to schedule a visit in February of 2018
- The planned Base visit to Walter Reed National Medical Center in Bethesda, MD visit on November 16th was cancelled due to lack of patients. That is GREAT NEWS! So we will be officially releasing the USSVI NOVA K4K Coloring Book during our next visit to Walter Reed National Medical Center.
- USSVI Northern Virginia K4K program visited 112 children in 2017 and has visited 438 children since the program was established. Great Job Team!

CHAPLAIN – Please take a moment of silence for the latest shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

- Let's remember the 44 Crew Members of Argentina submarine ARA San Juan who have gone on Eternal Patrol.
- USSVI Northern Virginia Base Member GMG2(SS) Charles T Mills went on Eternal Patrol on October 30, 2017
- USSVI Northern Virginia Base Member CAPT Richard J. Lulor went on Eternal Patrol on August 30, 2017
- Richard Lowry, USSVI Northern Virginia Base Historian, is being laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on January 10, 2018. The Lowry family will arrive at the Arlington National Cemetery Administration Building at 8:15 am and guests planning



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on attending should arrive by 8:30 am. Honors and inurnment will begin at 9:00 am at the Columbarium.

SCOUTING COORDINATOR –

- Upcoming Eagle Scout Court of Honors:
 - Eagle Scout Luke Cann's Court of Honor is being held at St. Mark Catholic Church Activity Center at 9970 Vale Road Vienna VA 22181 on Tuesday January 9, 2018 at 7:30 pm. Luke's father is CAPT Glenn Cann USN (ret.). His naval service was from 1980 to 2004 and he served onboard USS NARWHAL (SSN 671), USS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (SSBN 657) and USS FRANK CABLE (AS-40).

NJROTC/SCHOOL PROGRAM COORDINATOR –

- The CDR and two NSL members participated in the Potomac Senior High School NJROTC Area 5 Sanctioned meet on Saturday October 21, 2017.

SUBLEAGUE –

- Next Capitol Chapter luncheon is Friday, 2 February 2018 at the ANCC, 1130-1330. Our speaker is VADM Fritz Roegge, President of the National Defense University.

2018 BASE OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS –

- My special Thanks to Brian Haller, Paul Nelson, Woody Woodworth, and Steve Bishop for their support in conducting this year election
- The results of the Base Officers Election for 2018 are:
 - Base Commander – Chuck Martin
 - Vice Commander – George Wallace
 - Treasurer – Steve Jaeger
 - Secretary – Steve Bishop
- The Officers–elect will be sworn in at the January meeting

OLD BUSINESS

- USS Scorpion (SSN 589) 50th Anniversary Memorial
 - May 25 - 27, 2018 in Norfolk, Va.
 - CNO, Admiral John M. Richardson as keynote speaker for the memorial service.
 - Request each USSVI Base to donate \$99 in honor of the 99 crewmembers lost on SCORPION on May 22, 1968.
 - EXCOM voted to place a donation of \$99 in the 2018 Base Budget.
 - USSVI NOVA is sponsoring RMCS Robert Johnson. The same person we sponsored during the 45th Memorial event.
- Military & Veteran Legal Resource Guide By Virginia Office of the Attorney General
 - Released in July 2017
 - Outstanding resource for Military & Veterans
- USSVI Membership Policy for 2018 Calendar Year
 - Any Armed Services Active Duty member is eligible to join USSVI as a regular or associate member



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- Membership dues for first calendar year are waived.
- Restrictions
 - An application must be sent into the National Office.
 - Membership card will not be issued until their first renewal in December of 2018.
 - Member will receive only the electronic version of the American Submariner during 2018.USSVI National Convention held September 1-6
- USSVI CF Brotherhood Fund has established a Hurricane Harvey and a Hurricane Irma fund. You can donate to either or both by sending a check made out to the USSV Charitable Foundation with a note in the memo line as to which fund. Send your check to the USSVI National Office.

NEW BUSINESS

- News from USSVI:
 - The 2018-2019 Academic Year Scholarship application package has been posted on the USSVI.org Website and may be downloaded. The Scholarship page is found by ng the Charitable Fund section, then Scholarship Tab, Then Application Tab - all located on the left side of the home page of USSVI.ORG. The three documents located in the Scholarship Application page must be downloaded. Interested sponsors and applicants are encouraged to read through the instruction and procedure document followed by the application form and then the guidance pages to ensure they understand the process and the due dates for the submissions and supporting documentation.
 - First call for Nominations for the 2018 National Officer Elections
 - 2018 is an election year and the following National Officer positions are available:
 - **National Commander**- Nominees for National Commander must have completed at least two years as a voting member of the Board of Directors by the time they take office as National Commander.
 - **National Senior Vice Commander**- Nominees for Senior Vice-Commander must have completed at least two years as a Member of the Board of Directors, and must certify that they have or will develop a working familiarity of the USSVI bookkeeping software.
 - **National Junior Vice Commander** - Nominees for Junior Vice-Commander must have completed at least two years as a Member of the Board of Directors.
 - **National Treasurer** – Must be a Regular member in good standing and Nominees for National Treasurer must have some experience in bookkeeping, certify that they have, or will develop a working knowledge of the USSVI approved bookkeeping software, use the USSVI approved software as part of his/her duties as National Treasurer, and cannot change to another software package without the Board of Director's approval.
 - **National Secretary** - Must be a Regular member in good standing.
 - **Regional Director** - Must be a member in good standing of a Base within the Region.



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- Note: All nominations must be sent to the Nominations Committee Chairman on or before March 1st, 2018. The nomination is accompanied by a letter from the Nominee indicating his willingness to accept the nomination and willingness to serve if elected.
- The Nomination Letter includes details of the nominee's qualifications in less than one hundred (100) words.
- The 2018 Nominations Committee Chairman is IPNC Al Singleman, Jr. e-mail al@ssbn657.com
- The Tim VeArd Free USSVI Base websites that are part of the present USSVI Database WILL NOT BE PART OF THE NEW SYSTEM. The main reason is the cost to reformat them and write new software to edit and control them. You will have about a month to down load photos, patches, boat photo, and articles etc. from your USSVI Base website so you can make a GO Daddy site or other site of your own.
- Please get a chest X-ray from your doctor and ask for the CD of the X-ray. Ask them to check to see if you have Pleural Plaques in your lungs. If you do, there is a high probability that you have Asbestosis. Pleural Plaques and Asbestosis are recognized and compensated by the VA. Additionally, you may qualify for civil compensation and Shipmate T Michael Bircumshaw will be glad to direct you in obtaining both VA money and the civil money available. He has both diseases and knows something about the issue. Neither of these ailments can be treated, so you may as well get the money. Additionally, you may get an indicator on whether or not you have Mesothelioma. That will eventually require a biopsy and is worth the big bucks, and if you have it, you are probably a shorttimer. Contact (email) Michael and get this done, for you, for your family.
- The electronic version of the latest issue of the "American Submariner" magazine is now available through the USSVI.org website.
- On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI), I offer our sincere condolences on the loss of ARA San Juan. The crew and family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are grateful for their service to the Argentine Submarine Service. To our Brothers we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service. "Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way." 2 Thess 3:16. ARA San Juan , Now on Eternal Patrol. Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate. Bill Dixon, National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans, USSVI.

BINNACLE LIST

"PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS."

Al Anceravage, Barbara Harmody, Steve & Darlene Jaeger for Darlene's mom, Howard & Cathy Chatham for Cathy's Sister passing away, Tony Poblete, and Ray Stone.



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Birthdays for December are: Rich Carpel, John "Bud" Cunnally, Carol Fannan, Frank Fannan, Susan Frick, Mickey Garverick, Sheila Gilmore, Pat Haller, Darlene Jaeger, Barbara Miller, Mary Lou Naughton, Mike Naughton, Tim Shannon, George Steeg, Ray Stone, and Mike White.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 13TH WITH CAPT George "Rich" Arnold, PEO SUBMARINE ACOUSTIC SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE (SUB PMS 401) AS OUR GUEST SPEAKER.