

**MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE  
MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, OCT 14, 2023**

The Base VCDR, George Wallace, called the meeting to order at 1032 on Oct 14, 2023, at American Legion Post 364, Woodbridge, VA, and welcomed all members and guests. Guest Steve Burnett, a member of the Groton Base, introduced himself as he has recently moved to this area. The Base officers introduced themselves.

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Steve Bishop, Steve Burnett, Bruce Byrd, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Logan Foley (guest speaker), Janet Foley (Logan's mother), Mickey Garverick, Steve Jaeger, Chuck Martin, Mark Riethmeier, Randy Tran, Mike Varone, Penny Wallace, George Wallace, and Woody Woodworth. (16 total). Nobody on Zoom.

■ Holland Club Member

■ Associate Member

■ Guest

The Chief of the Boat, Mike Varone, led all hands in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Base Chaplain, Steve Jaeger, delivered the Invocation.

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

USS Seawolf (SS-197)	Oct 3, 1944
USS S-44 (SS-155)	Oct 7, 1943
USS Wahoo (SS-238)	Oct 11, 1943
USS Dorado (SS-248)	Oct 12, 1943
USS Escolar (SS-294)	Oct 17, 1944
USS Shark (SS-314)	Oct 24, 1944
USS Darter (SS-227)	Oct 24, 1944
USS Tang (SS-306)	Oct 25, 1944
USS O-5 (SS-66)	Oct 29, 1923

Northern Virginia Base Members who departed on Eternal Patrol since our last Base meeting:

- **Ronald A. Williams**, USSVI Holland Club and Life Member. Qualified on USS James Monroe (SSBN-622), 1964. Departed on his Eternal Patrol on 7 September 2023.

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

- **Alfred Friedrich**, Qualified on USS Sea Poacher (SS-406), 1947. Departed on his Eternal Patrol on 10 October 2005.
- **Ralph M. Ghormley**, USSVI Holland Club and Life Member. Qualified on USS Sea Fox (SS-402), 1952. Departed on his Eternal Patrol on 7 October 2012.
- **Charles T. Mills**, USSVI Holland Club and Life Member. Qualified on USS Redfish (SS-395), 1951. Departed on his Eternal Patrol on 30 October 2017.

The Chief of the Boat tolled the bell twice in Remembrance of the 42 USSVI NOVA Base members on Eternal Patrol.

### **In Memoriam:**

- LCDR Edward F. Martin III, USN (Ret) – 24 January 2023
- CAPT Mark M. Golden, USN (Ret) – 11 June 2023
- LCDR John Stephen "Tex" Moore, USN (Ret) – 24 July 2023
- CAPT Charles D. Fellows, USN (Ret) – 24 August 2023
- CAPT William F. "Wild Bill" McGonegal, USN, (Ret) – 9 September 2023
- CAPT John A. Nuernberger, USN (Ret) – 12 September 2023
- MMCM (SS) Ralph Harris, USN (Ret) – 13 September 2023
- CDR Robert L. Miller, USN (Ret) – 16 September 2023
- YNCM (SS/SW/AW) Ted Vorce, USN (Ret) – 20 September 2023
- CPO David Ailen Mueller, USN, (Ret) – 9 September 2023

### **MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 2023 meeting were previously distributed by e-mail. There were no comments or corrections and were accepted as published.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Howard Chatham reported:

### NOVA Base Treasurer's Report for October 14, 2023

● Beginning Cash on Hand:	\$12,092.97
● Plus Receipts:	
•NFCU Dividends (September)	\$0.10
•Donation to Base from September 50/50 Raffle	\$45.00
•Donations to Base from Kraut	\$45.00
•Donation to USSVCF Scholarship Fund Martin	\$20.00
•Base Dues – John Kaysak	\$30.00
•SK sales	\$236.00
● Minus Expenditures:	
•Reimbursement to Chuck Martin for SK purchases	\$307.42
•Payment to National for USSVCF Scholarship Fund	\$20.00
•Reimbursement to Howard Chatham for Appreciation Lunch	\$255.69
● Ending Cash on Hand:	\$11,855.96
<b>Minus Local K4K Restricted Use Funds</b>	<b>\$1,379.40</b>
● Total Local Discretionary Funds	\$10,506.56
● USSVCF NOVA Base K4K Balance	\$3,054.10
● Total K4K Funds (Local + USSVCF)	\$4,433.50

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

### **BINNACLE LIST**

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Joe Castell, Francis "Terry" McNamara, and Tom Perrault.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER, BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER ARE:** Louise Decker, Richard Kelley, Mike Kwiecien, Lou Maruzo, Ed Mattran, John Newton, Mark Shafer, George Wallace, and the United States Navy

## **BASE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024 BASE OFFICERS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED BY THE ELECTION MASTER, [CHUCK MARTIN]. NOMINATION FOR BASE OFFICERS WILL BE CLOSED AT THE NOVEMBER BASE MEETING. THE BASE CAN ONLY BE SUCCESSFUL WHEN ITS MEMBERS ARE WILLING TO STEP UP AND VOLUNTEER TO BE AN OFFICER. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO FORGE THE FUTURE OF USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE.

AFTER THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, WE WILL HAVE OUR 50/50 DRAWING AND TAKE A 5 MINUTE BREAK AND THEN INTRODUCE OUR GUEST SPEAKER.

**The November NOVA Base meeting will be held on November 4, 2023**, as our regular date is Veterans' Day this year. The meeting will be our Pirate Auction – bring your “stuff” and your money.

The Chaplain delivered the Benediction.  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Chuck Martin, who donated his winnings to the Base.

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The Guest speaker today is Logan Foley.

# Logan Foley

## Location/Role:

- Serve as Shipboard Systems and integration lead for Navy Strategic Systems Programs (SSP)
- Lead for SSP interface management process (i.e. Coordination) and liaison with NAVSEA regarding Ship interfaces with SSBN Strategic Weapons System

## Education:

- 2002: BS Chem Eng, Notre Dame
- 2003: Navy Nuclear Propulsion pipeline
- 2006: MS Eng Management, ODU

## Undersea warfare experience

- 2004-2005: Served on USS Cheyenne (SSN688) out of CSS -7 (Pearl Harbor)
- 2005-2020: Worked at Systems Planning & Analysis, Inc. (SPA) supporting SSP and several other programs (OPNAV N97 and Navy Special Warfare)
- 2020-present: Joined SSP in Systems Engineering and Integration Branch (SP2012)

## Hobbies/Interests

- Handball player – Outdoor National Champion (40+ div)
- Craft beer geek
- Played in drumline in Notre Dame Marching Band; currently lead ND Alumni Band drum section in DC
- 3 daughters – ages 14, 12, 10 (all involved in competitive athletics, coding, and marching band)



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- Logan's complete Powerpoint briefing will be available on the USSVI NOVA Base website.
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The following is a summary of his presentation:

- Logan is in Special Projects office 201255
- He started with a history of the SSBN mission and submarines
  - "Peace through Strength" was Ronald Reagan's motto
  - Deterrence is a game of strategy
  - VADM Wolf is the current head of SP, and he says that the SLBM's have 70% of the nation's warheads
  - The ESGN is the world's most accurate navigation system – it is still operational on the Ohio Class today, having operated on subs since 1978.
  - In 1956 RADM Red Raborn led the Special Projects Office.
  - From Presidential proclamation to first Polaris shot from the USS George Washington (SSBN 598) took just over 4 years. Imagine doing that in today's contracting bureaucracy!!
  - Today the Columbia class is being built to deliver in 2028. In parallel, the Trident D5 Life Extension program is underway.
  - STRATCOM is the Battle Commander for SP
  - We have always worked well with our UK Navy partners
  - The UK Dreadnaught program is the UK version of the Columbia class. They each will have a common missile compartment.

- Today the first four Ohio class are SSGNs. Each SSGN is capable of carrying up to 154 Tomahawk land-attack cruise missiles. The missiles are loaded in seven-shot Multiple-All-Up-Round Canisters (MACs) in up to 22 missile tubes.
- Logan’s job is the weapons system interface with all submarine systems – “CONFIGURATION CONTROL ON STEROIDS”
- He says he is a glorified marriage counselor between and among various industry and government partners
- Currently the Navy and SP have started, and are now transitioning to, a digital engineering environment where models, instead of 2-Dimensional drawings, will be the normal situation for decision making.
- Toyota has advised the Navy that it took them 7 years to transition to the fully digital world.

**After Logan’s presentation, Base VCDR George Wallace thanked him and presented him with a USSVI NOVA BASE challenge coin.**




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**EXECUTIVE BOARD** – The Executive Committee met on 4 October via Zoom. The meeting agenda included committee reports, meeting-related items, old business, new business, and meeting and event planning.

**VCDR** –

- NTR

**COB** –

- NTR

**PAO –**

- NTR

**Treasurer -**

- Presented draft 2024 Base Budget for discussion.

**Membership –Howard Chatham reported:–**

- Membership information (new member Jonathan Woodall)
  - 86 Members
    - 44 Holland Club Members
      - 01 WW II Members
    - 33 Regular Members
      - 14 – Base Life Members
      - 19 – Base Annual Members
  - 9 Associate Members

**Webmaster –**

- NTR

**K4K -**

- NTR

**Chaplain -**

- NTR

**Storekeeper –**

- SK has the 2024 USSVI Calendar on hand for sale. The price is \$10 per calendar plus shipping again this year. If you are interested in ordering a calendar, please let him know by sending an email to [storekeeper@ussvinova.org](mailto:storekeeper@ussvinova.org).

**Scouting Recognition Coordinator –**

- NTR

**NE Regional/NE District 4 News -**

- 2023-2024 USSV Charitable Foundation (USSV CF) Challenge
  - The NE4 District Commander has challenged each Base in the District to double their annual Base donations to the USSV CF. The challenge runs from 1 Oct 2023 through 30 Sep 2024. Winnings are:

- The NE4 District Commander will match up to double the annual donation amount that the Base donates to USSV CF
- The NE4 District Commander will donate \$300.00 to the Base that donates the most to USSV CF

#### **NSL –**

- 2023 Annual Symposium & Industry Update
  - 7-8 Nov 2023, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA
  - We need volunteers to staff the USSVI table at the Symposium.

#### **ISA/USA –**

- Future Congress Locations
  - May 26-30, 2024, in Ireland hosted by US and May 30-31 in Northern Ireland hosted by UK.
- To join the International Submariners Association of The United States of America (ISA/USA Inc.) visit their website at <http://www.isausa.org/> for an application. Lifetime Membership is \$50.00.

#### **Upcoming Submarine Reunions –**

- USS Halibut (SSGN/SSN-587) October 15-19, 2023, Branson, MO
- USS Triton (SSRN-586) October 26-29, 2023, Charleston, SC
- USS Grayback (SS/SSG/LPSS-574) October 16-20, 2023, Las Vegas, NV
- USS Daniel Webster (SSBN-626) October 31-November 5, 2023, Kings Bay, GA
  
- **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 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](mailto:melissa@novavets.org)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **2023 TRICARE Open Season (November 13 – December 12, 2023)**
  - **What is TRICARE Open Season?** It's the annual period when you can



enroll in or make changes to your health care coverage for the following year.

- **You can:**
  - Stick with your current plan.
  - Enroll in a plan.
  - Change plans.
- For more information, visit [www.tricare.mil/OpenSeason2023](http://www.tricare.mil/OpenSeason2023)
- **Dental and Vision plan.**
  - If you are enrolled in a TRICARE health plan, you are eligible for vision coverage and may also be eligible for dental coverage.
  - Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) offers several plan options.
    - Dental and Vision coverage is not automatic and you **MUST** enroll during the Federal Benefits Open Season.
    - For more information, visit [www.tricare.mil/OpenSeason2023](http://www.tricare.mil/OpenSeason2023)
- **2024 Base Officer Election**
  - The Election Master is Chuck Martin, Immediate Past Base Commander.
  - The nomination window is now open and will close on November 4, 2023, after the Base meeting.
  - Steve Bishop is stepping down as Base Secretary at the end of his term this year. Thank you, Steve, for the all the years you have served as a Base Officer.
  - The Base Officer positions that will be on the election ballot for 2024 are Base Commander, Vice Commander, Treasurer, and Secretary.
  - The current nominations are:
    - Base Commander – Brian Haller (Incumbent)
    - Vice Commander – George Wallace (Incumbent)
    - Treasurer – Howard Chatham (Incumbent)
    - Secretary –
  - Anyone wishing to nominate themselves for a Base Officer position send an email to the Election Master at [pastcdr@ussvinova.org](mailto:pastcdr@ussvinova.org)

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

# Presentation Pictures

