

**MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE
MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, Aug 13, 2022**

The Base CDR, Chuck Martin, called the meeting to order at 1041 on Aug 13, 2022, at the American Legion Post 364, Woodbridge, VA, and he welcomed all members.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Debbie Bishop, Steve Bishop, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Mickey Garverick, Gillian Gonzalez (guest speaker), Art Glover, Bob Glover, Brian Haller, Chuck Martin, Bruce Miller, Paul Nelson, Terry Nelson, Mark Riethmeier, Penny Wallace, George Wallace, and Woody Woodworth. (17 total)

 Holland Club Member

 Associate Member

 Guest

The VCDR, Brian Haller, led all hands in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Base Chaplain, Mickey Garverick, delivered the Invocation.

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

USS Bullhead (SS-332)	Aug 6, 1945
USS Flier (SS-250)	Aug 13, 1944
USS S-39 (SS-144)	Aug 13, 1942
USS Harder (SS-257)	Aug 24, 1944
USS Cochino (SS-345)	Aug 26, 1949

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE MEMBER(S) WHO DEPARTED ON
ETERNAL PATROL IN AUGUST:**

- **Richard J. Laulor**, Holland Club and Lifetime SUBVET Member. Qualified on USS Halfbeak (SS-352), 1955. Departed on his Eternal Patrol on August 30th, 2017
- **Donald Payton Basham**, Holland Club and Lifetime SUBVET Member. Qualified on USS Salmon (SSR-573), 1963. Departed on his Eternal Patrol on August 15th, 2013

The Ship's Bell was rung twice for the thirty-four (34) USSVI NOVA Base members on Eternal Patrol.

IN MEMORIAM: Submarine sailors recently departed on Eternal Patrol are:

RADM Richard Anderson Riddell, USN, Ret. – 27 May 22;
RADM Guy Henry Baskerville Shaffer, USN, Ret. – 1 June 22;
CAPT Robert W. Montross, USN, Ret. – 4 June 22;
CAPT Michael Averill Covell, USN, Ret. – 8 June 22;
CDR Martin Ruch, USN, Ret. – 4 July 22;
CAPT James Richard Fuqua, Jr., USN, Ret. – 10 July 22;
CAPT Jack Michael Davis, USN, Ret. – 11 July 22

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the June meeting were distributed by e-mail. There was no base meeting in July as we marched in the Dale City 4th of July parade and held the informal Dining Out at Kilroy's Restaurant in Springfield, VA. The minutes were accepted as promulgated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Howard Chatham, presented the following:

NOVA Base Treasurer's Report for August 13, 2022

● Beginning Cash on Hand:	<u>\$10,190.37</u>
● Plus Receipts:	
NFCU Dividends (June & July)	\$0.18
Base Dues	\$55.00
Donation to Base from June 50/50 Raffle	\$50.00
Donation to Base from Martin	\$500.00
Donation to Base from Shannon	\$75.00
Donation to USSVCF from Martin	\$20.00
● Minus Expenditures:	
Reimbursement to SEC for mailing of Longevity Pins	\$59.81
Payment to USSVCF Scholarship Fund	\$20.00
● Ending Cash on Hand:	<u>\$10,810.74</u>
Minus Local K4K Restricted Use Funds	\$1,379.40
● Total Local Discretionary Funds	<u>\$9,431.34</u>
● USSVCF NOVA Base K4K Balance	\$3,054.10
● Total K4K Funds (Local + USSVCF)	<u><u>\$4,433.50</u></u>

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

- Membership information
 - 79 Members
 - 46 Holland Club Members
 - 02 WW II Members
 - 26 Regular Members
 - 17 – Life Members
 - 09 – Annual Members
 - 07 Associate Members
 - Newest Base Member(s): Tim Shannon

CHAPLAIN:

- Our sympathy to Al Anceravage, WWII veteran, and his family on the passing of Al's daughter, Debbi Anceravage, on 8 July 22
- Earl Griggs had major surgery this week; we wish him a speedy recovery.

USSVI National News – Base Commander reported:

- 2023 USSVI National Officer election voting is open and ends at 2359 on 23 August. The preferred method for casting your ballot is online at <https://ussubvets.org> but you can vote on paper by mailing in the ballot included in the recent “American Submariner.”
- Currently the NOVA Base has an 11.94% participating rate.
- USSVI National Convention is being held in Buffalo, NY on 24-27 Aug 22. I will be attending if there is any item you would like for me to address. Please send me an email.

 The following items are presented by the Base leadership, but these items were not discussed at the meeting as we had a guest speaker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

CDR: Board of Directors meeting was held August 3rd and discussed:

- Membership
- Plans for upcoming meetings and events
- K4K status and plans
- Updates to the website, and
- USSVI National Convention,

VCDR: Nothing to Report (NTR)

CHIEF OF THE BOAT: NTR

PAO: NTR

SK: The Base is taking orders for the 2023 USSVI Calendars, email me at storekeeper@ussvinova.org before August 23 if you wish to order a calendar through the Base. The cost is \$10.00 per calendar plus shipping cost. The Base is hoping to pick up the calendars at the USSVI National convention.

WEBMASTER: NTR

K4K: NTR

SCOUTING COORDINATOR: NTR

NJROTC / SCHOOL PROGRAM COORDINATOR: NTR

SUBLEAGUE:

- NSL Capitol Chapter Fall Meeting/Luncheon will be at the Army Navy Country Club (Arlington) on Friday, 9 September 2022 at 1200. Please RSVP before 1600 on Friday, 2 September 2022 to Chapter Secretary, Dixon Hicks, CapitolNSL1@outlook.com<<mailto:CapitolNSL1@outlook.com>>. The Keynote speaker is Nick Guertin, now the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense.
- The 2022 Annual Symposium & Industry is being held on 2-3 November 2022 at Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA.

UPCOMING SUBMARINE REUNIONS:

- USS Ronquil (SS-396) – 22-23 August; Buffalo, NY
- USS Piper (SS-409) – 25-28 August; Buffalo, NY
- USS Skate (SSN-578) – 28 August -3 September; Tisch Mills, WI
- USS Sam Houston (SSBN/SSN-609) – 8-10 September; Omaha, NE
- USS Grenadier (SS-525) – 11-14 September; The Villages, FL
- USS Diablo (SS-479) – 18-21 September; Portland, ME
- USS Lewis and Clark (SSBN-644) – 13-17 July; Bremerton, WA
- Call or Email the POC listed in the American Submariner to determine the status of the reunion

OLD BUSINESS

- The NOVA Veterans Association and Dulles Area Transportation Association provide 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
- 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/>

NEW BUSINESS

- The Base is seeking one or two volunteers to be members of the 2023 Base Officer Nominating Committee. The committee members will be reaching out to the Base members asking for volunteers to be a Base Officer in 2023. The Base CDR is not running for another term.

BINNACLE LIST

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Alvin Anceravage, Art and Marcie Bivens, Cathy Chatham, Earl Griggs, Ginger Haskell, Steve Jaeger, Francis McNamara, Tom Perrault, and Tony Poblete

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

The 50/50 raffle was won by Brian Haller, who donated his winnings back to the Base treasury. Thank you, Brian!!

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST WERE/ARE:

Steve Bishop, Jeff Curren, Christine Gault, Sue Maruzo, Joe Phoenix, Michael Tucci, Mike Varone, and Bill Waylett.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 10TH AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 364, WITH A MEMBER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON AFTERWARDS AT LOCATION TBD.

The Benediction was delivered by the Chaplain.

The CDR adjourned the meeting at 11:00AM.

At 1106 The Base Commander introduced our guest speaker, Gillian Gonzalez,



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Gillian Gonzalez, CFRE



Gillian is Vice President, Chief Development and Communications Officer at the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, a non-profit military aid society dedicated to assisting Sailors, Marines and their families.

Prior to joining the Society, Gillian worked at Fisher House Foundation as the Director of Peer-to-Peer Fundraising, raising funds from both individuals and corporations.

Her passion for serving the military community began early on, when she was a volunteer passing time during her husband's deployments during OEF/OIF. Now, with over a decade experience she is still humbled by the generosity of the American public.

Gillian is proud of her prior service in the U.S Air Force, and her family's service that includes her grandfather who served in the British Army, her mother who served in the Queen Alexandria Nursing Corps of the British Army, her husband who served in both the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Navy, and her nephew who is currently serving in the U.S. Army.

A native of Newcastle Upon Tyne, England, Gillian traveled the world before settling in the U.S. She holds a Master of Arts degree in International Commerce and Policy from George Mason University, a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, with honors, also from George Mason University, and holds a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) credential. She resides in Springfield, VA with her husband, USN (ret), their two sons, and two English bulldogs.

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GILLIAN'S SUMMARIZED REMARKS APPEAR BELOW.

THE NAVY RELIEF SOCIETY STARTED IN JANUARY 1904, AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE GUN TURRET EXPLOSIONS ON THE USS MAINE. THE INITIAL \$9,000.00 FUNDING CAME FROM THE ARMY-NAVY FOOTBALL GAME.

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEART OF THE SOCIETY. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT WAS A VOLUNTEER AT NAVY RELIEF.

2400 VOLUNTEERS TODAY, DOWN FROM BEFORE COVID

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE ACTIVE DUTY SENIOR OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL. THE CEO IS ALWAYS RETIRED MILITARY.

THERE ARE 52 OFFICES WORLDWIDE TO SUPPORT WIDOWS, CHILDREN, AND SPOUSES OF ACTIVE DUTY AND RETIRED NAVY AND MARINE CORPS PERSONNEL. THE MARINE CORPS WAS ADDED TO THE NAME IN 1992.

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF PROVIDES FREE LOANS AND GRANTS. 98.2 % OF ALL LOANS ARE REPAID IN FULL.

THE REASONS FOR THESE LOANS AND GRANTS ARE:

- 1. LIVING EXPENSES (RENT, FOOD, SECURITY)**
- 2. EMERGENCY TRAVEL**
- 3. CAR REPAIRS.**

QUICK ASSIST LOANS ARE A SPECIALTY GIVING \$500 TO \$1,000 TO AN APPLICANT. THE AVERAGE LOAN IS FOR \$823.00.

THE NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY HAS BROADENED ITS REACH IN THE LAST TWO DECADES:

- 1. EDUCATION LOANS FOR SPOUSES GREW TO \$750 K IN 2021.**
- 2. THRIFT SHOPS SUPPLY CLOTHING AND FOOD IN KIND**
- 3. 23 NURSES FOR HEALTH, EDUCATION, NUTRITION, AND NEW BORN CARE**
- 4. CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSES:**
 - A. EVER SINCE HURRICANE KATRINA IN NEW ORLEANS**
 - B. USS BON HOMME RICHARD FIRE**
 - C. FROST AND ICE STORMS ACROSS TEXAS**
 - D. KINGS BAY, GA TORNADO RUINED A TRAILER PARK**

HOUSING LOTS OF NAVY FAMILIES
5. PARTNERSHIPS IN PLACE WITH ALL OTHER SERVICES'
MUTUAL AID SOCIETIES AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

DURING THE QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD, BOTH WOODY WOODWORTH (TRANSFER FAMILY ACROSS COUNTRY IN FIVE DAYS IN 1960'S) AND ART GLOVER (DEATH OF A SISTER IN 1994) TESTIFIED THAT THE NAVY RELIEF SOCIETY HAD HELPED THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES EARLIER IN THEIR ACTIVE-DUTY CAREERS.

THE BASE COMMANDER THANKED GILLIAN GONZALEZ AND PRESENTED HER WITH A BASE CHALLENGE COIN.



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