



USSVI Northern Virginia Base



MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th, 2021

The Base CDR, Chuck Martin, called the meeting to order at 1105 on December 11th, 2021, at the American Legion Post 364, Woodbridge, VA, and welcomed all members and guests. The meeting was also conducted using the Zoom web conferencing application to allow attendance by Base members, not in the local area, and to support the continued social distancing requirements associated with COVID-19. The CDR requested that members and guests provide him with an email to document attendance.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Bishop, **Deborah Bishop**, Joe Castell, **Howard Chatham**, **Catherine Chatham**, **Michael “Mickey” Garverick**, **Robert Glover**, Brian Haller, **Steve Jaeger**, **Darlene Jaeger**, Chuck Martin, **Jere Minich (visiting from TN)**, **Joe Phoenix**, **Marie Phoenix**, **Mike Varone**, **Anita Varone**, George Wallace, **Penny Wallace**, and **Woody Woodworth** (19 total).

■ **Holland Club Member**

■ **Associate Member**

■ **Guest**

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

The **Chaplain**, Mickey Garverick, delivered the Invocation.

The **VCDR**, Brian Haller, read the list of boats lost in December. These were:

USS F-1/CARP (SS-20)	December 17, 1917
USS S-4 (SS-109)	December 17, 1927
USS SEALION (SS-195)	December 10, 1941
USS CAPELIN (SS-289)	December 2, 1943

The **COB** then tolled the ship’s bell twice for the 32 USSVI Northern Virginia Base members on Eternal Patrol.

IN MEMORIAM: RADM David Joseph Antanitus, USN, Ret—11/24/21; CAPT Robert Lawrence Murrill, USN, Ret—11/25/21; RADM Charles F. Horne, III, USN, Ret—11/29/21; James Ferguson former EM2(SS)—12/04/21; CAPT Eugene Milo Masica, USN, Ret—12/04/21.

BASE HISTORIAN: Woody Woodworth read an article on the history of Pearl Harbor and the WW II contributions by the Submarine Force. The article is appended at the end of these minutes.

MEETING MINUTES

The November 2021 NOVA Base meeting minutes were previously distributed to the membership. The CDR asked whether there were any additional comments or discussions for the November minutes. Hearing no additional comments or corrections, the minutes were accepted.



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The **TREASURER**, Brian Haller, presented the Treasurer's monthly report:

•	Beginning Cash on Hand:	\$ 9,761.24
•	Plus Receipts:	
	- NFCU Interest/Dividends	\$ 0.09
	- Base Dues	\$ 130.00
	- National Dues	\$ 125.00
	- Donation to Base	\$ 30.00
	- Donations to USSVCF	\$ 20.00
	- Sale of Items	\$ 361.00
•	Minus Expenditures:	
	- Dues to National	
	○ (Includes Life National Dues for R. Guntang as HC Member)	\$ 225.00
	- Purchase Items for Resale	\$ 23.61
•	Ending Cash on Hand:	\$ 10,178.72
	- Minus Local K4K Restricted Use Funds	(\$1,379.40)
•	Total Local Discretionary Funds	\$ 8,799.32
•	USSVCF NOVA Base K4K Balance:	\$ 3,054.10
•	Total K4K Funds (Local + USSVCF):	\$ 4,433.50

The CDR asked whether there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's report, hearing none, the report was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** meeting was held on December 1st, 2021, via Zoom. The meeting agenda included:

- Committee Reports
- Membership
- 2022 draft Base budget
- 2022 draft Base calendar
- Base election
- Old and new business
- Other Base events/calendar

The **VCDR**, Brian Haller, presented the following:

- The National WW II Museum in New Orleans has a unique opportunity to create lasting tributes to loved ones who have served their country:
 - For only \$250, you can purchase a brick to be installed on the Campus of the Museum.



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- Three lines of personalized text allows you to commemorate family and friends who overcame a significant challenge to our Nation.
- More information on commemorative bricks can be found at their website <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/commemorative-bricks-facebook>
- The National WW II Museum tells the story of America at war and offers compelling blends of narratives, personal details, displays, and much more:
 - The museum offers a unique opportunity to learn more about the greatest generation.
 - National WW II Museum website is <https://www.nationalww2museum.org>

The **COB/PAO**, Mike Varone, presented the following:

- Our Holiday Luncheon is today, December 11th at Madigan's Waterfront Restaurant:
 - The COB asked for a show of hands for those desiring to attend the luncheon to provide a head count to the Restaurant.
 - Of those attending the meeting, 15 indicated they would attend the luncheon.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT presented by Chuck Marin: 79 members comprising:

- 42 Holland Club members,
 - 3 WW II members
- 29 Regular members
 - 20 Life members
 - 9 Annual members
- 8 Associate members
- Annual membership for Regular and Associate members expires on December 31st of the year that dues are paid up. The CDR will be sending another email shortly requesting you to pay your dues.
- Early Bird drawing will be conducted at the end of the meeting. Winners will have their next Base annual fees paid for by the Base.
- Early Bird winners from last year's drawing are: Regular Member—George Wallace and Associate Member—Cathy Chatham. Their 2022 Base dues will be paid for by the Base.

The **CHAPLAIN**, Mickey Garverick, had nothing to report.

The **KAPS 4 KIDS** Chairman, Steve Bishop, had nothing to report.

The **SCOUTING COORDINATOR**, Chuck Martin, had nothing to report.

The **STOREKEEPER**, Howard Chatham, reported:

- Storekeeper has USSVI NOVA challenge coins, submarine stickers, Silent Service dog tags/keychain, Silent Service/Pride Runs Deep ribbon magnets, and USSVI NOVA Base patches available for purchase.
- Storekeeper also has Holland Club Lapel Pins and window decals for \$5 each.
- Three 2022 USSVI Calendars are available from the Base SK. The price is \$10 per calendar plus postage if mailed.



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- Contact Howard at storekeeper@ussvinova.org if you have an interest in purchasing any submarine-related merchandise.

The **WEBMASTER**, Howard Chatham, reported the following:

- No issues with the Base website.
- Base speakers and presentations are now on the Base website.
 - Go to the USSVI Northern Virginia Base website at www.ussvinova.org
 - Scroll down the home page until you reach the Photo Album/Presentations section
 - Click on the Presentations hyperlink listed in the second bullet
 - A new page will open up with the list of available presentations and the hyperlink for viewing the presentation
 - Select the presentation(s) you wish to view and click on the associated hyperlink

The **USSVI NE District 4 Commander**, Chuck Martin, provided the following:

- Region News:
 - USSVI Groton Base
 - Held another successful Thanksgiving Caring and Sharing dinner event. Estimated close to 1800 meals were dished out, both to-go and sit down.
 - “The Day” newspaper article covered the event:
<https://www.theday.com/local-news/20211125/thanksgiving-setting-for-sailors-in-groton>
 - NBC Connecticut News also covered the event:
<https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/sailors-enjoy-thanksgiving-dinner-served-by-vets-in-groton/2659810/>
 - USSVI Northern Virginia Base supported this event.
 - Held a “Place Special Eternal Patrol Ornaments on Our Christmas Tree” event on December 6th.
 - Held a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony on December 7th.
 - Tri-State Base
 - Participated in three parades in November
 - Holiday luncheon being held today (December 11th)
- District News
 - Mid-Atlantic Base—Holding their Holiday luncheon on December 18th
 - Northern Virginia Base—Holding their Holiday luncheon today (December 11th)
- USSVI’s annual membership expires on 31 December 2021. Renew early to keep your membership active.

On behalf of the **NAVAL SUBMARINE LEAGUE (NSL)** Executive Director, Tim Oliver, the Capitol Chapter President, George Wallace, provided the following information on upcoming NSL and related events:

- NSL Headquarters address is 405 North Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone number is 703-256-0891.
- NSL Capitol Chapter:



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- The NSL Capitol Chapter winter meeting will be on Friday, 14 January 2022. The luncheon will start promptly at 1200.
 - Held at the Army Navy Country Club (Arlington)
 - Keynote speaker is Norman Polmar
 - RSVP to email to Chapter Secretary, Dixon Hicks, CapitolNSL1@outlook.com NLT 1600 on 7 Jan 22
 - Cost (have increased this year)
 - Junior Officers and Junior Enlisted (O-4 and below, E-6 and below) - \$33
 - Advanced Reservations - \$38
 - At-The-Door - \$45
 - Midshipmen as always are free
- If you have missed meetings, you can still see and hear the guest speaker's presentations by visiting https://capitol.navalsubleague.org/?page_id=30
 - October 2020 Meeting, Jonti Powis presentation
 - December 2020 Meeting, Don Keith presentation
- NSL Brick Campaign:
 - You can contribute to the Capital Campaign by purchasing a brick for the patio at the NSL headquarters. This is an opportunity to display your name, your boat's name, the NSL logo, or a message up to 3 lines of 18 characters each. At \$140 each, an NSL brick would make a great gift! And it is a donation, so tax-deductible to the extent you can deduct charitable contributions
 - To buy a brick, go to the NSL website...SUPPORT US...NSL SHOPPING...and place your order, or click on the link:
https://app.etapestry.com/cart/NavalSubmarineLeague_1/default/index.php
- The 2021 Annual Symposium and Industry Update was held 17-18 November 2021, and the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. The event was a huge success.

On behalf of the **International Submariners Association of The United States of America (ISA/USA)** President, John "Bud" Cunnally, the **CDR** provided the following:

- Upcoming International Submarines Congress:
 - Date: May 22-26, 2022
 - Location: Karlskrona, Sweden
 - Activities include Naval Museum tour, Naval Base tour, Memorial Service, Boat trip, and local activities
 - Application for participation needs to be submitted no later than December 31st, 2021, and payment of the conference fee no later than February 28th, 2022
 - Conference is limited to the first 100 participants
 - For more information, visit their website at <http://www.57isc.com/>
- 11-Day Scandinavia & Russia Cruise after the Congress
 - Roundtrip from Copenhagen, Denmark on board the Enchanted Princess cruise ship
 - Thursday, 26 May 2022 to 06 June 2022. Ship leaves at 1800
 - Interior cabins from \$1,959*
 - *Pricing is per person, double occupancy, USD.



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- Mention while you are booking you are traveling with the ISA/USA group for some extra goodies
- To join the International Submariners Association of The United States of America (ISA/USA Inc) visit their website www.isausa.org/
 - Life membership to the ISA/USA is \$50.00
 - Application is on the ISA/USA website
 - There are 33 countries as members of ISA

On behalf of the **American Legion Post 364**, Jen Donohue, provided the following:

- Post Toys for Tots drive ends today (December 11th).
- Children’s Christmas party scheduled for today (December 11th).
- 2022 Membership drive is underway; \$35 to join.
- Life Line Screening will be at American Legion Post 364 on Thursday, December 16, 2021.
 - Special package price of \$139 for five screenings
 - Carotid Artery (Plaque) Screening
 - Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)
 - Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
 - Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening
 - Osteoporosis Risk Assessment
 - To register for an appointment either call 1-888-653-6450 or visit <https://lisa.social/HSC>
 - Post Christmas Party is December 18th.
- The CDR presented Post 364 with the Base’s Toys for Tots donation.

Upcoming submarine reunions:

- None to report

OLD BUSINESS

- 2021 TRICARE Open Season period is from November 8th, 2021, through December 13th, 2021:
 - TRICARE eligible veterans can either enroll in a plan, change plans, or do nothing to keep their current plan
- Eligible veterans may enroll in Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP):
 - Vision coverage is available for those enrolled in a TRICARE health plan
 - Dental coverage is available for those who are eligible for a TRICARE health plan
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has a VA Welcome Kit that can help guide you to the benefits and services you’ve earned. The VA Welcome Kit is available for downloading or viewing at <https://www.va.gov/welcome-kit/>
- Veterans, Gold Star Families get free entrance to national parks, refuges, and other public lands.



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- The NOVA Veterans Association and Dulles Area Transportation Association is providing free transportation to medical appointments and COVID-19 vaccine 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.
 - Contact by phone at 703-659-0788 or by email at melissa@novavets.org

The CDR called for other items of old business, and none were provided.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2022 Base Officer Nominations:
 - Nomination Committee Report (Paul Nelson was absent from the meeting)
 - Our thanks to Paul Nelson for being our Nomination Committee this year
 - The floor was opened for nominations:
 - Chuck Martian and Mike Varone volunteered for Base Commander
 - Brian Haller volunteered for Base Vice Commander
 - Howard Chatham volunteered for Treasurer
 - Steve Bishop volunteered for Secretary
 - The election schedule is as follows:
 - Our Election Master this year is Howard Chatham
 - Ballots will be emailed and mailed shortly after this meeting
 - Election poll window:
 - Election opens—December 15, 2021
 - Election closes—January 8, 2022
 - 2022 Base Officers sworn in—February 12th, 2022
- 2022 USSVI Northern Virginia Base budget
 - Presented by the Treasurer
 - CDR opened the floor for questions:
 - Treasurer answered questions and provided that the Base budget was an estimation of the revenues and expenditures expected using previous year's budget as a starting point.
 - CDR called for a voice vote on the Base budget. Fourteen voiced approval, none voiced disapproval.
 - 2022 USSVI Northern Virginia Base budget was approved.
- 2022 USSVI Northern Virginia Base Event Calendar
 - Presented by the CDR
 - CDR opened the floor opened for questions; none heard, accepted the calendar
 - The 2022 Base Event Calendar is appended at the end of these minutes.
- The Early Bird Drawing was conducted for the 2023 Annual Base Membership fee:
 - Regular member: Sean Castell
 - Associate member: Deborah Bishop
- Congratulations to our Early Bird winners.
- National Wreaths Across America Day—Arlington National Cemetery:
 - Saturday, December 18, 2021



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- This year, volunteers will be required to register in order to participate in public wreath-laying.
- To register to: <https://learn.wreathsacrossamerica.org/anc2021>
- There are three entry points to choose from
- NSL is organizing a Wreaths Across America event. Contact Eric C. Holloway by email at eholloway@spa.com for more information
- MOAA are also conducting wreath-laying at the Alexandria National Cemetery.
- For the latest COVID-19 information in the Northern Virginia area visit one of the below websites:
 - State of Virginia – <https://vaccinate.virginia.gov>
 - Dept of Veterans Affairs – <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine>
 - Arlington County – <https://www.arlingtonva.us/covid-19/>
 - City of Alexandria – <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Coronavirus>
 - Fairfax County – <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19/>
 - Prince William County – <https://coronavirus.pwcgov.org>

The CDR called for any other items of new business, and none were provided.

The Binnacle List

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers: Alvin Anceravage, Cathy Chatham, Barbara Harmody, Steve Jaeger, Francis McNamara, Robert R. Miller, Tom Perrault, Joe Phoenix, Marie Phoenix, and Tony Poblete.

For the Good of the Order, the COB read the list of birthdays for December: Sean Castell, John “Bud” Cunnally, Carol Fannan, Frank Fannan, Susan Frick, Mickey Garverick, Sheila Gilmore, Pat Haller, Darlene Jaeger, Thomas Lalor, Barbara Miller, and Mike White.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Joe Phonix who donated his winnings back to the Base for a total of \$100 to the Base.

BASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our next base meeting will be on January 8th, 2022, at the American Legion Post 364 (3640 Friendly Post Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22192) and via Zoom. Following the meeting, our guest speaker will be Ryan Hinely who will discuss VA Outreach Programs.
- For those who can attend, following this meeting, we will reconvene at Madigan’s Waterfront Restaurant (201 Mill St, Occoquan Historic District, VA 22125) for our Holiday Luncheon.

The Chaplain delivered the Benediction.

The CDR called for a motion to adjourn, it was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 1208.

Submitted by Joe Castell
USSVI NOVA Base Secretary



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Pearl Harbor

Eighty years ago this month, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and the United States entered World War II.

The following are excerpts from "U.S. PACIFIC SUBMARINES IN WORLD WAR II", by William P. Gruner that are a summary of the U.S. submarine war in the Pacific. It was written by William P. "Bud" Gruner Jr., class of 1935 in the US Naval Academy who eventually commanded USS SKATE during WW II. (<https://maritime.org/doc/subsinpacific.htm>)

USS TAUTOG (SS-199) (Duty. Officer, Barney Sieglaff) was moored at the Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked on December 7, 1941. Sieglaff directed the manning of a .50 cal. machine gun. Pasqual Mignon, a torpedoman, shot down the first Japanese plane downed in the attack, the first kill of WWII.

U.S. World War II Submarine Operational Summary:

- Maximum number of U. S. Submarines in the Fleet = 288
- Number that made war patrols = 263
- Number of War Patrols made by Submarines in the Pacific = 1,474
- Number of days at sea by those Submarines = 70,838
- Number of Japanese ships attacked by submarines = 4,112
- Total number of Japanese ships sunk by submarines = 1,392
- Average number of merchant ships sunk/war patrol = 0.80
- Average number of naval vessels sunk/war patrol = 0.145
- Average number of all types of ships sunk/war patrol = 0.945
- Number of airmen rescued by Submarines = 504 by 86 Submarines
- Number of Submarines lost on war patrol = 41, or 1 out of every 6.41 S/Ms = 15.59%
- Number lost due all causes = 52 out of the 288 in the Fleet, or 1 out of every 5.54 Submarines = 18.06%
- Number of U.S. Submarine Commanding Officers = 465
- Duration of the war = 1,347 days

Additional information of the U. S. Submarine Forces efforts in WWII as described in the Wikipedia article "United States Submarine Veterans of World War II".

"The United States Navy Submarine Service lost 52 submarines, 374 officers and 3,131 enlisted men during World War II. These personnel losses represented 16% of the officer and 13% of the enlisted operational personnel. This loss rate was the highest among men and ships of any U.S. Navy unit.

Less than two percent of American sailors served in submarines, yet that small percentage of men and their boats sank 214 Japanese warships. This included 1 battleship, 4 large aircraft carriers, 4 small aircraft carriers, 3 heavy cruisers, 8 light cruisers, 43 destroyers, 23 large submarines and 1,178 merchant ships of more than 500 tons.

In all, U.S. submarines sank more than 55 percent of all Japanese ships sunk. More than surface ships, Navy air and the U.S. Army Air Corps combined."



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Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz summarized their efforts after the war by writing:

"We, who survived World War II and were privileged to rejoin our loved ones at home, salute those gallant officers and men of our submarines who lost their lives in that long struggle. We shall never forget that it was our submarines that held the lines against the enemy while our fleets replaced losses and repaired wounds."



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2022 USSVI Northern Virginia Base Calendar of Event

December/January

29th – EXCOM meeting

8th – Base meeting & Guest speaker Ryan Hinely on “VA Outreach”

March

2nd – EXCOM meeting

12th – Base meeting & Guest speaker John Lindstedt on “41 for Freedom”

30th – EXCOM meeting

May

4th – EXCOM meeting

14th –Holland Club Induction Luncheon

July

4th – Dale City Independence Day parade

9th –Informal dining out at Kilroys Restaurant & Sports Bar

September

10th – Base meeting & Members Appreciation Luncheon at Dixie Bones

28th – EXCOM Meeting

November

2nd – EXCOM meeting

12th – Base meeting

19th – Base Officers Election Voting Opens

30th – EXCOM meeting

February

2nd – EXCOM meeting

12th – Base meeting & Sweetheart Luncheon at Armetta’s Italian Restaurant

April

9th – Base Meeting & Tolling of the Boats

June

1st – EXCOM meeting

11th – Base meeting & Picnic

29th – EXCOM meeting

August

3rd – EXCOM meeting

13th – Base meeting & Guest speaker Beth Suarez on “Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society”

24th – 27th August – USSVI National Convention (Hyatt Regency, Buffalo, NY)

31st – EXCOM meeting

October

8th – Base meeting & Guest speaker Stephanie Treece on “Life on Submarines – From A Female Perspective”

December

10th – Base meeting & Holiday luncheon at Madigan’s Waterfront; Base Officers Election Voting Closes